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Luverne and local schools return to post-Labor Day start dates

Classes start Sept. 6, 2016, and end Memorial Day 2017, according to recent School Board decision

By Mavis Fodness

In a rare split vote, the Luverne School Board decided not to continue starting classes before Labor Day.

Three of the seven board members supported reapplying for another three-year Flexible Learning Year calendar format. The format allowed Luverne to begin classes before the state-mandated start after Labor Day.

The final vote took place Thursday night, Nov. 19, during the board's regular bi-monthly meeting.

School board members based their decision on the recent surveys

completed by community/parents, staff and students. Results were also split between community/parents and staff in favor of returning to a Labor Day start with students favoring the early start.

"Based on what the community has said in their surveys, they want to go back to a regular calendar -- after Labor Day," director Reva Sehr said. "A lot of staff want the regular calendar, too."

Of the 1,434 returned surveys, 466 were from community/parents and 78 were from staff. Of the two

groups, 313 (57 percent) indicated they preferred the regular calendar.

"The students are speaking loudly, too," said director Colleen Deutsch.

Students in grades 2-12 completed 890 surveys with 442 (49 percent) preferring the FLY calendar.

However, at the high school level, only 130 students preferred ending the second quarter at the December holiday break (FLY calendar) versus 136 who preferred ending the quarter in January.

Overall survey results had 601 (42 percent) in favor of the FLY calendar

and 664 (46 percent) favoring the regular calendar. There were 167 (12 percent) who indicated they did not have a calendar preference.

"It would be nice if we could satisfy both groups," said chairman Dave Riphagen.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl presented board members with four calendar examples. Two illustrated the regular school calendar (after Labor Day) start and two calendars illustrated compromise options. Each calendar showed in-service days, holiday breaks and quarter ending

dates.

The two compromises showed the same no-class days but one had classes starting five days before Labor Day and the other seven days before. These options would have required Luverne to stay in the consortium.

The compromise was in response to the question posed to those who opposed the FLY calendar as to why they opposed starting classes before Labor Day. Most thought starting classes 10 days before Labor Day was too early to

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DNR OKs plans to fix dam, lake at state park

By Mavis Fodness

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is recommending the dam at the Blue Mounds State Park be replaced and the pond restored.

According to the construction timeline, however, the Lower Mound Lakewon't be reestablished and open to the public until 2018, more than four years after flooding destroyed the concrete structure.

The recommendation to replace the dam came from state DNR officials who met with County Commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

They shared the department's project timeline and said a final decision on the plan is scheduled for next month.

Kathy Dummer, DNR regional director of parks and trails, provided the project timeline leading to August 2018 completion.

The timeline includes steps DNR officials have taken and will take with various state and federal agencies in the flood damage assessment and to study possible solutions.

"A lot of this work was still going on up until last week," she said.

Conclusions so far support the dam's repair to allow the 20-acre recreational Lower Mound Lake to fill with water again.

Preliminary Federal Emergency Management Agency cost estimates put the plan at \$2 million.

"We are all thinking this is really conservative," Dummer said.

An exact cost won't be known until the construction bids are awarded in June 2017.

If the DNR plan is approved, the environmental review process will

State park dam/continued on 6A



Mavis Fodness photo/1125 Hospice Tree

Eric Lammert (left) and Butch Hatting with the city of Luverne help hospice volunteer George Bonnema (behind tree) erect an evergreen tree in the flag park at the corner of Highway 75 and Main Street Friday morning as snow begins falling in the area.

Tree of Lights moves to Flag Park; lighting ceremony set for Dec. 3

By Lori Sorenson

Christmas is a joyful time of year, but for those grieving the loss of a loved one, it can also be a difficult and painful holiday.

For 20 years Sanford Luverne Hospice has hosted a holiday tree-lighting ceremony to honor and remember loved ones — both living and dead.

While hospice sponsors the trees and lighting ceremonies, the program has always been open to the public to participate in. It is not necessary to be affiliated with hospice.

That's why organizer Helen Saum of Sanford Luverne Hospice approached the city about displaying a Tree of Lights at the new Flag Park at the Main Street and Highway 75 corner.

"This way it will be visible to the entire community," Saum said. "It has always been intended to be a 'community' activity, but there wasn't a public place to have the tree in the past."

To submit names to be read at the ceremony, mail or drop off a Tree of Lights form to Sanford Luverne Hospice, 211 E. Main St., Luverne, MN. The deadline is Dec. 1 for names to be included in the Dec. 3 ceremony.

Hospice will continue to light a large indoor Christmas tree at The Cottage and encourage the public to come to The Cottage afterward for refreshments and fellowship.

The 14-foot tree, a balsam fir, was put up by local horticulturist George Bonnema, who also serves on the design committee for the flag park.

"I ran it by the committee, and everyone was excited about

it," he said about displaying the Tree of Lights at the corner.

"That way it can be part of the community. ... We can't get any better visibility than this. There's so much better visibility for the community than if it were at the Cottage."

While the city agreed to share the public space at the flag park, hospice pays for the tree

Hospice tree at flag park/continued on 3A

County may add more deputies

By Mavis Fodness

More deputies may be patrolling Rock County in 2016 if commissioners decide to include the additional monies in next year's final budget.

The discussion will take place during the county's Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. The hearing allows the public to learn where tax dollars will be spent next year.

The meeting will take place in the commissioners' room at the Rock County Courthouse.

In October commissioners approved a maximum levy increase of 3.88 percent. All but \$105,000 of the additional \$194,145 generated has been designated to specific departments. The \$105,000 is meant for reserves.

An additional deputy is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge originally requested an additional \$30,000 for expenses involved in implementing a computer-aided dispatch system in each of the squad cars. The computers would allow officers to complete tasks normally done at the office. Verbrugge indicated that he would prefer adding additional staff instead of the CAD system.

If approved, the two additional officers would increase the number of deputies to 12 to provide 24/7 coverage in Rock County.

Also at the Dec. 1 meeting, Verbrugge will present commissioners with more information including current overtime costs, schedules of both full- and part-time deputies and how the assigned shift schedule is affected when a deputy cannot work an assigned shift.

Commissioners will also look at the department's part-time officers. Currently there are three part-time positions with one position open.



Lori Sorenson photo/1125/garland downtown

Deck the halls ...

