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Hawkish fiscal policies pay off for taxpayers

Interest rates lower than expected on first bond sale

By Mavis Fodness

An unusually high credit rating translated into a lower-than-expected interest rate for the first of two Luverne School District building improvement projects.

At a special School Board meeting Dec. 7, Greg Crowe, senior financial adviser with Ehlers Inc., said Moody's Investors Service presented Luverne with an "Aa3" rating, one step under the state's enhanced rating of "Aa2" for the 12-year \$8 million project.

The favorable credit rating attracted five bidders, who offered interest rates ranging from 2.06 to 2.36 percent.

"You're one of the very few school districts outside the metropolitan area outside the double 'A' range," Crowe said. "We are really happy to see that range."

Wells Fargo Bank National Association in Charlotte, North Carolina, submitted the lowest bid for the bank-qualified bond sale.

Board members unanimously voted to accept Wells Fargo's bid.

The 2.06-percent interest is a savings of \$337,474 from the estimated 2.63 percent listed in last month's pre-sale report. "Your taxpayers will reap the benefits for years ... for that double A rating," Crowe said.

The same rating is expected for the district's second bond sale of \$22 million on Jan. 25. These funds will be used to remodel the middle-high school and add a performing arts center.

Crowe said the second bond won't match the low 2.06 interest rate of the first bond sale due to the larger amount over a longer period (20 years), but he expects bidders to again offer the district a similar premium pricing structure.

"We expect the tax impact to be lower than what we projected during the election," he said.

Estimated closing date on the \$22 million bond is Feb. 15.

"Your taxpayers will reap the benefits for years ... for that double A rating."

— Greg Crowe, Ehler's Inc.



HO, HO, HO!

Mavis Fodness photos/1214 Hardwick Santa 2017

Gauge Sprik tells Santa and Mrs. Claus (Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort) he wants toys, specifically the Marshmallow Man from the Ghostbusters' movie for Christmas.

Santa and Mrs. Claus pay visit to Hardwick

More than 100 parents, grandparents and children crowded into the Hardwick Legion Hall Saturday afternoon for the annual Santa Claus Day hosted by the Hardwick Community Club. Temperatures rose into the low 30s with the sun breaking through the clouds for the 90-minute event. New this year were Sioux Falls puppeteer Jim Oliver and a story read by Rock County Community Library's Bronwyn Wenzel. Hands-on activities included decorating (and eating) sugar cookies, making holiday ornaments and a free photo with Mr. and Mrs. Claus (portrayed by Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort).



Pictured in the photograph at left, 3-year-old Kinzie Ladd holds up two fingers for the number of tiny bells she wants Hardwick Community Club member Vickie Van Dyke to glue onto her Christmas tree ornament.



Above, 10-month-old Guinevere Carlson smiles brightly for the camera from Mrs. Claus' lap. Pictured in the photograph at right, Charlie Ray Jagow (11 months) stares in awe at Mrs. Claus and her ring of bells as grandmother Viva Jagow (left) and her dad, Cody, wait to have her picture taken.

County to monitor dumping in rural recycle drop-off sites

By Lori Sorenson

Rural recycling sheds are being misused, and county officials are considering options to encourage better outcomes.

The drop-off site in Beaver Creek has been particularly misused lately, with overfilled containers, often heaping with both garbage and recyclables.

"We installed cameras awhile back, and we'll have to start reviewing the images more frequently," said Rock County Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman who coordinates county recycling.

"It's too bad that only a few people dumping garbage could ruin it for so many other people."

— Kyle Oldre, County Administrator

"I suppose more signage wouldn't hurt, either."

He mentioned that signs posted in the sheds already specify what is recyclable and, to some degree, what isn't.

But additional signage may soon be added to the site to inform users that it's illegal to drop non-recyclable items in the shed.

For example, the site in Hills announces that dumping garbage is illegal and that "violators will be fined \$500 plus legal fees."

Hartman said he hopes the message will provide some incentive for better behavior.

"This is a service we provide for citizens," he said. "It lessens their burden with respect to items they no longer need but are reusable and recyclable."

According to Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre, overfilled containers are partly due to people not collapsing big boxes and people in town using the service that's intended for rural residents.

"If people used it the way they're supposed to, I think we'd have enough room," Oldre said.

City residents who have curbside pickup available to them shouldn't be using the recycling shed.

"The roll-offs are intended for rural users," Oldre said. "Yes, it's still public, but as a courtesy, city residents should leave it for rural users."

In other courtesy considerations, Oldre said users should drop off their recycling with space conservation in mind.

"If you bring in cardboard and leave it as a heavy duty corrugated box, it takes up room in the dumpster," he said. "If you collapse it flat, it takes up hardly any room at all."

Finally, he said, it should go without saying that the recycling sheds are not garbage drop-off locations.

"When Ketterling stops there, he's in a recycling truck," Oldre said. "If he picks up garbage, he has to sort it out later."

He and Hartman said some rural communities are doing better than others in terms of how the recycling sheds are used, but they said areas that continue to have problems may need to be closed.

"It's too bad that only a few people dumping garbage could ruin it for so many other people," Oldre said.

Rock County librarian departs with separation agreement

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Librarian Serena Gutnik has signed a separation agreement with Rock County and the Library Board.

Gutnik, Sioux Falls, has been at the library helm since June 2015 and was earning \$61,116.

County human resources officials decline to comment on her departure, but the separation agreement offers some details.

Gutnik was compensated \$2,336.51 for wages and accrued

time, her health insurance is effective through the end of the year, and she'll be eligible for COBRA health and life insurance benefits for 18 months starting Jan. 1, 2018.

According to the separation agreement, effective Nov. 27, she won't hold the county liable for legal actions or appeals.

Both Gutnik and the county mutually agree that they won't publicly speak disparagingly about each other. Specifically, the county agrees to report that her employment was

terminated voluntarily by way of mutual agreement between parties.

It states that the parties "agree that the employment relationship between them has become frustrated and unable to continue."

A separation agreement is a common human resources tool, but it's been rare in Rock County government. In fact, there are no other such agreements on file in recent history — at least for the past 20 years. County employees who have left have either resigned or been terminated.

The county is working with the Library Board to redefine the head librarian qualifications, which currently require a Master Librarian degree.

As the position is now advertised, a master's degree accredited by the American Library Association is preferred, but not required. It's a full-time job with a starting salary of \$52,000, depending on qualifications.

Since longtime librarian Glenda Bremer retired in the fall of 2009, three master librarians have held the job.

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Article 50: Legendary Nelson Bros. Department Store announces in 1973 it will close doors

This is the 50th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is a piece from the Star Herald archives about Nelson's closing.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann this week shares a news story from the Aug. 16, 1973, Star Herald about Nelson Bros. Department store announcing it will close its Main Street business. The news stunned the community and would forever change the downtown business landscape.

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Nelson Bros. to close/see page 6A

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Rock County Township Association will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, in the Rock County Library basement meeting room.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

Community Transit closed

Christmas and New Year's holidays

Community Transit buses (former Heartland Express) normally run from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but the service is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Call 283-5088 with questions.

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.

Christmas for Kids vacation Bible school offered at Bethany Dec. 16

All children ages 4-13 are invited to Bethany Lutheran Church's Christmas VBS titled "Come to the Manger" from 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. The theme of the first Christmas will be celebrated in fun crafts, songs and snacks. The church is located at 720 N. Kniss in Luverne.

Blood donations accepted at Luverne High School Dec. 20

Luverne High School will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the school at 709 N. Kniss. Appointments to give blood can be made online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be 17 years of age, or 16 with parental consent, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Free food Dec. 21

New Life Celebration Church will host a free food giveaway from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Luverne Senior Citizens Building for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring bags and boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions.

Community Ed

Community Ed contact info: C.Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

Kids in the Kitchen (grades K-6) will make **Christmas Cookies & Bars on Dec. 14.** Fee is \$18 or sign up with a friend and pay \$28.

Sister Act at the Chanhassen is Feb. 10. Fee is \$110. (register by Jan. 10.)

Enjoy activities, education, and fun for your family at **ECFE classes** for parents with children ages 0-5. Classes are 90 minutes Tuesday or Thursday mornings and Tuesday evening through December 21.

Preschool Classes for ages 3-5 is now opening registration for Fall of 2018.



Mavis Fodness photo/1214 Artist Doug Burns

Portland, Oregon, artist Doug Burns (at computer) talks about the videos he created to an audience of about 15 people at the artist talk Thursday night at the Coffey Contemporary Arts facility in downtown Luverne.

Balancing fatherhood and artistry

Oregon artist featured in Lord Grizzly Gallery's first exhibition in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

New parent and visual artist Doug Burns opened Lord Grizzly Gallery's first three-month exhibition in the new Luverne facility.

Burns conducted an hourlong artist talk to about 15 individuals Thursday night, explaining why he titled his exhibition "Get to Work Doyg."

The name "Doyg" harkens back to a drawing the 36-year-old discovered while researching his graduate school project.

At age 5 he completed a self-portrait in pencil and signed the paper as "Doyg."

"I didn't know why 'g' had a good tail and the 'u' didn't," Burns recalled.

The misspelling came to represent Burns' alternative personality of whimsy and fun. He created a video character called "Doyg" and wrote various storylines based on real-life adventures.

"Everything has an autobiographical sketch to it," he said.

Many of the sketches were developed and filmed as Burns shuttled art pieces by truck between Chicago and New York.

However, when he and his wife learned they would have their first child, Burns said he needed to "get to work."

"Get to work Doyg" represents the niches of time Burns found between preparing items for display at his full-time job at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chi-



While at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, artist Doug Burns (right) began making art from everyday objects including the cement chips (above) from the 1893 building. A mini collage (right) constructed during breaks at work uses discarded paper items including airline tickets and a hotel entry card from a work trip.



cago and placing family needs before his need of creating art.

Before long, his need for creativity led to assembling mini collages from everyday objects for co-workers.

Tags from unpacked artwork, tape, scraps of paper and even an airline ticket merged together to tell a story.

"What prompted me to become autobiographical and use everyday things from the moment is a book I made for my son's first birthday," Burns said.

The collages stayed small and easily slid into a drawer or under a computer keyboard

as they were assembled. Mini sculptures soon followed, made from scraps from the constructed art displays at the museum.

He soon realized he could still pursue a love of art while juggling the time needs of his family.

"It's not easy and it's taking longer (to complete a piece of art)," he said.

The art exhibition in Luverne bridges the collages he made in Chicago to the next life step of moving his family closer to family in Portland, Oregon.

"It's a nice way to cap mak-

ing (art) work at work and the journey to the West Coast," he said.

Items displayed in Luverne represent two years of Burns fitting art creation into his busy work and family schedules. Some of the artwork, he admits, was finished only days before the local exhibit opened.

The ball pit included in the exhibit was designed with his toddler son in mind.

"I want a kid to come in and touch something and have fun," Burns said.

His artwork is on display until Feb. 1.

Scholten essay advances to state competition

By Lori Sorenson

Hills-Beaver Creek High School student Josie Scholten recently learned that her Voice of Democracy essay was chosen as the first-place winner in the VFW District 3 level competition.

Scholten's essay was chosen as the local winner in November and it was read aloud at the Veterans Day program in Luverne.

The VFW scholarship competition recognizes excellence in original writing about

patriotism and democracy.

Scholten received \$100 for her entry written under the 2017 theme, "American History: Our Hope for the Future."

Her essay will now be forwarded to state competition where the first-place essay

writer is awarded \$2,000. State winners are announced at the winter conference in January.

Her essay was printed in its entirety in the Nov. 22 issue of the Star Herald, and it can be found online at www.starherald.com.



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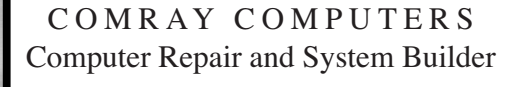
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Honoring, remembering

Hospice Tree of Lights ceremony remembers 560

By Mavis Fodness

A familiar venue greeted those who gathered for the 2017 Tree of Lights ceremony Sunday night in Luverne.

The event moved indoors, back to the Hospice Cottage located on Oakley Street, where about 25 participated in the remembrance ceremony.

For the past two years, the lighting ceremony was conducted outdoors at the Flag Park on the corner of Highway 75 and Main Street.

During Sunday's indoor ceremony, a Christmas tree was ceremoniously lit for the evening celebration.

St. Catherine Church's "A Wing and a Prayer" provided the music for the event. Members included Ron Rother, Meg Nelson, Sue Skattum, Sue Schneekloth and Chris Nowatzki.

Hospice chaplain Pastor Kristi Franken gave the message. Hospice's Tammy Moeller emceed the event.

The Tree of Lights, an outreach program sponsored annually by Sanford Luverne Hospice, is intended as a community memorial.

"It's for anyone thinking about a loved one," said hospice's Helen Saum.

Loved ones, either in



Mavis Fodness photo/1214 Hospice Tree 2017

Pictured above, Pastor Kristi Franken (right) provides the message Sunday night at the 2017 Tree of Lights event at the Sanford Luverne hospice cottage.

At right, St. Catherine singing group, "A Wing and a Prayer," provided the music Sunday night at the 2017 Tree of Lights lighting ceremony at the Sanford Luverne hospice cottage. Members of the group include (from left) Sue Schneekloth, Ron Rother, Sue Skattum, Meg Nelson and Chris Nowatzki.

honor or in memory, are remembered with a light on the hospice tree. The suggested \$5 per light donation goes to the hospice program.

At the ceremony loved ones' names were read at one of four community

ceremonies. This year 560 names were remembered at programs in Edgerton, Hills, Adrian and Luverne.

