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First snow of winter season hits with fury

Many motorists are stranded when visibility nears zero on local roadways

By Lori Sorenson

Area residents were caught off guard Monday evening when a winter storm arrived suddenly at sundown dumping several inches of snow.

Reports varied from 2 to 5 inches locally from the system that stretched across most of the state.

The real story, however, was the rapid snowfall combined with high winds.

After-five work commuters who traveled out of town found themselves creeping at 10 to 15 mph to keep track of the road edges in near zero visibility.

Some weren't fortunate enough to arrive at their destinations — many sliding off slick road surfaces in ditches, and others simply driving into ditches when blinded by driving snow.

Phil Gorter of G&S Auto Service said he'd been called to rescue 15 vehicles between Monday night and Tuesday morning.

"Last night was as close to zero visibility as I've seen," said Gorter, who has been in the towing business for 19 years.

"Many times I'd pray that nobody was in my lane, and thankful there were no major accidents last night."

Some waited out the storm on farm places and field driveways and continued on when the winds died down later in the night. Others checked into rooms in local hotels, opting to avoid stormy night travel altogether.

Luverne School District resumed class on time Tuesday morning, but most other local schools started 2 hours late. Even then, however, road surfaces remained snow-packed and slippery when temperatures climbed only into the 20s.

Weather forecasters predict the snow cover will remain for several days, with the outlook in the near future remaining below freezing.



Beauty of the winter season

Lori Sorenson photo/1207 snow on main street

Christmas decorations on Main Street Luverne look a lot more like Christmas following Monday night's snowfall. Despite the hassles of scooping snow and driving on slippery roadways, the first snowfall of the winter season can indeed be beautiful. These planters are at the Star Herald's front door.

Students request cheerleading for winter sports teams

By Mavis Fodness

Shouts of "Go Big Red" may fill gymnasiums this winter if a request by two Luverne High School students is granted.

Senior Ashlee Boltjes and junior Jacinda Hustoft asked board members to revitalize cheerleading as a winter sport during the board's Nov. 21 regular monthly meeting.

"There has been a large number of girls interested in cheer," Hustoft said.

They presented an informal petition containing 70 signatures of staff and high school students supporting the additional activity.

No board action was taken in response to the students' request.

The winter activity season began Nov. 20.

Costs of expanding the current fall-only activity into another season were not available. The adviser stipend for the football cheerleading program is \$1,441. The football program is 15 weeks.

Boltjes and Hustoft agreed that if approved, cheerleaders would only perform at home girls' and boys' basketball games with the possibility of adding home wrestling matches as well. The cheerleaders wouldn't attend away contests.

For the 2017-18 winter season there are 22 home girls' and boys' basketball competitions and three home wrestling meets. Scheduling has multiple contests occurring the same week and sometimes the same

Cheerleading/see page 8A

Audit shows Luverne School District finances are in the black

By Mavis Fodness

Good financial news was presented to the Luverne School Board Nov. 21 during the district's annual audit report.

Jim Gilman, Willmar, a certified public accountant with Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, audits several districts annually including Luverne.

The Luverne district ended the fiscal year June 30 with an excess of \$629,853 due to several factors.

Gilman said during the 2016-17 school year, Luverne's student enrollment increased by 40 students to 1,248, resulting in an increase in per-pupil revenue.

And special education service reimbursements matched actual expenditures, also putting the district's finances in the black for the next school year.

Revenues for 2016-17 came in at \$14.4 million with \$13.8 million

recorded in actual expenditures, according to the report.

Gilman commended school officials for their focus on lowering the district's debt service fund to \$954,285.

"You can see by the quality of your buildings ... you are looking much further down the road than other districts," he said.

Final payment for the current bond amount will be paid off before

the next audit.

Gilman noted the district's food service and community service funds each ended the fiscal year with slight deficits. He said food service "is usually well done in Luverne" when compared to other districts.

Luverne had a food service deficit of \$11,576. Revenues were \$589,758 with \$601,334 in expenditures.

School audit/see page 8A



Lori Sorenson photo/1207 jessen carwash

Pete and Kristie Jessen are opening Top Notch Car Wash as soon as February, depending on construction weather. The location is south of the Bluestem and northeast of Shopko.

New carwash opening south of I-90 in Luverne

Top Notch Carwash will open in February, weather permitting, near Shopko and Bluestem

By Lori Sorenson

"Top Notch Carwash," will open next year south of I-90 in Luverne.

Pete and Kristie Jessen are launching the new business that may be in operation as soon as February, depending on construction weather.

The building footprint includes a 30-by-33-foot structure for two self-serve bays and a 45-by-45-foot building for two automatic wash bays.

One of the auto-wash bays will be touchless and the other "soft touch" with chamois brushes.

Pete Jessen said they've been considering a carwash business for several years, and he said the timing was right to start it now.

"It's something we've always wanted to do; I think it can make some money

... there's demand here for another carwash in town," said Jessen, who's no stranger to business startups. "It's in my nature."

The Jessens also operate Landscape Curbing, a cement curbing company they started eight years ago, and Springwater Boxers registered dog business, in addition to Pete's county assessing work and Kristie's job in Lewis Drug Pharmacy.

Pete grew up farming — (and still farms), which he said gave him valuable "handyman" experience.

"A good carwash is 90 percent maintenance," he said. "I've farmed all my life, so I can fix pretty much anything."

Top Notch Carwash is located on

Top Notch Carwash/see page 3A

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Article 49: Premium Packing Company comes to Luverne on 133-acre site along County Road 4

This is the 49th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is Part II of a 1962 piece about the start of a meat packing company.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week shares Part III of a news story from the April 12, 1962, Rock County Star Herald about Premium Packing Company planning a \$900,000 dressed beef plant west of town. It was the largest single private investment ever made in Rock County.

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Premium Packing Co./see page 6A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Mah-Jongg group will meet at 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Rock County Community Library starting Dec. 7. Beginners are welcome. Call 507-920-9501 with questions.

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the home of Dick and Dolly Remme for a potluck Christmas party.

Pink Ladies of Sanford Luverne will meet at noon Monday, Dec. 11, in the Blue Mound Room for a Christmas potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and tableware.

Rock County VFW 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Herreid Military Museum. Call 449-0632 with questions.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Call Dianne, 507-530-3307, with questions.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for dinner at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at The Bluestem. RSVP to Connie by Monday, Dec. 11, at 283-8470.

Bell ringers needed

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteer bell ringers for the donation kettle in the Teal's Grocery entryway. Two-hour time slots are available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Dec. 23. Call 283-4914 to sign up.

Art gallery opens, artist talks Dec. 7-8

The Lord Grizzly Gallery at 113 E. Main St., Luverne, will celebrate its grand opening with its first artist talk and reception Dec. 7-8.

Artist Doug Burns will talk about his new body of work during an artist talk from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

The opening reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. Burns' work will be featured at the Coffey Contemporary Arts building from Dec. 8 through Feb. 1, 2018.

The gallery is open Mondays-Wednesdays by appointment, Thursdays from 4 to 9 p.m. and Fridays-Saturdays from 2 to 7 p.m.

Bank Night movie 'Elf' Dec. 7

The free Bank Nite movie, "Elf," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Choir concert Dec. 8

Luverne Middle School and High School students will perform their winter choir concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in the high school gym. Admission is a donation to the food shelf — cash, toiletries or non-perishable food. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the season through music.

Old Town Christmas Dec. 9 in Hardwick Legion Hall

Hardwick Community Club will host Hardwick's Old Town Christmas from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Hardwick Legion Hall. A puppet show will begin at 2 p.m. followed by craft making, cookie decorating and pictures with Santa from 2:30 to 3:30. All activities are free.

Santa at Rock County Children's Fair Dec. 11 at elementary school

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the Luverne Elementary School commons during the annual Rock County Children's Fair. The event, for children up to 6 years old with their families, will include Mr. Twister balloons, children's activities and information about family resources. It's sponsored by The Rock County Early Childhood Initiative and other programs that serve children and families.

Tax credit information for landowners and new farmers Dec. 11

Minnesota West Community & Technical College Farm Business Management program will host an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, at the Luverne campus in Room 208 about new tax credit legislation for landowners and beginning farmers in multiple communities throughout southwest Minnesota.

Registration is not required. The same information is offered in several other communities on other dates. Call 800-828-6651.



Mavis Fodness photo/1207 Park Ribbon Cutting

Luverne City Park Christmas Fantasy opens

Luverne Chamber of Commerce members officially opened the normally closed city park Friday noon in a special ribbon-cutting, welcoming drivers around the circular course listening to holiday music by tuning radios to 89.9 FM and viewing the 23 lighted nutcrackers. The park will be open through New Year's Day.

Participating in Friday's ribbon-cutting were (front row, from left) Jill Funke, Annie Opitz, Sue Sandbulte, Tony Schomacker, Patti Olson, Faye Bremer, Janine Papik, Heidi Sehr, Ryan Wynia, (back) Sharyn Klatt, Don Bryan, Ryan DeBates, Tyler Bush, Wayne Baker and Gary Papik.

Face Aging MN invites families to have the conversation

The holiday season is a good time to talk about aging with loved ones

When families gather for the holidays, it can be a time when changes in older relatives are noticed and concerns about their health and wellbeing are raised. Face Aging MN shares some signs that may indicate a caring conversation is needed:

- Trouble with balance when walking, getting up from a chair or using stairs.
- Weight loss or gain.
- Decrease in attention to personal hygiene.
- Recent injuries such as cuts, bruises or burns.
- Forgetfulness and losing things.
- Neglect of housekeeping.
- Piles of unopened mail, newspapers or bills.
- Late notices for utilities or other bills.
- Car dents or scratches.
- Old and expired food.
- Overuse or underuse of medications.

If these warning signs are noticed and if relatives need help knowing what to do, they are urged to call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

Representatives offer assistance in evaluating the situation and share information about local resources that could help.

Patti Cullen, president and CEO of Care Providers of Minnesota, encourages families to look for signs that could indicate that aging family members need more support and be ready to start

the conversation before help is urgently needed.

"Even if your aging loved one appears to be in good health, it's still important to start the discussion. A simple conversation can go a long way toward helping your loved one age well," said Cullen.

It's more important than ever to be proactive in having a conversation about aging. At least 60,000 Minnesotans are turning 65 every year from now through 2030.

The Face Aging MN campaign aims to raise awareness about the unprecedented growth in Minnesota's senior population, how it affects all of us, and what we need to do to ensure all Minnesota seniors get the care and services they need.

"We all need to face aging, as individuals, as family members, as communities and as a state," said Gayle Krenvold, president and CEO of LeadingAge Minnesota.

"Never before have seniors been such a large and growing part of our population. This is a conversation that is important to every Minnesotan."

To see conversation starters for family discussions, find resources to help you and your family face aging and to learn more about Minnesota's rapidly growing senior population visit www.faceagingmn.org.

Face Aging MN was launched in 2015 by the Long-Term Care Imperative, which is made up of members of Minnesota's two long-term care provider associations, Care Providers of Minnesota and LeadingAge Minnesota.

Loans available to producers for farm expenses, improvements

By Fraser Norton
County Executive Director

Direct loans: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers direct farm ownership and direct farm operating loans to producers who want to establish, maintain or strengthen their farm. FSA loan officers process, approve and service direct loans.

Direct farm operating loans can be used to purchase livestock and feed, farm equipment, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and for other costs including family living expenses. Operating loans can also be used to finance minor improvements or repairs to buildings and to refinance some farm-related debts, excluding real estate.

Direct farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, enlarge an existing farm, construct and repair buildings, and make farm improvements.

The maximum loan amount for both direct farm ownership and operating loans is \$300,000 and a down payment is not required. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan.

Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Guaranteed loans: FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender

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arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation or to refinance debt.

Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,399,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact the Rock County FSA Office for more information, or to apply for a direct farm ownership or operating loan. In addition, please contact your lender, or the FSA Office for more information on guaranteed loans.

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Steen woman dies in car crash

By Lori Sorenson

A rural Steen woman died last week in a car crash near Ash Creek.

A memorial service for Tracey Lee Hoag, 41, was Monday morning at Living Rock Church in Luverne.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the Hills Fire Department was dispatched around 6:15 Tuesday, Nov. 28, to a fire along 150th Avenue one-half mile north of 21st Street.

Firefighters arrived to find a vehicle fully engulfed in flames, and according to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, they noticed a body after the fire was extinguished.

"They weren't expecting that," Verbrugge said about the discovery. "We don't know the cause of death... whether it was fire or medical."

The Sheriff's Office later released Hoag's name

as the victim in the crash. Given the path the vehicle took, Verbrugge said it appeared she may have been unconscious prior to the crash.

"It went over the road and back," Verbrugge said. "It went through a plowed cornfield, and it appears cornstalks started on fire."

The vehicle came to rest with a bumper embedded into the side of a ditch.

Friends and family members say that Hoag had diabetes and that a diabetic reaction may have caused the crash.

She worked at Sincerely Yours in Luverne, and her friends said she enjoyed making people feel beautiful.