Ryan and Matt Jacobsma of Luverne Landscaping hang garland and lights on the awning of the Star Herald office on West Main Street Friday afternoon. It was the first of dozens of Luverne businesses to participate in the Luverne Chamber's coordinated holiday decorating program. While it was a cold day to start the project, the snow ushered in the weekend prior to Thanksgiving and the beginning of the 2015 holiday season.

Luverne Street Music sets sights on Carnegie; plans call for sharing space

By Lori Sorenson

The Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County (CAHC) recently terminated its lease for the Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne, and a performing arts group is interested in using the space.

Officers of the non-profit Luverne Street Music attended the City Council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16, to present plans for how they'd utilize the building, which is owned by the city of Luverne.

President LaDonna Iveland and Vice President Janine Papik shared their "vision" for how the former 1902 Carnegie Library would become home to Luverne Street Music, which connects instructors to students in a variety of voice, piano and musical instruments.

"We couldn't see a better way to continue the cultural use of the building," Papik said.

They said the program has grown from 30 students and four teachers in 2013 to 100 students and 16 teachers today.

The curriculum includes summer music camp, a children's choir and a chamber orchestra, with a

puppet theater camp and preschool string program on the horizon.

"We're bringing people into town," Iveland said about the instructors, "and more importantly, we're providing an opportunity for students to take lessons locally instead of going out of town."

Papik said the program is also organizing a community band for Luverne's 150th anniversary celebration in 2017.

Luverne Street Music had been using recently renovated rehearsal rooms at Hilger Commons, the round building west of Trinity Episcopal Church.

With the growth of students and instructors, Papik and Iveland said the program needs a larger, more permanent space.

They said renovations would preserve the historic nature of the building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For example, some of the open spaces on the main floor would be divided into classrooms, but

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the home of township clerk teresa Kramer.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, for a potluck meal at the home of Verla Fick. Members are to bring a wrapped fat quarter for the gift exchange and their completed challenge project.

Divorce Recovery (Support) Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, in the Centennial Room at St. Catherine's School.

Al-Anon meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call 507-449-1246.

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 Rock County Community Library. Call 605-321-4324.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Community meal Nov. 25

The Free Fourth Wednesday Community A Thanksgiving meal will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

De-Lightful 5K Nov. 28

The De-Light-Ful 5K Race/Walk or 1 Mile Walk will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center. Online registration is available at www.allsportcentral.com. Race day registration will begin at 5 p.m. at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center. Post race party/awards will follow the race at the Blue Mound Banquet Center. IV Play will be playing at the dance. Contact Dave at dduffy@rconnect.com or 507-920-3345 for details.

Volunteers needed for Kettle

The Rock County Salvation Army will begin its Kettle Campaign on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the lobby at Glen's Food Center. Volunteer bellringers are encouraged to sign up to help. Businesses, service organizations, youth or church groups can take advantage of this volunteer opportunity to support those in need in Rock County. Call Suanne Ohme at 507-920-0053.

'Home Alone' at Palace Dec. 3

The free Bank Nite movie, "Home Alone," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Christmas at the Palace Dec. 12

Christmas at the Palace will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Historic Palace Theatre in Luverne. Admission is \$12 for advanced reserved tickets, and tickets will be sold starting Monday, Nov. 23, at the Palace Theatre Box Office 507-283-4339 (open Monday-Friday from 1-5 p.m.).

Community Ed

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

Social Security Class will be Tuesday, Dec. 1, for 55-62 year olds. Fee is \$5.

This year, the prize awarded at **Winterfest Cookie Contest kids in the kitchen class on Thursday, Dec. 3**, will be for the best cookie variety plate. There will be some to take home, too. Grades K-6. Fee is \$18.

Kids in the kitchen class "Gingerbread Time" on Monday, Dec. 14. Fudge, pinwheels and more will be made. Grades K-6. Fee is \$18.

Register now for the refresher defensive driving class meeting on Monday, Dec. 14. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

There are hundreds of options associated with social security retirement benefits. If you are 55-62 years of age, you would benefit from **Maximize Social Security on Tuesday, Dec. 1**. Fee is \$5.

Carnegie Cultural Center, Luverne Street Music/continued from 1A

they would be constructed with soundproof glass walls, allowing the natural light of the arched windows to shine through.

One of the open spaces would be renovated into two classrooms, but the fireside room will remain open.

The basement rooms would also be renovated and soundproofed, and a limited access elevator would be part of the plans.

Papik said she's aware of concern in the community that the Carnegie's architectural integrity would be in jeopardy, but Papik said no one is more concerned about that than they are.

"We wouldn't think of axing the building," she said. "It's an architectural gem, and I would want that to show through, not cover it. We'd enhance it."

Councilwoman Esther Frakes asked how often the rooms would be in use, and what times of day.

The women said lessons are offered seven days a week, but the hours of 3 to 7 p.m. are the busiest.

Frakes also asked if it would be possible for other fine arts groups to share the Carnegie space for art displays, similar to the building's current use.

Ivland said Luverne Street Music has been open to sharing the Carnegie since the program first started considering it.

"We want it to be open for all public use — the sky's the limit," she said, specifically referencing a collection of Luverne artist Mary Renfro's paintings that are currently housed in a closet.

"Why not display them on the walls of Luverne Street Music to enjoy?" Papik said.

Lynn Lopau attended the City Council to speak on behalf of CAHRC.

"The artists felt like a rug was jerked out from under them," she said, explaining that the issue came to the CAHRC as a surprise vote. "Where are the fine arts going to go?"

At a CAHRC board meeting earlier this year, the group agreed to terminate the lease, based on decreasing artists' needs for the building and decreasing public attendance at displays.

Funding to staff the front desk at the Carnegie was cut earlier this year, adding to the CAHRC board's difficulties in



Preliminary drawings of the Carnegie Cultural Center show what renovations might look like if classrooms were added to the main floor. These drawings do not include the existing colonnades and reference desk, which will not be removed as part of the renovation.



The fireside room of the Carnegie would remain untouched, and Luverne Street Music officials said the space could be shared for art displays. "We embrace the idea of sharing the building. We wanted that from the very beginning. It's what we were already doing at Hilger Commons. There's a bad misperception out there about what we're trying to do," LaDonna Ivland said. Janine Papik added, "It's not a contest. We all have to be winners."



keeping up with and publicizing displays.