The hospice Tree of Lights at the Flag Park stays lit through the holiday season.



FSA announces County Committee election results

Congratulations to Mark Vander Pol on winning election to his first three-year term on the Rock FSA County Committee. Mark will begin his new term on Jan. 1, 2018, and will represent farmers from the townships of Battle Plain, Denver, Rose Dell and Vienna.

Sterling Severtson, who was also on the ballot, came in a very close second and will serve as the First Alternate on the committee. An alternate is only called upon to attend meetings when the County Committee member is unable to attend a meeting or complete their term. As always, these results are subject to Minnesota FSA State Committee approval.

Mark is a wean-to-finish hog contract grower and raises corn and soybeans. Having started out as a mechanical engineer in Michigan, Mark has been farming for the past 10 years and also serves on the Battle Plain Township Board and the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sterling has a beef cow/calf and feeder cattle operation and also feeds out Holstein steers and raises corn, soybeans and alfalfa. He has been farming for the past 34 years and is a member of the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association, as well as the Rock/Nobles and Minnesota Cattlemen's Associations.

The next meeting of the County Committee will be an organizational meeting on January 17, 2018. At this meeting, members of the County Committee will select a Minority Advisor and vote

to determine the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2018. Denise Severtson is the current Chairperson, Paul Arends the current Vice Chairperson and Chad Hoff the Regular Member. Denise is the current representative on the Committee for producers in Battle Plain, Denver, Rose Dell and Vienna Townships, with Paul representing Clinton, Kanaranzi, Luverne and Magnolia Township farmers, while Chad represents Beaver Creek, Martin, Mound and Springwater Township producers.

Denise Severtson was ineligible to run again due to term limits. She has served on the committee for a total of nine years and has been the chairperson for three of those years. Denise has done an excellent job of serving the producers of this county. Her dedication, guidance, and wise council will be greatly missed by all of us. Thank you, Denise.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA, applying their judgment and knowledge to help in the delivery of farm programs at the county level. The committee system for administering federal farm programs was established by Congress in the 1930s and provides farmers with a direct link to FSA. This grassroots system makes FSA unique amongst government agencies because it gives producers a much-needed say in what happens locally.

Call 507-283-2369, ext. 2, or stop by the FSA Office at 500 W. Gabrielson Road.

Reward offered for return of missing Boston terrier lost near Valley Springs

By Mavis Fodness

Loralie Aljets hopes a missing family member returns before the Christmas holidays.

She's also optimistic a \$500 reward will assist in the family dog's safe return.

"We're hoping," Aljets said last week.

Missing is the family's 4-year-old Boston terrier named Gizmo. She strayed from the family's Valley Springs, South Dakota, home on Nov. 20. She was last seen almost two miles east of Valley Springs near a farm place south of Manley.

"At this point she's probably in survival mode and hunkered down — she probably won't even come to us," Aljets said. "We are really missing her."

Gizmo joined the family as a puppy with son Noah being the pet's main caregiver. He was the one who noticed Gizmo was not at home in the days leading up to Thanksgiving.

Aljets speculates the snap to Gizmo's collar didn't latch properly that morning and she wandered away. Family members thought the 20-pound, black and white dog was inside the house when they left for work and school.

Searches for Gizmo and posts on social media sites have pinpointed sightings of a frightened dog south of Manley.

"They tried to grab her but she ran," Aljets said.

The family and friends drove the area looking for Gizmo, but for more than a



Submitted photo

Posters are helping the Aljets family of Valley Springs to locate their missing pet, a 4-year-old Boston terrier named Gizmo, who has been missing since Nov. 20. They are also reaching out to social media sites like Lost Dogs for the family pet's safe return.

week the small dog (about a foot in height) has not been seen recently.

A picture of Gizmo was placed on the social media site Lost Dogs as well as in the newspaper.

The Aljets family has postings of Gizmo on Lost Dog sites for Minnesota and South Dakota.

The majority of the cas-

es have the dogs returned to their families, according to Devan Thomas Treadwell of The Retrievers, which developed the Lost Dogs site.

"Our recovery rate includes dogs found in a number of different ways," she wrote in an email.

"And while we are always involved with

"At this point she's probably in survival mode and hunkered down — she probably won't even come to us. We are really missing her."

— Loralie Aljets, dog owner

consultation — and often provide hands-on help with making signs and raising awareness — most dogs are found by other people, whether a Good Samaritan leading the dog into their yard or the owner finding the dog after getting a tip or animal control picking the dog up."

She said if a dog has been missing for only two weeks, it's too early to stop looking.

"Dogs don't just vanish — someone knows where Loralie's Boston terrier is," she said. "That's why it's so important to raise awareness and get people talking about the dog."

Each of Gizmo's previous sightings had the small dog near a water source.

"I am so worried the cold is going to get her," Aljets said.

Contact Aljets at 605-251-2555 with information or to report a sighting of Gizmo.

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Elzora Ott

Thursday, Dec. 14

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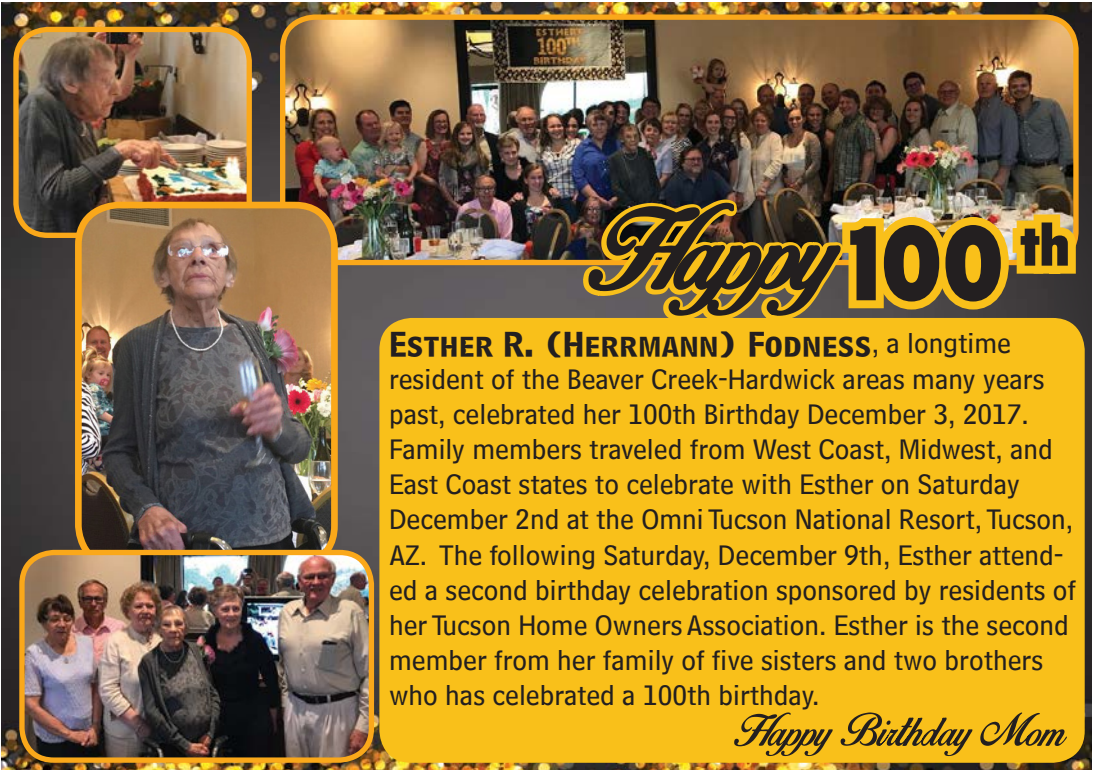


NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING

Notice is hereby given to all townships having elections in March that the terms of one supervisor and one clerk will expire March 2018.

You must file with your Township Clerk between Jan. 2 2018 to Jan. 16, 2018.

Pete Bakken, Secretary
Rock County Township Association



ESTHER R. (HERRMANN) FODNESS, a longtime resident of the Beaver Creek-Hardwick areas many years past, celebrated her 100th Birthday December 3, 2017. Family members traveled from West Coast, Midwest, and East Coast states to celebrate with Esther on Saturday December 2nd at the Omni Tucson National Resort, Tucson, AZ. The following Saturday, December 9th, Esther attended a second birthday celebration sponsored by residents of her Tucson Home Owners Association. Esther is the second member from her family of five sisters and two brothers who has celebrated a 100th birthday.

Happy Birthday Mom

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Rock County Township Association will be held on **Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Community Library basement, Luverne.

Pete Bakken,
Secretary/Treasurer

Socks take on new meaning during this holiday season

My oldest daughter Courtney's decision for a birthday gift for her husband of three years was a piece of furniture commemorating a private joke the two share.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Like the reasons why spellcheck software didn't understand OXOXO, my sister and I didn't understand the true loving meaning the gift of socks represented.

Now that I am at the age my mom was when she spent the time to select, wrap and give the sock presents, I am appreciating the warm feeling a good pair of socks can bestow during cold, wintry days. As an adult I have also developed less inhibition about wearing things unfashionable.

Before my sister's death six years ago this month, she and I would purchase socks for each other, giggling about the socks from Mom.

Our selections were of the same strange colors and sky-high lengths, but they kept our feet warm, feeling as if they were embracing us in a warm hug.

Like the reasons why spellcheck software didn't understand OXOXO, my sister and I didn't understand the true loving meaning the gift of socks represented.

Our mom was trying to tell us, "Always and forever. Socks!"

Burned onto the lip of the coffee table are the words: "Always and forever. Socks!" "Always and forever" referred to their commitment to each other but the "Socks!" is an autocorrect of "OXOXO!" in a cell phone message.

In old-school terminology, socks are traditionally what people slip on their feet to keep them warm — not a term of endearment.

As the holiday season descends upon me, I can't help but remember my mom's usual Christmas gift of socks to us kids.

And not just any socks.

My mom's choice of footwear was of a practical mind, not for fashion. I am certain the colors of brown and olive green would not be described as beautiful, and the socks generally reached to one's knees.

Each Christmas Mom wrapped the socks in colorful paper secured with tape. No box was used or needed. These wads were great to throw at each other, a fun event to us but an irritation to Mom. The mini "package" fights continued as we grew into adults.

After the holidays these socks would lie dormant in a drawer until I would finally surrender and put them on. They were worn inside boots, obscured from public view.

The sock gifts continued for years but eventually stopped when Mom assumed that as adults we could afford to buy our own socks. It certainly couldn't be due to the ridicule my late sister and I heaped on Mom as we peeled the paper off a new pair of ugly socks.

Great sadness, even despair, has been evoked by recent events. Faithful people must turn anger into action. My Christian and Muslim Arab friends feel betrayed but still instruct us to practice "sumond," i.e. to "remain steadfast" even when making peace seems impossible.

Conversations on a recent multi-narrative "pilgrimage" to Jerusalem reminded me of two admired mentors. One was an Israeli former military psychologist Dr. Reuven Gal and the other the American church historian Dr. Martin Marty. They shared variations of a healing triangle. Post Traumatic Stress continues to affect Israelis and Palestinians. This is essential to the understanding of the interior psyche, which perpetuates the cycle of violence.

One side of the Triangle was labeled "anger" and rooted in the holocaust for Jews and the Nakba for Arabs. The other side was labeled "fear" rooted in anxiety about the possibility of traumatizing events happening again. At the base the label was "ignorance" which leads to a xenophobia



Plea for peace

Getman reflects on fragile peace relations between Israelis and Palestinians

GUEST SUBMISSION

By Tom Getman
LHS 1959 graduate and Rock County Hall of Fame member

that rationalizes hostile murderous treatment of "the other." Oppressive cruelty is imposed even on women and children. Dr. Gal grieved over the fact that in many cases Israeli soldiers suffered PTSD for what they did to others not what was done to them. Dr. Marty illustrated colonization's residual effect from crimes against aboriginal peoples in countries including Canada, America and the British Empire. Both warned Israel is on a dangerous even suicidal course.

This reality came clear while on the "pilgrimage" in the Levant with 26 others from four countries and eight U.S. states. We observed a pattern of unequal justice. The Israeli army and police treated Palestinians harshly with beatings and detention, sometimes even when the victims were clearly innocent. At the same time Israeli settlers were protected while their aggression toward their Palestinian neighbors was ignored.

Here are some examples:

In Israeli Military Court we observed devious procedure of detaining Palestinian adults and children without charges, sometimes for months or years. 40 percent of all Palestinian males have suffered this indignity. Even children from the occupied territories are being held in Israel, in violation of Geneva Conventions, to which Israel is a signatory. The conviction rate for Palestinian detainees is more than 95 percent. (Source: Military Court Watch <https://is.gd/AExqwk>).

At latest count 317 Palestinian children between 12-16 are held in "administrative" detention for suspicion of minor offenses often in order to extract information on others. One 14-year-old tried to put out a fire started by settlers, was arrested, not charged, and was in an adult prison for 14 months before his release.

These repressive acts increase

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Unmarked patrol cars legal under state statute for road patrol

Question: Is it legal for local police or State Patrol to make regular traffic stops with an unmarked vehicle (no markings at all) or does the vehicle have to be a certain color or have some kind of markings?

Answer: You might be aware of some posts on social media that say, according to state law, that unmarked squad cars are illegal and State Patrol squad cars must be maroon.

