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State park announces big plans for 2018

Mound Creek restoration, drinking water projects reach critical mileposts at Blue Mounds State Park

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park will be a busy place next year with two major projects slated for 2018.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources officials announced last week that the bidding process will soon begin for restoration work on Mound Creek. The same day, they announced that drinkable water will soon be available in the park.

Mound Creek restoration:

The final design phase of the Mound Creek restoration project has begun.

The Minnesota DNR has hired Barr Engineering of Minneapolis to design the stream restoration project. Engineering crews have visited the park to evaluate the site and gather information that will guide the final plans.

The scope of the work includes channel design, removal of the dam and spillway, an accessible trail to the creek, and a pedestrian bridge across the former spillway.

The project was prompted by 2014 flooding that blew out the dam and drained the lake.

Rather than rebuild the dam to establish another man-made lake, state officials opted to restore the water area to its natural state.

Plans call for a creek to meander through native grasses that will provide new water recreation opportunities in the park as well as improved fish and wildlife habitat.

The construction bidding process is set to start in late spring, with work taking place through the summer and continuing into 2019.

Potable water access

The Minnesota DNR has entered a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Rock County, which allows Rock County to design and construct a rural water service connection to the park.

Work will begin in spring of 2018, with completion scheduled before the end of the 2018 construction season.

At the same time, the DNR Parks and Trails Division is finalizing its water infrastructure replacement plan within Blue Mounds State Park.

The goal for the water project completion is the fall of 2018.



Mavis Fodness photo/1221 Cookie Making

Decorating Santa's reindeer cookies and elve's hats are (from left) Katelynn VanBelle, Delaney Ahrendt, Harlie DeKam, instructor Victoria Stearns, peer helper Adriana Gonzalez and Maddy Schapel.

Elves in the Kitchen

Twenty-eight kindergarten though sixth-grade students gathered in Luverne High School's home economics room to learn how to bake and decorate several types of holiday cookies Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14. The popular "Kids in the Kitchen" is taught by Victoria Stearns and assisted by peer helpers.



Pictured at left, Renae DeKam spreads green frosting on her elf's hat cookie. Below and in center photo are completed hedgehog and cinnamon bear cookies. In the bottom left image, Nolan DeKam carefully spreads frosting on a chocolate chip with a toothpick. Below, Autumn deCesare shows off her decorated cookies, including hedgehogs, bears, melting snowman and other goodies.





City approves zoning for Towne Square development

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members approved the preliminary development plan for the Towne Square project to be a Planned Unit Development as Proposed by William J. Ludwig and Associates.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the action following a public hearing Nov. 27 and council approved it Dec. 12.

The PUD allows for following deviations from the current zoning of Community Commercial uses.

The deviations include mixing residential and commercial uses, the allowance of three-story structures, the observance of a 15-foot setback from the public right of way, and a shared parking plan.

Ludwig attended the Dec. 12 council meeting to update city leaders on his plans for the Towne Square development.

The project will bring a mixed-use development of retail, office space, restaurants and apartments together on the 4-acre lot.

Four or five business tenants will occupy the primary ground level spaces, with drive-through options on each end.

The primary building along Highway 75 on the north end of the property will be 6,000 square feet and three stories tall. The other highway-facing property will have 8,000 square feet and will also be three stories high.

The two residential buildings along Hatting Street will each have 4,000 square feet and will be two levels, and Ludwig said construction will start first on the apartments.

"We'll start that first thing in the spring to prepare for some of the jobs that are coming with tru Shrimp and others," he said.

The Towne Square residential offerings will range from single- to three-bedroom units of varying sizes and amenities. For example, some of the one-bedroom units will be designed with larger living spaces for couples, while others will cater to singles.

Ludwig called the corner apartments "prized units" with creative natural lighting. The number of single versus two-bedroom units is still to be determined.

Ludwig, an architect and urban planner from Des Moines, Iowa, originally brought his proposal to the city in June. "The intent is to create a center of activity where people live, work, shop and entertain," Ludwig told the city in his initial proposal that was accepted this summer.

Rock County Rural Water manager leaves for new job

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County Rural Water Manager Brent Hoffmann has resigned from his position, effective Dec. 29.

He's leaving to accept a position as general manager of the Grant-Roberts Rural Water System near Milbank, South Dakota.

"It was a joy," Hoffmann said about his work in Rock County. "I enjoyed my time here."

He'll take over a system that services roughly 1,800 customers in northeast South Dakota and communities on the Minnesota side of the border near Big Stone Lake.

"I'm moving to lake country, and I grew up hunting and fishing, so I'm looking forward to doing more of that," Hoffmann said. "And we'll be closer to family."

County Administrator Kyle Oldre said the resignation was a surprise, but he noted it's a promotion to a water system more than twice the size of Rock County's.

"It's a nice opportunity for him," said Oldre, who is also the county human resources director.

"He came in after longtime direc-

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Luverne approved for $1.9 million grant to help fund industrial park infrastructure

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne received word last week that it will receive a $1.9 million grant to fund infrastructure improvements to the industrial park.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) informed Mayor Pat Baustian Dec. 15 that a grant through the Business Development Public Infrastructure Program had been approved for Luverne.

"... this award will provide the necessary resources for continued economic growth and enhance employment in the community and surrounding area," Commissioner Shawntera Hardy wrote to Baustian.

"All parties involved in the preparation of the city's application can be proud of this award. ... Finally, let me extend my congratulations to you and your staff for developing an approach that will effectively address your business and community development needs."

Mayor Pat Baustian credited Luverne Economic Development Authority Director Holly Sammons for her work on the grant application.

"This is another great grant to help out with our industrial park infrastructure and getting it to TruShrimp," Baustian said.

The DEED grant will help fund the extension of streets and utilities to TruShrimp from Minnesota Avenue.

The entire project total is $6,007,000, which includes streets, water lines, sewer lines, storm sewer and electric substation.

Engineers are working on the plans and specifications for the work, and the city will advertise for bids this winter.

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Article 51: Star Herald shares Christmas letters to Santa written a decade ago by local students

This is the 51st 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 in 2007 letters to Santa.

Dear Santa, My name is Brooke. I've been a really good girl this year. I am 7 years old and I'm going to turn 8 on March 8th. My sister and I have wanted a fur real kitty cat. A fur real kitty cat purrs and it meows and it acts like a real cat. Love, **Brooke Feit**

Luverne celebrates 150 years — Letters to Santa/see page 8A

This week's moment in time is sponsored by:

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Community calendar

Meetings

Caregivers Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, in the Mary Jane Brown GSS Home conference room. Anyone dealing with caregiving can find support and learn about resources available.

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.

Community Transit closed Christmas and New Year's

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.

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.

Join in Game Day at library Dec. 27

Students in sixth grade and above are invited to the Rock County Community Library from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, for an afternoon of playing various board, card, and dice games with friends. Stop by the library or call 507-449-5040 to register for the event.

The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Kick off the New Year with park hike

The Blue Mounds State Park is hosting a family-friendly hike from 1-2 p.m New Year's Day. Meet at the picnic grounds parking lot for a walk through the winter wonderland of the prairie. The 1-mile hike will take approximately one hour and will require hiking through snow that may be uneven or not compacted. Wear warm clothing and sturdy snowboots. Snowpants are recommended.

Cancellation notice will be posted on the park website, www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/blue_mounds

Try out for Green Earth play Jan. 7-8

Auditions are set for the next Green Earth Players production, "KOLD Radio —Whitefish Bay," a comedy by Phil Olson. Try-outs for the cast of five men, four women, and one teenage girl are set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, and 5-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the GEP building at 401 Edgehill Street in Luverne. Performances are set for March 16-18 and 22-25.

'Sister Act' bus trip to Chanhassen

Luverne Community Education is offering a bus trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theater on Saturday, Feb. 10, to see "Sister Act."

Call Community Ed at 507-283-4724 by Jan. 10 to reserve a spot. Cost is $110 for the busride and event.



Student instrumentalists perform sounds of the season



Luverne students in sixth through 12th grade performed their 2017 winter band concert Thursday, Dec. 14, in the high school gym. Above, director Richard Owen leads the high school band in "Christmas Bells are Ringing."

At left are seventh- and eighth-grade band members (from left) Egypt Forest, Ashlyn Johnson and Chance Teunissen in the woodwind section.

In the lower left photo is sixth-grader Jenna DeBates. Below is senior percussionist Austin Winter.

In the inset photo below is Jordyn Cleaveland on drums.





Photos by Lori Sorenson

Mobile classroom puts farmers in simulated tractor seats



Mavis Fodness photo/1214 Precision Planting



More than 50 area producers interacted inside Precision Planting LLC's custom semitrailer in the Grand Prairie Events parking lot Dec. 7. The trailer was equipped with tiered-chair seating and video screen for training about the technologically advanced equipment designed to improve the planting process.

By Mavis Fodness

Precision Planting LLC rolled its mobile classroom into Luverne Dec. 7 and offered about 50 producers an inside look at planting corn more effectively.

Planted too deep or too shallow, seeds may not germinate. Seeds planted too close together compete for nutrients and lose yield potential. No seed in a row is missed yield opportunity.

The manufacturer based out of Tremont, Illinois, offers equipment for use inside the tractor cab to monitor the planter and collect data.

Precision's 53-foot-long semitrailer was converted into a 60-seat classroom where New Ulm-based account manager Jason Portner explained how the various attachments convert information into usable data on a computer screen.

"You're able to fix issues sooner rather than later," he said.

Producers can adjust the planter before leaving fields.

Precision Planting dealers Ryan Hoff of Luverne and Bousema Farms of Worthington sponsored the mobile classroom's local workshop.



Rock County earns EPA excellence and BWSR awards

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Land Management Office (LMO) personnel received two awards for their local conservation work.

LMO was recently recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for excellence in implementing Minnesota's innovative Agricultural Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Loan Program.

Rock County was also recognized at the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) conference in Bloomington for receiving the state's County Conservation Award.

Conservation award is for flood recovery efforts

The conservation award recognizes a county for its leadership, innovation and excellence in protecting or improving their natural resources.

John Jaschke with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources nominated the Rock County Board of Commissioners for its 2014 disaster recovery efforts through the LMO and Soil and Water Conservation District.

Commissioners Stan Williamson, Greg Burger, Jody Reisch, Gary Overgaard and Sherri Thompson accepted the award at the AMC conference.

In 2015 Rock County received over $1.23 million for flood recovery projects and recently received a one-year extension to finish distributing funds to local landowners.

LMO received 177 flood-damaged projects for possible funding.

As of last fall, the flood relief dollars have repaired or will repair 114 waterways, 30 terraces/basins and one stream bank stabilization project in Rock County.



Mavis Fodness photo/1221 LMO Award

Rock County Board of Commissioners Chairman Stan Williamson (far left, holding plaque) presents the Land Management Office staff with the state's County Conservation Award and congratulates them for also earning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's award of excellence. Pictured are LMO employees (from left) Arlyn Gehrke, Commissioner Stan Williamson, LMO Director Eric Hartman, Mike Walgrave, Mary Thompson, Doug Bos and Lance Wheeler. Not pictured are Lynette Jauert and Russ Hoogendoorn with Southwest Prairie TSA.

EPA award for decades of clean water efforts

The AgBMP loan program in Rock County has provided 337 loans worth nearly $8 million over the past 20 years.

The loans provide producers a permanent, independent source of low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects.

LMO Director Eric Hartman said, "Rock County residents should be recognized for their efforts and their successes to protect water resources."

Conservation efforts by producers Dennis Leuthold of Hills and Shain Fluit of Luverne were highlighted on the award application.

Leuthold's loan addressed high nitrates in local wells by reconstructing his feedlot. The result of his environmental stewardship efforts was an immediate drop in nitrate levels well below drinking water standards.

Fluit used a BMP loan to purchase a high clearance fertilizer applicator. The improved split-rate nitrate application improved crop yield while preventing nitrate pollution increases in nearby shallow drinking water wells.

Through his custom application service, Fluit offers split-rate application and cover crop opportunities to other area producers.

Rural water manager/ from page 1A

tor Dan Cook left, and a lot has happened in rural water since Brent came aboard."

Hoffmann started in Rock County in July 2010 and became director in April 2011 when Cook retired after more than 30 years at the helm.

Oldre mentioned the expansion of the northwest part of the county rural water system as a major project that added nearly 40 new customers to the line.

He also said the connections to Lewis and Clark Regional Water near Hills and Magnolia had a major impact on local water distribution.

"During his watch, these are major accomplishments that greatly impact how we deliver water throughout the county," Oldre said.

Hoffmann also oversaw the process that led to the Blue Mounds State Park being connected to Rural Water next spring.

In a phone conversation with the Star Herald on Dec. 14, Hoffmann said he'll look back fondly on his time in Rock County.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "I've developed some great personal and professional relationships over the years. There are some nice people here. It's a nice county."

Rural water operator Joe Pick is certified to handle the manager's duties for an interim period until a new manager is hired.

Also, the county contracts with DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, to handle the majority of technical issues affecting the water system.

"We really rely on our engineers," Oldre said. "Our water users won't notice a change in service during this time before we hire someone new."

Rock County Commissioners and Rock County Rural Water Board members will discuss the position and consider whether or not the duties need to be updated.

Oldre noted that this is the first time in his tenure that two department head seats will be open. The Rock County librarian position is also open; applications are being accepted through Jan. 5.

Bidding Main Street goodbye after four decades

Mike Cox retires from a career of assisting residents with home repairs, financial questions and more

By Mavis Fodness

For more than 40 years, Luverne's Mike Cox has been a fixture on Main Street.

The first 14 years Cox was on the street's north side operating the combined Ben Franklin and Schutz Hardware stores. The last 28 years Cox has been part of Main Street Financial Services, located across the street from the former stores.

Today, Thursday, Dec. 21, he'll celebrate retirement with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Main Street Financial office.

He will officially retire at the end of the year.

Cox first came to Luverne's Main Street in 1975 with his wife, Cheryl. They were both from Adrian. He had been a sixth-grade teacher before becoming a business owner.

When the retail market soured in late 1989, Cox began looking for another career that didn't involve inventory but would still be mentally challenging.

He found that niche as a financial planner with American Express and opened an office across the street from the former hardware and department stores.

The more hours he spent assisting people with personal financial goals, the more business he garnered. After two years on his own, he began looking for additional help in the office.

"I have surrounded myself with people that are really, really smart and then I listened to them," Cox said.

One of those smart people is Nancy Van De Berg, who began in a part-time position and soon became instrumental in Cox's retirement plans.