She leaves behind a husband, Shane Hoag, and three children.

Her full obituary appears on page 7A.



BBB offers tips for cellphone shopping

As we move through a busy retail season, shopping on the go is becoming more and more common. According to Adobe Analytics*, as of Nov. 27, Americans had spent nearly \$14 billion online since Thanksgiving Day - with more than half of those purchases coming from mobile devices.

Though it's definitely convenient, there are risks with sharing financial information in this manner. Better Business Bureau* of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) offers simple safety tips for those who use mobile devices to shop online.

"For many consumers, it's now second nature to use smartphones and tablets the same way as we use home computers," said Susan Adams Loyd, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. "However, the same security recommendations that apply to home computers also apply to handheld devices, and there are other factors that need to be considered."

In addition to making holiday purchases on smartphones and tablets, consumers often use these devices to decide which products to buy. A common concern with mobile browsing is the safety of the user's Internet connection. The best bet for safe web surfing is to use password-protected Wi-Fi connections. Whether this is at home or on the go, using a password-protected connection provides some peace of mind.

When it comes to making purchases, however, safety should always come first. Public Wi-Fi means public, and your information could be compromised.

Shopping safely on mobile devices means following these protocols:

- Making purchases via public Wi-Fi connections carries inherent risks. It's best not to do it. Check your smartphone settings to ensure you aren't automatically connecting to open Wi-Fi networks.

- Be careful regarding how and where you share your financial information. When shopping online from a secure, private Wi-Fi connection, always make sure that you're on a trustworthy website. Do your research at bbb.org.

- Safety first. At the point of purchase, look for "https" in your browser or a "lock" symbol, as this shows the website is secure.

- Be careful with hyperlinks. Some hyperlinks lead to websites that you do not want to visit or can infect your device with viruses or malware.

- Do not save financial information on your device. Most devices have an "auto-save" or "auto-fill" feature that allows the user to save credit card information for future use. Saving financial information like this can potentially allow easier access to sensitive information.

- Use the most up-to-date browser. Be sure to keep your phone and your preferred web browser updated. Newer updates tend to have better security features on them.

- Pay with a credit card. Credit card transactions are protected under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

- Keep a record of your transaction. Keep a separate folder for confirmation emails regarding any online purchases. It might also be a good idea to print out hard copies.



Lori Sorenson photos/1207 history center ribbon cutting

Participating in the ribbon-cutting Friday morning at the History Center are (seated, from left) Greg Burger, Linda Bakken, Dolly Remme, Betty Mann, Naidine Aanenson, Dave Smith, (standing) Annie Opitz, Ryan Wynia, Dan Nath, Patti Olson, Darrel Van Aartsen, Al Stoakes, Paul Rud, Keith Elbers, Kyle Oldre, Shirley Klosterbuer, Bill Weber, Faye Bremer and Jane Wildung Lanphere.

History Center celebrates grand opening with open house

Below, Historical Society board members and volunteers cut the ribbon a second time in the nutcracker display area of the History Center. They are (from left) Chamber Board member Faye Bremer, Shirley Klosterbuer, Paul Rud, Linda Bakken, Dolly Remme, Darrel Van Aartsen (in back) Betty Mann, Al Stoakes, Naidine Aanenson, Greg Burger and EDA Director Holly Sammons.



Chamber Board president Faye Bremer congratulates Historical Society President Betty Mann at the ribbon-cutting event Friday at the History Center grand opening. They share a laugh when Bremer drapes the remaining ribbon around Mann's neck.

Below Al Stoakes (left) visits with Darrell Siebert in the nutcracker display area.



Above is one of hundreds of ornaments for sale in the Christmas Haus gift shop. Proceeds from the store sales benefit the History Center.



Top Notch Carwash/from 1A

the west side of Highway 75 on Interstate Drive south of the Bluestem Drive and northeast of Shopko.

The Jessens purchased the land from Christensen Corporation. "I like the access off of Highway 75," Pete said, adding that they appreciated accommodation by city officials for permits, utilities and other matters. "They were great to work with."

Local contractors have

been hired to do the work.

Tony Roos and Jason DeBeer are doing the cement work for the project. Ver Steeg Excavating did the dirt work, Busse Plumbing and Heating is doing the plumbing and Kemp Electric is doing the wiring.

Information about the business will be available online, but meanwhile inquiries can be directed to 507-227-8356.

Correction

The information about harvest crop pricing that appeared in our Nov. 30 edition was mistakenly attributed to Fraser Norton at the Rock County Farm Service Agency when in fact it was submitted

by Kent Thiesse, "Focus on Ag." The information was accurate, but the byline on the article was not.

The Star Herald regrets the error and apologizes to both Norton and Thiesse.

Happy 65th Anniversary
Albertus & Ruth Van Westen will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, December 6th. Greetings may be sent to 203 Oak Drive, Apt. 205, Luverne, MN 56156.

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Pictures with Santa

Is it a good idea to sit on a stranger's lap?

I spent Saturday morning watching children decide whether or not sitting on Santa's lap was a good idea.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Every bone in one child's body warned her against taking the candy offered by the man wearing a fake beard and a bright red suit.

She was only three but she wasn't stupid. How many times had she been told, "Don't talk to strangers." This guy looked pretty strange — red pants, red jacket, red hat with white fur trim. No normal person dresses like that. His wife looked sketchy, too. Nope.

The next child had a different opinion of the odd couple dressed from head to toe in red. While his crybaby brother sniveled on the sidelines, this boy raced to Santa's lap for a photograph and to give Santa and Mrs. Claus a long list of gift ideas. He sat smugly on Santa's lap basking in the fact that Santa might believe him to be an only child since, obviously, no other child was joining them. He smiled like a Cheshire cat for the photograph. I couldn't help but wonder if he didn't ask Santa for his brother's presents, too.

Two little blond girls bearing hand-written lists were the next to visit the Clauses. The girls' ponytails bobbed and bounced as they wiggled with joy telling the jolly old elves what they wanted for Christmas. They were so busy talking, bouncing and list-sharing, they nearly forgot to pose for a photograph or take their candy.

Babies don't care about Santa. They are plopped by their parents on Santa's lap. A photo-

graph is taken and the session ends. No chatter. No candy. No drama.

Toddlers care. Toddlers aren't old enough to be bribed by the fact that Santa might bring a present in the future, but they do understand that Santa has a bag of candy right here, right now. All they have to do to earn the candy is sit on Santa's lap and smile for a picture. Some will. Some won't.

The teenagers are fun. They pose for a photograph with Santa because they did last year. And their mothers want them to. The oldest child to sit on Santa's lap Saturday was 17 years old. He was polite enough to ask Santa if his leg hurt and to say thank you for the candy.

Of course, my favorite little Santa visitor Saturday was my granddaughter. She's 2 1/2 years old, so she fits into the "might, might not" camp. The whole scene seemed to strike her as odd.

She was, however, willing to discuss the sparkles on her snowflake sweater with Mrs. Claus, agreeing the sparkles did indeed look like diamonds. She nodded when asked if she likes toys. She smiled at Grandpa who was taking the photographs. She took a piece of candy — and then one more before skipping off to the rest of her day.

So — is having a photograph taken with Santa a good idea? It was on Saturday.

Merry Christmas!

World's largest nutcracker deserves more positive discussion

Members of the Luverne Area Chamber and its Convention and Visitors Bureau work hard to promote, support activities and to draw positive attention to our fair city.

One of those ideas was featured in the Oct. 26 edition of the Star Herald under the headline "Luverne plans the world's largest nutcracker."

Discussions opened up on whether a nutcracker should represent the Luverne community and how successful such a gimmick be in getting vehicles off the Interstate and onto our Main Street.

Unfortunately it appears negative feedback was louder than the positive. Those in support of the idea have retreated into silence, possibly giving up on the idea.

On the surface we at the newspaper thought the idea was a bit ridiculous and far-reaching for tourism dollars. But then we realized the quirkiest ideas are the most successful.

Take Bemidji for instance.

Since the giant statue of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox was constructed in the late 1930s, the 18-foot tall Bunyan and his 10-foot tall ox have become the second-most photographed vacation at-

traction in the United States. (Mount Rushmore is No. 1.)

It started as a simple rest stop attraction for Bemidji's winter festival and for almost three decades Bunyan and Babe have been on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places list.

Several communities have since followed suit in establishing family photograph opportunities.

There is Carhenge in Alliance, Nebraska; The world's biggest beagle in Cottonwood, Idaho; and the giant spoon with a cherry statue in Minneapolis.

All of these are just a man-made projects constructed to catch people's attentions.

As for the local project, what harm is there of erecting a 60-foot tall nutcracker to lure drivers and their families into town to stretch their legs, grab a little lunch and/or take a photo as a remembrance their vacations?

No harm is what we think.

We're also beginning to think a giant nutcracker is an idea worthy of

some more thought.

Just in the past month, we've watched people walk Main Street with sheets of paper, checking off nutcracker names for the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt.

The dozens of nutcracker cutouts are simply whimsical in their design and some are very clever in how a business or individual incorporated their identities into their design.

And not to mention, the story behind the nutcrackers coming to Luverne and how they came to be displayed at the History Center is simple and heartwarming. It is one worth to be shared and enjoyed.

Questioning the project will only make the idea better or not worth pursuing but only if the questioning is done with courtesy.

We encourage the originators of constructing a giant nutcracker as a tourist attraction for Luverne to continue their discussions and planning.

We're sure even the big blue ox had naysayers.



Ask a Trooper: Determining tire safety

Question: How do you determine if your tires are unsafe?

Answer: Tire talk is important any time of the year, but as winter approaches it is important to double your efforts when maintaining your tires.

Over the years, I have investigated numerous crashes where worn tires were a contributing factor. Tires with inadequate tread depth may cause your vehicle to skid or slide out of control on a slippery or wet road surface.

Although our area has seen more rain than snow this season, it is important to remember that unsafe tires can hydroplane on both wet and snowy roadways becoming a hazard. When losing control of your vehicle, you can easily go off the road and into the ditch, or into oncoming traffic, possibly causing serious injury or death.

According to Minnesota State Statute 169.723, a tire shall be considered unsafe if it has:

- Any part of the ply or cord exposed; or

- Any bump, bulge or separation; or

- A tread design depth of less than 2/32 (1/16) of an inch measured in the tread groove nearest the center of the tire at three locations equally spaced around the circumference of the tire, exclusive of tie bars or for those tires with tread wear indicators; or

- Been worn to the level of the tread wear indicators in any two tread grooves at three locations; or

- A marking "not for highway use," or "for racing purposes only," or "unsafe for highway use;" or

- Tread or sidewall cracks, cuts or snags deep enough to expose the body cords.

My best advice is to keep an eye on your tires. Taking a few seconds to walk around your vehicle before leaving for your destination can pay off, potentially keeping you from getting into a crash.

Check your tire pressure often as it can be as much as 50 percent underinflated before

it is visibly noticeable. Use a pressure gauge to check each tire and know what your pressure should be.

Routine maintenance is good insurance. Rotate, balance and be sure that your tires are correctly aligned according to your vehicle owner's manual.

Having a set of tires with good, legal tread depth will increase your chances of not being involved in a crash, especially when the weather and road conditions deteriorate.

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

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

Remember LACF in your gift giving

As you are well aware, Luverne has been celebrating its 150th year as a city, and what a celebration it has been!

I have one last appeal to make before we close out 2017: The Luverne Area Community Foundation is doing a year-end fund drive to continue to support a number of worthy local causes.

In last week's Star Herald there was a feature story on 26 different local organizations that were awarded grants totaling \$69,000.

So where does that money come from? It comes from people like you and it comes from businesses like yours. It comes from fundraising events like concerts. It comes from those of you who participate in the Round Up Program when you pay your city utility bill.

It also comes from the 150 donors who give a \$150 to commemorate Luverne's 150th year. I'll do the math for you. If (or hopefully when) we reach the 150th donor mark, that will mean \$22,500 will go into the general grant fund.

I'll do a little more math for you: As I said earlier, \$69,000 was doled out in grants in 2017, so you can see more work needs to be done throughout the year.

There is an advertisement in today's paper listing the names of donors who have already supported the fund drive.

There are 45 donors already listed, so I



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humbly invite you to have your name added to the list by sending in your check. This promotion only runs till the end of the year. All gifts are 100-percent tax-deductible.

You can send you check to Luverne Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 623, Luverne MN. 56156 or visit the Foundation website at www.luvacf.org to make a credit card donation.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 24

- Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.
- Complainant requested Rock County Sheriff's Office transport subject through the county to South Dakota state line.
- Complainant reported a scam on computer.
- Complainant called Law Enforcement Center to speak with deputy regarding property exchange.
- Complainant called Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding harassment and possible theft.
- Received 911 from complainant. Requested poison control phone contact number.
- Complainant reported domestic on Spring Street.
- Complainant reported a runaway.