Here's what state law says about our use of these vehicles:

"The commissioner of public safety may authorize the use of specially marked State Patrol vehicles, that have only a marking composed of a shield on the right door with the words inscribed thereon 'Minnesota State Patrol' for primary use in the enforcement of highway traffic rules when in the judgment of the commissioner of public safety the use of specially marked State Patrol vehicles will contribute to the safety of the traveling public. The number of such specially marked State Patrol



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

vehicles used in the enforcement of highway traffic rules shall not exceed ten percent of the total number of State Patrol vehicles used in traffic law enforcement."

The State Patrol currently has approximately 650 marked squads and 24 "specially marked" squads that are operated by troopers whose primary job function is road patrol. All of the specially marked Minnesota State Patrol squads are legal as authorized by state statute. In addition, we are well below the 10 percent limit of specially marked squads required

by law. These patrol cars are only required to have a door shield (MSP decal), as described above.

Additional unmarked patrol units are not required to have a decal. These include our district investigators, vehicle crime unit, State Capitol area troopers and administration supervisors. Their primary job function is not road patrol. These troopers make traffic stops and respond to emergencies as needed, and the cars are equipped with emergency lights and siren.

A few years ago, I operated a

specially marked silver Dodge Charger with black stripes on the hood. I found this type of squad to be an effective tool in helping keep Minnesota roads safe for everyone by reducing risky driving behavior that can lead to life-changing crashes. We plan to increase the number of this type of squad cars on the road each year to help us identify violations such as texting and driving, no seat belt use and other unsafe operation.

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.

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at the time of the olive harvest even with shooting farmers and night raids on homes, crimes that remain largely unreported in the Western media.

Our focus on our own American conflicted politics, gun violence and terror attacks. To their credit the Israeli press is actually more faithful than foreign media in recording atrocities. (Source: <http://www.state.gov/j/drl/ris/hrrpt/>)

Amazingly, the resilience and relative non-violence of the occupied Palestinian people is a basis for undying hope.

Hope is also drawn from the sacrificial caring of progressive Israelis such as Rabbis for Human-Rights, the Bereaved Family Forum Parent Circle, the Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions, and many other justice-driven Jewish groups.

In the midst of suffering in the Occupied Territory, the West Bank Palestine Canaan Olive Oil Cooperative provides more than 2,000 growers fair trade certified prices for olive and almond harvests and craft products from the women.

Many American churches, including 19 DC area congregations, market these high quality products for holiday gifts.

In Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Ramallah compelling women liberation leaders such as former Bethlehem Mayor Vera Baboun, Sabeel Theologians and Holocaust survivor women speak eloquently about Palestinian suffering and non-violent resistance.

Pairs of grieving Israeli and Palestinian parents, who have each lost children in the conflict, speak with passion at schools and public gatherings about the necessity of breaking down the walls of division between Arabs and Jews, which exacerbate ignorance of “the other.”

They address directly the madness that takes the lives of innocent children. Leaders like these inspire endur-

Those who care for the peaceful future for all Middle East Jews, Christians and Muslims are urged to encourage the growing consensus for human rights and justice for all and a more peaceful region.

— Tom Getman

ance as they resist despair.

The Scottish Iona Community’s theology for oppressed marginalized people reminds us: “It is a daily struggle to understand the meaning of salvation of Jesus from a place of alienation, exploitation and shame. It is a theology which aims at liberation through Christ who himself walks with the poor.” Source: “The Iona Prayer Book,” p. 23.

While the illegal Israeli settlement expansion continues rapidly around Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, and the Palestinian villages, the world community is becoming alert to the atrocities through social media. Only 20 percent of the post-1948 Armistice West Bank land remains under exclusive Palestinian Authority control, and this behind massive Israeli-built 20-foot walls, serpentine electrified security fences and settler-only highways on confiscated Palestinian land.

The BDS (boycott-divestment-sanctions) movement in America and Europe is changing the reality. Israeli overreaction limits the freedom of speech of many concerned Americans. Israeli citizens are also threatened with legal action for defending the right to speak out for non-violent opposition to the occupation.

Our MEJDI.org “pilgrims” and others have pledged to

be representatives of both the occupied and occupiers to give witness to our politicians of the atrocities that are destroying both people.

The hope is that a movement will gain momentum to reduce the ignorance that breeds anger, fear and xenophobic violence.

Those who care for the peaceful future for all Middle East Jews, Christians and Muslims are urged to encourage the growing consensus for human rights and justice for all and a more peaceful region.

Neither “country” nor their neighbors can survive if the destabilizing violence spreads.

The Psalmist’s (12:5) healing wisdom is timeless, “Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise, says the Lord. I will protect them from those who malign them.” The wounds of the afflicted indeed are radiating healing light as they embrace the truth that “The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble ... He does not ignore the cry of the afflicted,” Psalm 9:9-12.

“Our role,” says the much-loved former Catholic Patriarch Michel Sabbah, “is to save the world by being salt and light. Not to fight anybody by taking the way of death. We don’t want to be against Israel to survive.”

Getman is president of a private consulting group that specializes in international, United Nations and non-governmental organization affairs. His work centers on United Nations Reform and humanitarian interagency partnership building. He is the former World Vision executive director for international relations, managing liaison activities with the UN and the World Council of Churches.

In this capacity he was also responsible for diplomatic relations with UN government member missions in Geneva and with countries on sensitive tax, staff and protocol negotiations.



Chantel Connell photo/1214 house demo lincoln and freeman

Blighted property demolished

This house at the corner of Lincoln Street and Freeman Avenue across, from the Carnegie Cultural Center, was demolished Tuesday. The next blighted property slated for demolition is the house next to NAPA across from Grand Prairie Events on South Estey Street. The city purchased the properties in an effort to remove blight and to create spaces for future development. There are no immediate plans for these lots.

Health survey to identify community needs

Sanford Luverne Medical Center is partnering with the Southwest Health and Human Services to conduct a community health needs assessment survey.

The survey aims to identify unmet health needs in the community, with results used to develop plans for addressing gaps in service.

“We are committed to the wellbeing of our community and ensuring we provide services to meet the needs of residents,” said Tammy Loosbrock, senior director of Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Comprised of general health and wellness questions for residents in Rock County, the survey is a voluntary way

to address concerns in health care. All answers are confidential and no identifying information will be attained.

Residents interested in participating can complete the 15-minute survey online at healthmatterscenter.com.

Call Sanford Luverne Hospital 507-283-2321 for more information.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- Dec. 1**
- Complainant on West Main Street requested to speak to a deputy about removing someone from the property.
 - Complainant reported someone sleeping on the bleachers at Redbird Road.
 - Complainant on West Main Street reported an eviction process is complete and subjects are refusing to vacate location.
 - Complainant reported vehicle no longer at property. Will check with family members.
 - Complainant reported hazardous material spill on Walnut Ave.
 - Keys found outside MinnWest Bank.
 - Complainant requested extra patrol on Hatting Street for careless driving.
 - Complainant requested a deputy stop. The tenants that were evicted seemed to mess with the fuse box and

- electricity.
- Complainant at Quality Inn reported a strange guy walking around wearing a black hoodie. She asked if she could help him and he wouldn’t talk to her. They have been getting some odd phone calls also.
- Complainant reported underage drinking at business on South Kniss Ave.
- Complainant reported she was visiting a friend who got mad and she doesn’t know where she went.
- Dec. 2**
- Complainant at Super 8 reported she has some guests that owe money. They have had three cards declined.
- Deputy arrested suspect on a Minnehaha County warrant.
- Complainant reported vehicle trespassing on property.
- Complainant reported loaned vehicle to subject and is now refusing to return.

- Complainant reported a car pulled up on County Road 15 and turned its lights off.
- Dec. 3**
- Complainant reported safety concerns due to parking habits of workers on Pine Drive.
- Complainant reported an elderly man walking backward and acting strangely on shoulder of I-90 westbound, mm 11.
- Complainant reported coworker is threatening him. Transferred to LCSO.
- Complainant reported neighbor playing loud music.
- Dec. 4**
- Complainant reported neighbor harassing her.
- Complainant requested extra patrol on N. Kniss near the cross walk.
- Complainant reported multiple fires going on in the area in Beaver Creek during the burn ban.
- Shopko reported possible theft taking place as sub-

- jects have a tool for disarming product alarms.
- Complainant reported suspicious vehicle driving around Luverne High School.
- Complainant requested deputy assistance with lights for a jack-knifed semi and traffic control on I-90 westbound at mm 9.
- Complainant reported a jack-knifed semi on Highway 23. Transferred to State Patrol.
- Dec. 5**
- Complainant reported subject is blowing snow against her house and windows.
- Complainant reported suspect raising heck with his snowmobile down the middle

- of the street.
- Dec. 6**
- Deputy out with two females walking by Lewis Family Drug. Walking home from Casey’s.
- Dec. 7**
- Complainant reported a man has been in the bathroom for an hour and a half. They got him out and he came back. Now he won’t respond to them.
- Dec. 8**
- Complainant reported drug activity at neighbors house.
- Complainant reported footprints in the snow near her windows.
- Complainants reported kids running through yards.

- In addition, officers also responded to 9 motor vehicle accidents, 5 deer accidents, 11 vehicles in the ditch, 3 transports, 8 escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 10 animal complaints, 5 burn permits, 2 suspicious activities, 1 narcotics information request, 1 POR registration, 1 fingerprint request, 1 building check, 8 log sheets, 3 drug court tests, 7 permits to purchase/carry, 1 property found, 8 assists, 2 welfare checks, 22 traffic stops, 5 fire calls, 1 abandon 911 call, 3 alarms, 2 DWIs, 1 paper service, 1 child maltreatment, 1 stalled vehicle, 3 property accidents, 7 scam calls/mail, and 1 debris on roadway call.

Michael Cox

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Peace on Earth



Lori Sorenson photos/1214 choir concert

The combined choirs of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade, Treble Choir and high school choir perform “There is Peace,” at the start of the concert. They closed with “Oh Holy Night.”

Luverne Middle School and High School choirs present Christmas concert

Luverne Middle School and High School students presented their annual Christmas concert, “Peace on Earth,” Friday night in the high school gym, which was filled to capacity with audience members.

The 2017 concert centered on the theme of peace, and students from each choral level shared original short essays about what peace means to them.

“It’s time we start making this world a better place to live,”

said choir director Seana Graber Friday night. “My hope is you will listen to them with an open heart and then go out into your life and bring a little peace to others.”

Leuthold, Cuperus wed in Luverne

Natalie Leuthold, Hills, and Jacob Cuperus, Fulda, were married Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne, with the Rev. Mike Altena officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Lois Leuthold of Hills, and the groom is the son of Kris and Beth Cuperus, Fulda.

Special music for the ceremony was provided by vocalists Kendra Michael, cousin of the bride, and her friend Ethan Wright.

The bride’s maid of honor was her friend Galiya Bitton of Garvin. Her bridesmaids were her friend Katelyn Vaselaar of St. Louis Park, the groom’s sister Kristen Cuperus of Salem, South Dakota, and the bride’s sisters-in-law Kaylie Leuthold of Brandon, South Dakota, Emily Leuthold of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Brianna Leuthold of Hills. The

bride’s friend Liz Stiernagle of Rochester was her personal attendant.

The groom’s friend Eric Tesch, Watertown, South Dakota, was his best man. Groomsmen were the groom’s friend D.J. Van Klompenburg, Clara City, the groom’s brother Brett Cuperus, Fulda, and the bride’s brothers Brady Leuthold of Brandon, Thomas Leuthold of Colorado Springs, Iowa, and Mitchell Leuthold of Hills. Ring bearers were the bride’s nephews Raylan and Boyd Leuthold of Hills.

The groom’s friends Taylor Thooft of Tyler, Isaac Popp of Rice, Trenton Plaht of Postville, Iowa, and Daniel Roker of Bird Island were ushers.

A reception at the Worthington Event Center followed the ceremony.

Natalie is a 2012 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and a 2016 graduate



Jacob and Natalie Cuperus

of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. She works as a registered nurse in NICU at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Jacob graduated in 2012

from Fulda High School and in 2016 from South Dakota State University. He is a test engineer at AGCO in Jackson.

The couple is living in Adrian.

ENGAGEMENT

Mark and Beth Mumme of Riverton, Wyoming, announce the engagement of their daughter Cora to Anthony Miller, son of Gregory Miller, Mankato, and Kay Miller, Eagle Lake.

Cora is a 2014 graduate of Luverne High School and a Fall 2017 graduate of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, with a studio art major and a double minor in graphic design and art history.

Anthony is a 2010 graduate of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, New Ulm. He earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from Bethany Lutheran College in 2014. He currently works for Suburban Community Channels in White Bear Lake as a sports producer.

Cora and Anthony will



Cora Mumme and Anthony Miller

be married at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick on Dec. 31, 2017.

They will live in Little Canada.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Cameron Christopher, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, to **Christopher and Gretchen Luze** in Brookings, South Dakota.

Grandparents are Marian Schneekloth, Luverne, and the late Steve Schneekloth, and Jeanette Luze, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the late Chuck Luze. Great-grandmothers are Norma Schneekloth, Luverne, and Ernestine McFarland, Sioux Falls.

Card showers

Elzora Ott will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, Dec. 14. Greetings may be sent to 306 N. Estey Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Francis (Tony) and Loretta Haper will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 30. Greetings may be sent to them at 1127 N. Lalley Lane, Sioux Falls, SD 57107.

SCHOOL NEWS

Three area students graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, Saturday, Dec. 9, following Fall 2017 semester.

Trisha Goembel, Luverne, received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Zach Schandelmeier, also of Luverne, earned an Associate of Arts degree in liberal studies.

Elissa Thier, Adrian, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance.

Monday, Dec. 18: Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, fruit salad, cookie.