Over the years Van De Berg became a part owner with Cox and last year became the full owner of Main Street Financial.

"I can't expect people to do any planning if I don't do it myself," he said.



Mavis Fodness photo/1221 Mike Cox

Mike Cox will retire from Main Street Financial Services in Luverne, a business he started 28 years ago on Main Street, across the street from the retail business he operated for 14 years.

His own retirement planning began in 2000, first changing the business' name from Michael Cox Financial Services to Main Street Financial Services and then becoming an independent financial planner.

"The toolbox went from a few products to overflowing," he said.

Besides financial planning, Main Street Financial also offers investment and end-of-life insurance services.

Listeners to Cox's former weekly radio program got to know the Adrian High School graduate through the question-and-answer format about planning for first home purchases, once-in-a-lifetime trips, children, college, disability and retirement.

The show aired for 15 years and included others from the office.

"It got people to know our office before they met us," Cox said.

Cox focused on treating clients to the family-first business philosophy that still includes the sending of cards of sympathy and celebration along with personal visits to hospitals, funerals and nursing homes.

The office's relationship with its 1,300 clients is in line with the personal approach Cox emphasized with his business.

"We're probably more concerned (about investments) than a lot of our clients," Cox said. "I really have always loved what I do. I will miss it."

Besides Van De Berg, Main Street Financial also includes longtime compliance officer Edna Buys, financial planners Teresa Hup and David Riphagen along with assistants Lynette Ossefoort, Alexis Klarenbeek, Christina Koedam and Marilyn Van Santen.

Retirement plans include out-of-country trips and visiting the couple's five children and six grandchildren before venturing into other activities.





Thanks to the generosity of Rock County residents, SHARE provided food, clothing and toys to 221 families, consisting of 228 children and 340 adults (a total of 568 of our Rock County neighbors), this year.

The SHARE program would not be possible without your many contributions. Thank you to those who donated money, items for distribution, and your time and hard work.

Thank you to the churches who sponsored Undy Sundays and other collections for SHARE.

Thank you to the Luverne National Guard for allowing us to use the Armory building for distribution.

Special thanks to the many volunteers who generously gave their time to help shop, organize, arrange and carry out items for SHARE recipients.

We are proud to be part of a community that cares so much for those in need.

Thanks again!

The SHARE Board of Directors

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Star Herald OPINION

Christmas is almost here; enjoy (or face) the music while it lasts



On second thought

By Lori Sorenson, editor

With only a few days remaining until Dec. 25, we have by now likely heard every seasonal song and every conceivable variation of each familiar tune.

They're aired on radio stations, piped into elevators, played over department store speakers, and performed live at Sunday school programs and music recitals.

The annual tradition can be inspiring or annoying, depending on one's general seasonal disposition, and my family represents a wide spectrum of holiday spirit (or lack thereof).

Sister Lisa, the year-round Christmas cheerleader, started the conversation in a group text that illustrates our diversity.

"It should be close enough to Christmas I can suggest this: 96.5 is playing the most beautiful Christmas music," she texted all of us Dec. 11.

This is the one who does her Christmas shopping in July. "I love hearing the old hymns, like 'Silent Night' and 'Joy to the World.' It makes me 12 years old again … holding a candle in a dark church watching the sanctuary glow."

Lavelle replied with a smiley face that had heart-shaped eyes.

Lana, ever the practical one, expressed a different approach to holiday music.

"This morning three out of the four presets on my radio were playing Christmas music and the fourth was broadcasting the daily farm report," she texted the group. "There are some really interesting things in the farm report."

Lavelle replied with another emoji, this time a laughing face with tears.

Mom was a good sport. "You'd be proud of me if you knew how much Christmas music I have been listening to," said the one who once put up her tree the day before Christmas and took it down the day after.

To be clear, Mom loves the reason for the season but not the details that distract from the story of Christ's birth.

Lana wasn't feeling the Jingle Bell love.

"We get two stations in the big tin building I work in," Lana wrote. "One plays Christmas music starting the day after Thanksgiving."

She's an electrician in a hydraulics manufacturing plant where music is piped in on high volume to be "enjoyed" over the machine noise and the earplugs worn by workers.

Still, Lisa wasn't deterred. "I just love it so much," she continued in the text thread. "I love what it represents … It all started in a manger. Just cool."

I'm sure Lana also holds dear the meaning of Christmas, but she wrote, "With Alvin and the Chipmunks playing loudly right behind me, I was not feeling the serenity. … There is no escaping the pain."

Except, she said, when she's in her office, "where Pandora works just fine." If nothing breaks down on the floor, she doesn't have to face the music. "I fervently hope nothing breaks down."

Sister Linda wisely declined to participate in the group text, and I, of course, started writing a column.

Merry Christmas, dear readers. May all the season's festivities suit you, musically or otherwise.

The joys of the holidays can be painful for those who are grieving

Guest Columnist

By Jill Roeman, Sanford Luverne Hospice social worker

When people experience the loss of a loved one, holidays and other special days can be difficult and painful.

They see and hear others making plans to gather with their intact family as they normally do.

For many people dealing with loss, whether it be the first holiday or longer, holidays evoke memories and are a reminder that their loved one is no longer with them.

Helpful ways to help during this time are.

•Talk about your loved one. It's like the elephant in the room and no one is talking about him or her. Tell your family and friends that it is okay to mention your loved one's name. In fact, for some people it is comforting knowing others are thinking of them, that he/she has not been forgotten.

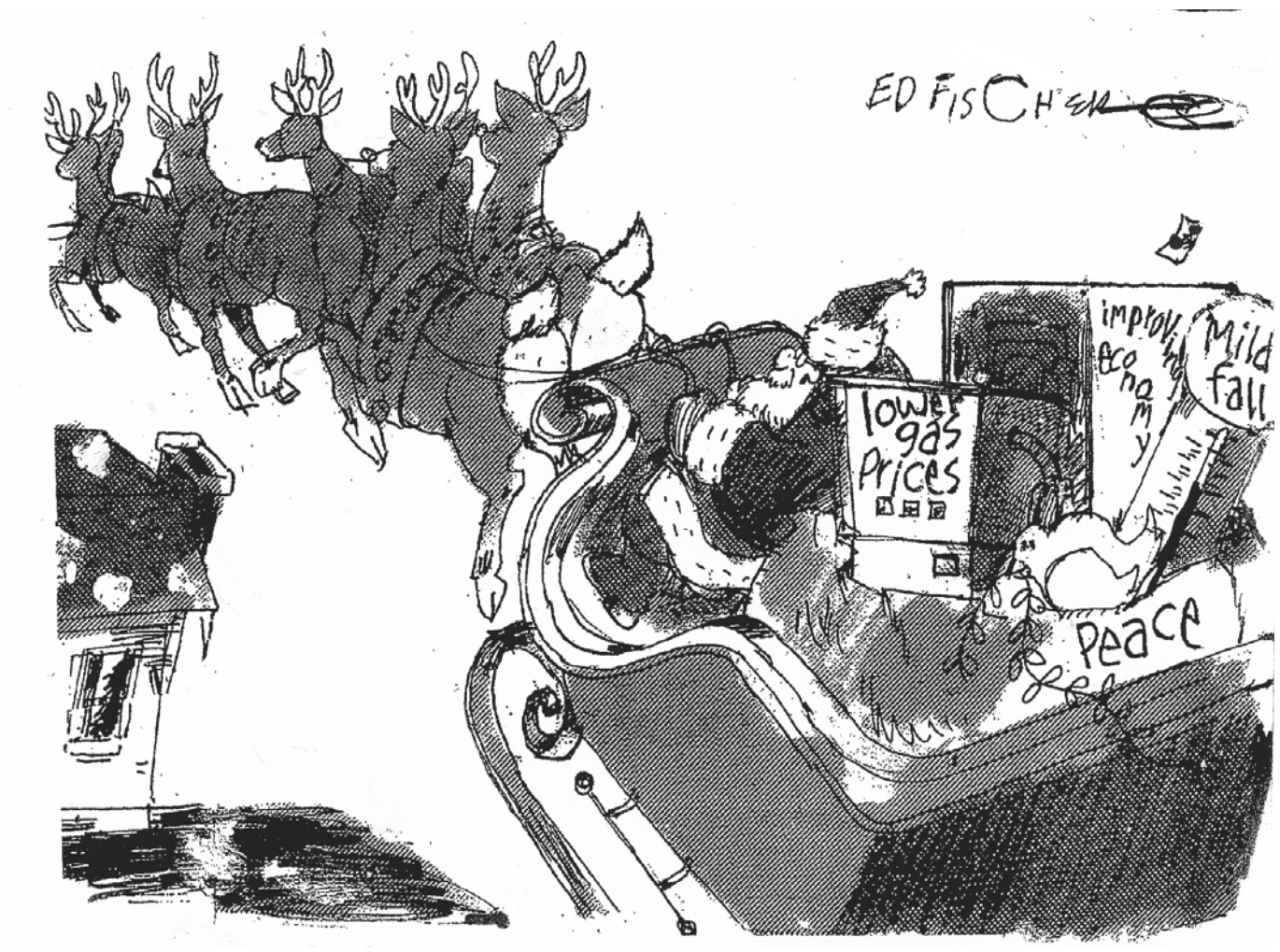
•Celebrate life. The wonderful life that was lost in your family can still be honored in many ways. Light a candle at your holiday dinner or share a memory or stories at your family gathering. Give a memorial to a charity or your loved one's favorite organization. Some decorate a special tree with special ornaments that signify your loved one's life.

•Encourage and include children in talking about their feelings. Children, like most of us, need to feel safe, emotionally and physically, before they will share difficult feelings. Find a trusted adult to listen to them, who respects their feelings, and honestly answer questions and help guide them.

•Ways to care for yourself include think about what you "want" to do, rather than what you "should" do; limit your commitments and "play it by ear" as your moods and energy may change from day to day. Accept offers from others to do things with a few special people and help with decorating, cleaning, cooking. Don't be embarrassed to politely let others know what you need or want. Unknown expectations often go unfulfilled and lead to disappointments and hurt feelings.

Grieving is nature's way of healing the heart and mind from painful loss.

For more information on grief resources, contact Sanford Luverne Hospice, 507-283-1805.



TVs in vehicles should not be visable to drivers



Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Can you talk about the law that covers a driver's ability to watch a movie, video or broadcast on a cellphone, tablet or computer while driving? What if the passenger is in possession of the device?

Answer: Minnesota state law says that a television screen shall not be installed or used in any motor vehicle where images from the screen are visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

Exceptions to the law include video screens installed in law enforcement vehicles, closed-circuit video systems used exclusively to aid driver's visibility to the front, rear or sides of the vehicle, and video screens installed as part of a vehicle control system or used in intelligent vehicle highway applications.

Each year in Minnesota, distracted or inattentive driving is a factor in one of four crashes, resulting in at least 70 deaths and 350 serious injuries. The Office of Traffic Safety estimates these numbers are vastly underreported due to law enforcement's challenge in determining distraction as a crash factor.

The numbers show that not every driver is getting the message to be attentive while behind the wheel. Too many people are being killed and seriously injured because drivers are distracted.

Today's technology makes it easy to stream video and live broadcasts through your cellphone, tablet and computer. These devices reduce a driver's ability to be 100 percent attentive to their primary task of driving, which increases their risk of crashing. Watching a movie or streaming live TV, for passengers, can help pass the time on long trips, but be sure that this is only visible to passengers.

While many motorists may perceive driving as a routine activity, attentive driving is critical. The traffic environment changes constantly and drivers must be prepared to react.

Law enforcement is committed to reducing these preventable crashes. Please help us reduce crashes on our roadways by putting away all cellphones, tablets and computers while driving. Passengers can do their part by making sure their devices can't be seen by the driver.

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 reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSPPIO_SOUTH.

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For What It's Worth

By Rick Peterson, General Manager Tollefson Publishing

The clock is ticking and you're probably thinking I'm going to say there are just four days until Christmas. While that is true, there are also only 10 days until the end of the year.

That means you have only 10 days to send in your check to the Luverne Area Community Foundation 150 donors giving $150 in celebration of Luverne's 150th.

So far, 68 donors have stepped up and sent in their checks. Their names are listed in an advertisement in today's Star Herald.

Again I humbly invite you to have your name added to the list by sending in your check.

To the wonderful folks who have already done so, I have one more favor to ask of you. Please reach out to a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker or a relative and ask them to join you on the list of donors.

This promotion runs only until the end of the year. All gifts are 100-percent tax-deductible.

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

Thank you in advance for you kind donation.

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Hats off to the Cozy Rest Motel for having one of the best Christmas light displays in town.

Merry Christmas.

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Commissioners may lower county tax levy

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners set the preliminary 2018 levy increase at 4.75 percent in September.

However, after conducting their annual Truth In Taxation hearing Dec. 12 to receive public comments about next year's proposed budget, commissioners will lower that percentage at their rescheduled meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Rock County Courthouse.

On Dec. 12, commissioners met in a two-hour budget workshop prior to their afternoon meeting and before the 6 p.m. required Truth In Taxation hearing.

"I think following today's conversations, you're going to see that (preliminary levy) number come down considerably," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Oldre conducted the 30-minute hearing with one member of the public in attendance.

Darrell Hoeck lives in Springwater Township and is a retired township official.

"The main deal for you county commissioners, as far as I'm concerned, is county roads. That's your main objective," he said. "

I don't mind paying extra for road repair."

Hoeck was concerned because "the ag economy is not that great" and he doesn't support paying government employees excessive salaries and hourly wages.

Commissioners agreed with Hoeck that roads are important but county government, by law, needs to fund fair wages, law enforcement, social services, prisoner care and the court system.

"We hear what you're saying and we agree 100 percent," said commissioner Jody Reisch.

"We wish we could just pay for roads and take care of what we have."

For 2018, commissioners have tentatively increased budgets in the mandated areas.

In his presentation, Oldre reminded attendees that the county's tax base is primarily agricultural.

"For every $1 in county property taxes we collect 80 and a half cents comes from ag," Oldre said.

For commercial/industrial properties that percentage is at 7.7, and 11 percent is residential.

In the past year land values in Rock County declined about 8 percent, slipping below the $3 billion mark in valuation.

Rock County's share of net taxes is 21.85 percent, the lowest in the state.

"With ag being the biggest payer, they have the biggest impact on our tax rate," Oldre said.

"If you lower values of the tax rates by 5 percent countywide on ag, you can see the shift to the other two classes (residential and commercial) would be dramatic."

Rock County spent $591 per resident in 2017, second lowest in the area. Lyon County is lowest at $559 per resident with Jackson County at more than $1,000 per resident.