Nov. 25

- Complainant reported storm drain cover missing in Mead Court.
- Complainant reported license plates stolen.
- Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding property.
- Complainant requested deputy for 5k.
- Complainant reported runaway on Fairway.
- Complainant reported that subject has been rear-ended on Main Street and the other driver left the scene.

Nov. 26

- Complainant reported subject with a warrant on Bark Ave.
- Complainant requested welfare check on subject.
- Complainant reported semitrailer detached when turning on County Road 7 into ditch; no injuries.

Nov. 27

- Complainant reported he was hit by a subject and is bleeding. Denied medical attention and requested a deputy.
- Complainant requested a transport. Decided she wanted to go to St. Catherine's Church.

Nov. 28

- Complainant transported subject to Law Enforcement Center to wait for ride after vehicle troubles.
- Complainant reported a welfare check on her grandkids. Everything is OK.
- Complainant turned in a key holder with a key in it. It is the type that would be attached to the bottom of a vehicle.
- Complainant brought in a bike found in the alley. Entered into the impound file and put in the impound.

•Complainant reported they ordered a laptop and did not receive it.

•Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.

•Complainant reported subject sneaked out of the house.

Complainant reported domestic disturbance on Oakley Street. Complainant heard yelling from male and female.

Nov. 29

- Complainant reported a budget rental truck has been suspiciously driving around Luverne for the last three weeks.
- Multiple complainants reported short power outages.
- Complainant reported break-in in Beaver Creek.
- Complainant reported subjects smoking marijuana at the Super 8.
- Complainant reported vehicle on property when owner advised them no one is home.
- Complainant reported tractor spilling manure on roadway.
- Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.
- Reserved for State Patrol warrant entry.

Nov. 30

- Reserved for State Patrol warrant entry.
- Complainant reported subject came to Luverne Flowers very intoxicated and was making inappropriate comments/gestures to employees.
- Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center to clear subject's Martin County warrant.
- Sheriff was advised of an argument outside on Cedar Street.
- Complainant in Hardwick reported there was a three-legged dog in his house. When he came home, the window was open and the dog is gone.

Dec. 1

- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about removing someone from the property on West Main Street.
- Complainant reported someone sleeping on bleachers at Redbird Field.
- Complainant reported an eviction process is complete and subjects are refusing to vacate location.

In addition officers also responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 3 deer accidents, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 14 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 6 burn permits, 1 sudden death call, 2 fire calls, 1 fingerprint request, 1 lifeline alarm, 2 stalled vehicles, 8 log sheets, 7 drug court tests, 5 permits to purchase/carry, 21 traffic stops, 4 road and drive laws, 2 DWIs, 3 alarms, 1 open door, 5 abandoned 911 calls, 2 abandoned vehicles, 1 narcotic law, 2 POR registrations, 2 welfare checks, and 1 public assist.



Lori Sorenson photo/1207 wires downtown

Speakers installed on downtown lightpoles

Main Street in Luverne has seen a flurry of activity this week with utility crews pulling wires through conduit and cement workers cutting through sidewalk and repairing slabs. According to information from city hall, the wiring work is for speakers downtown that will allow parade spectators and event attendees to hear announcers from all directions. Speakers will be installed on all lightpoles. Equipment costs roughly \$22,000 and the work is being done by city crews.

Steen father and son arrested Saturday night

By Lori Sorenson

The father-son owner and manager of Luverne restaurant Papa's Place are facing felony charges after a Saturday night traffic stop turned violent.

Sixty-one-year-old Richard Eugene Scholten and 29-year-old Tanner Eugene Scholten, both of Steen, were arrested around midnight Saturday in Steen for driving while intoxicated, fleeing a peace officer, assaulting a peace officer and terroristic threats, among other charges.

According to documents filed Monday in Rock County District Court, Deputy Dan Fick was traveling east on Highway 270 out of Hills when he noticed that a vehicle traveling eastbound in front of him failed to dim its headlights for oncoming traffic.

An approaching vehicle twice flashed its lights, but the eastbound vehicle in front of Fick didn't switch to low beams.

Fick activated his squad lights and called in the license plate of the vehicle, which was registered to Lori Scholten, the passenger. The driver was later identified as her husband, Rick Scholten.



According to the complaint, Scholten proceeded to the Steen blacktop corner and turned south, making a wide turn into the wrong lane, prompting Fick to activate his siren.

Scholten reportedly sped up to 60 miles per hour before turning east on 21st Street and stopping at his home in Steen where he left the vehicle and began walking quickly to the house.

The vehicle was apparently not in park, and it rolled backward and struck the front of the squad car.

The court document states that Fick yelled at Scholten to get on the ground, and when he didn't comply, Fick reportedly placed Scholten chest down on the hood of his vehicle and explained why he pulled him over.

Scholten reportedly struggled with Fick, who then detected the smell of alcohol

and slurred speech.

Fick radioed for backup while Lori Scholten kept telling her husband to stay down.

At one point, Scholten reportedly apologized for his behavior stating that he wasn't resisting arrest, he just "has a lot of sh-- going on right now."

He said he hadn't heard the sirens or noticed the squad lights, but Lori, when asked, said she noticed both. She also said her husband had manually left the headlights on high beam.

Moments later, Scholten's son Tanner arrived, and Fick asked him to sit on the front step. The complaint states that Tanner began recording the incident on his phone.

Two more deputies arrived to help Fick secure Scholten, but Tanner reportedly made two separate advances toward them to interfere.

One of the deputies drew a Taser and Tanner reportedly screamed, "I will f---ing shoot you if you keep hurting him."

When he again tried to push through the deputies, four of them by this time, they told him he was also under arrest, at which point he ran.

Fearing he would get a firearm, deputies pursued him,

and when he continued resisting, ultimately deployed the Taser in the small of his back.

Meanwhile, Fick again asked Rick Scholten to put his hands behind his back, but he reportedly responded that he "was not going to be arrested for not dimming his lights."

As Rick Scholten was being searched and taken into custody, he reportedly said, "You f---ing son of a b---, I'm going to kill you."

Both men were taken into custody. A breath test at the Law Enforcement Center later revealed a blood alcohol concentration of .11 percent. The legal limit is .08 percent.

Richard Scholten was charged with fleeing a peace officer, a felony; fourth-degree DWI, a misdemeanor; and obstructing legal process, also a misdemeanor.

Tanner Scholten was charged with terroristic threats, a felony; fourth-degree assault of a peace officer, a gross misdemeanor; obstructing legal process (using violence), a gross misdemeanor.

They made their initial appearances in Rock County District Court Monday. Their next hearings are scheduled for Dec. 11.



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Remembering LeRoy

Longtime community supporter,
member of Luverne's Last Man's
Club dies Nov. 26 at age 93

By Lori Sorenson

Conspicuously absent at the History Center's ribbon-cutting Friday was LeRoy Luitjens, one of the Historical Society's most dedicated volunteers and supporters.

Luitjens died Nov. 26 and his friends and family broke away from the grand opening festivities to attend his funeral Friday morning.

"He would have liked to have been here today," said Historical Society President Betty Mann. "He worked really hard on this."

A retired construction superintendent, Luitjens had some valuable skills.

Historical Society members could count on him to fix what was ailing and to build what needed building.

For decades, he worked quietly behind the scenes on "to do" items at the Hinkly House, the former Rock County Museum and at the History Barn at the fairgrounds.

"There are a lot of words to describe LeRoy Luitjens, but the word 'humble' best describes him as he works so diligently in the community," Everett Brandenburg said in 2005 when Luitjens was named Rock County Outstanding Senior.

"... It seems that LeRoy always has a long 'to do' list during his tireless retirement years."

His long list of "to do" items through the years throughout Rock County played out in many capacities.

Luitjens was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, where he helped the church through the recent building project and served two terms as elder.

"He wears many hats in the community," Brandenburg said in 2005. "His carpentry and masonry skills come in very handy as he is always ready to help with many projects."

The work closest to his heart, Luitjens once told the Star Herald, involved veterans. He's especially proud of being past commander at the district level for the American Legion and VFW.

He served on the Designated Contribution Committee for the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne, and worked with the Veterans Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

He was a life member of the American Legion and VFW.

And, from 2010 until this fall, Luitjens was a member of Luverne's Last Man's Club, a coffee group that started with 22 local World War II veterans.

At the club's final toast on Nov. 11, he and the other remaining last man, Helmer Haakenson, opened their official



Star Herald file photo

LeRoy Luitjens (pictured here in 2005) worked quietly behind the scenes for the Rock County Historical Society including at the History Barn at the Rock County Fairgrounds.

bottle of bourbon.

"We will never forget the hours spent together at our Glen's Coffee Clique — cherishing the stories, knowledge and wisdom they shared with us over the years,"

Luitjens said, reciting the words that Herreid had traditionally read.

"We salute you, comrades."
Luitjens died at the age of 93. His full obituary appears on page 7A.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•Luverne's Ed Elbers purchased the Pizza Hut property last week during a public auction on South Highway 75.

After more than 25 years of serving pizza lovers in Luverne, the Pizza Hut Corporation announced this spring it would be closing its doors.

By May 2 workers were moving equipment out of the building, and the doors have been closed since then.

25 years ago (1992)

•When Luverne residents turn on a tap, they have enough safe water for every use.

It's hard to imagine what it might be if the local water supply were contaminated or inadequate.

Luverne now uses between 1 million and 1.5 million gallons of water each day, the city's Red Arndt said. Half of that is used by IBP. ...

Luverne uses 17 wells to supply its needs. The wells are located in fields north of Luverne near the power plant and park and south of the city by the airport.

The wells tap into different pockets of gravel in essentially the same aquifer, Arndt said. He describes city wells as shallow. The last well that was drilled was 30 feet deep. The deepest well at the airport well field is about 60 feet deep. To find the last wells, drillers dug 27 test holes.

50 years ago (1967)

•A sonic boom about 12:30 p.m. Thursday caused damage to the Coast to Coast store here. It was the first damage of its kind reported in this area.

Previous "booms" caused by high flying supersonic planes had rattled windows, but never before resulted in any damage. The booms had been occurring almost every day for the past several weeks. ...

There was a crack at the roofline of the warehouse building

where it joined the main building. There was also one where the store joined the Don's Body Shop building to the west of it. In the southwest corner of the inside of the store there is a large crack from the ceiling downward. Two plate glass windows, one in front of the building and one in the rear were also cracked. A building contractor estimated the damage at about \$2,000, store owner Paul Beug said.

75 years ago (1942)

•George Boelman, farmer living south of Luverne, had part of his ankle shot away in a hunting accident Sunday.

He and his father-in-law George Boomgaarden, of Ash Creek, were out hunting and had a loaded 16-gauge double-barreled shotgun in the car. When Boelman opened the car door, the shotgun fell out and accidentally discharged.

100 years ago (1917)

•Opportunity for receiving expert instruction in the operation of farm tractors is to be given to the farmers of Rock county, through the efforts of the Home Automobile Co., of this city, on Thursday and Friday of next week, when an Avery school of instruction will be held at the company's garage.

Two sessions will be held each day, starting at 8 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., in charge of an expert on tractors. The subjects to be treated are as follows: Thursday forenoon - the motor, including the crank shaft, crank shaft bearings, connecting rods bearings, pistons and rings, valve grinding and timing cylinder wall removing, oil trouble cooling, clutch. Thursday afternoon - Ignition, including magnetos, impulse starters, care of magneto starter, repairing magneto, spark plugs.

Friday afternoon - Tractor, care of frame, gears and shafting, radiators, etc.; how to operate, laying out fields, operating other machinery. Friday afternoon - Motor cultivator, carburetors, and fuel, care and operation and operating other machines.

1962: Luverne area proves ideal for plant

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on April 12, 1962, and is the last of the story.

\$1.25 Million Industry to Locate Here

Premium Packing Co. Plans To Employ About 75 Persons

Pleased With Committee Work
Of the committee, said (company president C.W.) Dennis:

"They have been very cooperative. They came to us before we even realized they knew we were making a survey. We had three places in mind then. They found out and called on us in Sioux City and gave us a good job of selling on Luverne and they pointed out facts we believed were reasonable and convinced us to come. They have been very cooperative since we decided to come here."

The pleasure of the Industrial committee and the entire community at the prospects of having the new industry come to the county moved everyone to give all the help they could to the project.

Ray Frick, president of the Industrial Committee, praised the way city and rural people acted with a "team spirit." When the committee made a call for them to buy debentures in the past week, he said some people were unintentionally missed in the hurried search for debenture buyers, but that those who were called on responded with as much help as they could give.

Area Ideal For Dressing Plant

Dennis said the company had been making a survey for its new plant in an area 175 to 180 miles north of Sioux City. His firm has maps and charts showing the beef supply (down to a square mile basis) in the area. The growing number of beef cattle being fed in the area convinced principles of the company that the area was an ideal location to establish their new beef dressing plant.

Unlike large packing houses centered in larger cities, the management of the new compa-



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

ny here believes, as Mr. Dennis put it, "Kill at the source of the material and process it at the point of consumption."