Tuesday, Dec. 19: Salmon loaf, baked potato with sour cream, mixed vegetables, bread, slice pie.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Sanford Luverne.

Wednesday, Dec. 20: Chicken chow mein with rice and chow mein noodles, broccoli, mandarin orange

gelatin, brownie.

Program: Site Council.

Thursday, Dec. 21: Cubed roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, beans, bread, fruit cobbler.

Program: Christmas celebration. Food Give-away.

Friday, Dec. 22: Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread, apricots.

Program: Free meal

drawing.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

1973: Nelson’s Department Store begins extensive remodel project, top floor razed

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on August 16, 1973.

Nelson stores announce \$250,000 building project

Nelson Bros., Inc., a Luverne retail establishment for 97 years, will go out of business within the next few months.

In its place will be a new Ben Franklin department store, Jack and Jill food store, and a third business still to be announced.

Nelson Bros., Inc., will own the buildings and will lease them to the three firms. Jack and Jill and Ben Franklin will sublet the buildings to private operators.

Announcement of the \$250,000 building and remodeling project was made Wednesday morning by H.S. Hansen, president of Nelson Bros., Inc. H.S. Hansen and his brother, Ivan J. Hansen, are majority stockholders of the firm.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

Hansen said that assurance was given him early Wednesday by Nash-Finch, owners of the Jack and Jill food chain, that they would definitely lease the proposed new food store building.

The agreement with Ben Franklin previously had been negotiated, Hansen said.

The new food store building will be constructed on the east end of the parking lot at the rear of Nelson’s store. The 75 ft.x125 ft. structure will be built facing west, and will have a hard surfaced parking lot to the front of it accommodating 44 cars. The store entrance will be at the northwest corner.

Work will start on the building this month and is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 15.

Nelson’s present building, a Luverne landmark for 81 years, will be remodeled extensively before it is turned over to the Ben Franklin organization.

The upper story, now occupied by Nelson’s furniture department, will be taken down and a new roof will go over the remaining one-story structure.

The interior and the front will be completely redone, Hansen said. The basement will be remodeled and a new heating system and air

conditioning system will be installed.

Work is slated to begin on razing the top story about Nov. 15. The remodeled store will be ready for occupancy about May 1, 1974.

Hansen announced that the project will also include the closing of the present Our Own Hardware store and the Ben Franklin Variety store, operated by Nelson’s. These buildings located west of the main department store, will be remodeled by removing the common wall between them and installing a 50-foot modern front.

Hansen said he was not prepared at this time to announce who will be the lessee for this building.

Hansen and Virgil Christensen, who will be the building contractor, were assured by the city council Tuesday night that the city will be willing to move utility poles, improve the alley, and surface the parking lot which adjoins the Nelson parking



Nelson’s Department Store prior to the 1973 remodel project.

lot on the west side.

The council also agreed to permit 15 feet of the city lot to be used with 10 feet of the Nelson property for a common 25-foot driveway between the two parking lots.

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 mannmade@iw.net.

A large, modern living room with a high ceiling and exposed wooden beams. A long, light-colored sectional sofa is the central piece of furniture. In front of it is a low, square coffee table with a dark top and a wooden frame. The room has a warm, ambient light. In the background, a person is visible near a doorway, and there is a large, abstract artwork on the wall.



Coffey Contemporary Arts and Lord Grizzly Gallery ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration was Friday night on Main Street. Pictured are (from left) Jane Wildung Lanphere, Nancy Scheidt, Elizabeth Hackett, Betty Mann, John Call, Faye Bremer, Judy Fenske, Kevin Aaker, Lila Bauer, Mary Aaker, Bruce Henrichs, Nicole Henrichs, Lana Henrichs (holding Noel Henrichs), Cody Henrichs (with son Elijah) in front, Kathy Hawes, artist Doug Burns, Jakob Olson, Perceyis Triewieler, Holly Sammons, Regan Gangestad (in front), Angi Gangestad, Annie Opitz and Gary and Janine Papik.



A photograph of a living room interior. The room features dark blue walls, a large black leather sofa, a low wooden coffee table, and a large flat-screen TV on a stand. A decorative spherical light fixture hangs from the ceiling. A doorway is visible in the background.

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A hallway with dark wood floors and walls. A large, dark wooden door is open, revealing a brightly lit room with a white wall and a wooden floor. To the right of the doorway, there is a wooden cabinet or chest of drawers. The hallway is dimly lit, with light coming from the room at the end of the hallway.

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A bank once occupied the second floor of the historic Coffey Building. In fact the old bank vault (above) now serves as a walk-in closet for this remodeled bedroom.

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•The wheels are in motion for the Luverne Municipal Airport runway to be relocated and made longer, although some people object to the project.

Luverne Township board met Tuesday night and voted to have a hearing that will allow it to participate in discussions and planning for a portion of 91st Street to be closed.

The road will be closed because of its proximity to the end of the new runway, but that doesn't mean people who use it every day are in favor of it.

George Mann is against the entire project, considering the city could grow to the south. He fears flight patterns over his land and building restrictions of 150 feet will hurt the land value.

25 years ago (1992)

•The Luverne School District's agricultural taxpayers listened politely during the Truth in Taxation hearing Monday but were still frustrated with increases to their 1993 tax bills.

The 1993 proposed levy for District 670 was \$1,649,727. After the two-hour hearing, the Board unanimously approved to levy. The levy paid in 1992 was \$1,384,089. The new levy reflects a 19-percent increase. ...

Luverne farmer Harold Tilstra said, "Our land values increased 14 percent, and the school portion of our taxes increased 36 percent. Are you doing your job?"

Rock County commissioner Ron Boyenga said, "I don't know who is to blame, but a 20-percent to 50-percent increase in the rural area is a problem for everybody. We have to work on it."

50 years ago (1967)

•A serious explosion could have resulted at the A.R. Wood Mfg. Co.'s sheet metal plant as the result of acts committed by night prowlers, Luverne Police Chief Chester Bendt said.

During the weekend someone climbed on top of the building and went to the trouble of reversing all the draft caps. The eight gas furnace caps had been turned upside down and the fumes from within the gas-heated building could not escape.

When workman showed up on Monday morning, they knew something was radically wrong. The bands holding the draft caps together had been loosened and the caps replaced in an upside down condition.

There have been instances lately where autos of the Wood's force have been scratched by a sharp instrument and tires have been deflated. All the vandalism has occurred in the complex of buildings the company has down by the "Omaha" tracks.

75 years ago (1942)

•Rock county residents were cautioned by air raid warning officials this week to obey to the letter the orders pertaining to the first blackout which will be held in nine Midwestern states

Monday night, Dec. 14.

Ordered by the commanding general of the army's seventh service command, the blackout will begin on the second at 10 p.m. and will continue for 20 minutes.

In Luverne, the air raid warning signal will consist of interrupted blasts, — for two minutes — of the power plant whistle.

The "all clear" signal will be blown steadily for two minutes. Members of the Luverne home guard will be on duty as sentries, guarding all roads leading into the city. Air raid wardens will be on duty in their respective blocks.

100 years ago (1917)

•The seriousness of the seed corn situation in Rock county has been clearly proven by several germination tests made during the past week by Prof. C.W. Nash, of the agricultural department of the Luverne schools.

Five samples of the seed, each consisting of kernels from fifty ears, all of which have been carefully selected since the first heavy frost by as many different corn growers, disclosed germination tests of only from 25 to 35 per cent.

Another sample, selected before the heavy frost but left out-of-doors, tested 65 per cent, while three other samples, all of which had been picked and taken in-doors before the frost, were found to have germinations of 96,98, and 100 per cent respectively.

OBITUARIES

Maggie Spronk

Maggie June Spronk, 91, Edgerton, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Saturday, Dec. 9, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

Maggie Pool was born on Jan. 30, 1926, to Simon and Bertha (Van Peursem) Pool on the family farm in Leota Township, Nobles County. She grew up on the farm and then moved to Edgerton with her family when she was 10 years old. She attended school in Edgerton, graduating in 1943.

She married Bernard Spronk on Feb. 6, 1945. Bernard enlisted into the United States Navy and upon his return, they farmed for 37 years together. After their retirement in 1984, the couple moved into Edgerton. Shortly before Bernard's death, Maggie moved into a condo in Edgerton. Maggie continued to live in her home until two weeks ago when she was admitted first to the Pipestone County Medical Center and then to the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She entered into the Sanford Luverne Hospice

Cottage on Tuesday, Dec. 5.



Maggie made her profession of faith at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton and later became a member of Bethel Christian Reformed Church. She participated in Bible studies and work groups. She was also

a member of the Southwest Christian High School Circles and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, crocheting, and doing puzzles. She and Bernard enjoyed many bus trips. She always loved time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Maggie is survived by her children, Rod (Linda) Spronk of Edgerton, Gloria (Roger) Fey of Edgerton, Delwyn (Julie) Spronk of Faribault; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; one brother, Duane (Barbara) Pool of Redlands, California; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard; her parents; one son, Verlon; a brother, Oscar; and one daughter-in-law, Kathy.

Arrangements were provided by the Colonial Funeral Chapel in Edgerton.

(1214 F)

Vivian Helgeson

Vivian Louise Helgeson, 82, Blackduck, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Society in Blackduck.

A memorial service was Saturday, Dec. 9, at Zion Lutheran Church in Blackduck with inurnment in the Lakeview Cemetery in Blackduck.

Vivian Rye was born on June 18, 1935, to Gullick and Emma (Thompson) Rye in Luverne. She was baptized and confirmed in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. She was raised and attended school in Hills, graduating in 1953. She then worked at the local grocery store in Hills and in an optical shop in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She married Donald Helgeson on Aug. 28, 1955, in Hills. They lived on and farmed the Rye family farm until 1971 when they moved to Tenstrike, where they owned and operated Cedar Rapids Lodge on Medicine Lake for 17 years. In 1987 they moved to Big Sky, Montana, where they enjoyed downhill and cross country skiing and hiking in the mountains. Vivian worked at Buck's T-4 Lodge and in a deli while living there. In September of 1991 they returned to northern Minnesota to be closer to the grandchildren, living first in Hines and then moving to Bemidji in 2007. Vivian and Don moved to Blackduck in June of 2010 to the Good Samaritan Society.



Vivian was active in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills, and Zion Lutheran Church in Blackduck. She was a past member of the Hills American Legion Auxiliary, Bemidji Chamber of Commerce and Resort Inurnment Association, and the Lady Slipper Homemakers Club. She enjoyed golfing and bowling.

Vivian is survived by four daughters, Jewel (Dan) Rockensock, Blackduck, Emily Helgeson and Linda (David Tisdell) Helgeson, both of Bemidji, and Jennifer (John) Anderson, Tenstrike; eight grandchildren, Teresa (Wayne) Hawkinson, Andover, Aaron (Courtney) Dreyer, Elk River, Breanne Dreyer, Bemidji, Tanner Dremmel, Lake George, Seth Dremmel, Bemidji, Taylor Tisdell, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dominic Anderson and Benjamin Anderson, Tenstrike; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Glenn Rye, Sun City West, Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Helgeson in August of 2010; a grandson, Brett Rockensock; her parents; two brothers, Norris and Raymond Rye; three sisters, Opal Nelson, Eldora Bakk and Beverly Nerison; and three infant brothers.

Arrangements were provided by Cease Funeral Home of Blackduck, ceasefuneral-home.com

(1214 F)

Gayle Beers

Gayle M. Beers, 84, Luverne, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Dingmann Funeral Home. A private committal of remains will be at a later date.

Gayle Frakes was born Sept. 30, 1933, to Jess Sr. and Amelia (Hovland) Frakes in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1951. She worked as a punch key operator at Tri-State Insurance.

Gayle married Roger W. Beers on Aug. 31, 1952, in Luverne. After Roger returned from the service, the couple farmed southwest of Luverne. Gayle worked at the Rock County Star-Herald newspaper for 20 years as a typesetter. In January of 2012 she and Roger moved to Luverne. Gayle became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne in May of 2014.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, a 4-H dog leader and also a member of the

Worthington Kennel Club.

She enjoyed playing bridge, and raising and showing Australian cattle dogs. She also enjoyed following the Minnesota professional sports teams, especially the Twins and Vikings.

Gayle is survived by her son, Brad (Jane) Beers, Luverne; two grandchildren, Amber (Corey) Rost, Madison, South Dakota, and Ryleigh Beers, Luverne; two great-grandchildren, Shayla Rost and Raena Rost; two stepgrandchildren, Jason Thiesse and Amanda Revier; a daughter-in-law, Gina Beers, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two sisters-in-law, Eva Lou Aansen, Minnetonka, and Esther Frakes, Luverne; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roger on Sept. 5, 2016; a son, Scott Beers in 2001; and two brothers, Dallis and Jess Jr. "Skippy" Frakes.

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

(1214 F)

Marvin Doering

Marvin Leroy Doering, 81, Luverne, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow in the Parkston Protestant Cemetery in Parkston, South Dakota. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Marvin Doering was born June 24, 1936, to Renatus and Johanna (Henke) Doering in Parkston, South Dakota. He attended school in Parkston, graduating from Parkston Area High School in 1954. In 1955 Marv entered the U.S. Army and served for 16 months in Korea. Upon returning to Parkston, he worked in milk processing.

On Aug. 27, 1961, Marvin married Darlene Juhnke at the United Church of Christ in Parkston. In the fall of 1967 the couple moved to Luverne, where he continued in the milk processing business for the next nine years. In September of 1976, Marv began working in maintenance at Luverne Public Schools and was the chief boiler engineer for 35 years. He retired from the school in May of 2011. His wife, Darlene, died on March 19, 2014. A short time later, Marv moved to The Oaks in Luverne.