Frakes said that the city, as owner and caretaker of the Carnegie, needs to make sure the process is fair to other potential uses, especially if the city takes on additional expenses of renovation and adding an elevator.

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sharing the building," Ivland said. "We wanted that from the very beginning. It's what we were already doing at Hilger Commons. There's a bad misperception out there about what we're trying to do."

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According to CAHRC's current lease agreement, the

art group pays \$900 per year to the city, which pays for maintenance and upkeep of the historic building. That amounted to more than \$30,000 in the past two years.

Ivland said Luverne Street Music would be capable of paying \$300 per month, or \$3,600 per year, according to its current budget.

School start date returns to Labor Day/continued from page 1A

start classes, and it interfered with summer vacation time.

Oftedahl did not indicate a calendar preference but stated he needed time to conduct public meetings if board members decided to continue with the FLY calendar.

The public meetings were required by the FLY application.

Deutsch, Riphagen and Jodi Bosch voted in favor of continuing the FLY calendar.

Sehr, Katie Baustian, Shelley Sandbulte and Eric Hartman voted against.

The 2016-17 school year will begin Sept. 6. Quarter breaks, holidays and in-service days are yet to be determined. Both of Oftedahl's regular calendar illustrations had school ending by Memorial Day.

Luverne now is the 18th school to drop from the 22-member FLY consortium

formed six years ago.

Earlier this year, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Edgerton dropped out of the consortium.

Only four districts Windom, Springfield, Sleepy Eye and Redwood Area, are still members of the original consortium formed six years ago.

While not a part of the consortium, Luverne will participate in combined staff development in-service with

these schools.

Luverne School Board members have struggled since April to make a formal decision whether or not to stay in the consortium.

An online community/parent/student survey conducted this spring didn't provide a clear indication on what was preferred.

The latest paper survey was completed in late October and early November.



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I'm thankful for flat tires, crappy weather, cancer and other setbacks

I've never cared for family Thanksgiving prayers that require each of us to say out loud what we're thankful for.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

... good things in life are not to be taken for granted, even if it takes a little hardship to remind us.

Mostly that's because an original prayer is hard to come by at the end of a 10-person table. Also, we're sometimes thankful for things that require explanation (which nobody wants to hear when their food is getting cold).

What if I blurted out that I'm thankful for Mom's cancer? My sisters would throw their cranberries at me.

In reality, I am thankful for cancer — mostly for the perspective and clarity it has afforded in focusing on what matters and dismissing what doesn't.

It's a reminder that hardships or setbacks often result in deeper gratitude.

For example, we've had beautiful fall weather with gorgeous sunsets, brilliant trees and mild temperatures.

But it wasn't until a week-long bout of wintry, blustery weather that I truly appreciated the sunny days that followed. Each lovely day was like the last chocolate in the box — to be relished.

So, I guess you could say I'm thankful for crappy weather.

I'm also thankful for the occasional stomach flu or headache, because they remind me to appreciate good health. Many chronically ill people function daily with pain and ailments, and it's a blessing to be healthy.

The list goes on.

I'm thankful for flat tires and broken cell phones. They remind me how easy life is today compared to a few short generations ago before modern transportation and technology.

I'm thankful for readers who complain about news in the paper, because they remind me that what we do matters (and I'm

even more grateful for readers with kind words).

Similarly, I'm grateful for typos and mistakes and for those who point them out. Humility is a valuable character trait, and I'm lucky to hone that one every week.

I'm thankful for deadlines, because as much as I dread them, they result in satisfaction of completed work.

I'm thankful for cold Minnesota winters, because they make us appreciate each spring and the promise of new life.

I'm thankful for challenging children, because teachable moments are opportunities for both children and parents to learn.

I'm thankful for unfulfilled dreams, because we grow stronger from these experiences and are ever more grateful to discover God's plan for us along the way.

I'm thankful for gray hair and wrinkles, because they're signs that I've lived long enough to acquire them.

I'm thankful, similarly, for growing old in general, because wisdom that comes with age reminds us that physical beauty is only skin deep.

... And that good things in life are not to be taken for granted, even if it takes a little hardship to remind us.

The transition back to a traditional school year

Encourage our educators to continue thinking outside the box

For six years Luverne Public Schools have been members of a unique group of educators who wanted to take an adventurous approach to instruction.

State education officials supported this approach through their Flexible Learning Year program. Locally, the program allowed districts to begin classes 10 days before other schools in the state.

Originally the local approach was thought to be a way to improve performance scores on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments. The state encouraged this thinking-out-of-the-box approach to education and would have considered giving our school districts another three years to continue the FLY consortium.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, the unique school calendar configuration came to an end locally when school board members voted to leave the FLY behind and revert back to beginning classes after Labor Day.

Luverne was not the first local

school to make that decision to leave. Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian also voted earlier this year to drop out of the consortium that once had as many as 25 other schools working together.

While these local districts will no longer collaborate as part of the state's FLY program, let's hope the strides made over the past six years of staff collaborating won't go by the wayside.

In their common goal to improve assessment scores, area teachers and administrators began talking to one another. Together they examined various instruction approaches and kept everyone updated and moving forward through combined in-services and other meetings.

Will starting classes after Labor

Day stop this collaboration between schools? Let's hope not.

The positive interaction between school districts promoted a feeling of camaraderie and developed a team atmosphere of instruction. It's a feeling that spread positivity to our students and ultimately into our communities.

We encourage those in education to continue applying the thinking-outside-the-box philosophy as we transition back to a traditional school calendar.

Let's think about the students in all our local school districts as a whole. After all, education doesn't stop at our school district boundaries.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Papik: Thankful to those who embrace beautification

To the city of Luverne, businesses, organizations and individuals:

We, the members of the LIFT Design Committee, express our sincere appreciation for the efforts of the city of Luverne, businesses, organizations and individuals who have worked to beautify this community through the spring, summer, fall and winter.

Driving through town it is wonderful to see the beautiful plantings, vibrant green spaces, well-kept

buildings and homes, creative outdoor décor and lighting. Your efforts show pride in this community and it does not go unnoticed.

The contributions you have made give tourists, visitors and residents of this community a great first impression of the city of Luverne. Those first impressions last and result in people wanting to return for another great experience.