Know Demand Is There

As for the demand for their product, the president said:

"We know it's there. There's always a demand for good corn-fed meat out of the Midwest. There is no problem in selling it."

Future May Involve Hogs

The company has hopes — for the future — of possibly adding a pork dressing plant. It is the firm's thinking that it may be able to add a pork kill to its operations here in three to five years if conditions merit the expansion.

The Sioux City Dressed Pork plant, with the same ownership as Premium Packing Co., is noted for its good employer-employee relationship. Out of a workforce of 225 employees in the Sioux City plant, there has been a turnover of only two employees in the past 11 months.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

4-H youth learn about engineering



Photos courtesy of Rock County 4-H



Interesting contraptions transformed the Rock County Community Library Nov. 18 into a learning center for 15 4-H youth interested in science, technology, engineering and math or STEM activities. "We used hands-on activities that the youth had fun with while being introduced to engineering concepts," said Chelsey Asche, 4-H program coordinator. Volunteer Amie Reker assisted Asche with the event along with youth leaders Alex Reker and Hunter Sandbulte.

Above: Cash Bonnett (left), Brenna Reker (hidden), Mazzie Moore, Austin Sandbulte and Joshua Honken work together to create a 2-D structure with no loose ends while **(at left)** Andrea Luitjens (left) and Larissa Steinhoff learned angles are important when designing a marble contraption.

OBITUARIES

LeRoy Luitjens

LeRoy William Luitjens, 93, Luverne, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at his home.

A funeral service was Friday, Dec. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors was in the Worthington Memorial Garden cemetery.

LeRoy Luitjens was born June 10, 1924, to Henry and Helen (Hiedebrick) Luitjens on a farm near Reading. He attended country school near his home and later Worthington High School. LeRoy was drafted into the United States Army in November of 1944. He received his basic training in Ft. Hood, Texas, and then entered the European Theatre of Operations on the day World War II ended. LeRoy served in the army of occupation in Austria.

While stationed in Hallien, LeRoy met Margaret Sonja Prem. The couple was married on July 9, 1947, at the Salem Presbyterian Church in Reading. After their marriage they moved to Graettinger, Iowa, and later to Worthington. LeRoy spent most of his life in construction, beginning with Hudson Brothers in Worthington and later for the Christensen Corporation as a construction superintendent. The family moved to Luverne in 1961 and built a new home in 1966, where he resided for over 30 years.

LeRoy was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne and served as an elder and

trustee. He was also very active in the veterans organizations serving as Second District American Legion Commander in 1973. LeRoy served as Third District VFW Commander in 1983. He also served many years as VFW Post 2757 Quartermaster. LeRoy was a member of the Ben Franklin Lodge Masons, serving as Worshipful Master twice. He was High Priest of Living Arch Chapter in Worthington and also served several terms as Commander of Luverne Community #22. LeRoy belonged to the El Riad Shrine of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was past commander of the Rock County Shrine Club. He served on the board of the Rock County Historical Society and the Crippled Children's Home in Worthington. He was one of the last two surviving members of the "Last Man" coffee clique.

LeRoy is survived by two sons, Guenther Luitjens, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and Roy (Rosemary) Luitjens, Bloomington, Illinois; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Henry (Ida) Luitjens, Worthington, Delbert Luitjens, Des Moines, Iowa, and Dennis (Colleen) Luitjens, Worthington; and two sisters, Esther Scheepstra, Worthington, and Helen Markman, Worthington.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, on June 27, 2015; an infant sister; one brother, Cecil Luitjens; and one sister, Arliss Luitjens. Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(1207 F)

Suzanne Buffington

Suzanne Louise "Sue" Buffington, 86, Luverne, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral Mass was Tuesday, Dec. 5, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with burial in the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Suzanne Stuckey was born Sept. 23, 1931, to William and Veola (Rucker) Stuckey in Lincoln, Nebraska. She graduated from Holy Name High School in Omaha, Nebraska, and attended Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas, where she made a promise and commitment to live her life as an Oblate Novice of St. Benedict.

Sue married Richard Buffington on Nov. 21, 1953, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Omaha. The couple lived in Omaha, Kansas City, Missouri, Atlantic, Iowa, and Lincoln before moving to Luverne in 1965. Sue stayed home to raise their eight children, before she helped start the Rehab Department at the Luverne Community Hospital in 1977. She worked there until her retirement in 2000.

Sue was a 62-year member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, currently as a member of the St. Maria Court of Adrian, where she served as the Court's Grand Regent in 2016. Sue was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, a member of the LCCW, Eucharistic

minister, lector, catechism teacher, RCIA team, and started prayer shawl ministry. On Oct. 12, 2014, Bishop Harrington awarded Sue the Bishop's Medal for her outstanding record of involvement in the life of the diocesan and local church. Sue was also a member of a sewing club, the Pink Ladies and volunteered with 4-H, Meals on Wheels, and the Sanford Hospital Gift Shop. She enjoyed golfing and shot a hole-in-one in 2010. She also enjoyed bowling, traveling and leading the rosary at the nursing homes.

Sue is survived by six children, Mary (Curt) Jervik, Hawarden, Iowa, Mark (Teresa) Buffington, Farmington, Ann Owens, Richfield, Jean (Doran) Christoffels, Chandler, Diana Buffington (Doug McGuire), Hills, and Lynn (Von) Russman, Lino Lakes; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Catherine Orr, San Ramon, California; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Saunders, Denver, Colorado; and a special cousin, Sheila Schlaebitz, Omaha.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; two sons, David and John; a brother, William Stuckey; a brother-in-law, Roger Orr; and a nephew, Charlie Orr.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(1207 F)

Gary Koontz

Gary Robert Koontz, 74, Greeley, Colorado, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017.

Celebration of life will be at Resurrection Church, 6602 E. Crossroads Blvd., Loveland, Colorado. Internment is at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy; sisters Amelie Carlson and Linda Scott; sons Deron Koontz, Greg-

ory Velarde and Christopher Velarde; daughters Alicia Seefeldt and Rebecca Alvarez; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be sent to sozofreedomsteps.com c/o Viegut Funeral Home, 1616 N Lincoln Ave, Loveland, CO 80538.

Visit the website www.viegutfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

(1207 F)

LaMoynes 'Sam' Polzin

LaMoynes Franklin "Sam" Polzin, 86, Luverne, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, Dec. 4, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Sam was born on June 2, 1931, to Frank and Maybelle (Kaushagen) Polzin in Jeffers. He was raised in Jeffers, where he was baptized on June 28, 1931, and confirmed on April 14, 1946. Sam graduated from Jeffers High School in 1949. He attended Waldorf Junior College.

On Feb. 12, 1953, Sam married June Buckley at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City, Iowa. Sam enlisted in the United States Army in 1953 and served his country until his honorable discharge. The couple resided in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for two years and then relocated to Mankato, where Sam continued his college education, graduating in 1957. The couple then moved to Luverne, where Sam taught at Luverne High School until his retirement in 1987.

Sam was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the choir. He was a member of Modern Woodmen of America and the National Education Association. He was inducted into the

Esther Petersen

Esther Viola Petersen, 96, Luverne, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Esther Drost was born on Jan. 27, 1921, to Frank and Sena (Meester) Drost on the family farm near Ash Creek. She was baptized and confirmed at the State Line Presbyterian Church on the Minnesota and Iowa state line. She attended school in Ash Creek. Esther helped her parents at home and later worked at the Sioux Falls Telephone Office and at the Western Cartridge Company in Alton, Illinois.

Esther married Roger Petersen of Hardwick on April 25, 1944, at the State Line Presbyterian Church. The couple's first home was in Fayetteville, North Carolina, while Roger was stationed at Fort Bragg prior to being sent overseas. Roger was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1945, and the young family returned to Minnesota, moving to the Petersen family farm near Hardwick. The couple farmed for the next 40 years.

Esther was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Her faith was very important to her. After their retirement in 1984, Esther and Roger moved to Luverne. They began spending six months of the year in Fort Myers,

Waldorf College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. Sam had a passion for woodworking and photography. He made many beautiful things, including the altar at Grace Lutheran Church. Examples of his craftsmanship can be found in many homes and businesses around town.

Sam also loved to fish and enjoyed many years of annual fishing trips to Canada with his "fishing buddies." Sam loved spending time with his family, doting on his grandchildren and great-grandchild, and always insisted on treating family and friends to dinner at The Bluestem.

Sam is survived by his wife, June; three children, Patti (Jerry) Jondahl, Fargo, North Dakota, Tim (Jackie) Polzin, San Tan Valley, Arizona, and Jenny, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; four grandchildren, Daniel, Lyndsay (Michael), Samantha (Paul), and TJ; one great-grandchild, Henry; two sisters, Darlene Reinitz, Minnetonka, and Dorla Dagner, Richfield; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Elva Mae Hanson; and five brothers-in-law.

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Florida, and six months in Luverne. They made wonderful friends in both locations and enjoyed traveling the country with their motor home, visiting friends, and fishing. Roger died in June of 2005 and Esther moved into an apartment in The Oaks in Luverne. She later became a resident at Poplar Creek assisted living and then the Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Esther is survived by two children, Elwayne Petersen, Luverne, and Glenyce (John) Lecher, Anderson, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Heath Petersen, Jared (Megan) Petersen, and Jennifer Young; seven great-grandchildren, Christine, Catherine and Michael Petersen, Joshua and Rachel Moling, Isaac Petersen, and Cole Young; a great-great-granddaughter, Charolett Moling; and a brother, Robert (JoAnna) Drost, Blue Springs, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger; her parents; a brother and his wife, Elmer (Francis) Drost; and a sister and her husband, Louise (Norman) Vegge.

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Russell Van Voorst

Russell F. Van Voorst, 71, Luverne, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne from esophageal cancer.

A funeral service was Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Russell Van Voorst was born on Aug. 16, 1946, to Jake and Vera (Rasmussen) Van Voorst in Luverne. He was baptized on Oct. 20, 1946, and confirmed on May 15, 1960, at St. John Lutheran Church. He attended Luverne High School and graduated in 1964. He served in the Army Reserve National Guard from 1964 to 1971.

On April 6, 1968, Russ married Myrna Crosby in Luverne, where they spent their lives together.

Throughout his life Russ

had many jobs, but the one he loved the most was plowing snow for MnDOT. He retired in 2009 after 22 years of service. He rediscovered a love for reading when he was introduced to the Harry Potter series. In 2012 his daughters took him to Universal Studios in Florida to see The Wizarding World of Harry Potter attraction.

Russ is survived by his children, Tracy Van Voorst (Jeremy Kilkus), Rochester, and Vicky (Nathan) Weissenberger, Onalaska, Wisconsin; two granddaughters, Lauren and Lucy; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Myrna, in 2013.

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Tracey Lee Hoag

Tracey Lee Hoag, 41, rural Steen, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, as the result of an automobile accident.

A memorial service was Monday, Dec. 4, at the Living Rock Church in Luverne. A private committal of cremains will be at a later date.

Tracey Nohr was born April 5, 1976, to Darryl and Sandy (Floberg) Nohr in Fargo, North Dakota. She graduated from Cass Valley North High School in Argusville, North Dakota. She graduated from Interstate Business College and later from Josef's Hair Design in Fargo.

Tracey married Shane Hoag on Oct. 5, 1996, in Hunter, North Dakota. The couple lived in Hunter where Tracey worked various jobs including the Good Samaritan Home. In 2001 they moved to Luverne and in 2004 to Steen. Tracey worked at Sincerely Yours and Glen's Grocery in Luverne.

She was an active mem-

ber of the Living Rock Church in Luverne, where she spent much time volunteering. She enjoyed camping, the outdoors, cooking, family vacations and doing hair and nails which Tracey did to make people feel beautiful.

Tracey is survived by her husband, Shane Hoag, Steen; three children, Wyatt, Jaden and Shyanne, at home in Steen; her parents, Darryl and Sandy Nohr, Fargo; two brothers, Chris Nohr, Minneapolis, and Ryan (Addie) Nohr, West Fargo, North Dakota; her father- and mother-in-law, Myron and Patty Hoag, Hunter; her grandmother, Betty Nohr, Pelican Rapids; a brother-in-law, Nathan Hoag, Hunter; and a sister-in-law, Toni (Ray) Kordek, Louisville, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Grandma "Curly" Floberg, and her grandfathers, Walter Floberg and Albert Nohr.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Elda Trisko

Elda E. Trisko, 89, Luverne, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will be at St. Catherine's Cemetery in Luverne. A visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Elda Jauert was born on Jan. 23, 1928, to August and Frieda (Bruemmer) Jauert on the family farm in Mound Township of Rock County. She attended District 59 Country School and graduated from Luverne High School in 1945. Elda furthered her education and graduated from Airline Reservation School in Minneapolis. In 1947 Elda and her family moved to Luverne Township of Rock County. Elda worked as a bookkeeper for Van for a short time. She then continued her career as a bookkeeper at Creeger's, where she worked for 50 years.

On Jan. 4, 1960, Elda married Joseph Trisko at St. Magellan Church in Inglewood, California, and the couple then moved to Luverne. Joe

died on Jan. 9, 2007.