Marv was a member of Grace Lutheran Church

and had served on the Board of Trustees. He also sang in the Chancel Choir and served as head usher for many years. Marv loved the outdoors. He enjoyed following high school sports and was also a fan of professional sports, especially the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings.

He was a collector of John Deere miniature toys and pictures. Marv enjoyed traveling with Dar to Branson, Missouri, to attend country music shows. He and Dar were also regulars at the Luverne Fitness Center.

Marv is survived by his brother, Norman (Imogene) Doering, Janesville, Wisconsin; a sister, LaVerna (Vernon) Neugebauer, Mitchell, South Dakota; sisters-in-law Marjean (Jim) Apland and Nadine Juhnke; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Liz and Breanne Merson and family, Dave and Brenda Knips, Matt Knips, Erica Knips, Brian and Stacey Jans and family, Brad and Megan Stearns, Marv and Bonnie Scherff, Ken and Irene Hirsch, Jerry and Elaine Tiede, and the residents and staff at The Oaks and Poplar Creek senior living facility.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents; two brothers, Roland and Richard Doering; and two nephews, Loren and Bruce Doering.

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

(1214 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Nyla Bullerman

Nyla Josephine Bullerman, 83, Adrian, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

A funeral Mass was Monday, Dec. 11, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Burial was in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

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

(1214 DN)

LeRoy Emery

LeRoy "Buster" Emery, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017. A memorial service was Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hector.

(1214 DN)

Arthur Zylstra

Arthur Zylstra, 79, Edgerton, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

A funeral service was Saturday, Dec. 9, at First Reformed Church in Edgerton. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were with Colonial Funeral Chapel of Edgerton.

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Gym squad places third in St. James

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team participated in a pair of events during the second week of the regular season.

The Cardinals lost a four-plus point decision to Martin County Area during their home opener Dec. 5 before placing third at the Snowflake Invitational in St. James Saturday.

Luverne, 3-3 overall, caps the 2017 portion of its schedule in Pipestone Dec. 19.

Snowflake invite

The Cardinals scored 123.825 points to place third in a five-team field during the Snowflake Invitational in St. James Saturday.

Redwood Valley (128.925) and Windom (124.35) topped the Cards in the standings.

LHS bested Pipestone (112.55) and St. James (95.9).

Meghan Witte and Samantha Pierce emerged as Luverne's

top performers at the event.

Witte won the floor competition with an 8.8 tally and placed second on the vault and bars with respective 8.9 and 7.975 efforts.

Witte also placed third all-around with 33.025 points.

Pierce finished fourth on the vault and floor with 8.625 and 8.5 efforts.

RWV's Emma Stevenson took top honors on the vault (9.15), beam (8.4) and in the all-around competition (33.7).

RWV's Riley Franklin captured the bars title with a score of 8.1.

Individual results
Floor: Witte, 8.8; Pierce, 8.5; Anna Huisman, 8.1; Meghan Mollberg, 7.65; Madigan Flom, 7.4.
Vault: Witte, 8.9; Pierce, 8.625; Melissa Teal, 8.2; Mollberg, 8.0; Huisman, 7.9.
Beam: Pierce, 7.85; Flom, 7.825; Huisman, 7.475; Witte, 7.35; Mollberg, 6.55.
Bars: Witte, 7.975; Huisman, 6.975; Teal, 6.55; Pierce, 6.075; Flom, 4.175.

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John Rittenhouse photo/1214 gym 5

Luverne sophomore Meghan Mollberg dismounts off the beam during the home opener against MCA Dec. 5.

Patriots end slide Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team put an end to a three-game losing skid in commanding fashion Friday in Fulda.

Taking on the Raiders in a Red Rock Conference clash, the visiting Patriots controlled play in both halves of a 79-44 victory.

After trailing 3-2 early in the contest, H-BC senior post Kourtney Rozeboom converted a field goal at the 15:39 mark of the first half to give the Patriots a 7-3 lead.

Fulda scored the next six points to move in front 9-7, but H-BC countered with a 12-0 run and never lost the lead the rest of the night.

Grace Bundesen capped the 12-0 surge with a field goal at the 8:32 mark to make it a 19-9 game.

The lead swelled to 13 points (24-11) when Sidney Fick canned a pair of charity shots with 5:39 remaining, and the Patriots remained in front by 13 points (33-20) at the intermission.

Rozeboom netted the first four points of the second half to give the Patriots a 37-20 lead that expanded to 18 points (40-22) when Fick buried a three-point shot at 14:49.

The Raiders scored the next five points to make it a 13-point (40-27) game, but that proved to be as close as the hosts would come to catching H-BC.

The Patriots kept padding their lead during an eight-minute span that ended with H-BC sporting a 35-point (70-35) cushion when Fick canned a three-pointer with



John Rittenhouse photo/1214 hgb 3

Hills-Beaver Creek senior guard Paige Tilstra draws a foul as she drives to the basket during Friday's girls' basketball game in Fulda. H-BC rolled to a 79-44 win over the Raiders.

4:45 remaining.

Both teams scored nine points the rest of the night.

Fick (32 points), Rozeboom (11 points) and six rebounds) and Taryn Rauk (10 points) led the Patriots offensively.

Whitney Elbers (five rebounds), Abby Knobloch (five rebounds and three

assists), Paige Tilstra (five rebounds) and Kenadie Fick (five rebounds and three steals) turned in productive performances as well.

The 2-3 Patriots host Flandreau Indian School Saturday.

Box score
K. Fick 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra

0 0 0-2 0, Spath 0 0 2-2 2, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 3 1 0-0 9, S. Fick 5 6 4-5 32, Bundesen 2 1 0-0 7, Swan 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 1 2 2-2 10, Boltjes 2 0 0-1 4, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 2 0 0-2 4, Rozeboom 5 0 1-1 11.

Team statistics
H-BC: 30 of 68 field goals (44 percent), 11 of 15 free throws (73 percent), 44 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
Fulda: 14 of 52 field goals (27 percent), 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent), 16 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

Boys complete 5-0 league start

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team kept its perfect record in tact by posting three victories in five days last week.

The Cardinals topped Marshall by two goals at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Dec. 5 before securing a six-goal win in Redwood Falls Thursday.

Luverne capped the stretch by securing a six-goal home win over Waseca Saturday.

The 5-0 Cardinals host St. Paul Academy Saturday.

Luverne 6, Waseca 0

Big games from seniors Daniel Tofteland and Kasyn Kruse lifted the Cardinals to a six-goal home win over the Blue Jays Saturday.

Tofteland turned in a 21-save shutout in goal and Kruse registered a four-point performance highlighted by a hat trick.

Kruse set the tone for the game by scoring twice in the first 11:50 of play.

He opened the scoring at the 10:40 mark of the first period and added another tally with 5:10 remaining.

Defenseman Jim Erickson added a tally with 14 seconds left in the first period to make it a 3-0 game.

Kruse capped his hat trick with an unassisted effort 5:52 into the second period.

Declan Beers added a power-play goal as the period progressed to give the Cards a 5-0 cushion they would take into the third period.

Mark Sterrett capped Luverne's six-goal win by netting a goal with 3:14 left to play in the game.

Beers and Tyler Reisdorfer finished the game with two assists each, while Kruse, Trey Roberts, Ben Serie and Gaige Nath added one assist each to the cause.

LHS outshot the Blue Jays 46-21 in the game.

Luverne 8, RWV 2

The Cardinals recorded their fourth consecutive victory when they made their road debut in Redwood Falls Thursday.



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Luverne senior defenseman Trey Roberts battles for the puck during Saturday's home hockey game against Waseca. Roberts registered one assist during a 6-0 victory.

Led by a four-point performance from Beers, the Cardinals produced four power-play goals and outshot RWV 39-18 during a six-goal conquest.

The Cardinals got off to a strong start in the first period by registering three power-play tallies.

Beers scored twice in the first 11:28 of the game and Kruse added an unassisted goal with 36 seconds left in the opening stanza.

RWV settled down and trimmed the difference to one goal (3-2) after scoring twice in the second period.

Chris Wersal put the puck in the net 2:20 into the period, and Axel Persson scored with 2:46 remaining in the stanza to climb back into contention.

Luverne settled the issue before the period was complete as the Cards scored three times in a span of 1:41 to up the lead to 6-2.

Nick Harder ignited the rally

with 2:32 remaining and Colby Crabtree scored 29 seconds later.

Nath added a goal with 51 seconds to give the Cards a four-goal cushion heading into the third period.

Serie recorded Luverne's fourth power-play goal of the game at the 10:26 mark of the final stanza before Erickson capped the scoring with 5:25 left to play.

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Panther girls register second victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team picked up its second win of the 2017-18 season Friday in Westbrook.

Taking on the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Chargers on their home floor, the Panthers made themselves at home by securing a 60-41 victory.

The game was up for grabs after a first half that ended with Ellsworth sporting a 25-20 lead.

The Panthers put the game away in the second half when they outscored the Chargers 35-21 to complete a 19-point victory.

Devin Dreesen (14 points, seven rebounds and five

assists) and Kallie Chapa (12 points, six rebounds and five steals) paved the way to victory for EHS.

Lizzie Chapa (five rebounds), Morgan Dreesen (seven rebounds), Ashlyn Meester (five rebounds) and Sierra Smith (six rebounds) also played strong games for the Panthers.

Ellsworth, 2-1 overall, hosts Adrian Thursday.

Box score
Meester 2 0 4-4 8, K. Chapa 3 2 0-3 12, L. Chapa 3 0 0-0 6, Domeyer 2 0 2-2 6, M. Dreesen 1 0 3-4 5, D. Dreesen 3 1 5-10 14, Smith 4 0 1-5 9.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 21 of 64 field goals (33 percent), 15 of 28 free throws (54 percent), 37 rebounds, nine rebounds.

Dooyema reaches title match at JCC tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team took to the mat twice last week at different venues.

The Cardinals lost a pair of matches at the Worthington Triangular Thursday before placing 13th as a team at the 2017 JCC Pizza Ranch Invitational in Jackson Saturday.

Luverne travels to Iowa Saturday to compete at the Spencer Tournament.

JCC invite

Jed Dooyema placed second individually and the Cardinals placed 13th as a team during the 2017 JCC Pizza Ranch Invitational in Jackson Saturday.

LHS compiled 48 points to finish 13th in a 16-team field led by South Dakota entry

Harrisburg, which claimed the championship with 205 points.

Dooyema provided the highlight of the tournament for LHS by finishing second at 152 pounds with a 2-1 record.

Dooyema reached the finals by pinning Sioux City East's Aman Dean (58 seconds) and West Sioux's Brandon Schuller (2:52).

JCC's Cole Kapplinger pinned Dooyema at 4:45 in the title tilt.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns placed fourth at 132 with a 2-2 record, and Riley Cowell went 3-2 and placed sixth at 106.

Tom Brown went 1-2 without placing at 170.

Brayden Ripka (113), Zach Bradley (126), Dalton DeSollar (145) and Jayden Renken (160)

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Luverne sophomore Madigan Flom registered a 7.625 on the floor during the home gymnastics opener Dec. 5.

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MCA 128.575, Luverne 124.35

An improved performance over the season debut on Dec. 1 wasn't enough to give the Cardinals their second win of the season when they entertained the Magic for their home opener Dec. 5.

LHS added nearly nine points to its point total compared with its season-opening victory in St. James, but MCA outscored the Cards by four-plus points to claim the victory.

Meghan Witte and Samantha Pierce secured one event title each for the Cards.

Witte, who emerged as the all-around champion with 33.175 points, took top honors

on the vault with an 8.9 effort.

Pierce emerged as the beam champion with her score of 8.75.

Witte also placed second on the bars (7.75) and third on the beam (7.975) and floor (8.55).

Pierce finished second on the vault with an 8.725.

MCA's Sabrina Segar claimed the bars and floor titles with respective 8.1 and 8.675 scores.

Individual results
Vault: Witte, 8.9; Pierce, 8.725; Melissa Teal, 8.425; Anna Huisman, 8.225; Meghan Mollberg, 8.15.
Beam: Pierce, 8.75; Witte, 7.975; Madigan Flom, 7.65; Mollberg, 7.45; Huisman, 7.325.
Bars: Witte, 7.75; Huisman, 6.75; Teal, 6.225; Flom, 5.225; Pierce, 4.825.
Floor: Witte, 8.55; Pierce, 8.075; Flom, 7.625; Mollberg, 7.5.

BOWLING NEWS

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Trojans, Eagles upend Cardinal boys during second week of season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team is seeking its initial win after dropping a pair of games last week.

Worthington topped the Cardinals by 22 points Dec. 5 in Luverne. The Cards lost a 14-point game to New Ulm during a Big South Conference Showcase game Saturday in St. Peter.

Luverne, 0-3 overall, hosts Redwood Valley Friday.

New Ulm 62, LHS 48

The Cardinals played a competitive first half before falling by 14 points to the Eagles during Saturday's Big South Conference Showcase game in St. Peter.

Luverne was in a position to gain its first victory when it trailed 25-22 at the intermission.

New Ulm, however, outscored LHS 37-26 in the second half to win the game handily.

Eli Haugom led the Cards in scoring with 14 points, while Derek Lundgren tossed in 11 points, grabbed seven rebounds and charted four steals.

Brayden Jacobsma (five rebounds, four steals and three assists), Isaiah Bartels (five rebounds) and Mikel Terry (three steals) also played productive games for LHS.