Commissioners proposed increasing their portion of the levy by $613,010 for 2018.

In other business during their regular meeting prior to the taxation hearing, commissioners:

•accepted the low bid of $61,440 from MEI of Mankato for elevator repairs.

•approved an advance of $1.2 million to finance state aid highway projects in 2018.

•authorized an application for a state funding grant to update voting equipment.

•heard an update from outgoing 4-H program coordinator Chelsea Asche on the increased participation in 12 out of 17 youth areas. Her last day in Rock County is Dec. 26.

•set Jan. 9 to consider a tax abatement request from Midwest Dry Cast officials.



Mavis Fodness photo/1221 House Demo

Tom Walker with W&N Construction operates the excavator to demolish the house on South Estey Street Monday. Also pictured are Scott Swenson (left) and Ryan Walker. The lot will be prepared for future parking or development.

City cleanup continues with blight demolition

By Lori Sorenson

City crews demolished another blighted property in Luverne Monday, this one at 107 S. Estey Street.

The city purchased the property south of NAPA earlier this year for $32,500.

The lot will be razed and cleaned up for future public parking, housing or other economic development needs.

The small brick building to the west at 202 W. Maple Street was purchased for $36,000. It's unclear what the city plans to do with that structure, which is reportedly in solid shape.

Last week the blighted house at 204 N. Freeman was demolished, as was the one at 108 W. Barck Street.

The North Freeman property across the street to the east of the Carnegie building had been acquired for $25,000.

A house at 838 W. Main had been purchased for $133,500 (seven acres north of Rock County Opportunities on the west side of Luverne) and was destroyed in a controlled burn this fall.



Next on the cleanup list are the former fertilizer buildings behind Rock County Motor Sports.

The city purchased the property from CHS earlier this year for $20,000 and the structures will be demolished once the city receives environmental clearance from the state.

County denies widow's request for abatement on late tax penalty

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners held to historical practices of not abating penalties due to late payment of property taxes.

The decision, however, was not unanimous after their Dec. 12 discussion.

In a 4-1 vote, commissioners denied rural Luverne resident Tamara Hoff's request to wave the penalty of $376.64 for paying her agricultural property taxes after the Nov. 15 deadline.

In a Dec. 4 letter Hoff wrote, "Due to Verlyn Hoff's untimely death, I was unaware that the taxes were not paid until I received papers in the mail. I paid them as soon as I received them with a large penalty. I was wondering due to circumstances if the penalty could be waived."

Her spouse, Verlyn Hoff, died unexpectedly Oct. 25 while unloading corn.

Tamara Hoff made a payment of $6,516.64 (including the penalties) to the auditor's office on Nov. 27.

Past practice by county officials has limited penalty forgiveness to clerical errors committed by the county.

"I realize what we have done in the past but ... I would like us to show a little grace," said Commissioner Jody Reisch. Reisch's motion to grant Hoff's tax abatement request died due to lack of a second to his motion.

On a motion to deny Hoff's request by Commissioner Sherri Thompson, Stan Williamson seconded. Gary Overgaard and Greg Burger voted yes in a roll call vote with Reisch voting no.

Auditor-Treasurer Ashley Kurtz said her office receives daily requests for abating the tax penalties.

Reasons for the late payment vary. Kurtz instructs requesters on the option to abate the penalty by writing to the County Board.

Penalty percentages vary (from 2 to 4 percent) depending on the property's classification. The penalty percentage is applied the day after the due date and is applied again the first of each month until the entire amount is paid.

Since 2015 commissioners have received three abatement requests. All were denied.

On the record

Dispatch report

Dec. 8

•Complainant on N. Davidson reported drug activity at the neighbor's house.

•Complainant on S. Oakley reported footprints in the snow near her windows.

•Complainant on W. Edgehill reported kids running through yards.

Dec. 9

•Complainant reported a semitrailer on fire on County Road 4.

•Complainant reported verbal and physical domestic situation on Summit Ave.

•Complainant requested deputy to unlock vehicle at Grand Prairie.

•Complainant reported loud music on Luverne Street.

Dec. 10

•Complainant reported subject left home without permission.

•Complainant reported unruly man at church service.

•Complainant on N. Oakley reported when the tenant was evicted, he flooded the floor. Would like deputy to look at the damage.

Dec. 11

•Complainant reported a small black vehicle traveling by excessive speeds on 180th.

•Complainant reported troubles with a vehicle sale and harassment.

•Complainant at Blue Mound Tower reported suspected drug use on property.

•Complainant reported theft of hunting/trapping items on 221st St.

•Complainant requested deputy at Luverne Elementary for assistance with a juvenile.

•Complainant reported break-in on Church Ave.

Dec. 12

•Received 911 call, heavy breathing, caller did not seem to hear me. Did not answer on call back. Plotted in Minnehaha County. Advised Metro of call. They had caller on the line.

•Complainant reported locked keys in vehicle. Contacted locksmith.

Dec. 13

•Complainant reported garage smells like gasoline.

•Heartland found a driver's license on bus. Driver's license is on bin in mailbox.

•Complainant reported possible suicidal male.

•Complainant reported that suspect from trespassing incident last night came back after deputies were unable to locate.

Dec. 14

•Complainant reported a pickup and trailer parked on Main Street for extended period of time.

•Deputy checked on vehicle parked facing the wrong way.

•Deputy found debit card at Dollar General.

•Complainant reported her child is lost.

Dec. 15

•Complainant at Roundwind Road requested vehicle unlock.

•Complainant on 61st Street reported someone broke into their shed and stole a power washer, value $500, welder value $2,500 and fifth-wheel hitch value $800.

In addition officers also responded to 7 deer accidents, 4 transports, 4 escorts, 20 ambulance runs, 13 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 3 property accident assists, 1 narcotics law, 1 debris in road complaint, 4 paper services, 1 trespassing, 7 log sheets, 3 drug court tests, 10 permits to purchase/carry, 30 traffic stops, 2 scams, 1 roadside assist, 2 POR registrations, 2 background checks, 4 road and drive laws, 1 probation check, 2 transients, 2 alarms, 1 family and child issue, 7 child maltreatment reports, 1 stalled vehicle, 2 welfare checks, 3 assists, 1 abandoned 911 call, 2 abandoned vehicles, and 1 civil issue.





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COMMUNITY

Community gives jeep as thanks to Army veteran

The vehicle purchase was the result of a public fundraiser in Beaver Creek



Mavis Fodness photo/1221 Jeep Giveaway

Community residents recently gave Wade Hofer a 1989 Jeep Wrangler in recognition of his military service.

By Mavis Fodness

A secret kept for months was revealed recently when a Valley Springs man returned home after a year long tour of duty with the National Guard.

Wade Hofer is a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 135th Engineer Battalion in Huron, South Dakota. He is also part owner of Up the Dam Creek bar in Beaver Creek.

In late October his unit returned from a nine-month deployment to Kuwait.

Upon his return he found an electric blue 1989 Jeep Wrangler parked at the curb in front of his business in Beaver Creek.

"It was a nice surprise from the community," Hofer said. "I didn't expect it."

The Jeep was purchased with money from a fundraiser in June. A Watertown, South Dakota, auto dealership worked with the group to make the purchase price affordable as a gift to be given in November upon Hofer's return.

His Guard unit, however, returned home earlier than the planned reveal in November.

The group hosted two parties.

Owning that particular make and model of Jeep was a dream the group wanted to make come true for the sergeant first class.

"He always wanted one," said Marci Lee, who with Hofer and Earl Vanden Bussche owns the Beaver Creek business. "We all appreciate what he has done."

Hofer joined the Army National Guard at age 17 because "it was a good idea" and has since served 31 years with three tours of duty.

Hofer had purchased a similar Jeep Wrangler with the intent of repairing it to usable condition. Excessive rust, however, placed that vehicle beyond repair.

The thank-you gift — a drivable Jeep — has a safe place in Hofer's garage and in his heart.

"I was happy," he said of the gift. "I will take it out now and again."

Celebrations

Card showers

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.

Menu

Monday, Dec. 25: Senior Dining Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 26: Barbecued pulled pork, baked potato with sour cream, mixed vegetables, bun, slice pie.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, Dec. 27: Vegetable beef soup, meat salad sandwich, pea and cheese salad, crackers, bar.

Thursday, Dec. 28: Hamburger tomato casserole, green beans, peaches, read, pineapple surprise dessert.

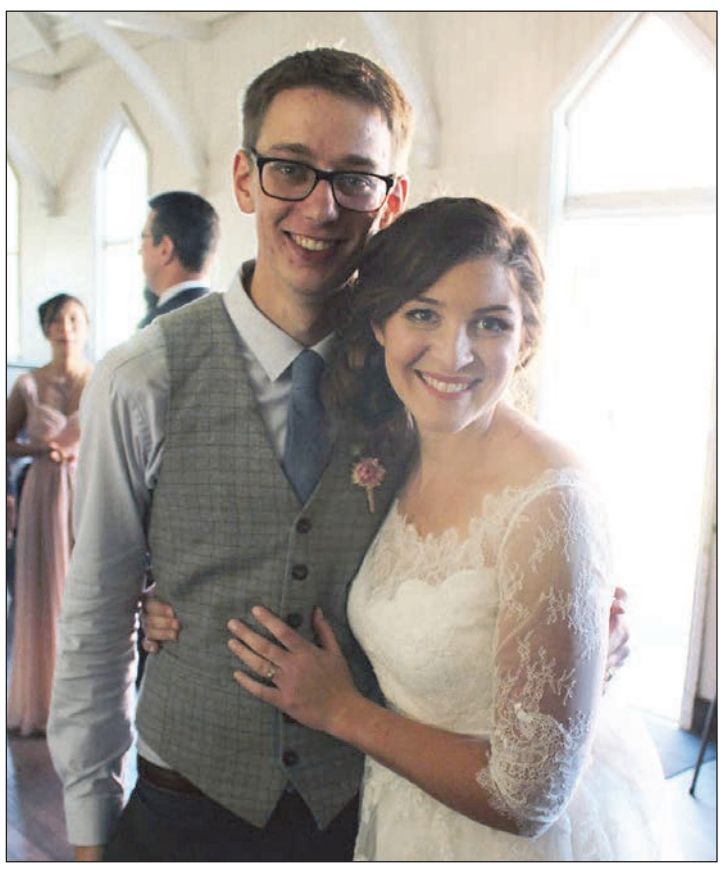
Friday, Dec. 29: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, cole slaw, pudding.

Program: New Year's celebration.

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.



Jonathan and Katie Camarigg

Higgs, Camarigg wed in Brisbane, Australia

Katie Higgs, Brisbane, Australia, and Jonathan Camarigg, Lynden, Washington, were married Friday, July 21, 2017, at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Brisbane.

Katie is the daughter of the Rev. David and Sue Higgs of Brisbane. Jonathan is the son of the Rev. Alan and Wanda Camarigg, Hills.

Officiants at the ceremony were the couple's fathers, the Rev. Alan Camarigg and the Rev. David Higgs, and precenter was David Foley.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law Wei'er Higgs and the bride's sisters Becky Krebs, Rachel Cooke, Jessica Hanko, Charlotte Higgs, Emma Higgs and Megan Higgs.

The bride's brother-in-law Edward Hanko was best man. Groomsmen were David Camarigg, brother of the groom, and Joshua Higgs, brother of the bride.

A reception at Wolston Park Golf Course in Brisbane followed the ceremony.

Katie graduated from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane and from Groves Christian College, also in Brisbane. She is currently waiting for her RN degree to transfer from Brisbane to Washington state.

Jonathan graduated from Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Washington, and from Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Washington. He is a registered nurse at Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon.

Remember when

10 years ago (2007)

•Students and staff in Adrian High School spent the better part of Tuesday afternoon in lockdown mode after a shooting threat was discovered in a computer lab.

According to a letter sent to parents Tuesday afternoon, a student reported to school officials earlier that day that a threat was found hidden in a computer. The threat said a school shooting would happen on Dec. 13 and it was written on Dec. 12, a day after the district had been through a mandatory lockdown drill.

"Even though the threat was discovered and turned into us five days after the alleged act of violence was to take place, we took it very seriously," Superintendent Roger Graff wrote Tuesday in a letter to parents.

25 years ago (1992)

•Luverne Police Officer Russ Monson was found innocent of using inappropriate behavior while restraining 20-year-old Brian Kremin, Steen, during a scuffle at the Luverne VFW Aug. 20. ...

According to the complaint, Kremin was belligerent and threatened Monson's life several times. He "charged" Monson, forcing Monson to use a stun gun to subdue him, according to the complaint. ...

Monson's behavior wasn't in violation of any department policy, Aanenson said. And he won't be punished in any way.

50 years ago (1967)

•The creepy hunch felt by two Luverne police officers early Friday morning as to four subjects who walked into a Luverne café paid off.

The hunch led to the capture of Kenneth Martin, wanted in California for murder, and the last of the trio who broke out of the Minnehaha county jail to be recaptured.

It was nearly 3 a.m. when Officers Keith Aanenson and Dennis Boelman were having coffee in a Luverne café. Three men and a woman entered the café. The officers, according to Chief Chet Bendt, had a suspicious feeling that everything was not the way it should be.

Aanenson stalled and ordered another cup of coffee while Boelman went out to the car and radioed the patrol giving them the license numbers of the two cars the quartet were using and asked if they were wanted.

Before the answer could come back, the four subjects left the café and headed west on Interstate 90. The Luverne officers radioed ahead to the South Dakota Highway Patrol saying there were four people who looked suspicious.

The patrol stopped the cars on the South Dakota side of the line, and there was great pleasure to find that one of the four was the escapee who is wanted for murder. Also in the party was a South Dakotan who had served time for burglary.

75 years ago (1942)

•The Minnesota supreme court last week upheld a Ramsey county district decision denying that a state lien against a Rock county petroleum distributor for non-payment of gas taxes took precedence over all other liens upon his property.

The case was argued recently in the Minnesota Supreme Court by Mort Skewes, attorney for the Rock County Bank in Luverne.

The decision was made in the state's suit against Sylvester J. Heskin, Luverne, operator of the Dealers Independent Oil company until June 25, 1941. Heskin was licensed by the state Sept. 22, 1938, as a petroleum distributor but was forced to suspend operations the court said, because of inability to pay gasoline taxes for May and June, 1941. On July 15, 1941 he signed a written statement admitting he owed the state $9,278 in taxes plus statutory penalties. Four days later the state began action to recover.