From the seasonal displays and flower pots in front of your door to

the sparkling holiday lights hanging in your windows, from your shining windows to the clean sidewalks, from the blooming flowers to the fresh cut greenery...it all makes Luverne the place where we "Love the Life."

Thumbs up to you! Keep up the good work! Know that what you do makes a difference!

Janine Papik, Chair
LIFT Design Committee
Luverne

Preuss: 'Nothing to write' brings thoughts of nothing, space

To the Editor:

A few people have asked me why I'm not writing letters. It caused me to think, Yes, that's trouble. I thought about "nothing to write." That made me think of nothing or space. Space is an area of nothing. Typewriters have a spacebar that gives us an area of nothing between words. Without it, a sentence looks like this. In outer space there is no gravity, temperature and very little air. Yet we spend millions of dollars on that nothing. They are first stored in bags,

cans, buckets, boxes, baskets and plastic totes. These are small areas of nothing. They are then transferred to bigger areas of nothing, closets and storage space. Those are part of an even larger nothing, a house. Outside the house is another area of nothing, a garage. It can be a one, two or three car nothing, depending on the amount of things you bought. When those areas of nothing are filled with your things, you can have another area of nothing. A shed. When we have more things and no

more nothing for them, we buy a larger house that has more nothing. Even then we may still need to rent a nothing unit. How many thousands of dollars have we spend on nothing? We watched a successful sitcom on nothing, Seinfeld. You now have read about nothing and learned nothing, except I have nothing between my ears. Do you still want me to write letters?

Bill Preuss
Luverne

First hunt with grandson becomes less about deer, more about memories

It's Thanksgiving week so we tend to spend a little more time than normal thinking about those things we are thankful for.

Because of everyone's work and family schedules, our family celebrated Thanksgiving this past weekend. The time worked out well because it was also the weekend of the youth deer hunt at the Blue Mounds State Park. I entered our grandson Carter's name in a drawing, and he was lucky enough to have his name selected along with eight or nine young hunters.

As luck would have it, the weekend temperatures dropped to single digits for the day to hunt. Most deer hunters will tell you a light dusting of snow is also welcomed. I don't necessarily call four to five inches of snow a light dusting, but nonetheless we had just two days to hunt.

We headed out early Saturday morning to the ground blind I had put up the day just before the snow came. Carter had no idea we would walk nearly a half mile to the blind



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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uphill for most of the trek in four to five inches of fresh snow.

This was our first hunt together and the first time we spent any prolonged time together — just the two of us.

I wasn't sure how this would play out. It was cold, it was dark, and I just made him walk a half mile. We settled into the 5-by-5-foot ground blind. The walk to the blind warmed us up, but it didn't take long for the chill of the single digit temperature to take effect.

It wasn't long after legal shooting time we heard a single shot to the north of us. The sound of that shot perked us up, and the chill seemed

to go away, at least for a while.

Not more than a half hour later we spotted two doe walking our way.

Carter and I went into whisper mode with short one-word conversations. As the two doe slowly worked their way toward us, we readied ourselves for the shot. Carter has never pulled the trigger at a deer, so this was getting exciting, at least for me anyway. Two shots later and the two doe ran off to the north.

Carter seemed to be glad to at least get a shot at a deer. A couple more really cold hours passed by with little or no activity. We decided it was time to pull the plug and go into town

and warm up and come back later.

We started the half-mile walk back to the truck, and about halfway there we spotted a couple more deer up ahead. There was a buck in this group, so we crouched down as low to the snow-covered ground as possible. Back in whisper mode we waited and shivered. Another shot was fired, and as before, the deer took off, this time to the south.

I couldn't help but wonder what Carter was thinking about our first day of hunting.

I was sure we were forging a memory — I just wasn't sure what kind of a memory.

Sunday, day two of our hunt, was even colder, and on this day it was also foggy — so foggy we waited a while before heading back to the blind.

There was even less deer activity Sunday morning, so after about three hours of quiet and very cold time together in the blind without pulling the trigger, I suggested we head back to town. To my surprise Carter wanted to stay a little longer.

I threw out the heading home idea about a half hour later, and this time Carter nodded his head in the affirmative.

We made our way back to the truck, and all the way I wondered what kind of memory my grandson would have of this weekend.

The jury is still out as far as the memories go.

One way it could go is that Carter will remember this weekend as the time Grandpa hauled his butt out in freezing temperatures and made him walk a mile round trip four times to and from the blind for nothing.

The other way it could go is he'll remember this as the time we spent together enjoying the outdoors learning a few things about hunting and nature and that you don't always have to shoot something to have a good hunting experience.

Either way is all right by me, because if he remembers his time with Grandpa, that makes it all worthwhile, and that is what I am thankful for this Thanksgiving.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 13
 •Complainant reported she has been receiving calls from someone who kept calling and asking for her husband. When she told them to stop calling or she would call law enforcement, they threatened to kill her. The phone call was from Jamaica.

•Complainant reported that a blue Blazer, two-door model, just pulled into their parking lot and spun out, just missing her vehicle, and left heading south on Hwy. 75.

•Complainant reported she was receiving harassing text messages from subject.

•Complainant reported a suspicious van that has been loitering around the back parking lot for about five hours. It's a blue Chevy van with a yellow stripe and Illinois plates. Turned out to be a transient. Employees were told they could ask for an escort from a deputy if he was still there when they left.

•Complainant reported he was on Bluemound Avenue and Warren Street and he saw smoke south of the water treatment plant. Deputy was unable to locate any smoke or fire in the vicinity.

•Deputy arrested subject for DWI refusal. Subject was taken to jail.

•Reserved for narcotic info.
 •Complainant reported a suspicious van is back and the employees would like a deputy to stand by when they leave work.

Nov. 14
 •Deputy stopped vehicle and cited driver for no Minnesota driver's license and no insurance. Vehicle was towed by G&S.

•Dispatch received an alarm at a business and keyholder wouldn't answer the phone. This happens often.

•Dispatch received a 911 call with rustling in the background. Sent deputies to check the ditches in the area. Notified State Patrol also.

•Dispatch received a 911 call from a transient who had been sleeping in a drain pipe/ditch on Hwy. 75 between mile marker 7 and 8 and he said he was cold. This is the same area as the previous calls. Deputy transported subject to South Dakota where he wanted to be.