Elda was a lifetime member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, where she sang in the choir for 70 years. She was a member of the Luverne Country Club and enjoyed golfing until she was over 85 years old. Elda's love for bowling began in high school and continued throughout her life. She had a passion for traveling and treasured the time spent with her family in various parts of the country. Some of her favorite vacation destinations were the Bahamas, Canada, Alaska and New York City.

Elda is survived by her sisters, Ardoth (Vern) Kraetsch, Windom, and Marilyn (James) Wright, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; her parents; siblings Russell, Roger, DeLores (Jack) Schafer, and Marlys (George) Babcock; and nephews Ronald, Arlyn and Rick Jauert, and Jim Schafer.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Charles Brown

Dr. Charles T. Brown Jr., 85, Afton, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, surrounded by his loved ones after a fall resulting in a subdural hematoma.

A celebration of life will be at the Willwerscheid Funeral Home, 1167 Grand Ave, St. Paul, on Saturday, Dec. 9, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a remembrance service at 1 p.m. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Charles Brown was born in 1932 in Luverne. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School, completed residency at the Mayo Clinic, and practiced obstetrics/gynecology in St. Paul for over 40 years.

Charlie loved the outdoors,

whether enjoying his yard, traveling, bicycling, skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, scuba diving, or racing his Porsche.

He is survived by his friend Joan Roe; his children Charles III, Paula Pearl (Paul), Alisa, Megan (Paul), Matthew, and Andrew

(Sarah); four grandchildren, Erik, Scott, Jason and Ali; and brothers Richard and Stephen.

Memorials are preferred to the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra or Ullr Foundation of the Ullr Ski, Bike and Social Club.

Arrangements are provided by Willwerscheid Funeral Home of St. Paul, www.willwerscheid.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Franklin LaBadie

Franklin Orlando LaBadie, 88, Beaver Creek, formerly of South Holland, Illinois, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at his home.

A funeral service will be at a later date in South Holland. Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit dingmannandsons.com.

(1207 DN)

Daryl Nazarenus

Daryl Nazarenus, 95, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit dingmannandsons.com.

(1207 DN)



Foundation awards nearly \$30,000 in fall grants to local charities

The Luverne Area Community Foundation has announced its 2017 fall grant awards totaling \$29,504.

Health care grants were awarded to:

- Sanford Luverne Medical Center: \$10,000 for a fluid control system.

- Luverne Backpack Program: \$2800 for food supplies.

- Good Samaritan Society, Mary Jane Brown Home: \$1,273 for a code crash cart.

- Sanford Luverne Hospice: \$250 self-care for professionals workshop.

- Southwest Crisis Center: \$2,000 for social media exploitation education.

- SHARE: \$1,000 for senior citizens meals.

- Luverne Fire Department: \$2,015 AED and neck/backboard supplies.

Community **General**

Grants were awarded to:

- Blue Mound Ice Arena: \$2,160 for new rental skates.

- City of Hills: \$2,500 city softball field improvements.

- Blue Mound Area

Theater: \$4,106 for new stage lighting.

- Luverne Rotary Club: \$500 for Rotary Park Dog Park.

- Big Buddies of Rock County: \$400 big buddies/mentor families holiday gathering.

- ALICE Committee/LPS: \$500 for escape ladders for intruders.

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

- Arts and Humanities.
- Community and Civic Affairs.

- Social and Economic Growth.

- Environment.

- Support Programs for people, youth to senior citizens.

- Health and Wellness.

Non-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within the Luverne Area (Rock County) are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The deadline for 2018 spring cycle is March 30. You can find an application on our website at www.luvacf.org. Questions can be directed to Emily Crabtree, Executive Director LACE, 507-220-2424, or stop in at the office at 102 E Main St. in Luverne.



Mavis Fodness photo/1207 Winter Cheerleading

Luverne students Jacinda Hustoft (left) and Ashlee Boltjes asked school board members at their Nov. 21 meeting to reinstate cheerleading as a winter sport.

Cheerleading request/continued from page 1A

night.

The football season included nine regular season games this fall, according to the Minnesota High School League website. Locally, cheerleaders participated at home as well as away games.

Budget cuts and lack of participation eliminated the winter cheerleading activity

more than a decade ago.

Football cheerleading was kept because of homecoming week activities and the cheerleaders' role in organizing the weeklong event, said activities director Todd Oye.

Eleven students participated in this fall's cheerleading program.

More discussions may take place in response to the students' winter cheerleading request.

"There are a lot of loose ends that we don't know," Boltjes said after the meeting.

Hustoft said she stepped forward with the request to the school board after studying about the First Amendment and the right to petition during a recent government class.

"It's been something everyone has wanted," she said.

A cheerleader's role is to engage spectators in the game by increasing energy levels through routines and engaging chants.

"We are about getting students hyped up and excited (about the game)," Hustoft said.

School audit/from page 1A

The community service fund ended with a deficit of \$12,006. Revenues were at \$493,205 with \$505,211 in expenditures.

Non-compliance issues noted in the report included limited segregation of duties due to the small district staff and Gilman suggested more oversight of payroll records going into the next fiscal year.

In other business, board members:

- approved the hirings of Eileen Siebenahler, two-hour

food service worker; Jeremy Kopp, assistant wrestling coach; Lance Ripka, volunteer wrestling coach; April Wallace, c-squad girls' basketball coach; Jamie Beyer, eighth-grade girls' basketball coach; Adam Hansen, seventh-grade girls' basketball coach; and Paul Erickson, volunteer boys' hockey coach.

- approved a maternity leave request for Cassie Snyders, paraprofessional; and medical leaves for Rod Rosin, custodian, and Elaine Harms, English teacher.

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— Members of the Luitjens family



Lori Sorenson photos/winterfest

Winterfest weekend in Luverne included handmade ornaments at the Hinkly House and photographs with Santa and Mrs. Claus (Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort). Pictured here are Zoey and Emory Zwaan. Jim Juhl and Brenda Winter of Myrhe Studio again donated proceeds from the Santa photos to Rock County SHARE.

Luverne celebrates Winterfest 2017

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's 21st Annual Winterfest weekend was greeted with unseasonably mild weather for the first three days in December.

Temperatures in the 50s made it pleasant for both indoor and outdoor activities.

"It was sort of unbelievable," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "All in all, it was a great weekend."

Highlighting Friday's activities was the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the History Center in downtown Luverne.

While 180 people signed the Center's visitor's book on Friday and Saturday, Historical Society president Betty Mann said about twice as many people didn't sign the book.

Another Friday ribbon-cutting at the Luverne City Park Christmas Fantasy opened the Nutcracker Wonderland to drivers, who were invited to listen to holiday music by tuning to 89.9 FM while viewing the 23 lighted nutcrackers on display. The park will be open through New Year's Day.

The craft show at the elementary school highlighted Saturday's events. Lanphere said attendance was similar to last year at 1,100 people with an increase in vendor space rentals to 94 booths.

Twenty snowmobiles were on display at the Rock County Sno-Masters and the Rusty Nutz Vintage Show and Shine Saturday morning. Some attendees

donned T-shirts for the event at the Howling Dog.

"It was a fairly decent crowd," said organizer Greg Vande Velde. "But with the 50-degree weather it kind of put a damper on the (more winterlike) event."

The annual Hinkly House open house featured handmade ornaments crafted by local artists.

About 20 local band and orchestra musicians accompanied the 30 members of the children's choir and 50 members of the Carnegie Minstrels in performing the cantata, "Breath of Heaven" directed by Jennifer Bakken at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Participants ranged in age from 5 to 87.

The children's choir, under the direction of Gretchen Jepperson and accompanied by Janine Papik, also performed several Christmas songs prior to the cantata.

"The whole cantata was written so beautifully," Papik said. "They're songs we've heard before, but to hear all the voices and instruments and instruments together is awe-inspiring."

Other weekend events included a wine and beer tasting at Blue Mound Liquor, Eagles Club steak fry and cribbage tournament, holiday movie and a puppet show at the Rock County Community Library.

More than 100 children and adults attended puppeteer Jim Oliver's performance of "Santa's Hat."



Lori Sorenson photos/winterfest

4-H Blue Ribbon member Josie Scholten (center) helps Reagan (left) and Alex Gangestad make an ornament at the craft show.



Hinkly House volunteer Shirley Harrison adjusts one of her handmade (from turkey eggs) ornaments Saturday afternoon.



Lori Sorenson photos/1207 winterfest

Erica Lysne (left) and Jan Ewoldt do some shopping in the booth operated by Lisa Pals, Pipestone, at the Winterfest Craft Show in the Luverne Elementary School. Pictured in the middle photo at right, Hinkly House volunteers Gloria Nelson and Patti Nelson (right) help Linda Bakken (left) with a cup of coffee during the historic Hinkly House open house Saturday afternoon.



Mavis Fodness photos/1207 Library
Lisa Hoftiezer claps with 4-year-old Korie Schomacker at the end of the puppet performance. At left, Children's Librarian Bronwyn Wenzel helps Santa with candy canes. Below is a handmade ornament at the Hinkly House.



Lori Sorenson photos/1207 winterfest

Above, Julia Ferguson (left) gets a hug from Philo, Luverne's nutcracker mascot, at the Craft Show. Luverne High School foreign exchange student Arvie Airiano wore the costume that day. Below, Cole Stoltenberg is a "walking poster" for the Sons and Daughters of Job, a new youth group starting through the Luverne Masons, the Ben Franklin Lodge.



Surprising Cardinals race to first 3-0 start since 2006-07

By John Rittenhouse

A surprising Luverne girls' basketball team opened the season by reeling off three consecutive victories. The Cardinals registered home wins over Edgerton and Hendricks Nov. 28 and Thursday respectively before upending Fairmont during the Big South Conference Showcase in Worthington Saturday. Luverne entertains Southwest Christian Thursday.

LHS 63, Fairmont 55

The Cardinals overcame an early deficit to best Fairmont during Saturday's BSC Showcase game in Worthington. After surrendering the first seven points of the game, LHS rallied the rest of the first half to sport a 28-22 advantage at the intermission. The Cards led by as many as 13 points in the second half before prevailing by eight points at game's end. Sierra Schmuck (19 points, six rebounds and three assists), Gabrielle Ferrell (14 points) and Mackenzie Petersen (12 points and six rebounds) played key roles in the win. Jady Anderson led the Cards with seven rebounds and three steals, while Joci Oye passed for a team-high five assists.

Box score
Schmuck 5 1 6-7 19, Oye 1 1 1-2 6, Anderson 0 0 4-8 4, Thorson 1 1 0-2 5, Oftedahl 1 0 0-0 2, Sweeney 0 0 1-2 1, Petersen 4 0 4-4 12, Ferrell 4 1 3-3 14.

Team statistics
Luverne: 20 of 51 field goals (39 percent), 19 of 28 free throws (68 percent), 28 rebounds, three turnovers.

LHS 39, Hendricks 35

The Cardinals notched their second consecutive win after pulling out a four-point home victory over the Grizzlies Thursday. LHS, which led most of the game, sported a 10-point



John Rittenhouse photo/1207 lhs gb 4
Luverne guard Mackenzie Petersen collects a rebound in front of Hendricks' Sophie Johnson during Thursday's game in Luverne. The Cards hit three late free throws to secure a 39-35 win.

advantage (36-26) when Schmuck canned a three-point shot with 5:23 left to play. Hendricks, however responded to the challenge.

The Grizzlies reeled off nine consecutive points to trim the difference to one (36-35) with 1:07 remaining. Luverne thwarted the chal-

lenge by canning some clutch free throws in the final minute. Petersen drained one char-

Race/continued on page 3B



John Rittenhouse photo/1207 lbh 10
Sophomore Colby Crabtree advances the puck into the offensive zone during a 15-0 home win over Fairmont Nov. 28.

Boys best BSC foes

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team opened the 2017-18 season by posting a pair of home wins last week. The Cardinals cruised to a 15-goal victory over Fairmont in their debut Nov. 28 before besting Minnesota River by four goals Friday. Luverne, 2-0 overall, skates in Redwood Falls Thursday.

Luverne 5, MR 1

The Cardinals posted their second consecutive win when they topped the Bulldogs by four goals at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday. In a game that included 19 penalties between the teams combined, Luverne used a four-goal run late in the contest to settle the issue. Minnesota River's Tyson Sowder scored 51 seconds

into the second period to knot the score at one, but the Bulldogs didn't seem to gain any momentum from registering the tally. Luverne regained the lead before the second period was complete and scored three times in the third period to put the game away. Kasyn Kruse, who scored four of Luverne's five goals, netted a short-handed tally with 14:42 remaining in the second period to give the Cards a 2-1 edge. Kruse completed a hat trick with a power-play goal at the 9:39 mark of the third period, and the score was 4-1 when Gaike Nath added a goal with 4:16 remaining. Kruse capped his four-goal effort with a power-play tally

Boys/continued on page 3B

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team compiled a 2-0-1 record during the second week of the season. The Cardinals posted a home win over Fairmont Nov. 28 before skating to a draw in Windom Thursday. Luverne completed the stretch by nipping Mankato West in overtime in Luverne Thursday. The 5-2-1 Cardinals host Waseca Saturday.