100 years ago (1917)

•The Christmas gifts of Rock County people to their soldiers are on their way, with a few exceptions, and these exceptions will be sent today and tomorrow. The phonograph, an Edison of approved army style, was shipped Saturday by B.E. Leas and should reach Company A at Camp Cody by the end of this week. Sixteen records were sent with the machine, and more will be sent if the contributions to the Christmas fund permit.

The donations of cookies, cakes, jams, jellies and preserved fruit have been fairly generous, and these are being shipped as rapidly as they accumulate in sufficient quantities to fill boxes of convenient size.

People in the News

Deutsch receives President's Award

Luverne School Board member Colleen Deutsch achieved the President's Award for 2017-18, an honor sponsored through the Minnesota School Board Association.

Deutsch completed 300 or more hours of attendance at MSBA- and National School Board Association-sponsored events.

She will be presented with a certificate and a pin during the 2018 MSBA Leadership Conference on Jan. 11.

Deutsch was elected to the school board in 2000.

PPIE gives elementary teachers grant

Luverne Parent Partners in Education recently asked teachers to create a wish list this Christmas and submit grant requests for these wishes.

In response, PPIE awarded a total of $15,000 to grades K-5.

Each grade level was awarded $2,000 and allowed to determine how to use the money in their classrooms.

The remaining funds were shared among the music, library, speech, physical education and counseling departments.

For more information about PPIE or its grant program, contact PPIE president Anne Shelton at 507-920-7909.



Faithful service

Luverne Lions Club President Codie Zeutenhorst (left) presents Mike Engesser with a certificate for his 35 years faithful club treasurer duties. The local Lions Club members honored Engesser during a Nov. 27 meeting in Luverne.

Public invited to Jan. 25 workshop on social media dangers

Nationally known author Alison Feigh of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center will present "Forensic Aspects of Online and Social Media Usage" at Grand Prairie Events from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25.

Goal of the training session is to help participants understand why youth are susceptible to online and social media dangers and how to reduce their risk.

Cost of the workshop is $50 and includes lunch. Continuing education credits are available.

The event is partially funded with a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Obituaries

Dorothy Williamson



Dorothy Mavis Reese Williamson, 91, Garretson, South Dakota, died on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Garretson.

Dorothy Reese was born on Jan. 3, 1926, to Emil and Meta (Burmeister) Reese near Sherman, South Dakota, in Rock County, Minnesota. She was baptized on March 3, 1926, and confirmed on May 28, 1939, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper and attended District 45 Country School in Rock County. She graduated from Garretson High School and then attended General Beadle Teacher's College in Madison, South Dakota. She taught for two years in District 126 (1944-1945) and MN School (1945-1946).

On June 14, 1946, Dorothy married Elmo Williamson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Sioux Falls while Elmo worked for Nash Finch. They then settled in Springwater Township, Rock County, where they farmed until moving into Garretson on Oct. 8, 2005. Elmo died on May 15, 2008. Dorothy then moved to Jasper Sunrise Village in 2013 and finally to the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne in 2014.

Dorothy was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was active in the Ladies Aid and served as a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the Polled Hereford Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a 4-H Club Leader and enjoyed her neighborhood birthday club. She loved sewing, knitting, entertaining, and golfing and recorded a hole-in-one in Brandon. She enjoyed traveling with Elmo to Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and Norway and spending many winters in Mesa, Arizona.

She is survived by her children Eileen (Floyd) Swier, Wetonka, South Dakota, Wayne (Jolene) Williamson, Yankton, South Dakota, Stan (Karen) Williamson, Garretson, and Mary (Jerry) Blankers, Lake Wilson; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Vernon (Phyllis) Williamson, Anoka.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmo; siblings Helen (Howard) Winstead and Donald Reese; and her brother-in-law, Perry (Shirley) Williamson.

Arrangements are provided by Minnehaha Funeral Home of Garretson, www.minnehahafuneralhome.com.

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Meta Fick

Meta Marie Fick, 96, Luverne, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Dec. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Meta Winter was born June 24, 1921, to Herman and Margaret (Heinsohn) Winter in Basbeck, Germany. She received her baptism on July 10, 1921. On Oct. 1, 1922, Meta came to the United States of America with her parents and moved to George, Iowa. They moved to a farm near Olivet, South Dakota, in 1923 where the family resided until moving to a farm near Boyden, Iowa, in 1930 so that their children could attend Christian day school. Meta was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Boyden and was confirmed with German language in her faith on April 14, 1935.

On Feb. 11, 1942, Meta married Paul Fick at St. John Lutheran Church in Boyden. The couple moved to a farm three miles southwest of Luverne, where they farmed for the next 39 years. On Jan. 1, 1981, Meta and Paul retired and moved into Luverne. Paul died on April 2, 2012. Meta continued to reside at their home until 2014 when she moved to the Poplar Creek senior living community in Luverne.

Meta was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She belonged to LWML, Circle, and quilting guild, attended Bible study, and was a compassion friend and part of the prayer chain. She was a member of Garden Club and Neighborhood Club. Meta enjoyed gardening and flowers, quilting, crocheting, cooking, and reading daily scriptural devotions. She will be remembered for her strong Christian faith and her remarkable memory.

Meta is survived by nine children, Loren (Shirley) Fick of Luverne, Anita (Bill) Chiaramonte of Cincinnati, Ohio, Margaret Albrecht of Peoria, Illinois, Norma (Randy) Goetz of Satellite Beach, Florida, David (Darlene) Fick of Valley Springs, South Dakota, Betty (Daniel) Werth of Buffalo Lake, Ronald (Elaine) Fick of Luverne, Krista (Harlan) Kroon of Rock Rapids, Iowa, and James (Renee) Fick of Brandon; 27 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; five siblings, Hilda Uilk of Pipestone, Alvin Winter of Whitesboro, Texas, Ruben Winter of Sheldon, Iowa, Luella Loges of Boyden, Iowa, and Norven Winter of Boyden; sister-in-law, Florence Fick of Beaver Creek; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; a stillborn daughter, Mary; a son-in-law, Rev. Thomas Albrecht; brothers August Winter and Gerhardt Winter; and sisters Louise Uilk and Elsie Fick.

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

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Joan Mulder



Joan Hazel Mulder, 92, Worthington, formerly of Rushmore, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at the Meadows in Worthington.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Sunset Rest Cemetery in Rushmore.

Joan Stearns was born Jan. 15, 1925, to Ernest and Hazel (Norton) Stearns in Luverne. She graduated from Luverne High School. She then worked as an assistant to the Rock County Auditor.

Joan married Emery Mulder on Nov. 23, 1945, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. After their marriage, the couple moved to a farm east of Rushmore where they farmed and raised their family. Joan and Emery loved the farm life, so they continued to live on the farm after they retired. They moved to the Meadows on Jan. 28, 2013.

Joan was a member of the First Baptist Church in Luverne, where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and sang duets with her husband. They also sang together for numerous weddings and special occasions. She enjoyed music, baking and spending time with her family.

Joan is survived by 11 children, Tom (Linda) Mulder of Osakis, Mark (Sharon) Mulder of Union Grove, Wisconsin, Eunice (Randy) White of Crooks, South Dakota, Lois Bridges of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, Jim (Wendy) Mulder of Diamond, Missouri, Avis (John) Hilger of Lincoln, Nebraska, Robert (Tammy) Mulder of Bailey, Colorado, Deborah (Randy) Rohwer of Stacey, Kurt (Jody) Mulder and Warren Mulder, all of Rushmore, and Wade (Angie) Mulder of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a daughter-in-law, LeAnn Mulder, Wilmont; a son-in-law, Gene Holtorf, Palmer, Kansas; 40 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; seven brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joyce Rust Hoveland, Kenneth (Elaine) Mulder; Gerald (Verna) Mulder; Beverly Greeley; LaDonne Christians; John Jr. (Jean) Mulder; Burnell (Lois) Mulder; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Emery, on March 17, 2014; a daughter, Marcellyn Holtorf; a daughter-in-law, Nancy; a brother, Joel; and an infant brother, Guy.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Irene Niessink



Irene Lena Anna Niessink, 100, Luverne, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Irene Serck was born to Henry and Kathryn [Haack] Serck on June 27, 1917, on the family farm between Inwood and Alvord, Iowa, where she was raised and attended country school. Following her education she remained living on the farm helping her family.

On March 25, 1936, Irene married Elmer Wilke in Alvord. They lived on a farm near Inwood, Iowa. Elmer died on May 18, 1950. In January of 1951, she and her children moved to Rock Rapids, Iowa, where she became employed at the J.C. Penney store from 1957 to 1964. On Sept. 5, 1964, she married Gerrit Niessink in Luverne. They lived in Luverne. Gerrit died on Nov. 18, 1990. Irene remained at their home in Luverne for several years before moving to The Oaks and Poplar Creek senior living facilities.

Irene was baptized in 1917 and confirmed in 1931 at the Lutheran church in Alvord. She was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne, where she served on Circle. Irene loved visiting with both her friends and family.

She is survived by three children, Darlene Schwarzkopf of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dale (Lila) Wilke of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Lyle Wilke of Prairie Village, Kansas; three stepchildren, Hymen (Mary) Niessink of Sioux City, Iowa, Ronald (Mary) Niessink of Luverne, and Marlene Aukes of Steen; seven grandchildren and nine stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 22 step-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild and four step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Elmer Wilke and Gerrit Niessink; her parents; a son, Roger Wilke; a brother, Elmer Serck; a daughter-in-law, Ann Wilke; a sister-in-law, Gladys Serck; stepchildren-in-law Harley Aukes and Barb Niessink; and stepgrandson Ronald Marr.

Memorials are preferred to the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

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Submitted photos

Grace Lutheran Church youth group and families hosted their annual live nativity event Sunday, Dec. 17, with all live actors, both people and animals. The event was blessed by mild weather, which in turn drew large crowds.

Pictured above are (from left) Ben Wagner, Hans Bakken, Jason Phelps, Reece Bierman, Matt Wagner, Andrew Wagner, Sam Wieneke (angel), Jacinda Hustoft, Coy Gonnerman, Tucker Oeltjenbruns and Daniel Tofteland.

Tofteland is also pictured left with a camel.

This was the fifth year for the event that included a freewill soup supper, Christmas treats, music and fellowship.

Remember as we celebrate this Christmas…

Having a joyous, happy Christmas isn't always possible. With the death of a loved one, holidays are particularly stressful. The social role of the loved one will need to be filled by someone else or altered significantly because that person will no longer be sharing in the holiday experiences with family and friends. For families dealing with such a loss, there will be difficult days coping with their feelings about the holiday season. Such families may fear the pain of the actual holiday, they may wish to avoid the whole season, they may feel pressure wondering what their friends expect of them and what traditions they should now follow or change.

The names below are the loved ones of families served by our funeral home during this past year. With Christmas upon us, these families need a gift of love from you. Maybe the best gift you could give them is a few moments of your time to show them your concern for them and their loss during this time.

Raymond Anderson
Darrell Pieper
Janice Feist
Darla Chavis
Ralph Sunde
John Granneman
Tillie Struiksma
Tammie Swenson
Maurice DeWispelaere
Dorothy Buys
James Veldkamp
Lylamae VandenBerg
Verlyn Enninga
Harold Frey
Eleanor Ossenfort
Shirley Papik
Eugene Ray
Janyce Baustian
Evelyn Stueven
Verlyn Hoff
Erling Tofteland
Isak Rye
Elda Trisko
Marvin Doering

Laurel Anderson
Kathryn Aaker
Jerome Feist
Judy Hawes
Judy Thies
Ellen Cinkle
Andrew Bosch
Wilma Van't Hul
Pearl Nellie Smith
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Sharon Strand
Daniella Gacke
Otto Houg
Mary Odland
Toby Anderson
Dale Hamann
Warren Herreid
Eleanor Lingbeck
Russell Van Voorst
Esther Petersen
Irene Niessink

Beverly Christensen
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Gerald Mahlberg
Ruby Viland
Shirley Thoreson
Merecie Domagal
Doris Blom
Lois Hatting
Mavis Berkhof
Richard Hudson
Alice Aukes
Herman Beyenhof
Laura "Louise" Hunter
Arthur Dahlen
Constance Nash
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2007: A look back at current LHS seniors and what they wanted for Christmas

The Star Herald looks back at some of the Santa letters published Dec. 20, 2007. These students are current seniors at Luverne High School.

From Kelly Bergan's class:

Dear Santa,
I want a yellow trumpet so I can be in a band. I always have been thinking of being in a band.
Sincerely,
Katie Fick

Dear Santa,
My name is Donald. I am 7 years old. I would like a SpongeBob Atlantis Squarepants DVD. P.S. I've been kind of good this year.
Love,
Donald Ray

Dear Santa,
I would like a wii. My mom would like a ligt house necklace and my dad would like an eagle table.
Merry Christmas,
Cheyanne Bolluyt

Dear Santa,
My name is Brogan. This is what I want for Christmas. A new Game Boy that that has a Pokemon. My mom wants a diamond necklace.
Your Friend,
Brogan Hart

Dear Santa,
I want a PS game. That is what I wish for. I would like "Atlantis Square Pantis" I bet it would be a fun game.
Your Friend,
Jonathan Stearns

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler. I am 8 years old. I want Mrs. R to get a diamond necklace shaped like a S. I want an Xbox 360 for Christmas. It connects to the tv.
Sincerely,
Tyler Reisdorfer

Dear Santa,
My name is Trey. I want a MP3 player. I'm 8 years old. My mom wants a diamond necklace. MP3 players can play music. I want a red one.
P.S. Your friend,
Trey Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a real cell phone for Christmas. It is pink. My mom likes diamond necklaces that are pretty. Shaped like a D.
Love,
Hope VanMeeteren

Dear Santa,
I would like an ipod. I would like it to be pink. It comes with songs. It comes with games too. I would 2 ipods.
Love,
Zoey Sandbulte
P.S. I have been very good.

Dear Santa,
My mom has been very good. She would like an apple corer or a diamond necklace. I would love a Arctic Mini Snowmobile. If you can't get it in the house, just leave it outside. My name is Hannah Marie VerSTeeg. I am 7 going to be 8 on April 7th.
Ho ho ho,
Hannah Marie VerSteeg

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a laptop please. I want a laptop really bad cause I could play my Webkinz up there. It would be nice and quiet.
Love,
Joci Oye
P.S. Put me on the good list please.