•Complainant reported she was driving behind a car that was by Glen's and they were swerving and speeding up and slowing down. Complainant reported there were two women in the car.

•Complainant reported a black dually pickup that has been sitting at McKenzie Street and Barck Avenue. It drove around the block a couple of times and someone got

out and was looking around a house and now the truck is sitting there. Subject was looking into the windows of a house. He was of medium height and build with jeans and a camo coat.

Nov. 15
 •Complainant reported a distraught person who is quite upset.

•Complainant requested a deputy come to talk with her. When deputy arrived, she had taken off on foot and was yelling. Subject called 911 again and was very hard to understand. Deputy found subject passed out in a yard.

•Complainant reported three hay bales in the middle of the road on County Rd. 5 and 11. Bales were gone when deputy got there.

•Complainant reported a couple of boys in the alleyway throwing paint cans at an abandoned building. Deputy reported he spoke to three juveniles, and a parent called wanting to know why we were talking to his son. He was told about what they were doing.

•Complainant reported a piece of iron sticking out of the railroad track on Hwy. 75. He moved it off the road. Contacted Brent and left a voicemail.

•Complainant reported someone trespassing on his property. There is a vehicle parked there now. Deputy reported it was a family dispute over the property and everything was resolved.

•Complainant reported his girlfriend took her child to be with his aunt in a different county and the girlfriend does not have enough money to get back. The aunt said she is not bringing him back so complainant wants kidnapping charges brought against her. Deputy advised it's not kidnapping and it's a civil issue.

Nov. 16
 •Reserved for heat team callout in Spencer, Iowa.

•Complainant requested to speak with someone about a serious situation. Had him speak with deputy.

•Complainant requested an ICR for a bad check written

to the Rock-Nobles Community Corrections for \$120.

•Complainant stopped in with some evidence to show a deputy.

•Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle that he owns.

•Complainant reported he just walked out of the Blue-stem and his pickup is gone. OnStar is active and located the vehicle in a different part of the lot.

•Complainant reported she and her husband got into an argument and subject got into complainant's face. Complainant took a swing at him and wants the husband out of the house.

•Complainant requested someone check on her mother to make sure she's OK.

Nov. 17
 •Complainant came into dispatch and said she had some information we would be interested in.

•Complainant requested a random alcohol test on subject. Tested .000.

•Complainant called in again with information she thought we wanted. She was told that we can't harass people and not to call about it anymore.

•Complainant reported subject was supposed to move out and they would like a deputy present at that time.

•Complainant reported that she received a phone call that ended up being a scam. They said they were with a credit card company and she gave them all of her info. She cancelled her credit cards but wanted to speak with a deputy.

•Complainant reported that he is with Yellow Cab out of Sioux Falls and he drove someone to Luverne to the gas station, and when it came time to pay, the man tried to

pay with about twenty credit cards and none of them were valid. Complainant requested a deputy at the gas station.

•Complainant reported that she almost hit a tractor southbound on Hwy. 75 near the airport. He only has one blinking amber light and that is indicating a turn.

Nov. 18
 •Reserved for POR registration.

•Complainant reported he stopped at someone's residence to fix something and when he went out to get some tools out of his vehicle, it was the last time he saw his vehicle. It was located a block away.

Nov. 19
 •Complainant reported that she lost her keys at the post office and they told her a woman found them and said she would take them to Papik Motors. Complainant went there but they didn't have them. They are on a silver key fob with a sticker for an oil change at Papik Motors.

•Sheriff reported he was out with a vehicle on I-90 and Hwy. 75 and it was in the traffic lane and they could not get the vehicle into gear to move it. Requested G&S. Sheriff then reported that it was now off the road and in the McDonald's parking lot.

•Complainant reported theft of a black jacket from the pool.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 deer accidents, 2 transports, 1 funeral escort, 18 ambulance runs, 8 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 1 fingerprint request, 1 driver's license check, 8 log/alarm sheets, 4 drug court tests, and issued 6 purchase/carry permits and 6 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness photo/1119 Adopt Road

The Luverne Rotary Club, CHS-Eastern Farmers and the family of the late Janice Kass are the newest participants in Rock County's Adopt A Highway program this fall. Janice Kass was the mother of Cheryl Hartman, rural Luverne.

Adopt A Highway becomes family remembrance

By Mavis Fodness

Janice Kass' name is written on the newest Adopt A Highway sign erected in Rock County.

Its location along North Blue Mound Avenue is in remembrance of Kass, who was someone who appreciated the outdoors and the spectacular views afforded by the Blue Mounds over the city of Luverne.

When the mile section came available for adoption last month, Cheryl Hartman, rural Luverne, immediately thought of her mom.

The sign also reads "In memory of," as Kass, age 70, died from inflammatory breast cancer in 2012.

"It's a nice reminder for me and for everybody," Hartman said.

Kass often commented on the rock formations and prairie grass as they traveled North Blue Mound Avenue to visit Hartman and her family (husband, Eric, and daughters, Alexandra and Caitlin) in Vienna Township.

"She would always com-

ment that she loved the Blue Mounds," Hartman recalled.

Today Kass' family members are caretakers of the ditches near the Blue Mounds and among the farm fields similar to those of Kass and her husband, Howard, near Dundee.

Kass' family is one of 13 groups to collect garbage along 30 miles of county road ditches twice a year.

More roads are available. Interested individuals and groups can contact the Rock County Highway Department for more information. Their phone number is 283-5010.

On Sunday Hartman and her family members cleaned their Adopt A Highway ditches for the first time. "We walked and shared memories," Hartman said. "It's a fun thing to do in her honor."

Nation's cleaner roadway efforts began 50 years ago

Rock County's Adopt A Highway Program takes its origin from the federal Highway

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HOMESTEAD
Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?
 Contact the Land Records Office to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2015.

Who is a qualifying relative?
 For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.
 For residential property, a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.

When do I apply?
 You must apply on or before December 15, 2015.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the Rock County Land Records Director.

Contact the Land Records Office by December 15, 2015 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

CHANGES IN YOUR HOMESTEAD STATUS
 If you should sell, move or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the Land Records Office within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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 If you have agricultural land that you own and farm yourself or have a son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister or other legal entity farm, you may be eligible for a special agricultural homestead.
 If you think you are eligible, please stop in the Rock County Land Records Office, or if you have any questions, please call 507-283-5022.