Luverne 3, MW 2

Luverne's second consecutive overtime game had a better ending when the Cardinals edged the Scarlets at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Saturday. The Cardinals squandered a 2-1 edge in the final minute of regulation play, but they made up for it early in the overtime session. Claire Baustian's second unassisted goal of the game came 1:54 into the overtime session, giving the Cards a one-goal victory over MW. All three of Luverne's goals in the game proved to be of the unassisted variety, including Baustian's tally 4:19 into the first period that gave the Cards a 1-0 edge they would take into the third period. MW's Lindsey Hays tied the game at one 4:02 into the third stanza, but Reghan Bork countered for Luverne with a power-play tally that gave the Cards a 2-1 edge with 1:45 remaining. The Scarlets, however, forced overtime when Sydney Morales scored with 21 seconds left in regulation play. MW sported a commanding 55-26 advantage in shots on goal in the contest. Emilie Bartels made 53 saves in goal.

LHS 1, Windom 1

The Cardinals were unable to keep their run of wins going when they squared off



John Rittenhouse photo/1207 lhs gh 2
Luverne senior goalie Emilie Bartels registers one of her 22 saves during a shutout victory over Fairmont at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Nov. 28. The Cards skated to a 6-0 win.

against the Eagles in Windom Thursday. LHS sported a commanding 39-24 advantage in shots on goal in the game, but the Cards were limited to one goal in a game that ended in a draw. The teams skated through two scoreless periods before Windom broke through with a goal from Molly Boyum 8:04 into the third period. Luverne evened the score when Rozilyn Oye stole a pass and netted an unassisted goal with 4:28 remaining in regulation play. Both teams registered six shots on goal during the eight-minute overtime session. Bartels stopped 23 of the 24 shots she faced in goal for

LHS gym team opens season with victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal gymnastics team opened the 2017-18 season by posting a road win Friday in St. James. With sophomore Meghan Witte leading the way, Luverne walked away with a 115.75-95.3 victory. Witte, who won all four of the individual events, claimed the all-around championship with 33.25 points. Witte took top honors on the bars (7.95), floor (8.6), beam (7.95) and vault (8.75). Anna Huisman placed in all four events led by second-place efforts on the bars (6.5) and beam (6.825). Huisman also placed fourth on the floor (7.3) and vault (7.8).



Witte

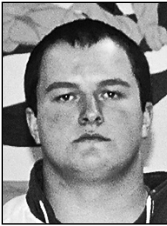
Senior Samantha Pierce finished second on the floor with a 7.6 and third on the beam and vault with respective 6.75 and 7.95 efforts. Luverne's Melissa Teal placed second on the vault and third on the bars with 8.4 and 5.025 scores, while Meghan Mollberg finished third on the floor with a 7.35. The Cardinals compete at the St. James Invitational Saturday.

Individual scores
Bars: Witte, 7.95; Huisman, 6.5; Teal, 5.025; Madigan, 4.65; Pierce, 4.5.
Floor: Witte, 8.6; Pierce, 7.6; Mollberg, 7.35; Huisman, 7.3; Flom, 7.0.
Beam: Witte, 7.95; Huisman, 6.825; Pierce, 6.75; Mollberg, 6.35; Flom, 6.325.
Vault: Witte, 8.75; Teal, 8.4; Pierce, 7.95; Huisman, 7.8; Mollberg, 7.55.

Edwards captures title for Adrian's wrestlers

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team opened the season by competing at the Top of the Rock Tournament Saturday in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. Competing in a nine-team field led by the host school (164.5 points), Adrian finished seventh with 93 points.



Edwards

Two Dragon athletes reached the championship matches in their weight classes, and one of them took home the title. Scot Edwards emerged as the heavyweight champion after pinning both of the opponents he faced. Edwards covered Bon Homme's Michael Lange in 23 seconds in the semifinals before pinning DR's Nick Palmer in

21 seconds during the title tilt. Logan Taylor placed second with a 1-1 record at 113 pounds. Taylor pinned DR's Sage Ottoson in 3:25 during the semifinals before falling 10-4 to DR's Canyon Lowman in the finals. Adrian's Jesus Anaya placed third with a 3-1 record at 106, while Preston Nelson placed fourth at 138 with a 4-1 mark. Competing without placing were Quentin Wolf (0-2 at 113), Dominiq Canales (1-2 at 126), Logan Sherer (2-2 at 132), Brent Hokeness (3-2 at 132), Axel Martinez (0-2 at 138), Chandler Combs (1-2 at 145), Jaime Castenada (1-2 at 152), Corbin Burcham (0-2 at 160), Max Lehmann (0-2 at 170) and Beau Bullerman (0-2 at 182).

Panther girls open year with 53-37 victory

By John Rittenhouse
The Ellsworth girls' basketball team opened the 2017-18 season in style Friday in Ellsworth.
Ellsworth, which was limited to two victories last winter, collected a win in its debut against Heron Lake-Okabena.
The Panthers outscored the Wildcats in both halves of the game to notch a 53-37 victory.
EHS sported a 23-20 edge after 18 minutes of play before settling the issue in the second half, when the Panthers out-scored HL-O 30-17 to prevail by 16 points.
Devin Dreesen (17 points,

nine rebounds and three as-sists), Sierra Smith (11 points and 10 rebounds) and Ashlyn Meester (10 points, four steals and four assists) paved the way to victory for EHS.
Kallie Chapa added nine rebounds and four assists to the winning cause.
The 1-0 Panthers play in Westbrook Thursday.

Box score
Meester 1 1 5-7 10, K.Chapa 0 2 2-2 8, L.Chapa 0 1 2-2 5, Domeyer 1 0 0-0 2, Dreesen 7 1 0-1 17, Smith 4 1 0-3 11.
Team statistics
Ellsworth: 19 of 58 field goals (33 percent), nine of 15 free throws (60 percent), 40 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Wrestlers place fifth

By John Rittenhouse
Luverne Cardinal wrestlers made their 2017-18 debut at the Flandreau, South Dakota, Booster's Club Invitational Saturday.
Mixing it up in a field of nine teams, LHS compiled 92 points to place fifth.
Madison, South Dakota, captured the team title with 209 points.
A pair of Cardinals placed second in their respective weight classes to provide the highlights of the event for LHS.
Hunter Baker went 2-1 and finished second at 120, while Tom Brown placed second at 170 with a 1-1 mark.
Baker registered pins over Flandreau's Tanner Christensen (30 seconds) and unattached entry Jess Englert (26

seconds) to reach the finals, where he came up on the short end of a 6-4 decision against Elk Point-Jefferson's Zak Fowler.
Brown pinned Madison's Spencer Monroe in 3:39 before being pinned in 51 seconds by Howard's Mitch Kramer in the finals.
Riley Cowell (3-1 at 106), Jed Dooyema (3-1 at 152) and Jayden Renken (2-1 at 160) placed third for the Cards, while Zach Bradley went 2-2 and placed fourth at 126.
Competing without placing for LHS were Brayden Ripka (1-2 at 113), Chris Rosin (0-2 at 132) and Dalton DeSollar (0-2 at 145).
The Cardinals wrestle at the Worthington Triangular Thursday.

Eagles spoil Luverne's 2017-18 basketball debut Friday night

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Cardinal boys' basketball team drew a tough assignment to open the 2017-18 season Friday in Luverne.
The Cardinals entertained Class A power Southwest Christian in a non-conference clash.
The visiting Eagles stole the show by outscoring LHS in both halves of an 87-65 victory without trailing the entire night.
SWC scored the game's first five points and led 14-2 at the 14:11 mark of the first half.
Luverne trimmed the difference to six points (14-8) when Brayden Jacobsma converted a field goal at 11:24, but the Eagles fought off the challenge and extended their lead to 12 points (27-15) for the second time with 7:23 remaining.
Carter Stemper canned a three-point shot at 4:22 to make it a 30-22 difference, but the Eagles went on a 13-5 run to end the half and sport a 43-27 lead at the intermission.
The Cardinals were unable to cut into SWC's lead in the second half.
The teams exchanged baskets in the early stages of the stanza, but the Eagles gradually padded the lead to 26 points (71-45) with 9:40 left to play.
Luverne closed the margin to 17 points (74-57) when Andrew Bierman canned a three with 5:21 left to play.
SWC bounced back to out-



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Luverne junior guard Brayden Jacobsma releases a one-handed shot in the paint during Friday's 2017-18 basketball season debut against Southwest Christian in Luverne.

score LHS 13-8 the rest of the night to win by 22 points.
Senior post Eli Haugom led the Cardinals with 19 points and five rebounds, while Stemper chipped in 10 points.
Jacobsma (four assists and four steals) and Mikel Terry

(three assists) also turned in productive games for the Cards.
Luverne plays New Ulm in St. Peter Saturday.

Box score
Robinson 0 1 0-0 3, Cowell 0 0 0-0 0, Lundgren 1 0 5-7, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 4 0 1-2 9, Terry 3 0 0-0 6, Jacobsma 4 0 0-0 8, Stemper 2 2 0-0 10, Golla 0 0 0-1 0, Bierman 0 1 0-0 3, Pradena 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 9 0 1-1 19.
Team statistics
Luverne: 27 of 58 field goals (47 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 20 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
SWC: 33 of 55 field goals (60 percent), 10 of 15 free throws (67 percent).



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Luverne senior Declan Beers scored a pair of goals during the home opener Nov. 28.

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that came with 3:12 left in the game.
Kruse also scored Luverne's first goal with 1:28 remaining in the first period.
Daniel Tofteland made 21 saves in goal for an LHS squad that sported a 47-23 advantage in shots on goal.
Ben Serie, Trey Roberts and Mark Sterrett charted one assist each for the winners.

LHS 15, Fairmont 0
The Cardinals got off to a rousing start to the 2017-18 season by rolling to a 15-goal home victory over Fairmont Nov. 28.
Luverne scored at least four goals in every period and out-shot the visitors 61-8 during a lopsided victory.

Kruse and Tyler Roberts led the offensive charge by scoring four and three goals respectively, while Serie and Declan Beers netted two goals each.
Tofteland turned in an eight-save shutout in the net for the winners.
Luverne opened a 3-0 lead with goals from Kruse, Serie and Nick Harder in a span of 1:07 in the first 1:45 of the game.
Kruse, Roberts and Beers scored one goal each in a span of 47 seconds later in the first period to make it 6-0.
Beers registered a short-handed goal, Kruse completed his hat trick and Nath found the net in the first 3:40 of the second period to up the lead to 9-0.
Serie added an unassisted

tally with 4:41 left in the stanza to give the Cards a 10-goal cushion heading into the final period.
Roberts and Skylar Dingmann recorded unassisted tallies, and Kruse capped his four-goal effort 7:40 into the final period as the Cards upped the lead to 13-0.
Roberts completed his hat trick with 3:50 left to play before Brogan Hart capped the scoring with one minute remaining.
Serie led the Cards with three assists, while Harder, Sterrett and Trey Roberts chipped in two assists each.
Tyler Reisdorfer, Nath, Kruse, Cade Ver Steeg and Jonathan Stearns charted one assist each.

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ity shot with 51.4 seconds remaining and Oye made two more with 10.7 left to seal the win for LHS.
The game's first half was equally competitive.
Hendricks scored the first three points of the game before Luverne countered with a 7-0 run ending with a three from Schmuck at the 14:35 mark to give the Cards a four-point cushion.
Luverne led by six (18-12) when Schmuck converted a three-point play with 3:42 remaining, but the Grizzlies trimmed the difference to three points (21-18) before the stanza was complete.
Schmuck (14 points), Petersen (12 points) and Oye (10 points) led LHS offensively.
Mallory Thorson (six rebounds, four steals and three

assists), Rachel Oftedahl (eight rebounds), Gabrielle Ferrell (five rebounds) and Anderson (three steals) made key contributions to the winning effort as well.

Box score
Schmuck 2 3 1-1 14, Oye 4 0 2-4 10, Anderson 0 0 1-2 1, Thorson 0 0 0-0 0, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 4 1 1-2 12, Ferrell 1 0 0-0 2.
Team statistics
Luverne: 15 of 40 field goals (38 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 34 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
Henricks: 11 of 28 field goals (39 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 20 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

LHS 53, Edgerton 35
The Cardinals turned a strong first half into a season-opening victory when they took on the Flying Dutchmen in Luverne Nov. 28.
LHS burned the nets for 37 points in the first half to open a

commanding 19-point (37-18) advantage.
Edgerton managed to sport a 17-16 scoring edge in the final 18 minutes of play, but it wasn't enough to keep the Cards from winning by 18 points.
Oye (13 points, six rebounds and four assists) and Petersen (12 points) led LHS on the offensive end of the court.
Schmuck and Ferrell added six rebounds each to the winning effort.
Box score
Schmuck 2 0 5-6 9, Oye 3 2 1-2 13, Anderson 2 1 0-0 7, Thorson 0 1 0-0 3, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 1 0 1-2 3, Petersen 4 1 1-1 12, Ferrell 0 2 0-0 6.
Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 50 field goals (38 percent), eight of 11 free throws (73 percent), 33 rebounds, five turnovers.
Edgerton: 14 of 27 field goals (52 percent), four of eight free throws (50 percent), 24 rebounds, six turnovers.