From Linda Gulden's class:

Dear Santa,
I would like to give my cousin Beau a pedal John Deere. He would have fun riding it.
Love,
Eli Bakken

Dear Santa,
I want to give Mikey Life Savers for Christmas. He could have fun with them. We could play together.
Your Pal,
Michael Rahm

Dear Santa,
I would like to give a gift to a seven year old. I think she would like a doll to sleep with. I think she would feel very happy.
Your friend,
Maddie Dinger

Dear Santa,
I will give my little sister a doll for Christmas. I love my sister, and I know my sister likes to play with dolls. I will give her the best Christmas yet.
Love,
Cade VerSteeg

Dear Santa,
My neighbor had a heart attack. I would like to give him a healthy heart. He would be really happy.
Love,
Lexi Henrichs

Dear Santa,
I would give a gift to my friend Cade. I would give a football to him. Then he can play football with me whenever he wants.
Love,
Daniel Tofteland

Dear Santa,
We want to get my friend a coat for winter. I want to get a sweatshirt for her for Christmas, too. She will be happy.
Love,
Alena Hilfers

Dear Santa,
This year I want to give a blanket to my dad because he has the flu. I want it to be a blanket made by me. I want to give him lots of love, too. I think he would like it a lot.
Love,
Megan Rogers

Dear Santa,
My Grandpa has cancer. I want to give him a toy motorcycle that is a Harley. I think he will feel happy.
Love,
Cody Sasker

Dear Santa,
I will give my Grandma and Grandpa Kopp new clothes. They would like them. They would be very happy!
Love,
Janae Kopp

From Lori Nath's class:

Dear Santa,
My name is Tucker. I am 7 years old. I want a Madden 2008 for Christmas. It is a Playstation 2 game. I really want 2008.
Your Friend,
Tucker Oeltjenbruns

Dear Santa,
My name is Joe, I want a guitar. My brother wants Guitar Hero 2. My sister wants a new microphone for her Karaoke machine.
Your Friend,
Joe Guy

Dear Santa,
My name is Zane. I would like Madden FB 08. It is a NFL football game. Can you get it for PS2? I would like that please.
Love,
Zane Holmgren

Dear Santa,
I want a King of Hearts II. It is a game. It has so called Words. It is a fun game.
Sincerely,
Oscar Holmberg

Dear Santa,
My name is Timmy. I am 7 years old. I want a wii. It is a video game that you can play on.
Sincerely,
Timmy Lingen
PS. I have been good.

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooke. I've been a really good girl this year. I am 7 years old and I'm going to turn 8 on March 8th. My sister and I have wanted a fur real kitty cat. A fur real kitty cat purrs and it meows and it acts like a real cat.
Love,
Brooke Feit

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan Thorson. My mom wants something in her stocking. My dad wants something in his stocking. I want a tractor, a truck and a gator.
Love,
Ethan Thorson

Dear Santa,
My name is Makayla. I want a KidsBop 12 and an ipod and a phone that is blue. I want a Makayla doll that talks and I want a Cabbage Patch baby that can sing and talk.
Love your friend,
Makayla Buss

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt Vansteenberg. I really want Madden Football 2008. It is a PS2 game. You play football on it.
Your friend,
Wyatt Vansteenberg

Dear Santa,
My name is Gracie. My family and I want a wii. We want a wii for our new house because we are going to have a theater room and it would be really fun to play it in there.
Love,
Gracie Bosch

From Lucinda Rofshus' class:

Dear Santa,
I want Guitar Hero for Christmas. I really want it but my mom said they are sold out. It hooks up to a PS2. I hope I get it. I really want it.
Your Friend,
Tyler Fick

Dear Santa,
I want a MP3 player for Christmas. For my mom and dad, I want them to be happy.
Your Friend,
Michaella Sandbulte

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. My name is Trey. I want Mario and Sonic in the Olympic games. I want it because my favorite player is Mario but you don't have to be him or Sonic. I think you can be other characters, too. Santa, tell your elves to make the wii Mario and Sonic in the Olympic Games.
Sincerely,
Trey Baustian

Dear Santa,
I want a snowboard for Christmas because I want to practice with Alex. I want a wii for Christmas. I want to practice a lot. And an Xbox 360 to practice everyday after school. I like you Santa.
Your Friend,
Chandler Eitreim

Dear Santa,
I want a flip phone that you can take pictures with. I want five games and one game I want is bowling. And an email address keeper. Thank you for everything from last year!
Love,
Benjamin Wagner

Dear Santa,
My name is Elijah. I am 7 years old. I would like a snowboard. It is like a surfboard except it goes on snow. You can go down big hills.
Your Friend,
Elijah Haugom

Dear Santa,
My name is James. I am 7 years old. I would like a game cube for me and my sister. Then we will not be bored again.
Your Friend,
Jim Erickson

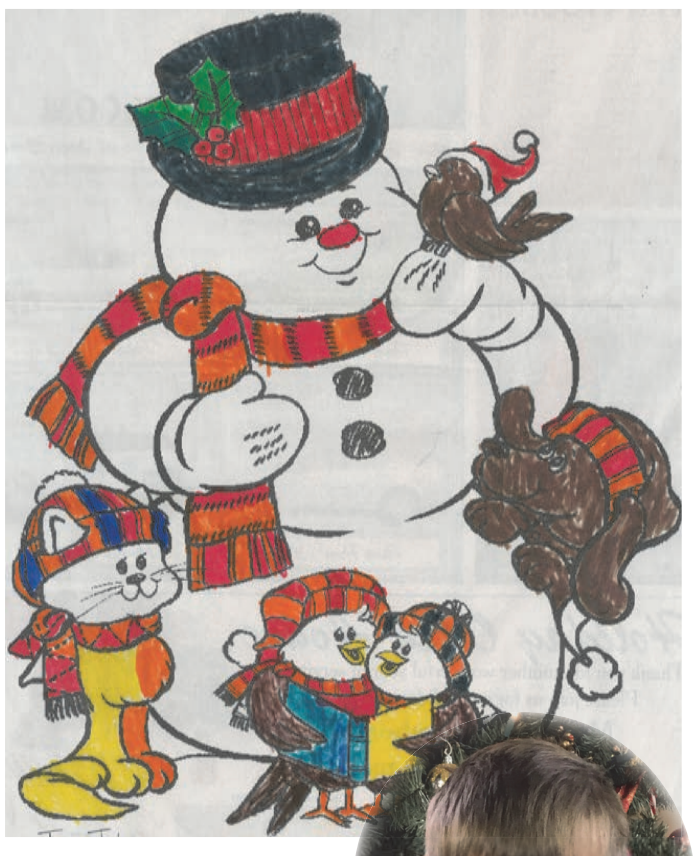
Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Mente. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo wii with cool games. Games that I want are baseball, football, mini golf and basketball. I think it is very cool.
From,
Dylan Mente

Dear Santa,
I want a MP3 player. It is small. It plays songs. It is really cool and you can put songs on it. I like it.
Love,
Amber DeGroot

Rock County Star Herald Christmas Coloring Contest

The 1st place winner in age each category awarded two $10 gift cards to Pizza Ranch.
Thanks to all who participated.

WINNERS





Joss Johnson, Age 5
Parents : Travis & Jackie Johnson
From: Luverne





Macy Chapin, Age 7
Parents: Lyle & Marie Chapin
From: Luverne





Ava Steinhoff, Age 9
Parents: J.D. & Sheila Steinhoff
From: Steen



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Luverne defenseman Reghan Bork moves the puck past the stick of Morris-Benson forward Halklie Watzke during Friday's girls' hockey game in Luverne. Bork registered three assists to help LHS post a 6-1 win.

Girls split weekend contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team split a pair of games over the weekend.

The Cardinals topped Morris-Benson by five goals Friday in Luverne before falling by three to Mankato East Saturday in Mankato.

Luverne, 6-5-1 overall, hosts Worthington Thursday.

ME 3, Luverne 0

The Cardinals lost a three-goal decision to the defending Section 3A champion Cougars Saturday in Mankato.

Mankato East outshot the Cards 44-20 and scored three times in the final two periods to hand LHS its fifth loss of the season.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw through the first period of play before the Cougars struck twice in the second period.

Kaylee Eykyn opened the scoring at the 10:21 mark of the stanza before Sydney Kanstrup made it a 2-0 game with a short-handed tally that came with 1:47 remaining in the period.

ME's Saisha Dau iced the win for the Cougars by netting the game's final goal with 6:22 left in the third period.

Emilie Bartels turned in a 41-save effort in goal for the Cards.

Luverne 6, M-B 1

The Cardinals put an end to a two-game slide when they topped the Storm by five goals Friday in Luverne.

Kamryn Van Batavia registered a hat trick and Reghan Bork recorded three assists to lead an LHS offense that outshot the Storm 41-18 in the game.

LHS, which scored the first six goals of the contest, opened a 3-0 advantage by scoring twice in the first period and once in the second.

Rozilyn Oye opened the scoring at the 7:44 mark of the first period by poking a rebound shot into the net during a power-play situation.

Van Batavia scored her first goal of the game 2:41 later to give the Cards a 2-0 cushion heading into the second stanza.

Van Batavia netted the lone goal of the second period with 6:41 remaining before completing her hat trick 1:05 into the third period.

Brynn Thier registered an unassisted goal at the 11:38 mark of the third stanza before Claire Baustian capped the scoring for LHS with a goal that came with 3:15 remaining in the contest.

LHS was seconds away from recording a shutout, but M-B's Whitney Demarais scored with five seconds left to make it a five-goal difference at game's end.

Bartels saved 17 of the 18 shots she faced in goal for the Cards.

Oye, Maddie Dinger, Regan Feit and Lexi Henrichs added one assist each to the winning cause.

Fick nets 1,000th point

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team reeled off its third consecutive victory Saturday in Hills.



Fick

Playing the Flandreau Indian School in a non-conference clash, H-BC outscored their guests in both halves of a convincing 71-30 victory.

The Patriots led 30-17 after 18 minutes of play before turning the game into a 39-point rout by outscoring FIS 41-13 in the second stanza.

The game proved to be a special one for junior Sidney Fick, who scored her 1,000th-carrer point during the contest.

Fick needed 23 points to reach the milestone and she scored her 23rd point of the night when she converted a layup with 7:40 left in the game.

Fick (23 points, six rebounds and three steals), Kourtney Rozeboom (16 points and 11 rebounds) and Grace Bundesen (14 points and six assists) played strong games for the Patriots.

Abby Knobloch collected five rebounds for the 4-3 Patriots, who capped their 2017 portion of their schedule by hosting Ellsworth Tuesday (Dec. 19).

Box score
K.Fick 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 1 0 0-0 2, Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 0 0-0 2, S.Fick 7 1 6-7 23, Bundesen 4 0 6-6 14, Swan 1 0 1-1 3, Ka.Rozeboom 0 0 0-0 0, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 3 1 0-1 9, Elbers 1 0 0-1 2, Ko.Rozeboom 8 0 0-4 16.

Team statistics
H-BC: 28 of 65 field goals (43 percent), 13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 41 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
FIS: 11 of 49 field goals (22 percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 20 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

Luverne senior places second at Austin Roberts Memorial

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior led the Luverne wrestling squad to a 14th place finish as a team during the Austin Roberts Memorial Tournament Saturday in Spencer, Iowa.



Oeltjenbruns

Tucker Oeltjenbruns helped the Cardinals compile 69 points to place 14th out of 16 teams by placing second at 132 pounds.

Oeltjenbruns pinned Sergeant Bluff-Luton's Corey Bates in 2:19 and posted decision wins over LeMars' Jake Franckensen-Small (5-4) and West Monona's Sean Pinkelman (6-2) to reach the championship match.

Central Lyon-George-Little Rock's Gable Sieperda pinned Oeltjenbruns at 3:10 of the title tilt.

LHS also received place-earning efforts from Riley Cowell and Jayden Renken.

Cowell placed third at 106 with a 4-1 record, while Renken finished seventh at 160 with a 3-1 mark.

Going 1-2 without placing for LHS include Brayden Ripka (113), Zach Bradley (120), Hunter Baker (126), Jed Dooyema (152) and Tom Brown (170).

Dalton DeSollar went 0-2 at 145.

The Cardinals completed the 2017 portion of their schedule at the Quad County Triangular in Granite Falls Tuesday.



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Luverne senior Mikel Terry scored 12 points and recorded four steals during a 64-57 victory in Hills Monday.

Cardinal boys secure first win in Hills Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team secured its first victory of the 2017-18 season Monday in Hills.

In what was a tight tussle between the Cardinals and the Patriots, it was a late LHS run that gave the Cards a 64-57 victory.

Facing a 25-24 deficit at halftime, LHS scored the first five points of the second half as a part of a 9-2 run ending with a field goal from Eli Haugom that gave the Cards a 33-27 advantage at the 15:13 mark.

LHS still led by six (44-38) with less than 10 minutes remaining, but the Patriots countered with an 8-0 spurt capped by Bailey Susie sinking one free throw that gave H-BC a 46-44 edge with 7:30 left to play.

The Cards regained the lead at 53-48 when Mikel Terry registered a field goal at the 3:06 mark of the stanza.

H-BC responded by making it a two-point difference (55-53) when Preston sank a pair of free throws with 1:48 left, but the Patriots couldn't complete a comeback.

A 7-0 surge by LHS capped by Cole Claussen sinking a pair of charity shots with 39 seconds

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Patriots rally in second half to best Luverne

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team turned a strong second-half performance into a victory when the Patriots squared off against Luverne in a showdown between Rock County squads Dec. 12 in Luverne.

After a very competitive first half that ended with H-BC sporting a four-point lead, the Patriots outscored the Cardinals 39-32 in the second stanza to post a 65-54 win.

Neither team led by more than three points in the first 17 minutes of the first half, which included the score being tied at seven different occasions.

H-BC led 20-17 when Sidney Fick drained a pair of charity shots at the 3:30 mark of the half, but LHS scored the next five points to move in front 22-20 when Mackenzie Petersen made two free throws with 1:18 left.

The Patriots regained the lead at 26-22 when Taryn Rauk and Fick hit three-point shots in the final minute of the first half, and H-BC never faced a deficit the rest of the night.

Fick capped an 8-0 H-BC' run in the first 3:43 of the first half to give the Patriots a 12-point (34-22) cushion.

Luverne trimmed the difference to seven (34-27) when Jadyn Anderson converted a three-point play at 13:01, but that proved to be as close as the Cards would come to catching the Patriots.

H-BC methodically added to its lead over the next nine minutes and sported an 18-point cushion (63-45) when Madison Spath converted a field goal at 3:32.

LHS outscored the Patriots 9-2 the rest of the way to make it an 11-point difference at game's end.