Tom Houselog
 Rock County Land Records Director



File photo 2014

The dam at the Blue Mounds State park Lower Lake was destroyed in the Father Day flooding in June 2014. The lake is now drained and there is no longer a beach or water recreation area at the Blue Mounds. If the lake and dam are restored, work would be completed in 2018.

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begin in 2016.

Because of the endangered Topeka shiner minnow and the historic significance of the dam (built under the Work Projects Administration in 1937), there is added federal interest in the project.

Reviews may take four to 12 months (from May 2016 to May 2017) to complete.

Regional officials speculate the various environmental studies will take almost a year.

"Because of the complexity, we are erring on the unconservative side," Dummer said.

The review will examine the federal requirements under the National Environmental Protection Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act

and Historic Preservation Act.

At the state level, the review will consider requirements from the Minnesota Environmental Protection Act.

Each element of the review can take place concurrently to complete the final design, the timeline indicated.

Dummer said this summer's field study found two additional state endangered or threatened species at the park, the plains topminnow and the pond mussel.

Field studies also determined the park's upper dam near the campground is structurally sound.

"There are a few stones that were blown out and some concrete but nothing that

compromised the integrity of the structure," Dummer said.

Work to replace the missing elements on the upper dam is cosmetic and will be completed, she said.

Since Lower Mound Lake dam was blown out during June 2014 flooding, Rock County Commissioners were concerned they may need to replace the bridge on County Road 8 east of the former dam.

Dummer shared a letter received from the state's dam safety engineer stating the current bridge is adequate to handle a two-year flood event up to a 500-year event as determined by the DNR's engineering software models.

"The dam has been determined to have no effect on the County 8 bridge," stated the report by Jason Boyle.

"The dam does not affect the bridge hydrologic and hydraulics during flood events as the dam provides little flood storage."

The June 2014 weather event was similar to a local 100- to 200-year event, Dummer added.

At the Nov. 17 meeting DNR regional director Dennis Frederickson said the local concern and support for repairing the park's dam and reestablishing a water recreation location in Rock County was key in getting the attention and the monetary support of state officials.

"That is one of the questions we get in St. Paul, in our state agency and also at our state legislature — 'Do local people care about it? Is the city involved? Is the county involved? Is there local support?'" Frederickson said.

"If there is local support, it is a lot easier to get projects accomplished."

Lange earns MSU social work award

By Lori Sorenson

The Department of Social Work at Minnesota State University, Mankato, awarded Nancy Lange of Southwest Health and Human Services with its Social Work Alumna of the Year award.

Lange received the award Nov. 6 at the MSU Social Work Honors Day event.

Lange graduated from Mankato State College in 1976, worked for two years in South Dakota, and then has been working as a social worker in Rock County since 1978.

Luverne native David Beimers, PhD, is an associate professor in social work and is chair of the Department of Social Work at MSU.

He presented the award to Lange and said he enjoyed the opportunity to recognize a fellow Rock County professional. "She is very deserving," said the 1988 LHS graduate.

The award is presented to a distinguished social work alumna who has demonstrated significant career achievements as a social worker.

Beimers, son of Bill and Esther Beimers, Luverne, shared with Star Herald information about Lange that was read at the awards ceremony.

"Nancy has accomplished a lot over her profes-



Submitted photo

sional career, but what I find just as compelling is whether her colleagues have to say about her commitment to the social work profession and the field of child welfare," Beimers said in Lange's introduction.

He said her colleagues spoke of her commitment to the well-being of social work staff, mentoring, training and modeling professional behavior.

They also spoke of her commitment to children and her passion to improve how child protection and law enforcement work together to investigate cases.

"It really is an honor to recognize Nancy Lange with our 2015 Alumna of the Year for the Department of Social Work at Minnesota State University, Mankato," Beimers said.

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North Dakota in Grand Forks.

"The story begins in 1969 when I purchased three Packards for parts," he remembered. "I was a poor student from Chicago and had bought a crashed 1955 Packard Clipper for \$50."

Two of the three cars had all the spare parts he needed to fix the crashed Packard.

"The third was a 1956 two-door hardtop that needed more work than my skills and finances permitted," Hammerberg wrote. "It was a green and black beauty but was sold to the local wrecking yard."

The former mechanic, teacher and school administrator retired last year to care full time for his wife, who was diagnosed with brain lymphoma and kidney failure.

"In the quiet times I would browse the web looking at cars I'd once owned and daydream. It was my therapy," he reiterated.

His wife noticed the search and bought the 1956 Packard in Omaha for his birthday. A friend in Nebraska picked up the car, and another friend had the car restored before its



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An ink pen from Pipestone Federal Savings and a mechanical pencil from Hardwick Grain Exchange were found in the 1956 Packard Clipper during restoration, leading its California owner to think the car was owned by a southwest Minnesota resident.

expected delivery to California this week.

"It will be great to take my wife for a ride in her gift," Hammerberg wrote.

Arrival of pen, pencil renews history search

"I received an envelope with some invoices and the title to the car, as well as a little sandwich bag," Hammerberg wrote. "In the bag was a note, 'Found in the Packard vent' along with one mechanical pencil and ballpoint pen."

Hardwick Grain Ex-

change was owned and operated by Earl and Marcella Scott from 1947 to 1957, according to Marcella, who still resides in Hardwick.

Earl died in December 2001.

She said the couple never owned a Packard.

Each Christmas Hardwick Grain Exchange gave pens or mechanical pencils to customers. The business was sold to Cargill in 1957.

Because the mechanical pencil was found inside the car's dash, its owner might have lived in the Hardwick area and been one of its early owners.

"I guess I am just a history buff. The car is such a classy-looking car that looked cherished for most of her life. I can only imagine the first owner's excitement," he wrote.

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Beautification Act passed in late 1965.

The act covered three key areas: Control of outdoor advertising, control of junkyards and landscaping and scenic enhancements.

According to the Federal Highway Administration website, the idea of more scenic roadway was that of former First Lady, "Lady Bird" Johnson, who encouraged the planting of flowers and trees along America's highways.

The idea of Adopt A Highway came to the state level in 1990. The state program centered on collecting litter from roadsides.

In Minnesota last year, volunteers picked up 970,000 pounds — more than 100 dump truck loads — of litter, saving the state an estimated \$7 million in cleanup costs, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The volunteers also saved MnDOT employees' time.