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Cards draw attention with strong start

It's way too early to celebrate, but the Luverne Cardinal girls' basketball team has captured my attention by reeling off three consecutive victories in a five-day span to open the season.

The three-game run will be difficult to extend with Class A power Southwest Christian paying a visit to LHS Thursday, but the scrappy Cards deserve some credit for what they accomplished last week.

They've already matched their longest run of victories from last season, and two of the wins came against teams they were unable to defeat in prior meetings.

According to coach T.J. Newgard, the Cards played well during an 18-point home win over Edgerton Nov. 28.

Newgard said Edgerton is a well-coached squad that upended LHS last winter, but the Cards gained some separation with a 10-minute run in the first half and maintained it in the second half to secure a comfortable conquest.

The Cardinals were not sharp during last Thursday's home game against visiting Hendricks, which implemented a 2-3 zone that LHS was unable to solve.

"They were sitting in a zone and we were not hitting our outside shots, and that's what can happen in a game like that," Newgard said.

The Grizzlies took advantage of Luverne's shooting inconsistency by slicing a 10-point deficit with less than six minutes remaining down to one point late in the game, but the Cards hit three clutch free throws in the final minute to seal a four-point win.

The Cards saved their best effort for Saturday's Big South Conference Showcase game in



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Worthington.

LHS didn't play Fairmont last season, but they did lose a pair of games to FHS late in the 2015-16 season.

The situation didn't look good for the Cards when they fell behind 7-0 against a much taller Fairmont team that started four players 6-0 or taller.

Luverne, however, took advantage of its athleticism to outscore FHS 63-48 the rest of the game to secure an eight-point victory.

"Sierra (Schmuck) hit a three to get us going. After that, we started running on them after getting rebounds and they were gassed," Newgard said.

"That was the best win we've had since I've been coaching here. I can't think of a bigger win, or a more unexpected win, in my four years as a coach."

How the rest of the season plays out remains to be seen, but the Cardinals are off to their best start since the 2006-07 season.

I have a hunch there will be more good times to come for an LHS squad that posted 10 victories last winter.

"I got to see a lot of the teams in our section play in Worthington Saturday, and I think we match up with most of them pretty well," Newgard said.

"Tracy-Milroy-Balaton is by far the best team in our section, but the rest of the teams are pretty even. We could lose to every section team we play, but we could beat those teams, too. I wouldn't be surprised if we get to 15 wins this season. Then again, I wouldn't be surprised if we only won 10 games."

Panthers fall to LQPV in Madison Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team opened the 2017-18 campaign by challenging Lac qui Parle Valley in Madison Saturday.

The Panthers played with the Cardinals for most of the first half before falling behind 41-30 at the break.

LQPV doubled Ellsworth's scoring output (40-20) in the second half to prevail 81-50 at game's end.

Grant Jansma led the Panthers with 19 points and three assists in the game.

Brandon Kramer and Noah Kruse pulled down 15 and eight rebounds respectively.

Box score
Kruise 2 0 2-3 6, S.Boltjes 1 0 0-2 2, K.Boltjes 0 1 0-0 3, Jansma 0 5 4-6 19, S.Kramer 0 0 0-1 0, Boyenga 2 0 0-0 4, B.Kramer 4 0 0-0 8, Buntjer 4 0 1-2 9.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 19 of 63 field goals (30 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent), 38 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

BOWLING NEWS

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Team High Handicap Game: Those Guys 668; Rock Stars 651.

Team High Handicap Series: Rock Stars 1905; Those Guys 1877.



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Hills-Beaver Creek freshman guard Abby Knobloch pressures West Lyon's Jordyn Kramer during Saturday's girls' basketball game in Hills. Knobloch netted five points and charted three assists during a 65-55 loss.

H-BC girls drop two of three games

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team went 1-2 during a stretch of playing three games in five days to open the season.

H-BC posted a victory in Tyler Dec. 28 before dropping home games to Southwest Christian and West Lyon Friday and Saturday respectively.

H-BC plays in Fulda Friday.

when Abby Knobloch buried a three-point shot at the 6:15 mark, but the Wildcats countered with a 12-0 run to sport a 30-15 cushion.

H-BC closed the half with a 6-2 spurt ending with a three-point shot from Amber Bos to trail 32-21 at the intermission.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 15 points (36-21) 1:29 into the second half, but the pesky Patriots wouldn't relent.

H-BC kept chipping away at WL's lead over the next 14 minutes and trailed by two (57-55) when Sidney Fick converted a field goal with 2:42 remaining.

WL settled the issue by putting together an 8-0 run in the final minutes to seal a 10-point victory.

0-1 5, S.Fick 5 0 1-3 11, Rauk 4 1 0-0 11, Gehrke 0 1 0-0 3, Rozeboom 9 0 1-8 19.

Team statistics
H-BC: 24 of 52 field goals (46 percent), two of 15 free throws (13 percent), 24 rebounds, 21 turnovers.
WL: 17 of 47 field goals (36 percent), 28 of 31 free throws (90 percent), 26 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Knobloch charted three steals for H-BC.

Box score
S.Fick 6 2 5-5 23, Bundesen 1 0 5-7 7, Rauk 2 0 0-2 4, Rozeboom 4 0 3-9 11, Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, K.Fick 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 15 of 45 field goals (33 percent), 13 of 23 free throws (57 percent), 37 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
SWC: 23 of 64 field goals (36 percent), four of nine free throws (44 percent).

SWC 57, H-BC 45

The Patriots took their first setback of the season when they took on the E-Gals in Hills Friday.

In what was the home and conference debut for H-BC, the Patriots slipped into a hole early and couldn't recover in what ended as a 57-45 loss to the E-Gals.

SWC, the defending Section 3A champion, raced to a 30-15 lead in the first half.

H-BC did rally to trim the difference to six points with less than eight minutes remaining in the game, but the E-Gals thwarted the challenge to prevail by 12 points at game's end.

Fick (23 points, seven rebounds and three steals) and Rozeboom (11 points and nine rebounds) played big games for the Patriots.

H-BC 70, R-T-R 53

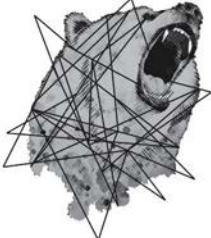
The Patriots experienced a successful season debut by posting a victory in Tyler Nov. 28.

Cashing in on 62 percent of their shots from the field, the Patriots outscored the Knights in both halves of the game.

The Patriots led by six points (35-29) after 18 minutes of play before outscoring R-T-R 35-24 in the second half to prevail by 17 points.

Rozeboom led the Patriots with 24 points and seven rebounds, while Fick (18 points and three assists), Knobloch

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West Lyon Wildcats play Patriot boys in Hills Saturday



Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore forward Jax Wysong drives past West Lyon's Malachi Van Wyhe during Saturday's season-opening basketball game in Hills. The visiting Wildcats pulled away in the second half to secure an 88-50 win.

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys ran into an Iowa powerhouse when they opened the 2017-18 season Saturday in Hills.
West Lyon, which is considered to be one of the top teams in its class in Iowa, made the short trip from nearby Larchwood to challenge the Patriots.
H-BC played with the Wildcats for a better part of the first half, but WL pulled away in the second half to secure an 88-50 victory.
The score was tied at two early in the first half when the Wildcats reeled off seven consecutive points to gain a 9-2 cushion 1:59 into the game.
H-BC countered with a 16-6 run ending with a three-point shot from Preston Wilhelmi to move in front 18-15 with nine minutes remaining in the first half, but the Patriots couldn't protect the lead as WL reeled off 10 consecutive points to gain a 25-18 advantage.
The Patriots trimmed the difference to two points (30-28) when Josh Kueter drained a three-point shot with 3:04 left.
The Wildcats, however, outscored H-BC 17-3 the rest of

the half to sport a 47-31 cushion at the intermission.
H-BC did score the first two points of the second half to make it 47-33, but that proved to be as close as the Patriots would come to catching WL.
Leading 58-43 with 12:36 remaining, the Wildcats embarked on a 16-0 run over the next 6:03 to open a 31-point (74-43) advantage before winning by 38 at game's end.
Wilhelmi canned five three-point shots and led the Patriots with 21 points.
Kueter and Jax Wysong blocked five and four shots respectively, while Dawson Leenderts registered three assists.
H-BC plays in Edgerton Dec. 12.

Box score
Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Jess 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 1 1 0-0 5, Westrum 2 0 0-0 4, Wilhelmi 3 5 0-0 21, Bork 1 0 0-0 2, Kueter 1 1 0-0 5, Hellerud 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 2 0-1 6, Susie 0 0 2-2 2, Wysong 1 0 3-6 5.

Team statistics
H-BC: 18 of 50 field goals (36 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 29 turnovers.
WL: 34 of 74 field goals (46 percent), 15 of 30 free throws (50 percent), 12 turnovers.



Hills-Beaver Creek senior Megan Gehrke releases a shot during Saturday's home loss to West Lyon.

AHS girls take pair of lumps to start season

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian girls' basketball team experienced a rough start to the 2017-18 season after dropping a pair of home games over the weekend.
The Dragons fell by 10 points to Mountain Lake Area Friday before taking a 13-point setback from Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Saturday.
Adrian hosts Ellsworth Thursday.
R-T-R 71, Adrian 58
The Dragons fell behind early and couldn't come back when they entertained the Knights in Adrian Saturday.
R-T-R got off to a strong start by outscoring the Dragons 39-26 in the first half.
Adrian did battle the Knights to a draw at 32 in the second half, but the Dragons couldn't overcome the 47 turnovers they compiled during the contest.
Paige Bullerman scored 19 points, grabbed five rebounds and charted four steals for AHS.
Bailey Lonneman (five rebounds), Alexia Kemper (four assists) and Kaitlyn Christians (three steals) turned in productive outings as well.

Box score
Adrian: 19 of 41 field goals (46 percent), 19 of 31 free throws (61 percent), 20 rebounds, 47 turnovers.
R-T-R: 24 of 44 field goals (55 percent), 23 of 38 free throws (61 percent), 21 rebounds, 39 turnovers.

win handily.
Paige Bullerman turned in an 18-point, eight-rebound effort for the Dragons, while Hannah Bullerman netted 10 points and passed for five assists.
Lexi Slater and Lonneman collected seven and five rebounds respectively, while Christians added four assists to the cause.
Box score
Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, H.Bullerman 2 2 0-0 10, M.Bullerman 1 1 0-0 5, Balster 0 0 0-0 0, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 1 0 0-0 2, Slater 0 0 1-2 1, P.Bullerman 9 0 0-0 18.

Team statistics
Adrian: 17 of 50 field goals (34 percent), one of two free throws (50 percent), 31 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
MLA: 15 of 47 field goals (32 percent), 16 of 27 free throws (59 percent), 25 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

WINTER STANDINGS		
BSC girls' hockey		
New Ulm	3-0	Fairmont 0-2
Waseca	1-0	
Windom	1-0-1	BSC West boys' hoops
Luverne	2-1-1	Windom 1-0
Marshall	1-1	Marshall 0-0
Minnesota River	1-2	JCC 0-0
Fairmont	0-2	Pipestone 0-0
Worthington	0-3	RWV 0-0
		Luverne 0-0
		Worthington 0-1
BSC boys' hockey		
Luverne	2-0	BSC West girls' hoops
Marshall	1-0	Worthington 1-0
Waseca	1-0	Pipestone 1-0
New Ulm	0-0	Marshall 0-0
RWV	1-1	Luverne 0-0
Windom	1-1	JCC 0-0
Worthington	1-1	RWV 0-1
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(11 points) and Rauk (10 points) also played big games for the winners.
Madison Spath added five rebounds to H-BC's cause.

Box score
Tilstra 0 0 1-2 1, Spath 1 0 1-2 3, Knobloch 3 0 5-10 11, Fick 5 1 5-6 18, Swan 0

0 0-0 0, Rauk 4 0 2-6 10, Gehrke 0 1 0-0 3, Elbers 0 0 0-2 0, Rozeboom 9 0 6-24.

Team statistics
H-BC: 24 of 39 field goals (62 percent), 20 of 37 free throws (54 percent), 25 rebounds, 33 turnovers.
R-T-R: 17 of 46 field goals (37 percent), 17 of 37 free throws (46 percent), 23 rebounds, 25 turnovers.