Kourtney Rozeboom (15 points and eight rebounds), Grace Bundesen (15 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists), Fick (14 points) and Abby Knobloch (five rebounds) led the Patriots statistically.

Anderson (15 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals) and Petersen (12 points, five rebounds and four assists) played strong games for the Cards.



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior Grace Bundesen drives to the basket as Luverne's Sierra Schmuck offers a defensive challenge during a Dec. 12 game in Luverne. H-BC notched a 65-54 win.

Box score
H-BC
Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 2 0 0-0 4, Knobloch 2 0 2-4 6, Fick 2 2 4-6 14, Bundesen 5 0 5-7 15, Rauk 1 2 1-4 9, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Rozeboom 7 0 1-2 15.
Luverne
Schmuck 3 0 0-0 6, Oye 1 1 1-2 6, Anderson 3 0 9-15 15, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Oftedahl 2 0 0-0 4, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 1 2 4-4 12, Ferrell 3 1 0-2 9.

Team statistics
H-BC: 24 of 60 field goals (40 percent), 13 of 23 free throws (57 percent), 35 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
Luverne: 18 of 41 field goals (44 percent), 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent), 16 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Adrian's Taylor reaches finals at Sioux Falls event

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team competed in a pair of events late last week.

The Dragons lost a 31-point home match to Pipestone Thursday before wrestling at the Sioux Falls Washington Warrior Invitational on Saturday.

Adrian, 1-2 overall, wrapped up the 2017 portion of its schedule by hosting Canby Tuesday.

SFW invite

The Dragons capped an eight-team field during Saturday's Sioux Falls Washington Warrior Invitational.

AHS compiled 49 points to place eighth in a field led by Watertown, which captured the team title with 220 points.

Logan Taylor turned in Adrian's top effort by placing second at 113 pounds with a 2-1 record.

Taylor pinned Washington's Adam McManus (1:10) and posted a 7-4 win over Brandon Valley's Carson Askdal to reach the finals, where he came up on the short end of an 11-4 decision to Sioux Falls Roosevelt's Riley Hollingshead.

Scot Edwards placed third at heavyweight with a 2-1 record, while Chandler Combs placed fifth at 145 with a 1-2 mark.

Brandon Combs (1-3 at 120), Axel Martinez (0-3 at 138) and Jaime Castenada (0-3 at 152) placed sixth in their weight classes.

Dominiq Canales (126) and Brent Hokeness (132) went 0-2 without placing.

Pipestone 52, AHS 21

The Dragons slipped to 1-2 in match competition for the season when they came up on the short end of a 31-point decision against the Arrows in Adrian Thursday.

AHS, which surrendered 24 points to Pipestone in forfeits, dropped four of the 10 matches settled on the mat.

Adrian did receive pins from Breyer Hieronimus (1:33 over J.J. Martens at 106), Taylor (1:39 over Rogan Smith (1:39 at 113) and Edwards (42 seconds over Mason Krakwo

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SPORTS REPLAY

Patriot boys pick up first win

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team broke into the win column by securing a 75-42 victory over Edgerton in Hills.

The Patriots doubled Edgerton's scoring output (46-23) in the first half and outscored the Flying Dutchmen 29-19 in the second half to complete a 75-42 victory.

Jax Wysong (23 points and seven rebounds), Preston Wilhelmi (five rebounds and three assists) and Josh Kueter (10 points) played well in the win for H-BC.

Eagles soar to victory over Adrian boys

The Adrian boys' basketball team came up on the short end of an 85-54 decision when the Dragons entertained Southwest Christian.

SWC rolled to a 45-21 lead in the first half and outscored the Dragons 40-33 in the second half to clinch a 31-point victory.

Ryan Wieneke (18 points and nine rebounds), Lance Luettel (12 points and five rebounds) and Brady Henning (five rebounds) led AHS statistically.

Panther girls fall to Fulda Raiders

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped a 49-40 game in Fulda.

The Panthers trailed by five points (24-19) at halftime and remained in contention for a win until a late surge by the Raiders closed out a nine-point victory for the hosts.

Devin Dreesen (11 points and seven rebounds) and Sierra Smith (10 rebounds) played well for EHS.

Panther girls shock Adrian in RRC clash

By John Rittenhouse

A late run by the Ellsworth girls' basketball team gave the Panthers a 52-44 home win over Adrian Thursday.

In what was a very competitive second stanza, the visiting Dragons erased a seven-point deficit to sport a pair of leads in the final 18 minutes of play.

Ellsworth, however, answered the challenge by putting together a 14-2 run in the final seven minutes to lift the Panthers to their third win of the season.

EHS, which sported a 23-18 lead at the intermission, received a field goal from Ashlyn Meester 1:06 into the second half to up the advantage to seven points (25-18).

Adrian countered with an 8-0 run to gain its first lead of the game (26-23) after Kaitlyn Christians drilled a three-point shot at the 12:24 mark.

The Dragons led by two (36-34) when Paige Bullerman recorded a field goal in the paint with 7:04 left to play, but AHS was unable to pad its advantage as the half progressed.

Ellsworth scored the next eight points as a part of a 14-2 run ending with Lizzie Chapa sinking a pair of free throws that gave the Panthers a 48-38 lead with 2:31 remaining.

A free throw from Bullerman trimmed the difference to six points (50-44) with 12 seconds left, but EHS scored the game's final two points to prevail by eight.



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Ellsworth sophomore Morgan Dreesen drives the lane between Adrian defenders Moriah Bullerman (left) and Paige Bullerman during Thursday's girls' basketball game in Ellsworth.

The Panthers sported a pair of four-point leads early in the first half before AHS knotted the score at eight when Bullerman converted a field goal at 9:52.

The Panthers led by seven points twice in the final three minutes of the first half before settling with a 23-18 advantage at the break.

Meester (22 points, four assists and three steals) and Chapa (12 points and five rebounds led EHS offensively, while Devin Dreesen (eight rebounds and three assists) and Sierra Smith (five rebounds) turned in productive efforts.

Bullerman (11 points and 10 rebounds), Christians (six assists and five rebounds) and Bailey Lonneman (eight rebounds) led Adrian statistically.

Box score
Adrian
Kemper 1 0 0-0 2, M.Bullerman 3 1 0-0 9, Balster 0 1 1-2 4, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 0 4-6 6, Lonneman 3 0 2-8 8, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 1 0 2-3 4, P.Bullerman 4 0 3-6 11.
Ellsworth
Meester 3 1 13-16 22, K.Chapa 1 0 0-1 2, L.Chapa 4 0 4-7 12, Domeyer 1 0 0-2 2, M.Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, D.Dreesen 1 2 1-5 9, Smith 0 1 0-0 3.

Team statistics
Adrian: 15 of 50 field goals (30 percent), 12 of 19 free throws (63 percent), 33 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
Ellsworth: 14 of 52 field goals (27 percent), 18 of 31 free throws (58 percent), 27 rebounds, five turnovers.

Bowling news

Thursday Bowling National League
Dec. 14

Games won: Rock Stars 4; Those Guys 4; The Stooges 4; The Real Guys 0; Those Girls 0; The Troublemakers 0.

High Scratch Game Men: Ryan Fey 218; Zach Runia 194.

High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 160; Marie Opheim 117.

High Scratch Series Men: Ryan Fey 542; Zach Runia 500.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 379; Marie Opheim 325.

Team High Scratch Game: Rock Stars 485; Those Guys 460.

Team High Scratch Series: Those Guys 1375; Rock Stars 1323.

Team High Handicap Game: Rock Stars 640; Those Guys 607.

Team High Handicap Series: Those Guys 1816; Rock Stars 1788.

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at heavyweight).

Dragon Preston Nelson nipped Eric Lange 2-1 at 145 pounds.

Match wrap-up
106 (A) Hieronimus pins Martens.
113 (A) Taylor pins Smith.
120 (P) Burnett pins B.Combs.
126 (P) Wixon 3-2 Canales.
132 (P) Suda pins Hokeness.
138 (P) Burnett by forfeit.
145 (A) Nelson 2-1 Lange.
152 (P) Baatz 9-4 C.Combs.
160 (P) Fenton 11-1 Castenada.
170 (P) Champos pins Burcham.
182 (P) Ploeger by forfeit.
195 (P) DeGroot by forfeit.
220 (P) Vanderwal by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards pins Krakow.

Cardinals open BSC play with 56-52 home victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team got off to a positive start in Big South Conference play Friday in Luverne.



Oye

Taking on Redwood Valley in their league debut, the Cardinals came out on the winning end of a 56-52 decision in a hard-fought contest.

LHS gained the upper hand by sporting a 24-20 lead at halftime.

Both teams pumped in 32 points in the second half, leaving the Cardinals with a four-point victory.

Joci Oye (15 points), Mackenzie Petersen (12 points) and Jadyn Anderson (10 points) paced the Cards offensively.

Gabrielle Ferrell led LHS with eight rebounds and three steals, while Rachel Oftedahl collected six caroms.

The 4-2 Cards play in Jackson Thursday.

Box score
Schmuck 3 0 3-6 9, Oye 3 2 3-3 15, Anderson 1 1 5-12 10, Thorson 3 0 0-2 6, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 2 2 2-2 12, Ferrell 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 47 field goals (40 percent), 13 of 25 free throws (52 percent), 34 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
RWV: 21 of 52 field goals (40 percent), seven of 13 free throws (54 percent), 38 rebounds, 13 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/1221 lhs hbc bb 4

H-BC sophomore Jax Wysong scored 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds during Monday's home loss to LHS.

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remaining gave the Cards a nine-point lead (62-53) before settling with a seven-point win at game's end.

Josh Kueter scored the first five points of the game to give H-BC an early lead that was erased when LHS went on a 15-6 run ending with a three-point shot from Andrew Bierman that gave the Cards a 15-11 lead.

H-BC fought back to knot the score at 19 before turning a 6-2 spurt ending with a three-point shot from Dawson Leenderts to move in front 25-21 with 17 seconds left in the stanza.

Derek Lundgren canned a three for LHS with one second remaining to make it a 25-24 game at the intermission.

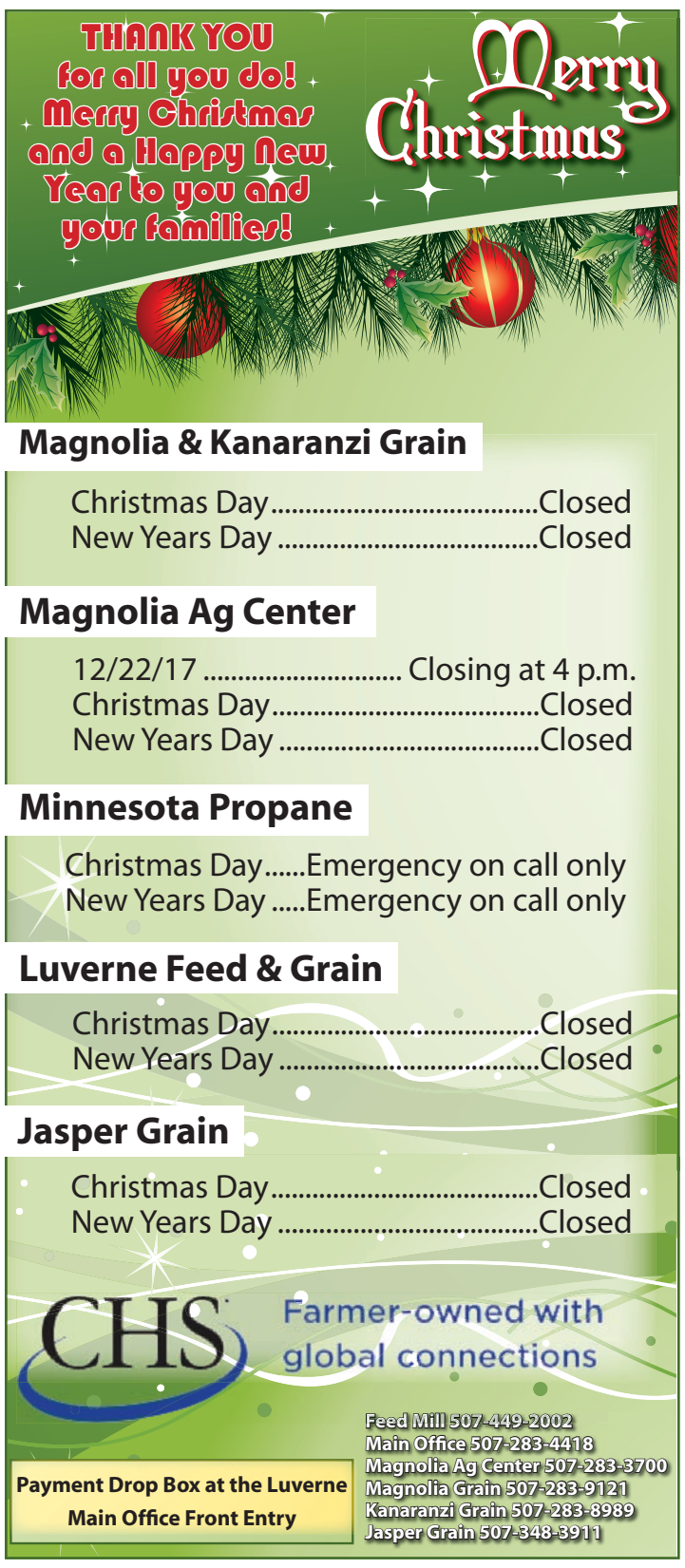
Lundgren (16 points, nine steals and five rebounds), Claussen (13 points and four steals), Terry (12 points and four steals) and Haugom (10 points and six rebounds) paced the 1-4 Cardinals offensively.

Jax Wysong (16 points and eight rebounds), Wilhelmi (12 points), Kueter (12 points) and Wyatt Westrum (eight rebounds) played well for H-BC.

Box score
Luverne
Robinson 1 0 0-0 2, Lundgren 4 2 2-5 16, Bartels 1 0 2-4 4, Claussen 4 1 2-4 13, Terry 3 1 3-7 12, Jacobsma 1 0 2-4 4, Bierman 0 1 0-0 3, Haugom 5 0 0-0 10.
H-BC
Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 2 1 2-2 9, Westrum 1 0 1-2 3, Wilhelmi 2 2 2-2 12, Bork 2 0 0-1 4, Kueter 2 2 2-2 12, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 0 0 1-2 1, Wysong 7 0 2-4 16.

Team statistics
Luverne 23 of 54 field goals (44 percent), 11 of 24 free throws (46 percent), 19 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
H-BC: 21 of 52 field goals (40 percent), 10 of 15 free throws (67 percent), 32 rebounds, 26 turnovers.