Rock County's program began in 1991 with the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, which still maintains an adopted highway today.

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Lori Sorenson Photos/1125 Author Visit Julia Cook

Visiting author Julia Cook reads excerpts to fifth-grade students at Luverne Elementary School from one of her more than 50 published books Wednesday, Nov. 18. She spent both Tuesday and Wednesday at the school including a Tuesday night presentation to parents.

Children's author shares important life lessons, gives tips on writing effective stories



By Lori Sorenson

Author Julia Cook was in Luverne last week to talk about the difference between tattling and telling and to share tips on writing.

She told fifth-graders that all good stories are like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches — the bread is the start and the finish, and peanut butter and jelly are the good stuff in between.

She also said good stories are written with the beginning and end first, so that the "good stuff" has direction.

"You get the start of the story and the end of the story and then mix all the good stuff together in the middle," she said.

The good stuff, she said, is often what makes readers empathize with characters. "Make your story touch people, human-wise," she said.

She said it's important to let ideas flow freely, without worrying about spelling and punctuation at the start.

"I just unzip my brain and put it on paper," she told fifth-grade students in Luverne Elementary School Wednesday, Nov. 18.

She encouraged students to first record their thoughts and ideas, and then arrange them later with proper sentence structure and spelling.

Cook spoke with students in all elementary grade levels and also made a presentation to the public Nov. 17 in the high school auditorium.

A former school counselor, Cook has more than 50 published books and activity guides that use humor to help children become life-long problem solvers.

She has presented in more than 800 schools across the country and regularly delivers keynote addresses at national education, counseling and character conferences.

Cook's visit to Luverne was sponsored by Luverne Elementary booster club, PPIE — Parents, Parents In Education.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bergman joins Skattum Confinements

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Brad Bergman has been hired as the general manager of Skattum Confinement and Superior Buildings.

Bergman studied business management at Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, and has more than 10 years of experience as a contractor with his business, Contracting Consultants Inc.

Bergman said it's a new position at the Magnolia company, which was recently purchased by Son-D-Farms, Adrian, and he said he looks

forward to guiding the company in his position.

"Nobody can replace Nate (Skattum, who died in January of cancer), and Tom (Skattum) is retiring," Bergman said. "Reed (Nate's son) will play an important role as he grows into the company."

Bergman said his position was created in the wake of Son-D-Farms purchasing Skattum Confinement and Superior Buildings earlier this year.

The two businesses will

continue to operate as they have, with Bergman managing the overall business operations.

"It's a great opportunity to get back and work where I grew up and work with the ag community," Bergman said.

Bergman is a 1998 Luverne High School graduate and the son of Marilyn and the late Leon Bergman, Kenneth.

He and his wife, Paula, live in Brandon.



1923: Gasoline war rages in South Dakota; selling below 16.8 cents

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on August 24, 1923:

MOTORISTS STILL PROFITING IN WIDESPREAD GAS WAR

Prices in Minnesota Remain on 16.8 Basis—Independents Raise Price in South Dakota

The gasoline war, started two weeks ago when Governor W. H. McMaster, of South Dakota, ordered the state supply depot to sell gas ten cents below the price charged by the oil companies, still is on, without any indication of complaint on the part of motorists.

Over in South Dakota, following a conference the latter part of last week with independent oil dealers, Governor McMaster agreed to an increase in price in that state of from 3 1/2 to 4 cents per gallon, making the price according to locality from 19 1/2 to 20 cents. The standard oil Co., however, failed to see the move, and has continued selling gas at 15 1/2 cents, the price fixed by this company in reply to the cut ordered by Governor McMaster. In Sioux Falls motorists have the choice of three prices—15 1/2 cents a gallon at the Standard Oil stations, or from 19 1/2 to 20 cents at the independent stations.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, President Rock County Historical Society

In other sections of the country to which the gas war spread, the situation remains unchanged. In Luverne gasoline still is selling at 16.8 cents a gallon at all filling stations, the independents meeting the cut made by the Standard Oil Co. This price, with freight differentials, prevails throughout the state.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

Lee attends advanced mutual manager training at Grinnell Mutual Academy

Denise Lee of Beaver Creek Mutual in Luverne, completed Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company's Advanced Mutual Manager Academy Nov. 9-11 in Grinnell, Iowa.

Lee joined 64 participants from throughout the Midwest. Managers learned more about a variety of topics, including contractual responsibilities, preparing for state exams, dwelling and homeowners RPM and rate study, and emerging issues.

They also received extended training on management, claims, underwriting, reinsurance, marketing, and technology.

"We want to provide our mutual managers with the tools they need to move their businesses forward — practical information

that they can use in their offices when they return," said Rick Tjarks, Grinnell Mutual assistant vice president of Reinsurance. "In today's changing insurance industry it is also important for mutual managers to stay current and network with their peers. The Academy offers a great opportunity for that."

About Grinnell Mutual

Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, in business since 1909, provides reinsurance for farm mutual insurance companies and property and casualty insurance products through more than 1,600 independent agents in 12 Midwestern states.



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Denise Lee (right) receives a certificate for completing the Advanced Mutual Manager Academy from Grinnell Mutual Assistant Vice President of Reinsurance Rick Tjarks.

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OBITUARIES

Fred Robison

Fred Thomas Robison, 94, formerly of Beaver Creek, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, at the Kansas Soldier's Home in Fort Dodge, Kansas.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Fred Robison was born May 27, 1921, to Thomas and Nancy (DeShields) Robison in Okema, Oklahoma. He attended school in Sharon, Oklahoma. Following his education, he moved to Colorado and took a job picking peaches. He then moved to California where he worked at a sheet metal shop. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart Medal. Upon his discharge, he returned to California and then moved to Beaver Creek. He opened Robison Sheet Metal Works.

On April 23, 1943, Fred married Edna Eads in Sheldon, Iowa. They made their home in Beaver Creek. Fred earned his Master Plumber certification and expanded into the plumbing business. In 1966 he moved to Pierre, South Dakota, and became a partner in Schmitt's Heating and Plumbing. Edna



preceded him in death in April of 1974. On Aug. 24, 1987, Fred married Ruby Worrell in Reno, Nevada. He later returned to Sharon, Oklahoma, where the couple resided until Ruby's death in 2003. In 2004 Fred moved to Garden City, Kansas.