Box score
Robinson 1 0 2-6 4, Lundgren 5 0 1-5 11, Bartels 1 2 1-1 9, Terry 0 0 4-4 4, Jacobsma 2 0 2-3 6, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 7 0 0-0 14.

Team statistics
Luverne: 18 of 52 field goals (35 percent), nine of 17 free throws (53 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
New Ulm: 20 of 44 field goals (46



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Luverne senior post Eli Haugom turned in a 15-point, 10-rebound performance during a 61-39 home loss to the Worthington Trojans Dec. 5. The game was Luverne's conference debut.

percent) and 18 of 27 free throws (67 percent).

WHS 61, Luverne 39

The Cardinals opened Big South Conference competition by hosting the Trojans for a Dec. 5 game in Luverne.

Luverne played with Worthington in the game's first 18 minutes of play, but

the Trojans had their way with LHS in the second half of a 22-point win.

The Cards trailed 27-22 at halftime before being outscored 34-17 in the second half.

Haugom turned in a 15-point, 10-rebound effort for the Cardinals.

Lundgren grabbed seven

rebounds and Jacobsma charted three assists.

Box score
Robinson 0 0 4-6 4, Cowell 0 0 0-0 0, Lundgren 2 0 1-3 5, Bartels 3 0 1-4 7, Terry 1 0 1-2 3, Jacobsma 1 0 1-2 3, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 1 0 0-0 2, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Pradana 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 7 0 1-2 15.

Team statistics
Luverne: 15 of 51 field goals (29 percent), 10 of 22 free throws (45 percent), 29 rebounds, six turnovers.

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Tofteland stopped 14 of the 16 shots he faced in goal during the game.

Harder, Kruse and Beers finished the game with two assists each, while Serie and Reisdorfer added one assist each to the winning cause.

LHS 3, Marshall 1

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a two-goal decision when they squared off against the Tigers Dec. 5 in Luverne.

In what was a rematch of last season's Section 3A championship game, the teams skated to a scoreless draw in the first period.

The score was tied at one in the second period when



John Rittenhouse photo/1214 lhb 5

Luverne senior Kasyn Kruse moves the puck into the offensive zone during Saturday's home hockey game against Waseca. Kruse registered a hat trick during a 6-0 victory.

LHS registered a pair of unanswered goals to settle

the issue.

Roberts snapped the

deadlock when he recorded a power-play goal with 4:24 remaining in the second period.

Kruse gave the Cards a cushion when he capped the scoring with his second goal of the game that came with 4:00 left to play in the third period.

Kruse opened the scoring 3:54 into the second period before Marshall tied the game with a short-handed tally from Tristian Van DeVere 3:17 later.

Tofteland made 27 saves for an LHS team that sported a 34-28 advantage in shots on goal in the contest.

Serie recorded two assists for the winners, while Reisdorfer and Erickson chipped in one assist each.

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H-BC, EHS girls come up big Friday

Friday night may have been a defining moment for a pair of girls' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area.



It's hard to say what the future may hold for the Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth squads based on the unknowns involved with athletics.

Still, I have to believe head coaches Kale Wiertzema and Mike Palm have to be feeling pretty good about their teams after turning in strong performances on the road Friday.

Based on what I have witnessed in prior years, I harbored high expectations for Wiertzema's H-BC squad entering the season.

Although the Patriots did lose a pair of key seniors in Avery Van Roekel and Jasmine Lingen from the 2016-17 season, my confidence didn't waver.

I always like to yank Wiertzema's chain in terms of sharing with him what I envision for his team prior to the start of the season. He did give me a blank stare when I stated we could put him down for 20 wins right now at a photo session Nov. 17.

After feeling somewhat smart when H-BC rolled to a 17-point victory at R-T-R to open the season, I found out why the coach dismissed my win projection without hesitation.

H-BC lost its next three games, leaving me feeling somewhat confused.

There was no shame in the Patriots dropping home games to quality SWC and West Lyon teams on consecutive days, but I didn't see a six-point loss in Adrian coming on Dec. 5.

As I traveled to Fulda Friday to watch H-BC's fifth game in the first two weeks of the season, I came to a conclusion.

The younger members of the team being asked to play at the varsity level for the first time are still trying to find their footing, and the best days for the 2017-18 team will come in January and February.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

After watching H-BC dismantle the Fulda Raiders 79-44 on their home floor, which included a 32-point effort from Sidney Fick and Kourtney Rozeboom dominating the paint, I think the Patriots might be ready to embark on a run right now.

To be honest, I didn't have very high expectations for Palm's Panthers at the beginning of the season.

It's hard to have a lot of faith in a team that was limited to two wins last winter, but I'm starting to gain some now.

Ellsworth rolled to a 16-point win over HL-O in its 2017-18 debut and secured a 19-point victory over W-WG Friday in Westbrook.

W-WG is a team the Panthers defeated twice last season, so I wasn't surprised when Palm called in with the information on that victory.

I can't say the same about their season-opening home win against HL-O.

The Wildcats defeated the Panthers by 14 and 17 points in two contests last year, which ended up as a three-win season for EHS.

Now that the Panthers are off to a 2-1 start in 2017-18, something Palm told me during our preview interview last month is starting to resonate with my view of the Panthers.

The coach firmly believes the experience a young team gained last winter will only help the squad this season.

Considering EHS is only one win away from matching last year's victory total, I would say Palm was correct.

It might be tough for EHS to compete with the area's elite teams this winter, but I would say ending the 2017-18 season with five or six conquests would be a successful year for the Panthers.

E-Gals come back on Cardinals Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls fell from basketball's unbeaten ranks when they took on Southwest Christian for a game in Luverne Thursday.

The Cardinals played well in what was a very competitive contest, but the E-Gals pulled away late to secure a 66-57 win and snap what was a three-game run of victories for LHS.

After surrendering the first two points of the game, LHS reeled off six consecutive points to sport a four-point (6-2) cushion when Gabrielle Ferrell buried a field goal at the 14:20 mark of the first half.

The Cards were clinging to an 11-10 edge when Mallory Thorson recorded a field goal, but the E-Gals countered with a 14-0 run to move in front 24-11 with 5:45 remaining in the half.

LHS countered with a 7-0 spurt capped by a three-point shot from Joci Oye at 3:54 to make it a 24-18 game.

The Cards continued to chip away at SWC's lead before knotting the score at 26 when Thorson turned a steal into a layup with one second remaining.

LHS went on a 10-4 run to start the second half ending with a field goal from Thorson that gave the Cards a 36-30 lead with 10:59 left to play.

SWC answered the challenge by putting together a 25-6 run that left the E-Gals sporting a 55-42 advantage with 4:05 remaining.

The Cards fought back and



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Luverne senior guard Joci Oye works her way through traffic before scoring two of her team-high 15 points during Thursday's home basketball game against Southwest Christian.

trimmed the difference to four points (58-54) when Mackenzie Petersen buried a three at the 1:54 mark, but the E-Gals settled the issue by outscoring LHS 8-3 the rest of the night to prevail by nine points.

Oye (15 points and five assists), Ferrell (14 points)

and Petersen (10 points and six rebounds) turned in key performances for the Cards.

Sierra Schmuck (six rebounds and three assists), Rachel Oftedahl (six rebounds) and Jady Anderson (three steals) also played well for LHS.

The 3-1 Cards host Redwood Valley Friday.

Box score
Schmuck 2 0 1-2 5, Oye 4 2 1-2 15, Anderson 1 0 1-2 3, Thorson 3 0 1-2 7, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 1 0 1-2 3, Petersen 3 1 1-2 10, Ferrell 4 2 0-0 14.

Team statistics
Luverne: 23 of 57 field goals (40 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 25 rebounds, 22 turnovers.
SWC: 22 of 65 field goals (34 percent), 17 of 23 free throws (74 percent), 33 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Dragon wrestlers split matches at Canton Triangular

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team mixed it up at a pair of events late last week.

The Dragons split matches at a triangular meet Thursday in Canton, South Dakota. AHS turned in a 15th-place showing at the 2017 JCC Pizza Ranch Invitational in Jackson Saturday.

Adrian hosts Pipestone Thursday.

JCC tourney

Adrian placed 15th in a 16-team field at the 2017 JCC Pizza Ranch Invitational in Jackson Saturday.

The Dragons compiled 36 points during the tournament, finishing well behind the 205-point effort produced by champion Harrisburg, South

Dakota.

Two AHS wrestlers placed in their respective weight classes to highlight the event for the Dragons.

Logan Taylor placed third at 113 pounds with a 2-1 record, while Logan Nelson finished sixth at 138 with a 2-2 mark.

Beau Bullerman went 2-2 without placing at 182.

Brandon Combs (120), Brent Hokeness (132) and Chandler Combs (145) went 1-2 without placing, while Breyer Hieronimus (106) and Jaime Castenada (152) went 0-2.

Canton triangular

The Dragons broke even when they split matches during Thursday's triangular

meet in Canton, South Dakota.

Adrian came up on the short end of a 62-12 decision during the opening match against the host school before nailing down a 57-18 win over Tri-Valley in the finale.

Logan Sherer emerged as the lone AHS entry to experience a 2-0 night.

Sherer drew a forfeit from Canton and pinned T-V's Brayden Glasford in 3:45.

Jesus Anaya, Breyer Hieronimus, Dominiq Canales, Jamie Castanada, Corbin Burcham and Max Lehman went 1-0.

Logan Taylor, Preston Nelson, Chandler Combs and Beau Bullerman went 1-1, while Scot Edwards, Quentin Wold and Brent Hokeness dropped their lone matches.

Match wrap-ups
Canton 62, Adrian 12
106 (A) Ayana by injury default.
113 (C) Trowbridge 4-0 Taylor.
120 (C) Peterson by forfeit.
126 (C) March by forfeit.
132 (C) Cline by forfeit.
138 (A) Sherer by forfeit.
145 (C) Laubach 13-3 Nelson.
152 (C) Peterson 15-4 Combs.
160 (C) Peterson by forfeit.
170 (C) Laubach by forfeit.
182 (C) Butten 8-2 Bullerman.
195 (C) Richardson by forfeit.
220 (C) Baldwin by forfeit.
285 (C) Smith by disqualification.

Adrian 57, T-V 18
106 (A) Hieronimus pins Geary.
113 (A) Taylor 7-0 Jensen.
120 (T) Norgaard pins Wolf.
126 (A) Canales by forfeit.
132 (T) Lamer pins Hokeness.
138 (A) Sherer pins Glasford.
145 (A) Nelson pins Rombough.
152 (A) Castanada by forfeit.
160 (A) Combs pins Koopman.
170 (A) Burcham by forfeit.
182 (A) Lehman by forfeit.
195 (A) Bullerman by forfeit.
220 (T) Nehlich by forfeit.
285 (A-T) open.

WINTER SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Anika Gust

Sport: Hockey
Position: Defense
Parents: Tim & Karis Gus
Favorite Subject: Psychology/sociology
Extra Curricular Activities: Fall/spring plays, band & choir, peer helping, track & field
Future Plans: Attend Gustavus Adolphus College, double major in political science and psychology, attend law school, be happy.



Oscar Holmberg

Sport: Hockey
Position: Goalie
Parents: Chris & Diane Holmberg
Favorite Subject: Band
Extra Curricular Activities: BPA, Civil Air Patrol, DJ-ing
Future Plans: Attend UND for aviation.



Andrew Bierman

Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard
Parents: Matt & Pamela Bierman
Favorite Subject: P.E.
Extra Curricular Activities: Basketball
Future Plans: I don't know.



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AHS bests Panthers

By John Rittenhouse

Two boys' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area opened Red Rock Conference play against each other Thursday in Adrian.

The Ellsworth Panthers paid a visit to AHS to open the conference slate.

The home-standing Dragons came out on top by saddling the Panthers with a 62-38 setback.

AHS opened a 33-21 cushion in the first half of play before outscoring EHS by 12 points (29-17) in the second half to prevail by 24 points.

Brady Henning, Christian Weidert and Ryan Wieneke led the Dragons offensively by tossing in 18, 14 and 13 points respectively.

Lance Luettel and Weidert grabbed nine and five rebounds for the winners.

Ellsworth received a 13-point, eight-rebound performance effort from Brandon Kramer.

The 1-1 Dragons play in Okabena Friday, while 0-3 Ellsworth entertains Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday.

Box score
Ellsworth
N. Kruse 1 0 2-2 4, S. Boyenga 1 0 1-4 3, K. Boltjes 1 0 0-2 2, T. Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 1 1 0-0 5, S. Kramer 2 1 0-2 7, B. Kramer 6 0 1-3 13, Nave 0 0 0-0 0, Buntjer 1 0 2-2 4.
Adrian
Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Weidert 6 0 2-2 14, John 0 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 5 1 0-0 13, Ross 0 0 1-4 1, Henning 4 3 1-1 18, Veld 2 0 0-0 4, Frodermann 1 0 0-0 2, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 3 0 0-0 6, Luettel 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 15 of 52 field goals (29 percent), six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 23 rebounds, eight turnovers.
Adrian: 27 of 53 field goals (51 percent), four of eight free throws (50 percent), 26 rebounds, six turnovers.

Cardinal skaters drop consecutive contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team lost a pair of games to slip to 5-4-1 for the season.

Luverne fell by three goals in Marshall Dec. 5 before dropping a one-goal home game to Waseca Saturday.

The 5-4-1 Cardinals host Morris-Benson for a non-conference contest Friday.

Waseca 4, Luverne 3

The Cardinals lost consecutive games for the first time this season when they entertained the Blue Jays for a Big South Conference clash Saturday.