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Ellsworth junior Sean Boltjes releases a shot in front of Sibley-Ocheyedan defender Keegan Douma during Saturday's boys' basketball game in Sibley, Iowa. The Panthers picked up their first win of the season against Edgerton Monday.

Panther boys pick up first victory Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team picked up its first win of the season during a stretch of playing three games in four days.

EHS lost a 29-point home game to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday before taking a 46-point setback from Sibley-Ocheyedan Saturday in Sibley, Iowa.

The Panthers reversed their fate Monday when they downed Edgerton by 14 points in Ellsworth.

EHS, 1-5 overall, completed play in 2017 by taking on Southwest Christian in Edgerton Tuesday (Dec. 19).

EHS 58, Edgerton 44

The Panthers broke into the win column for the first time this season when they upended the Flying Dutchmen by 14 points in Ellsworth Monday.

Ellsworth exchanged blows with the Flying Dutchmen in a first half that ended with the Panthers sporting a 32-28 lead.

EHS put the game away by outscoring Edgerton 26-16 in the second stanza.

Brandon Kramer (16 points and four steals), Noah Kruse (16 points) and Zach Buntjer (12 points and seven rebounds) made key contributions to the winning effort.

Grant Jansma chipped in three assists and three steals, while Sam Kramer added three assists.

Box score
Kruse 3 2 4-6 16, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-2 0, Jansma 0 2 1-3 7, S.Kramer 1 1 0-0 5, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, B.Kramer 8 0 0-0 16, Buntjer 6 0 0-1 12.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 24 of 38 field goals (63 percent), five of 12 free throws (42 percent), 25 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

S-O 81, EHS 35

Ellsworth lost its second game of the weekend when it came up on the short end of a 46-point decision against the Generals Saturday in Sibley, Iowa.

The Panthers sported leads in the early stages of the contest, but the S-O outscored EHS by sizeable margins in both halves to win the game handily.

Consecutive field goals by Brandon Kramer gave EHS a 4-2 lead early in the game, and the Panthers led 8-7 moments later.

S-O, however, dominated play the rest of the half by going on a 35-11 run to sport a 42-19 lead at the intermission.

EHS never trailed by less than 23 points during a second half in which the Generals outscored the Panthers 39-16 to prevail by 46 points.

Kramer (16 points) and Buntjer (11 points and five rebounds) led EHS statistically in the contest.

Box score
N.Kruse 0 0 2-2 2, Bossert 0 0 0-0 0, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, K.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, T.Kruse 1 0 0-0 2, Lenz 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 1 0 0-0 2, S.Kramer 0 0 0-0 0, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, B.Kramer 5 0 6-8 16, Nave 0 0 0-0 0, Buntjer 3 0 5-6 11.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 11 of 31 field goals (35 percent), 13 of 16 free throws (81 percent), 20 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

W-WG 79, Ellsworth 50

The Panthers began a stretch of playing three games in four days by dropping a 29-point home decision to the Chargers Friday.

After falling behind 44-27 in the first half, EHS rallied early in the second stanza to trail by less than 10 points.

W-WG, however, battled back to outscore the Panthers 35-23 in the stanza to win the game handily.

Buntjer scored 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds for the Panthers, while Brandon Kramer netted 12 points and charted five rebounds.

Jansma added five rebounds to Ellsworth's effort.

Box score
N.Kruse 1 0 0-0 2, Bossert 0 0 1-2 1, S.Boltjes 0 1 2-4 5, K.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, T.Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Lenz 0 1 0-0 3, Jansma 0 2 0-0 6, S.Kramer 0 2 0-0 6, Boyenga 0 0 1-2 1, B.Kramer 5 0 2-2 12, Nave 0 0 2-2 2, Buntjer 4 1 1-1 12.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 17 of 56 field goals (30 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 24 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

SPA stuffs coal in our stockings



From the sidelines

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I consider myself to be a man of my word, and I'm pretty sure the area coaches I deal with on a consistent basis would tell you that.

When we arrange times for interviews and calls in order to collect game information, I'll do everything possible to be prompt.

I consider it a commitment, and the last thing I want to do is compromise the trust of the fine people who help me do my job.

Based on what happened — or should I say what didn't happen — last weekend, I'm guessing the powers that be at the St. Paul Academy don't believe living up to commitments is on the top of their priority list.

For a couple of weeks I'd been looking forward to covering the Luverne-SPA boys' hockey game set for Saturday at Blue Mound Ice Arena.

I was stunned and saddened to find out five days before the scheduled game that the Spartans decided they would not pay a visit to southwest Minnesota.

How could this be?

Didn't SPA officials have to sign a contract to line up the game ahead of time?

I don't know if it was a two-year or four-year deal that was in place between the schools, but I do know LHS lived up to the commitment by traveling to St. Paul twice within the last four years.

Saturday's game was supposed to be SPA's second appearance at the BMIA, but I guess taking their school officials at their word is a meaningless proposition.

SPA was a no-show for what would have been the biggest boys' hockey game at the local venue all winter.

Instead, the SPA officials decided to stick a lump of coal in the Christmas stocking of every member of the LHS team, coaching staff and the Cardinal fans by bowing out of their contract.

I know it's just one hockey game, but the thought of SPA breaking a commitment sickens me.

Luverne is a talented team that needs to be challenged on a more consistent basis.

The Big South Conference, which takes up 16 of the 25 spots on the team's schedule, is not exactly a power conference.

LHS beats up on BSC foes on a regular basis, but it's the non-conference tests that get the Cardinals ready for postseason play.

Unfortunately, the Cards won't get the chance to measure their skills against SPA this winter.

There are more intriguing games coming up, but none of the remaining clashes against upper-tier competition will be played in town.

I'm pretty sure the Cards will be tested when they play Totino-Grace in Brooklyn Park Friday, and I have to believe there will be more than a couple of quality squads at the South St. Paul Tournament Dec. 28-30.

I don't have any idea what kind of team LHS runs into when it plays in Chanhassen Jan. 6, but the Cards will be challenged when they play second-ranked St. Cloud Cathedral in St. Cloud Jan. 16.

It's a shame none of the remaining key games are coming to the BMIA, which is why I think SPA's decision not to play here was shameful.

When individuals make a commitment, they should live up to it.

Windom thwarts late challenge by Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

A late rally by the Adrian Dragons fell two points short Monday in Adrian.

The Dragons, who trailed 34-22 after 18 minutes of play, found themselves involved in a deadlock at 55 in the game's final minute.

Windom, however, sank a pair of free throws with six seconds remaining and AHS missed a potential game-tying shot before time expired in a 57-55 loss for the Dragons.

Lexi Slater (19 points and 12 rebounds) and Paige Bullerman (14 points and five rebounds) played strong offensive games for the Adrian Dragons.

Moriah Bullerman (six rebounds and four assists), Avery Balster (five rebounds), Bailey Lonneman (seven rebounds) and Alexia Kemper (three assists) also turned in productive nights.

The 2-4 Dragons play at the Red Rock Central Holiday Tournament Thursday and Friday.

Box score
Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, B.Zebe 0 0 0-1 0, M.Bullerman 0 1 0-0 3, Balster 1 1 2-3 7, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 2 0-0 8, Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 5 0 9-14 19, P.Bullerman 6 0 2-4 14.

Team statistics
Adrian: 19 of 66 field goals (29 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 42 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
Windom: 16 of 39 field goals (41 percent), 22 of 32 free throws (69 percent), 30 rebounds, 28 turnovers.

Ellsworth girls stumble early during 50-35 loss in Sibley Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

A slow start led to a disappointing finish when the Ellsworth girls' basketball team took on Sibley-Ocheyedan Saturday in Sibley, Iowa.

The Panthers were limited to one point in the first minutes of play and trailed the Generals by 21 (32-11) at the intermission.

EHS did outscore S-O 24-18 in the second half and trimmed the difference to 13 points at two different occasions, but it wasn't enough to keep the hosts from securing a 50-35 victory.

Kallie Chapa tossed in a team-high 12 points for the Panthers, who received an 11-point, three-steal effort from Devin Dreesen.

Morgan Dreesen grabbed five rebounds for the 3-3 Panthers, who host Edgerton Thursday.

Box score
K.Chapa 5 0 2-4 12, L.Chapa 1 0 4-6 6, Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, M.Dreesen 1 0 2-5 4, D.Dreesen 3 1 2-5 11, Popkes 1 0 0-0 2, Custer 0 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 12 of 44 field goals (27 percent), 10 of 20 free throws (50 percent), 17 rebounds, 11 turnovers.



Rachel Oftedahl
Sport: Basketball
Position: Post
Parents: Craig & Randi Oftedahl
Favorite Subject: College psychology
Extra Curricular Activities: Volleyball, basketball, softball, peer helping
Future Plans: Attend either Oklahoma State UMD for business management.

Pradana Arviano
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard
Parents: Alex Haan
Favorite Subject: Lifetime fitness
Extra Curricular Activities: Football, basketball, tennis
Future Plans: Be like coach Schomacker.

Jonathan Stearns
Sport: Hockey
Position: Center
Parents: Jeff & Victoria Stearns
Favorite Subject: History
Extra Curricular Activities: Peer helping, National Guard, weight-lifting, hunting, ice fishing, bow fishing, bow hunting, trap shooting, driving my beautiful truck
Future Plans: Go to Alexandria for college and become a police officer.

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Adrian Dragons split home showdowns

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian basketball teams split a pair of home games Friday and Monday evenings.

The Dragons defeated Heron Lake-Okabena by 13 points Friday before falling by 15 points to Windom Monday.

Adrian, 2-3 overall, hosts a Holiday Tournament Thursday and Friday.

Windom 70, Adrian 55

A big first half by visiting Windom lifted the Eagles to a 15-point victory over the Dragons Monday.

Windom got off to a great start by opening a 33-19 advantage in the first 18 minutes of play.

AHS played with the Eagles in the second half, but Windom's 37-36 scoring edge gave it a 15-point win at game's end.

Ryan Wieneke led AHS with 19 points and six rebounds.

Christian Weidert grabbed five rebounds for the hosts, while Brady Henning charted three steals.

Box score
Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Weidert 2 0 0-0 4, John 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 3 3 4-5 19, Ross 0 1 0-0 3, Henning 1 0 0-0 2, Veld 1 2 0-0 8, Reyne 1 0 1-2 3, Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 0 0 0-2 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 4 0 0-0 8, Luettel 2 0 4-4 8.

Team statistics
Adrian: 20 of 51 field goals (39 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 22 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
Windom: 25 of 68 field goals (37 percent), 11 of 14 free throws (79 percent), 34 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Adrian 61, HL-O 48

The Dragons upped their Red Rock Conference mark to 2-1 with a 13-point victory in Okabena Friday.

Adrian outscored HL-O in both halves of a competitive contest.

The Dragons led by five points (30-25) at halftime before using a 31-23 scoring cushion in the second half to ice the win.

Wieneke had a big game for the winners by scoring 19 points, grabbing 16 rebounds and passing for four assists.

Henning and Lance Luettel netted 14 and 11 points respectively.

Box score
Weidert 0 0 0-0 0, John 1 0 0-0 2, Wieneke 3 3 4-4 19, Ross 0 1 0-0 3, Henning 3 2 2-4 14, Veld 0 2 2-2 8, Reyne 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 2 0 0-0 4, Luettel 5 0 1-2 11.

Team statistics
Adrian: 22 of 46 field goals (48 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 37 rebounds, six turnovers.
HL-O: 19 of 57 field goals (33 percent), eight of 15 free throws (53 percent), 21 rebounds, six turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/1221 lhs hbc bb 5

Hills-Beaver Creek senior guard Dawson Leenderts releases a jump shot in front of Luverne defender Isaiah Bartels during Monday's game in Hills. H-BC went 1-3 during a span of playing four games in seven days.

Redwood Valley keeps LHS winless in BSC play

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team slipped to 0-2 in Big South Conference play after losing a home game Friday.

LHS entertained Redwood Valley for its second league game of the season.

Unfortunately for LHS, RWV outscored the hosts by 10 points in each half of a 79-59 victory.

RWV sported a 38-28 advantage after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Cards 41-31 in the second half to complete a 20-point triumph.

Derek Lundgren sank 10 free throws and led the Cards in scoring with 14 points, while Eli Haugom turned in an 11-point, eight-rebound effort.

Brayden Jacobsma charted three steals for LHS.

Box score
Robinson 1 1 2-2 7, Lundgren 2 0 10-13 14, Sehr 1 0 0-2 2, Bartels 1 0 3-4



Lundgren

5, Terry 0 0 2-2 2, Jacobsma 2 1 0-0 7, Stemper 1 0 0-0 2, Golla 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 2 1-2 7, Pradana 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 5 0 1-3 11.

Team statistics
Luverne: 17 of 50 field goals (34 percent), 21 of 30 free throws (70 percent), 22 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
RWV: 33 field goals made, six of nine free throws (67 percent).

Flandreau Indian School, Fulda saddle Hills-Beaver Creek boys with weekend setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team lost a pair of games over the weekend.

H-BC fell by four points in Fulda Friday before dropping a one-point home game to Flandreau Indian School Saturday.

H-BC ended the weekend with a 1-3 record.

FIS 77, H-BC 76

A spectacular comeback went unrewarded when the Patriots lost a one-point home decision to FIS Saturday.

H-BC, which trailed by as many as 25 points in the first half, faced a daunting task when it trailed FIS 48-30 at the intermission.

The Patriots, however, rallied to outscore the visitors 46-29 in the second half to make it a 77-76 game in the closing seconds.

H-BC got off a shot in the paint before time expired, but the ball missed the mark and FIS escaped with a one-point win.

Jax Wysong (24 points and 13 rebounds), Preston Wilhelmi (17 points and four assists) and Wyatt Westrum (seven rebounds) paced H-BC statistically in the game.

Box score
Harnack 1 0 4-6 6, Leenderts 1 0 2-2 4, Westrum 2 0 1-2 5, Wilhelmi 1 3 6-6 17, Bork 2 0 0-0 4, Kueter 4 0 0-0 8, LaRock 0 0 1-2 1, Susie 1 0 5-6 7, Wysong 9 1 3-6 24.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 of 78 field goals (32 percent), 22 of 30 free throws (73 percent), 39 rebounds, 21 turnovers.
FIS: 32 of 88 field goals (36 percent), six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 45 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Fulda 89, H-BC 85

The Patriots came up on the short end of a four-point decision during a shootout in Fulda Friday.