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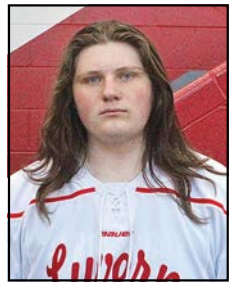
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WINTER SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Maddie Dinger
Sport: Hockey
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Parents: Dave & Jessica VanBatavia
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Brogan Hart
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Parents: Dave & Julie Haugom
Favorite Subject: History
Extra Curricular Activities: Basketball, track
Future Plans: Attend college, find a career in GIS.





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Star Herald CHURCH

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Dec. 7: 2 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home birthday party. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine Vigil Mass. 7 p.m. St. Mary Vigil Mass. Friday, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Parkview Manor Mass. Saturday, Dec. 9: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 10: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine FC. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 5:15 p.m. Second grade parents meeting. Thursday, Dec. 14: Noon-3 p.m. Fun Day Potluck. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Mass.

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 7: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:15 Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 7: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 1:30 p.m. Endowment Meeting. Friday, Dec. 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 10: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Christmas Program. No Sunday School. 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship and treats. Deadline to return Giving Tree Gifts. Monday, Dec. 11: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Executive Board Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Confirmation grades 6-9; Chancel Choir rehearsal. 8 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, Dec. 14: 2 p.m. GLCW Christmas Program.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Dec. 4: ES Pastors Meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. Thursday, Dec. 14: Noon Ladies Aid Christmas Party.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Dec. 8: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Dec. 9: 9 a.m. Christmas Program practice for grades K-5. 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission. Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Noon Rebecca Circle. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Dec. 14: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Dec. 9: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service with Communion. 11:30 p.m. Elzora Ott's birthday cake after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Tuff Home. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 6:30 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Dec. 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Dec. 12: Home Communion. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 11 a.m. Rebekah Circle at Pizza Ranch. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session. Thursday, Dec. 14: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Ministerial Association at Christian Reformed Church. 11:45 a.m. Women's Society Christmas Luncheon. Saturday, Dec. 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 4 p.m. Youth Caroling at Mary Jane Brown Home. Monday, Dec. 11: 1:45 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. 1:15 p.m. Communion at Ellsworth. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Hills. 6 p.m. Mom's Night Out; Missionary Guild Christmas party. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Worship. 6:40 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; KFC/Catechism; High School Bible Study. Thursday, Dec. 14: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, Dec. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 8: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. 11:30 a.m. Choir practice. Monday, Dec. 11: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 6 p.m. Advent service. Lunch to follow. 6:45 p.m. Choir practice. 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Dec. 14: 3:30 p.m. Worship service 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
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata during Worship Service. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, Dec. 11: 7 p.m. Church Council budget planning meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firspres@gmail.com
Worship Leader Michael Blank
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel; Sunday School Christmas Program practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Dec. 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Grades 8-9 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Church Council.

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

Jesus is Rest of Highway

“A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.” (Isaiah 40:3, 5)

Advent and Christmas time are upon us again! Is there anyone who sees it as a restful time? With the holiday program at our child's school, the company Christmas party, the decorating and cooking, and of course, the shopping for the perfect gift, our pace is hectic. By the time Christmas Day arrives, we are breathless. That's ironic, since Christmas is the way to rest, perfect rest, as God purposed it.

A long time ago God sent a special messenger to remind the people of Israel that Christmas is the way to perfect rest. The messenger's name was John the Baptizer. He lived in the Judean desert, dined on odd holiday fare (locusts and wild honey), and spent his time preaching about Christmas rest. The Bible describes him, “A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.”

Considering that we run ourselves breathless, going this way and that, and making little headway in this wilderness, John's preaching is timely. He preached about the way that brings rest, which he called “a highway for our God.” He said that this way would be revealed for all mankind to see, and it was this: God's eternal Son was born into the world from the Virgin Mary as the sinless man Jesus Christ. Jesus had come to save all people from their sins, and by doing so, He provided the way of perfect rest. John also preached that to catch one's breath on the “Jesus highway” one needed to prepare.

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By Rev. Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

an already hectic schedule. He was talking about the inner preparation of the heart. John preached about confessing our sinfulness to God (repenting) and trusting in Jesus. He also preached how this happens, and it is not through our personal willpower to reprioritize. Rather, he said that God gives these gifts to our heart through Scripture and baptism for salvation.

Since God promises to work in our heart through these blessed means of grace, it reminds us of something essential. Before we begin each new week's rat race, we need to pull off at God's rest stop, the church. There we will hear during Advent and Christmas that Jesus is the highway to heaven, and that this is not a hectic expressway of personal achievements, but a way of perfect rest.

Jesus Christ came into the world to do for us what we could not do for ourselves: he lived a life of perfect devotion to his heavenly Father, and then at 33 years old, he gave his holy life over to the punishment and death on the cross to forgive all sin. This forgiveness is God's perfect rest for our conscience that is disturbed at times and reminded of our past sins. Best of all, His peace and forgiveness promise at the finish of our earthly race the eternal rest stop called heaven. All by God's grace through faith in our Lord Jesus.

Come to God's House for special services as we “prepare the way for the Lord... make His paths straight.” A blessed Advent and Christmas to you!

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.

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2. Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
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Please return your colored entry to the Star Herald office rolled or flat - DO NOT FOLD.



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AGE _____

PARENTS' NAME(S) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04

Form 60.2.1 (2009)

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

DATE: November 20, 2017.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: June 29, 2012.
2. Mortgagors: Randy W. Perkins
3. Mortgagee: Minnwest Bank Luverne
4. Recording Information: Recorded on July 2, 2012, as Document Number 179516, in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 20-1650-000
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Block Twelve (12) in Warren and Kniss' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ☐

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 202 West Main Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:
☐ is a transaction agent as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is/are Not applicable.
The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is Not applicable.
☒ is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Minnwest Bank Luverne.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is not applicable.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$40,000.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$26,753.16.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on July 4, 2018.

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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgage
or Mortgage Assignee:

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE

/s/ Greg J. Bucher
Greg J. Bucher
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.
300 South O'Connell Street
Marshall, MN 56258
Telephone: (507) 537-0591
Attorney Reg. No: 299601

(11-22, 11-30, 12-07, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04

Form 60.2.1 (2009)

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

DATE: November 20, 2017.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: July 30, 2014.
2. Mortgagors: Randy Perkins and Stefanie L. Sanden, husband and wife
3. Mortgagee: Minnwest Bank Luverne
4. Recording Information: Recorded on August 11, 2014, as Document Number 184410, in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 20-0887-000
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lot Nine (9) in Block Five (5) in Kniss Park Addition to the Village (now city) of Luverne, Minnesota.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ☐

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 615 Lincoln Street West, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:
☐ is a transaction agent as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is/are Not applicable.
The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is Not applicable.
☒ is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Minnwest Bank Luverne.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is not applicable.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$44,100.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$42,912.21.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal

representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on July 11, 2018.

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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE

/s/ Greg J. Bucher

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DATE: November 20, 2017.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: March 9, 2012.
2. Mortgagors: Randy W. Perkins
3. Mortgagee: Minnwest Bank Luverne
4. Recording Information: Recorded on March 21, 2012, as Document Number 178851, in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 20-1650-000
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Block Twelve (12) in Warren and Kniss' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any.
Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens) ☐
8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 202 West Main Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:
☐ is a transaction agent as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is/are Not applicable.
The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is Not applicable.
☒ is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Minnwest Bank Luverne.
10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is not applicable.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$64,000.00.
13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$57,070.63.
14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.
15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on July 11, 2018.

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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE

/s/ Greg J. Bucher
Greg J. Bucher
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.
300 South O'Connell Street
Marshall, MN 56258
Telephone: (507) 537-0591
Attorney Reg. No: 299601

(11-30, 12-07, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 01-04)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 18

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 conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 24, 2012

MORTGAGOR: Kerry B. Fink, an unmarried man and Tiffany A. Wilson, an unmarried woman.

MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded January 26, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 178453.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated January 24, 2012 Recorded January 26, 2012, as Document No. 178454.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1402 85th Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 06-0164-100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land beginning at the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 102 North, of Range 45 West, of the 5th P.M., thence South on the West line of said Section 46 feet to the point of beginning; thence due South on the Section line 1254 feet; thence due East 198 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction 297 feet to a point 382.8 feet East and 970.2 feet South of the Northwest corner of said SW 1/4; thence in an Easterly direction 66 feet to a point 455.4 feet East and 937.2 feet South of the Northwest corner of said SW 1/4; thence in a Northwesterly direction 897.6 feet to a point 46 feet East and 202.4 feet South of the Northwest corner of said SW 1/4; thence in a Northwesterly direction 132 feet to a point 30 feet due East of the point beginning; thence due West 30 feet to the point of beginning, and an easement in perpetuity for ingress and egress to use the existing driveway serving said property.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$90,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$84,751.35

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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 18, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300

Minneapolis, MN 55416

(952) 925-6888

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(11-30, 12-07, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 01-04)

City of Luverne seeks bids by Dec. 28

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0659, until 2:00 p.m., on December 28, 2017, for the furnishing of an electric power transformer for the City of Luverne, Minnesota. At said time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The equipment required is as follows:

- One (1) New, 12/16/20/22.4 MVA ONAN/ONAF/ONAF, 55/65°C, power transformer, 67 delta/to 24.94 YGRD/14.4 kV with LTC and accessories and an alternate 115x67 kV high side.

The above equipment shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the City Offices of said City of Luverne, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Suppliers desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from the office of DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, Iowa, telephone (712) 472-2531, fax (712) 472-2710, website www.dgr.com, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid, which security becomes the property of the City of Luverne in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Supplier for the equipment shall be made on the basis of ninety-five percent (95%) of the base bid for the equipment, within 30 days of the receipt of the equipment in acceptable condition and associated invoice. Payment shall be made for the remaining five percent (5%) of the contract price, less calculated penalties, within 30 days after final completion, field testing, and receipt of test reports, final drawings, certification by the Engineer, and associated invoice.

Delivery of the Power Transformer is desired to be no earlier than September 1, 2018 and no later than September 28, 2018. The required field work and testing shall be completed by October 5, 2018.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The City also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2017.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Jessica Mead

City Clerk

(12-07)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE: November 21, 2017.

Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 5, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$51,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin R. Pater, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Exchange State Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: June 8, 2015 at Office of Land Records
Rock County, Minnesota

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The East Eight Hundred Ten and Four Tenths (E. 810.4) feet of the North Four Hundred Thirty (N. 430) feet of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S 1/2 of NE 1/4) of Section Five (5), Township One Hundred Four (104) North, Range Forty-four (44) West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota

EXCEPT

Tract 2 in the E. 810.4' of the N. 430' of the S 1/2 - NE 1/4 Section 5-104-44

That part of the East 810.4 Feet of the North 430 Feet of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (E.810.4' - N.430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4) of Section Five (5), Township 104

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North, Range 44 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, Described as Follows:
Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of Said Section 5; Thence North 00°29'28" West on the East Line of Said NE 1/4 for a Distance of 894.43 Feet to the Southeast Corner of said E.810.4' - N.430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4 and to the point of Beginning; Thence Continuing North 00°29'28" West on East Line for a Distance of 53.29 Feet; Thence North 88°16'07" West a Distance of 332.71 Feet; Thence North 00°58'06" East for a Distance of 372.70 Feet to the North Line of Said E. 810.4' - N. 430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4; Thence North 88°57'47" West on Said North Line for a Distance of 487.61 Feet to the Northwest Corner of Said E. 810.4' - N. 430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4; Thence South 00°29'28" East on the West Line of Said E. 810.4' - N. 430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4 for a Distance of 430.15 Feet to the Southwest Corner of Said E. 810.4' - N. 430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4; Thence South 88°57'47" East on the South Line of Said E. 810.4' - N. 430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4 for a Distance of 810.69 Feet to the point of Beginning, Containing 5.18 Acres, Inclusive of 0.04 Acres of Public Road Right-of-Way on the East Side Thereof.

Subject to Easements, if any, of Record or Apparent.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$34,140.67.

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 1, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagors, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months for the date of sale.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR(S), 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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

By: /s/ Katherine A. Morgan
Katherine A. Morgan
Bonander Law, PC
430 Holder Street
PO Box 186
Larchwood, IA 51241
Ph. (712) 477-2902

- NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE FORECLOSURE DATA
- (1) Street Address, City and Zip Code of mortgaged premises:
2477 170th Avenue, Edgerton, Minnesota 56128
 - (2) Transaction agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker:
Exchange State Bank
 - (3) Tax parcel identification number:
01-0020-000
 - (4) Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number):
NMLS#653978
 - (5) Name of mortgage originator:
Exchange State Bank

(11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 1-4)

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(12.7-12.10)

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, called, or stopped by to wish us a Happy 50th Anniversary. Also thanks for all the cards, meals, visits and prayers for me following my surgery and radiation treatments. My daily trips to Sioux Falls are almost over and I will be glad to get back to my normal routine. God Bless you all.

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Back row: Erin Metzger, Josh Tollefson, Kathy Fick, Caleb Ellingson, Trista Bosch, Aaron Erickson, Kyla Jellema

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