LHS received a hat trick from freshman Rozilyn Oye, but Riley Brown netted three goals for the Blue Jays and Waseca received another tally from Jade Pederson to prevail in what was a very competitive contest.

Brown opened the scoring in the game at the 11:20 mark of the first period only to have Oye knot the score at one for LHS with 3:27 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Blue Jays regained the lead (2-1) before the first period was complete as Pederson registered her goal with 2:03 left in the stanza.



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Luverne freshman defenseman Brynn Thier pokes the puck off the stick of Waseca's Jayde Pederson during Saturday's girls' hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Waseca scored twice in a span of 59 seconds early in the second period to open a 4-1 cushion.

Brown netted a short-handed goal 1:02 into the stanza before completing her hat trick with a power-play goal that came with 14:49 remaining in the period.

Oye's second goal of the game came with 9:38 remaining in the second stanza, making it a 4-2 contest.

Oye completed her hat trick with 4:26 left in the third period to trim the difference to one goal (4-3), but the Cards were unable to score again over the final four minutes.

Waseca sported a 26-25 edge in shots on goal in the game.

Emilie Bartels made 22 saves for LHS, which received a two-assist effort from Billi Connell.

Rylee Gee, Reghan Bork and Kamryn Van Batavia charted

one assist each for the Cards.

Marshall 3, LHS 0

The Cardinals took their second conference loss of the season when they took on the Tigers in Marshall Dec. 5.

Marshall, the team that eliminated LHS from the section playoffs last season, limited the Cardinals to 11 shots on goal during a shutout performance on its home ice.

Tiger goalie Emma Klenken blanked the Cards with a seven-save effort.

Marshall registered one goal in the game's first period before scoring twice in the third period to put the contest away.

Logan Sherman gave the Tigers a 1-0 cushion with an unassisted tally 11:22 into the first period.

Emelia Barker doubled the lead (2-0) with a goal 17 seconds into the third period after being set up by Sydney Mauch, and Courtney Mauch capped the scoring with an empty-net goal that came with the Tigers facing a short-handed situation with 19 seconds left to play.

Marshall outshot the Cards 32-11 in the game.

Bartels made 29 saves.

DECEMBER 5 SPORTS REPLAY

Dragon girls top H-BC for first win

The Adrian girls' basketball team produced their first win of the season when they upended the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots 57-51 in Adrian.

AHS raced to a 33-21 lead in the first half and withstood H-BC's challenge (the Patriots outscored the Dragons 30-24) in the second half to prevail by six points.

Hannah Bullerman (19 points and five rebounds), Lexi Slater (11 points and eight rebounds), Alexia Kemper (three steals), Bailey Lonneman (five rebounds) and Paige Bullerman (six rebounds) played well for AHS.

Grace Bundesen (14 points and five rebounds), Sidney Fick (12 points and three steals), Megan Gehrke (eight rebounds) and Paige Tilstra (three steals) led H-BC.

Raiders overwhelm Ellsworth boys in Fulda

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team dropped its second consecutive contest when it came up on the short end of an 81-59 decision in Fulda.

The Raiders rolled to a 49-26 lead in the first half and won by 22 points after EHS sported a 33-32 scoring edge in the second half. Brandon Kramer (15 points, seven rebounds and four assists) and Noah Kruse (14 points and five assists) played strong games for the Panthers.

E-Gals saddle Panther girls with their first loss

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped its first game of the year when the Panthers came up on the short end of a 67-25 tally against Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

The E-Gals opened a 32-17 lead over EHS in the first half and outscored the Panthers 35-8 in the second half to complete a 42-point conquest.

Devin Dreesen (11 points and six rebounds) and Lizzie Chapa (six rebounds) led the Panthers statistically.

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls evened their basketball record at 2-2 with a Red Rock Conference victory in Okabena Friday.

After starting the season with two consecutive losses, the Dragons now have two straight wins after defeating Heron Lake-Okabena 46-26 on the Wildcats' home court.

AHS outscored the hosts in both halves of the contest.

The Dragons led 23-12 at halftime before outscoring HL-O 23-14 in the second half to prevail by 20 points.

Lexi Slater (11 points, five rebounds and three assists) and Paige Bullerman (10 points and seven rebounds) paced AHS offensively.

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all went 0-2.

WHS triangular

The Cardinals walked away empty-handed when they opened Big South Conference competition at the Worthington Triangular Thursday.

Luvernelosta 66-12 decision to Windom-Mountain Lake Area during the opening before falling 67-12 to Worthington in

the finale.

Riley Cowell had a big night by winning both of his matches for LHS.

Cowell pinned W-MLA's Caden Swoboda in 1:54 before sticking Worthington's Ivan Martinez in 4:00.

Jayden Renken and Jed Dooyema both went 1-1, while Brayden Ripka, Justyce Ripka, Zach Bradley, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Dalton DeSollar

and Tom Brown went 0-2.

Match wrap-ups

W-MLA 66, Luverne 12
106 (L) Cowell pins Swoboda.
113 (W) Holmberg 9-2 B. Ripka.
126 (W) Willaby pins J. Ripka.
132 (W) Sammons 7-3 Oeltjenbruns.
138 (W) Curry by forfeit.
145 (W) Spinks pins DeSollar.
152 (W) Borsgard pins Dooyema.
160 (L) Renken by forfeit.
170 (W) Jepsen pins Brown.
182 (W) Parada by forfeit.
195 (W) Altman by forfeit.

220 (W) Carlton by forfeit.
285 (W) Mutz by forfeit.

Worthington 67, LHS 12
106 (L) Cowell pins Martinez.
113 (W) Schultz pins B. Ripka.
120 (W) Magana 15-5 J. Ripka.
126 (W) Artiga pins Bradley.
132 (W) Prunty by forfeit.
138 (W) Paw pins Oeltjenbruns.
145 (W) Pavelko pins DeSollar.
152 (L) Dooyema by forfeit.
160 (W) Doonkersloot 5-3 Renken.
170 (W) Mullaney pins Brown.
185 (W) Byrne by forfeit.
220 (W) Russell by forfeit.
285 (W) Cam by forfeit.

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

CenterPoint Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for approval to increase rates for natural gas distribution service. The requested increase is about 6.4 percent or \$56.5 million per year. The requested increase would add about \$4.45 to a typical residential customer's monthly bill.

The MPUC may either approve or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may approve a lesser or greater increase than requested for any class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the summer of 2018. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Administrative Law Judge Jeffery Oxley is holding four public hearings on the company's proposal. CenterPoint Energy customers or other individuals may attend the hearings and provide comment. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of CenterPoint Energy's service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings.

In case of bad weather, find out if a meeting is canceled by calling (toll free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

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Comment period

Comments are accepted through Mar. 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
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Date	Time	Location
Tuesday Jan. 16	4:30 p.m.	Blue Earth Library, Conference Room 100 E. Main St., Mankato, MN 56001
Wednesday Jan. 17	5:00 p.m.	Sabathani Community Center, Conference Room D 310 E. 38th St., Minneapolis, MN 55409
Thursday Jan. 18	6:00 p.m.	Central Lakes Community College, Room E208 501 W. College Dr., Brainerd, MN 56401
Wednesday Jan. 24	5:00 p.m.	Golden Valley Library, Golden Valley Room 830 Winnetka Ave., Golden Valley, MN 55427

The chart below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly bills for residential, commercial and industrial customers with average natural gas use:

Customer Type (usage in therms)	Avg monthly usage in therms	Avg monthly bill: current rates	Avg monthly bill: interim rates	Avg monthly bill: proposed rates
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	72	\$56	\$60	\$61
Commercial/Industrial				
- up to 1,500/year	65	\$57	\$61	\$62
- 1,500 to 5,000/year	234	\$164	\$172	\$173
- 5,000 or more/year	1,402	\$881	\$916	\$910
Small Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service				
- up to 120,000/year	3,539	\$1,761	\$1,826	\$1,816
- 120,000 or more/year	14,322	\$6,861	\$7,088	\$7,049
Large Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service				
	59,449	\$26,452	\$27,127	\$27,154
Large General Firm Service				
	38,061	\$17,399	\$18,060	\$18,195

*Figures above are rounded (to the nearest whole number).

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on CenterPoint Energy's proposal start on Mar. 6, 2018, at the MPUC's offices at 121 7th Place East, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow CenterPoint Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce — Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General — Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, and others, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

TO LEARN MORE

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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Dec. 14: Noon-3 p.m. Fun Day Potluck. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Mass. Saturday, Dec. 16: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home bingo. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 17: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Children's Christmas Program after Mass. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 8 p.m. St. Mary's Knights of Columbus. Thursday, Dec. 21: 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass.

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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:15 Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 4 p.m. Senior Focus Dinner and Christmas lights in Sioux Falls. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 21: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6 p.m. Christmas caroling. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
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Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 14: 2 p.m. GLCW Christmas Program. Friday, Dec. 15: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 17: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee fellowship and treats. No Sunday School — Delivering Giving Tree Gifts. 5-7 p.m. Live Nativity and Soup Supper. Monday, Dec. 18: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Drive. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Confirmation grades 6-9; Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, Dec. 21: 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle in Fireside Room.

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720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 14: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Dec. 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Dec. 16: 9 a.m. Christmas Program practice for grades K-5. Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 6 p.m. Christmas Program. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. No Midweek. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Dec. 21: 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
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Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry. Saturday, Dec. 16: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. Traditional service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 18: Noon Messenger deadline. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Tuff Home. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 7 p.m. FUEL program. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Dec. 21: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Thursday, Dec. 14: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 15: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m. Youth Group meets to make cookies. Sunday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion; Youth Group Bake Sale. Monday, Dec. 18: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 6 p.m. Advent service. Lunch to follow. 6:45 p.m. Choir practice. 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Dec. 21: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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Sunday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Christmas Program. 11:15 a.m. Christmas dinner served by Senior Highs. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Middle School fellowship. 7 p.m. Choir. Thursday, Dec. 21: 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. 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. Saturday, Dec. 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 4 p.m. Special Christmas music 4:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service. Monday, Dec. 18: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. 7 p.m. Little Lambs Christmas Service. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 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; Youth Christmas Party. Thursday, Dec. 21: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
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.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Program. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 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. 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School Program. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 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.firstpres@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. 17: 9 a.m. Children's Christmas Program. 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: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net
Saturday, Dec. 16: 7 p.m. Freeman Street Blues benefit Concert at Bethlehem. Sunday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel; Sunday School Christmas Program practice. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program during worship at Bethlehem. Christmas Caroling. All ages welcome. Tuesday, Dec. 19: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle Village Garden Room. 7-8:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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forlorn
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if Christ had not been born.

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not come
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with love
 would be aabut drear
had Christ not come.

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and cheer
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year;
to seeking hearts
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love;
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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
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STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.
300 South O'Connell Street
Marshall, MN 56258
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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

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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:
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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.
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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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.
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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
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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 Mortgage 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 Mortgage
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgage
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(11-30, 12-07, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 01-04)

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 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.
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COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
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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

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- 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)

Planning Commission
public hearing set for Dec. 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2017. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the following:

Land use amendment at five contiguous undeveloped parcels (20-2131-300, 20-2131-200, 20-2315-000, 20-2316-000, and 20-2317-000) Luverne, MN to rezone from I-R Industrial Reserve to I-2 Special Industry District.

All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 14th day of December, 2017.

Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(12-14)

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Kelly Bergan's second-graders write to Santa

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Sincerely,
Saul Hoven

Dear Santa,
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Sincerely,
Morgan Nath-Huls

Dear Santa,
Do you have dogs at the North Pole? I do chores at my house. I want an American Girl doll for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Kloe Brockberg

Dear Santa,
How are you? Have I been good this year? I hope so. I would like a Gizmo Gadget for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Kale VerSteeg

Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you doing good? I have a Christmas snack for you. I want a Pokemon card. I can't wait until you come!
Sincerely,
Kade Dopheide

Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you Santa? I have been good this year. I would like a new Xbox. How is Rudolph? Bye Santa.
Sincerely,
Carter Mazza

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Hi! How are you? I have been good this year. Could you please bring me a mini iPad for Christmas?
Please write back.
Sincerely,
Kinser Klosterbuer

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I am doing good. What I want for Christmas is a Godzilla. The one they made before the new Godzilla.
Sincerely,
Will Boltjes

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you doing? Are the reindeer doing good? Can please have squishy sand?
Sincerely,
Grace Kempema

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Are you doing good? I wish a Christmas time to get a special dog. I hope you have a good time on your trip!
Sincerely,
Shyianeve Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring me a bunny and the stuff for it? I hope you have a good trip here. Please write back.
Sincerely,
Alycia Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you? I think I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a brand new bike. It must be tiring flying around the world giving boys and girls presents.
Please write back.
Sincerely,
Teegan Anderson

Dear Santa,
Hi! How is Rudolph? I love you. Could you please bring me an R lamp? I have been good this year.
Sincerely,
Rebecca Arndt

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I am good this year. I do my chores. I want a Lego set because I do my chores a lot.
Sincerely,
Dawsyn Lais

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I've been good this year. Can I have a new phone because my other one does not work.
Sincerely,
Kathryn Spoonhour



Students in Kelly Bergan's second-grade classroom are (front, from left) Emma Abrahamson, Grace Kempema, Morgan Nath-Huls, Kathryn Spoonhour, Alycia Scott, Shyianeve Johnson, Rebecca Arndt, Kloe Brockberg, (back) Rylin Goembel, Jonathan LeBaron, Kinser Klosterbuer, Saul Hoven, Kade Dopheide, Kale Ver Steeg, Teegan Anderson, Dawsyn Lais, Will Boltjes, Logan Wrigg, Efrain Medina and Carter Mazza.