H-BC played a solid offensive game that included 51 percent shooting from the field and 86 percent accuracy from the charity stripe, but the Raiders canned 13 three-point shots and that lifted the hosts to an 89-85 victory.

H-BC, which sported a 47-42 advantage at the intermission, led by as many as 10 points in the second half.

Fulda rose to the challenge to outscore the Patriots 47-38 in the second stanza to prevail by four points.

Wilhelmi (32 points and nine rebounds) and Wysong (23 points, 16 rebounds and six assists) turned in standout performances for the Patriot boys.

Box score
Harnack 0 0 2-2 2, Leenderts 2 0 0-0 4, Westrum 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 5 3 13-13 32, Bork 2 0 0-0 4, Kruse 2 2 1-2 11, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Susie 3 0 0-0 6, Wysong 9 1 2-4 23.

Team statistics
H-BC: 30 of 59 field goals (51 percent), 18 of 21 free throws (86 percent), 44 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Winter sports standings

BSC girls' hockey	
New Ulm	7-0
Waseca	3-2
Minnesota River	4-3
Marshall	3-3
Windom	2-3-1
Luverne	2-3-1
Worthington	2-4
Fairmont	0-5

BSC boys' hockey	
Luverne	5-0
New Ulm	3-0
Waseca	4-1
Minnesota River	4-1
Marshall	3-2
RWV	2-4
Windom	2-4
Fairmont	0-5
Worthington	0-6

BSC West boys' hoops	
Marshall	3-0
Windom	3-1
JCC	1-1
Pipestone	1-1
RWV	1-2
Worthington	1-3
Luverne	0-2

BSC West girls' hoops	
Marshall	3-0
Luverne	1-0
Pipestone	2-1
JCC	2-1
Worthington	2-1
RWV	1-4
Windom	0-4

BSC West wrestling	
Worthington	2-0
Marshall	1-0
JCC	1-0
Windom	1-1
Pipestone	0-1
RWV	0-1
Luverne	0-2

BSC West gymnastics	
JCC	1-0
Windom	1-0
Worthington	1-0
Luverne	0-0
RWV	0-0
Marshall	0-1
Pipestone	0-2

RRC boys' hoops	
SWC	3-0
MLA	3-0
RRC	2-1
Adrian	2-1
W-WG	2-1
Fulda	3-2
H-BC	1-1
MCC	1-2
Ellsworth	1-3
Wdgerton	0-3
HL-O	0-4

RRC girls' hoops	
SWC	4-0
RRC	3-1
Edgerton	2-1
MCC	2-1
Ellsworth	3-2
Fulda	3-3
Adrian	2-2
MLA	2-2
H-BC	1-2
W-WG	0-4
HL-O	0-4

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



St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Dec. 21: 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. Saturday, Dec. 23: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 24: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. St. Catherine carol singing. 4:30 p.m. St. Catherine Mass. 7 p.m. St. Mary singing. 7:30 p.m. St. Mary Mass. Monday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. Tuesday, Dec. 26: Office closed. 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, Dec. 27: NO Faith Formation.

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www.luverncrc.com — sparksr@iw.net
Roger Sparks, Pastor

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 21: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6 p.m. Christmas caroling. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 24: 9:15 Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Wednesday, Dec. 20: NO Awana. Thursday, Dec. 28: 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 21: 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle in Fireside Room. Friday, Dec. 22: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 24: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 3 p.m. Lessons and Carols. 5 p.m. Music Prelude. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Worship with Communion. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Dec. 26: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes Assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Dec. 27: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. No Faithweavers; no confirmation classes. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. Thursday, Dec. 28: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle in Fireside Room. Noon Sarah Circle at Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Esther Circle at Helen Laabs.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Saturday, Dec. 23: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program practice. Sunday, Dec. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School program practice. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Program; light lunch. 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Monday, Dec. 25: 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Worship. Wednesday, Dec. 27: No Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 21: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Dec. 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Noon Fellowship Hall reserved. Sunday, Dec. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. No Sunday School. 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Monday, Dec. 25: Noon Commons reserved. 5 p.m. Commons reserved. Wednesday, Dec. 27: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. No Midweek. 6:45 p.m. Stepping Up. Thursday, Dec. 28: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 21: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Friday, Dec. 22: 6-8 p.m. Muxic/Reason for the Season Christmas Meditation. Saturday, Dec. 23: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Dec. 24: 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service; Caroling. 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Community Meal. NO ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 25: Office Closed. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 26: 9 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Dec. 27: NO FUEL or Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Dec. 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Dec. 21: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 24: 10:15 a.m. Worship. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service with Communion.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjohn@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 21: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Friday, Dec. 22: No Little Lambs classes. Saturday, Dec. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 24: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. No Christian Education Hour. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship. Monday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. Christmas Day worship with Communion. Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Tuesday, Jan. 2: No Little Lambs classes. Wednesday, Dec. 27: 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. No Wednesday evening activities. Thursday, Dec. 28: 11:30 a.m. Mary Jane Brown Home devotions with Jessica.

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: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, Dec. 21: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.Sunday, Dec. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service/Adult Choir sings. Monday, Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service with Communion. Thursday, Dec. 28: Worship service on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Dec. 24: NO morning worship. 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion. Monday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Joint Christmas Day Worship at Palisade Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Dec. 24: NO morning worship. 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion. Monday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Joint Christmas Day Worship.

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.

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

Think about Mary, Joseph this Christmas

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

We are just a few days away from Christmas. I invite you to think about Mary and Joseph and how they put their faith and trust in God. Read Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 1:18-25.

C.S. Lewis once said this about Christmas and God's plan of salvation: "The whole things narrows and narrows until at last it comes down to a little point, as small as the point of a spear — a Jewish girl at her prayers." Yes, it does! And it was a complete surprise to her. This much is clear: Mary didn't expect it. Nothing about her appears to be out of the ordinary except that God chose her. That's why she was greeted as a favored one. God was at work. Mary was called to have faith that God would guide her as she journeyed forward through the unknown and unseen. That's how the call to faith often is. We know that she was perplexed about all of this and asked, "How can this be?" It turns out that God was doing something incredible. The child she mothers will be revealed as the Son of God — he will have the throne of eternal kingship; he will be the everlasting Lord.

Mary responds in faith: "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; may it be with me according to your Word."

Joseph's challenge was to trust God. He was a righteous man, which means he was intent on doing what was both right and merciful — he decided to quietly end his betrothal to Mary when he learned of the child to be born. Everything looked wrong.

God called Joseph to trust.

Author Frederick Buechner once wrote about a period in his life when he was dealing with dark and difficult times; everything seemed to be going wrong. He saw a license plate on a car that had the letters T-R-U-S-T. The word "trust." It spoke to him and inspired him to renew his trust in God. He now owns the license plate and has it on the wall of a room in his house. The owner of it, after reading about its influence, gave it to him.

Joseph's call is to trust in God and once again the central matter is the child to be born. He is going to be known as "Emmanuel," which means "God with us." God comes to us in Christ! And Joseph is to name him "Jesus" which means "God saves." This coming one is THE Savior. God is at work!

Even though circumstances seemed askew, Joseph trusted.

Matthew tells us about it: "Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way..." Joseph was called to trust the salvation of God and he did.

Someone once said, "The glory of Christmas came about by the willingness of ordinary people to obey God's claim on their lives." That is the ongoing truth about Christmas and Christians: ordinary people called to trust God. As Christmas draws near, will you trust in the salvation of God?

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Dec. 24: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Tuff Chapel. 5 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Wednesday, Dec. 27: No Wednesday activities.

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2018 MINNESOTA CITY SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this Report is to provide summary 2018 budget information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. 471.6965. This budget is a summary document only; the complete budget may be examined at the Luverne City Office, 305 E. Luverne. The council approved this budget on December 12, 2017.

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Revenues		
Property Taxes	1,728,393	1,824,328
Tax Increments	56,500	60,500
All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	450,000	475,000
Special Assessments	-	-
Licenses And Permits	85,600	83,650
Federal Grants	65,000	450,000
State General Purpose Aid (LGA, Market Value credits)	1,382,576	1,422,199
State Categorical Aid (State Fire Aid)	528,214	503,714
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	-	-
Charges For Services	682,193	685,600
Fines and Forfeits	-	-
Interest On Investments	64,364	66,276
Miscellaneous Revenues	102,980	124,015
TOTAL REVENUES	5,145,820	5,695,282
Proceeds From bond Sales	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	1,547,550	1,641,950
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	6,693,370	7,337,232
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)		
General Government (board, administration, etc.)	626,255	723,705
Public Safety	1,200,665	1,230,700
Public Works (Streets and Airport)	1,137,250	1,047,500
Sanitation	-	-
Health	-	-
Culture and Recreation	1,053,950	1,152,870
Conservation of Natural Resources	68,200	85,000
Economic Development	23,500	-
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	100,200	140,000
Total Current Expenditures	4,210,020	4,379,775
Debt Service - Principal	409,556	412,956
Interest and Fiscal Charges	37,825	32,200
Streets & Highways Construction	-	-
Capital Outlay	1,397,500	1,696,000
Transfers To Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	727,550	761,950
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	6,782,451	7,282,881
Fund Balance		
General Fund - Beginning Balance (January 1)	2,587,800	2,498,719
General Fund - Ending Balance - (December 31)	2,498,719	2,553,070
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(89,081)	54,351
Other Items		
Total property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,717,393	1,815,828
Net Unrealized Gain or (Loss) from Investments for 2016		4,893

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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.
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Telephone: (507) 537-0591
Attorney Reg. No: 299601

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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.

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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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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:

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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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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE:January 24, 2012

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

MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

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

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

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

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $90,000.00

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

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM

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

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 18, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None

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JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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

Subject to Easements, if any, of Record or Apparent.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $34,140.67.

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 1, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR(S), THE MORTGAGOR(S)' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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Ph. (712) 477-2902

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE FORECLOSURE DATA

(1) Street Address, City and Zip Code of mortgaged premises:
2477 170th Avenue, Edgerton, Minnesota 56128

(2) Transaction agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker:
Exchange State Bank

(3) Tax parcel identification number:
01-0020-000

(4) Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number):
NMLS#653978

(5) Name of mortgage originator:
Exchange State Bank

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 27, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $59,400.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Lisa C Locke, a single woman

MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: November 02, 2016 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 189436

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable

Lender or Broker: U.S. Bank National Association

Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 826 N Freeman Ave, Luverne, MN 56156-1263

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0329-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The West Ninety (90) feet of the North Sixty-three (N 63) feet and Two (2) inches of Lot One (1), in Block Ten (10), in Barck, Adams & Howes Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: $59,908.10

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 01, 2018 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 01, 2018, or the next business day if August 01, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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

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DATED: December 04, 2017

MORTGAGEE: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 038812F01

(12-21, 12-28, 01-04, 01-11, 01-10, 01-25)

City of Luverne seeks equipment bids by Jan. 11

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., P.O. Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659, until 2:00 PM, on January 11, 2018, for the furnishing of 27 kV switchgear and a 69 kV control panel for the City of Luverne, Minnesota. At said time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The equipment required is as follows

A new lineup of 27 kV indoor metalclad switchgear including seven (7) vacuum circuit breakers, with related controls and accessories. Along with one 69 kV control panel.

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

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

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

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

Delivery of the 27 kV switchgear and 69 kV control panel is desired by October 15, 2018.

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

Dated this 12th day of December, 2017.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
By /s/ Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(12-21)

Kille probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO.67-PR-17-377

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
Estate of
Jerilyn A. Kille, a/k/a Jerilyn Ann Kille,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS(ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 22, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated January 18, 2008, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jonathan Kille, whose address is 309 S. Red Willow Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57110 as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in a SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 12/15/17

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court

(COURT SEAL)
Dated: 12/15/17

/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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(12-21, 12-28)

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Albertus and Ruth Van Westen
(12.17-12.21)

We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped and donated to the Jackson Van Maanen Benefit and silent auction last Saturday night. It's such a wonderful feeling living in a small town where the community support is so amazing!!

Dale and Cindy Reverts
(12.17-12.21)

A special thank you to Stephanie Pickthorn for packaging the bags in November.

Luverne Backpack Program
(12.17-12.21)

EMPLOYMENT

Office Help Wanted: Loosbrock Digging Service, Inc., located in Lismore, MN, is currently seeking a Secretary/Bookkeeper to help with various office functions. Experience with Microsoft Office applications and QuickBooks is a plus. Hourly wage will be determined based on experience. If interested in the position, please send resume to: ldsinc@lismoretele.com. We offer Health Insurance and 401(k) benefits. (12.17-1.4)

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EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

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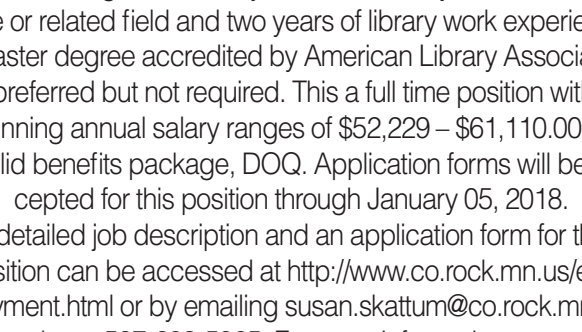
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EMPLOYMENT

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A detailed job description and an application form for this position can be accessed at http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or by emailing susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us or by phone 507-283-5065. For more information regarding the Rock County Community Library, please visit http://rockcountycommunitylibrary.org/.
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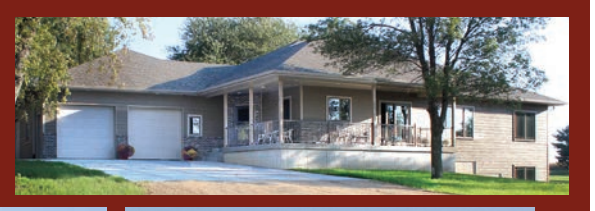
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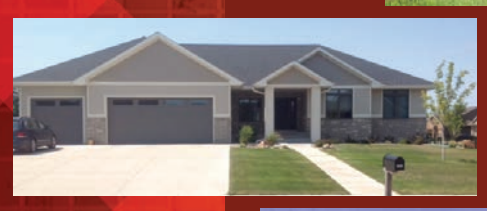
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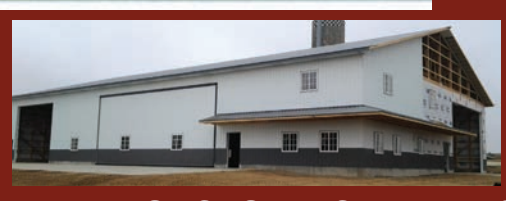






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