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Lebaron

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I have been good. Could you please bring me new hockey skates? I hope you have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Efrain Medina

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Will you bring me a Laser X for Christmas? I will leave you cookies and milk.
Sincerely,
Rylin Goembel

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I have been super good this year. I clean my room. Please can I have an American Girl doll named Terry Grant? I will leave a special treat for you at my house. I hope you have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Emma Abrahamson

Lori Nath's students:

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a toy car this year because I have been good this year.
Love,
Wesley Smedsrud

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a doll this year because I have been good.
Love,
Caroline Mahoney

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a mini drone this year because I could fly it around the house.
Love,
Luella Johnson

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me an iPhone 7 this year because I do my homework. Thank you.
Love,
Jared Wentzel

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a police gunship this year because I clean my room.
Love,
Ian Thorson

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a Nintendo Switch this year because my brother hogs the Wii.
Love,
Cole Cunningham



Students in Lori Nath's second-grade classroom are (front, from left) Luella Johnson, Hailey Click, Cole Cunningham, Dakotah Sina, Trinley Vanderburg, Natalie Berning, (middle) Abraham Morales, Caroline Mahoney, Ethan Berghorst, Owen Overgaard, Wesley Smedsrud, Ian Thorson, Ryan Gillette, (back) Ingrid Mostad, Jerzey Hood, Easton Johnson, Lauren Peters, Morgan Dahmen, Oliver Mead, Jared Wentzel and Vaughn Sandbulte.

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Love,
Abraham Morales

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a dog this year because I have been cleaning my room.
Love,
Hailey Click

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a Hover-board this year because I read my book bag.
Love,
Trinley Vanderburg

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a live kitten this year because I do all the chores.
Love,
Dakotah Sina

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a toy car this year because I been good.
Love,
Wesley Smedsrud

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a RC Car this year because I have only one sister and I get bored.
Love,
Easton Johnson

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a Xbox One this year because I helped herd cattle.
Love,
Vaughn Sandbulte

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a Polaroid camera this year because I could take lots of pictures.
Love,
Ingrid Mostad

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a LOL Doll this year because I do my chores.
Love,
Natalie Berning

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please bring me a Mal's Spell Book this year because I never got grounded this year.
Love,
Morgan Dahmen



Kristin Schomacker's students:



Second-graders in Kristin Schomacker's class are (front, from left) Anna Austin, Zoey Petersen, Baylee Scott, Londyn Miles, Emma Jacobsma, Ellie Van Batavia, Tiba Kadhim, Jennica Arp, Hailey Smeins, Emmery Huiskes, Liliann Cope, (back) Kameron Sachtjen, Kiel Carson, Jaiden Klay, Sawyer Seifert, Jude Johnson, Kelvin Perez, Ashton Altman, Kane Akkerman, Christian Krohe and Jae'Syn Murray.

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing up there? I would love to have a Monster High Doll with seven dresses and six shoes. Can one of the dresses be a mermaid dress and a mermaid hat? Have a Merry Christmas!
From,
Zoey Petersen

Dear Santa,
Am I good or am I bad? Well can I get a toy or do I get coal. Am I on the naughty list or am I on the good list. Ok, I want some toys. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love you,
Jae'Syn Murray

Dear Santa,
Am I on the good list? Is it cold up there? Can I have a volcano set and Hello Critter set too and a Christmas Lego set too? I think you are the nicest person ever. Are the elves being good up there?
Love,
Hailey Smeins

Dear Santa,
How is it up there? I want a Modded PS3 but have I been good? Am I on the good list?
From,
Kane Akkerman

Dear Santa,
Am I on the good list? Is it cold there? Santa can you please get me an LOL doll? Do you really have a magic crystal? How old are you? Is Rudolph real? I wish I could meet you. Can you understand the reindeer?
From,
Emmery Huiskes

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is clothes for my other Christmas boy doll. Have I been good or bad? Will I have a stack of coal? Can I have a Monster High doll? Thank you!
Love,
Anna Austin

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! What I would want for Christmas is an electric motorcycle. How's the reindeer? How's Mrs. Claus? Santa is she feeling good or bad? Does Rudolph's nose work? Does it Santa? Tell me.
From,
Christian Krohe

Dear Santa,
I want a new clock for me, a video game, a desk and a chair just for me, and a new jacket and pair of socks and a blanket just for me.
From,
Kelvin Perez

Dear Santa,
How is it going up there? How are the reindeer? First people's presents, a Santa shaped candle for one of my aunts. A baseball sign for one of my uncles. A Viking sign for two people. My Grandma, Christmas PJ's. For me I want a laptop some LOL shoes. One more for my grandma, an angel for her. For me now tall fancy boots and lots more presents.
Your friend,
Ellie Van Batavia

Dear Santa,
How is everybody up there? I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus! Have I been good? Can I have a toy? I want ten dresses.
From,
Emma Jacobsma

Dear Santa,
Am I good or bad this xmas? I want a Nintendo Switch, Super Mario Odyssey, and the Lego Batman Movie. Do you need to brush your teeth? Do your Elves work hard? I hope you have a safe trip!
Love,
Jaiden Klay

Dear Santa,
How are your Elfs on the Shelves? How are you and how is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want an American Girl doll and also electric blanket. How you got used to the cold days?
From,
Tiba Kadhim

Dear Santa,
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Love,
Jennica Arp

Dear Santa,
I want an American girl doll and a horse. I want a silicone baby and a big play house.
Love,
Londyn Miles

Dear Santa,
I love you! You are the best! Are you cold? This is what I want. Books, papers, Hatchimal, Collectables, a tablet, and FNAF plushes. I can't see you but I think you look awesome. I want to get you some milk and cookies but I think I can't.
From,
Liliann Cope

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer? Do they like carrots? Can you bring me the Lego Dominus Rex Breakout? And can you bring me two Lego Dominus? And the new Lego Batcave please. Can you bring those things? Thank you. Have I been good?
From,
Kameron Sachtjen

My wishlist has a Xbox One, a USB, an ipod, a phone, and a laptop.
From,
Kiel Carson

Laura Louwagie's students:

Dear Santa,
I really want a four-wheeler because I want to ride it in the field by my house. I want a baseball bat because mine broke.
Sincerely,
Jaxon Pick

Dear Santa,
I hope you feel better on Christmas. Can I please have a real iPhone for Christmas Eve? Can I have a toy horse please?
Sincerely,
Macy Chapin

Dear Santa,
This year I want rollerblades because I am really good at rollerblading. I would like makeup to give makeovers to my friends.
Sincerely,
Autumn de Cesare

Dear Santa,
I would like American Girl Doll stuff because I like to play with them.
Sincerely,
Haidyn Oye



Laura Louwagie's second-grade students are (front, from left) Macrina Reverts, Keegan Crow, Lisa Peters, Haidyn Oye, Nicholas Rolfs, (second row) Ryder Koenig, Renae DeKam, William Soto, Autumn de Cesare, Macy Chapin, AnneMarie Underwood, Korbin Miles, Sidney Hernandez, (back) Evan Ossefoort, Mallachi Domagala, Nyah Remme, Taya Johnson, Carter Johnson, Leo Ramstorf, Lilly Kunz and Jaxon Pick.

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Sincerely,
Mallachi Domagala

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I really want an American Girl Doll! I want to play with my friends all day.
Sincerely,
Lilly Kunz

Dear Santa,
I would like an American Girl Doll because I can play with my friends. I would like a tablet case because I won't break my tablet. I would like a diary because I can write my secrets.
Sincerely,
Lisa Peters

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you have done. Can you give me a bow and arrow because I need to practice aiming. Can you give me a pet puppy because I want to play with it.
Sincerely,
AnneMarie Underwood

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Lego set for Christmas because I like playing with them. I want a toy Nerf gun because I don't have one.
Sincerely,
Keegan Crow

Dear Santa,
I really appreciate you. I want a toy robot because I like that toy!
Sincerely,
Sidney Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I want Poke'mon cards so I can battle. I want Poke'mon books so I can read. I want a toy dinosaur so I can play.
Sincerely,
Ryder Koenig

Dear Santa,
I wish I could get a new Nerf gun, a robot, a robot puppy, and an iPad. Are you ready to eat a lot of cookies? I was nice this year. Were you nice this year? I like Christmas. How old are you? Have a happy Christmas.
Sincerely,
Carter Johnson

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me some Winx Club Dolls for Christmas because I don't have any. I want a phone because I do not have one.
Sincerely,
William Soto

Dear Santa,
I want an iPhone 8 so I can call. I have been really good this year. I want Poke'mon cards, really rare ones please.
Sincerely,
Korbin Miles

Dear Santa,
Hi, I would like slime because I like slime and love to play with it. I would like to have an iPod because I like to play games.
Sincerely,
Taya Johnson

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas because you bring presents. I want an American Girl Doll bed because I like playing house with my American Girl Doll. I would like a real phone because I like playing games on my iPod.
Sincerely,
Rena DeKam

Dear Santa,
I would like a smartphone or an iPod, but my backup plan is a four-wheeler because I want to play with them.
Sincerely,
Macrina Reverts

Dear Santa,
This year I want a remote control snowmobile because I want to drive it on the snow. Have I been good?
Sincerely,
Leo Ramstorf

Dear Santa,
I would like a pet rabbit with a bed and bowl. I want this because I love animals!
Sincerely,
Nyah Remme

Dear Santa,
I want a big toy tractor and a feed wagon because I want to play farm.
Sincerely,
Evan Ossefoort

Dear Santa,
Have you been good this year Santa? I have been good this year. I want an Anki Overdrive so I can race my brother. I want a model Mayflower.
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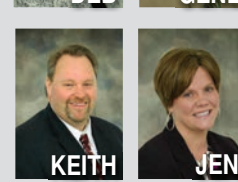
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321 E. Luverne St., MAGNOLIA

Spacious, move in ready, two story, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in the quaint community of Magnolia is waiting for you to call home. This home features a large living and dining room, kitchen with cozy breakfast nook. Main floor bedroom, full bath and laundry. Easy care vinyl plank flooring throughout the main level. The retreat to the upper level to 3 generous sized bedrooms and a full bath. Attached, oversized, double, drive through garage with a bonus garage/shop in the backyard. Give your favorite agent a call today!



401 Mechanic St., EDGERTON

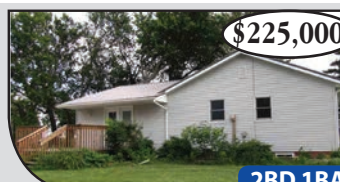
Enjoy your view in this 2 bedroom ranch style home. The expansive view from your living room shows nothing but the rural country side, overlooking a creek. The kitchen dining area features a corner window so you can view two street sides. The main floor features two bedrooms, a large bathroom, large living room, dining area, galley style kitchen and a tv room. The lower level has a 3/4 bath, possible 3rd bedroom (no legal egress at this time), and a family room, loads of storage options as well. Property has been lovingly maintained for 30+ years from the current owners. It's a place that anyone will be happy to call home, check out your future new home today.



1108 N. Kniss Ave., LUVERNE

Check this one out - refinished kitchen with custom made cabinetry by Country Cupboards. Bathroom updated with step in shower and all new fixtures with a wood look laminate floor. Large Master bedroom and 2nd bedroom on the main level. Basement area is unfinished. Large yard measuring 80 x 246.5

We have some private listings we would be happy to visit with you about.



2150 100th Ave., HARDWICK

HORSE LOVERS take note - this acreage 14.12 acres features a recently converted gunset to a stable and arena. There are 5 stables measuring 9.5 x 11 and the riding area is 40 x 40 with gravel over cement storage space for hay inside and a loft area for relaxing after riding. This home also has a unique feature of having two residences on the property, both in good condition. Excellent opportunity to rent one home to reduce your house payment. Residence one features 3 bedrooms with the opportunity for expansion to a 4th bedroom in the basement area as the legal egress is already installed, vinyl siding and a tiled roof. The 2nd residence is a 2 bedroom home moved onto the property in 2015, so the foundation and all plumbing fixtures are new at that time, single attached garage. This home also features a main floor laundry and large full bath. The kitchen is open to the living room for larger living spaces.



301 S. 4th, BEAVER CREEK

Classic and convenient 3 bedroom ranch style home located 20 minutes from Sioux Falls. The home features a MAIN FLOOR LAUNDRY, large living room, Combination Kitchen and Dining Room. The kitchen has Oak Custom made cabinetry. Recent upgrades include but are not limited to new exterior paint, new front door, New fixtures and handles on the cabinetry, upgraded appliances, repainted basement which has great potential for additional living space. Plumbing for an additional bathroom exists in the lower level. All appliances are included with the sale of this property. Updated ceiling lights to all bedrooms and new ceiling fans. There is an attached insulated 2 stall garage and an additional detached 2 stall. Move in ready home at a great value. Call for your preview today.



100 Elm St. W., LUVERNE

Owned and lovingly cared for by the same family for over 40 years, this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, ranch style home is ready for you! This home offers you a spacious living room, open concept kitchen/dining room, 3 generous bedrooms with floor to ceiling closets and a large family/rec room in the basement. Recent updates include new kitchen appliances, new flooring, lighting, window treatments and paint throughout the home in 2013. New water heater in 2014. Private patio, mature professionally landscaped yard, new front door in 2010 and new siding in 2011. Tuck under double garage with floor drain and an abundance of storage. With so many positives, you don't want to miss out, give your favorite agent a call today!

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