Fred was a member of South Persimmon Baptist Church in Sharon. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pierre. He enjoyed building, hunting, fishing and playing cards.

Fred is survived by his son, Charles (Mary Ann) Robison, Garden City; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Robison, Big Stone, South Dakota; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edna; his second wife, Ruby; a son, John; a sister, Leecy Keltch; and five brothers, Earl, Leonard, Scott, Clifford and Russell Robison.

Memorials may be directed to South Persimmon Baptist Church in Sharon.

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

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Cornelius Verhey

Cornelius Verhey, 89, Beaver Creek, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2015, at his home.

A memorial service was Monday, Nov. 23, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne with burial at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Cornelius "Cornie" Verhey was born Sept. 30, 1926, to Klaas and Lucretia (Van Dis) Verhey in Rock County. He attended school through the eighth grade and then went to work on the farm with his dad. Cornie was drafted into the United States Army and served in Germany during World War II. Following his honorable discharge from the service, he returned home and began farming.

On Dec. 17, 1955, Cornie married Lavonne Bjerk at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. They farmed in Beaver Creek Township before moving to Beaver Creek in 1962. Cornie worked construction for five years before becoming a custodian at the Hills-



Beaver Creek Elementary School. A few years later he purchased a semitrailer and began his own trucking company, Verhey Trucking. In 1975 he began working at the Sioux Falls Stockyards in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, until his retirement in 1991. He then worked part time at the rest area. He enjoyed gardening.

Cornie is survived by three sons, Cornell Verhey, Beaver Creek, Robert (Barb) Verhey, Luverne, and Rodney (Cami) Verhey, Hills; nine grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavonne; a son, Vincent Verhey; his parents, Klaas and Lucretia Verhey; and siblings John Verhey, Frank Verhey and Plona Cuperly.

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

(1125 F)

Veronica Gradert

Veronica "Ronnie" Gradert, 88, Luverne, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at the Wealshire of Bloomington.

A funeral mass was Friday, Nov. 20, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with burial at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Veronica Kerkvliet was born Nov. 3, 1927, to Gerard and Mathilda Kerkvliet on a farm near Larchwood, Iowa. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Larchwood. After graduation in 1945 she attended Nettleton School of Business in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was a secretary for a law firm and for Midland National Life.

On April 26, 1952, Ronnie married Eldon Gradert while he was home on leave before shipping off to Korea. When he returned, the couple lived near Ellsworth and then moved to a farm near Alvard, Iowa. In 1968 they moved to the family farm southeast of Luverne where she had a large garden. Ronnie worked at the Farm Bureau and as a teacher's assistant in the Luverne schools. She retired in 1998. Ronnie enjoyed traveling, going to the casino, dancing, bowling, playing cards and meeting friends for coffee. She was an active volunteer at St. Catherine and the Hinkly House.

Ronnie is survived by her children, Bryce (Patti) Grad-

ert, Coupeville, Washington, Karla (Dave) McKenzie, Apple Valley, Lisa (Doug) LeMay, Roseville, Lynda Gradert, Minneapolis; ten grandchildren, Meghan (Steve) Ross, Katie (Justin) Twergo, John (Jessica) Gradert, Caleb Gradert, Chris (Lindsey) McKenzie, Ann McKenzie, Stephanie (Dustin) Nord, Brian LeMay, Ben LeMay, Brandon LeMay; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Agnes Friedrich; brothers-in-law Harvey Swanson and Marvin Gradert; a sister-in-law, DonnaLee Gradert; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eldon, on March 9, 2012; a son, Brockton; siblings Rose (Lee) Honrath, Ferd (Jean) Kerkvliet, Bill (Eileen) Kerkvliet, Marcella (Frank) Bennett, Mary Swanson, Bob (Jenny) Kerkvliet; a brother-in-law, Irwin Friedrich; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Torlief and Arlene Thompson.

Memorials may be directed to St. Catherine Catholic Church of Luverne or the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or Alzheimer's Association Minnesota.

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(1125 F)

Rose Reed

Rose Johanna Reed, 105, Redwood Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Rose Mary and David Paquette, Luverne.

A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Redwood Falls. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. prior to mass at the church.

Rose Kennedy was born Aug. 31, 1910, to Daniel and Mary (Myler) Kennedy at home in St. Paul. She graduated from St. Joseph's Academy where she worked a number of years as a secretary.

In 1950 Rose married Jim Reed in Chicago. The couple moved to Redwood Falls. She re-entered the work force in the 1960s as the accountant of the Redwood County Highway Department. A few years later she helped launch the local chapter of the MCCL and volunteered on its behalf for almost four decades.

Rose challenged her-

self with computer lessons in her eighties, was an active member of the Twentieth Century Study Club well into her nineties, and purchased her first cellphone as she neared one hundred. She enjoyed bridge, a piece of chocolate, discussions about politics or business, and dancing.

Rose is survived by her daughters, Rose Mary (David) Paquette, Luverne, and Maureen Reed (James Hart), Stillwater; her grandsons, Denis (Jessie) Paquette, John (Erin) Paquette, and Phillip (Paige) Paquette; four great-granddaughters, Mckinley, Kyndle, Savannah and Cadynce; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her parents; and her siblings, Catherine, Daniel and John Kennedy.

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DEATH NOTICES

Anita Cook

Anita (Godfrey) Cook, 73, Shelton, Washington, died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will fol-

low at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arrangements are through Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(1125 DN)

Larry Hellwinckel

Larry Hellwinckel, 76, Hardwick, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2015.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov.

27, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

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(1125 DN)

Merlyn Lopau

Merlyn Lopau, 72, Luverne, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be at a later date.

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(1125 DN)

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

Corn and soybean yield reports for 2005 in Rock County and across southwest Minnesota were among the best ever. There have been many "weigh-wagon" yield reports well over 200 bushels per acre for corn, and above 60 bushels per acre for soybeans. These yields are more typical of Illinois and Indiana than in southwest Minnesota.

20 years ago (1995)

Corn producers and other interested investors will meet tonight with planners of a proposed \$25 million ethanol plant in Luverne. ...

If enough local support is found for the project, the 15-million-gallon dry-mill ethanol plant will begin construction next summer and be completed the following summer of 1997.

50 years ago (1965)

It is now official — Interstate 90 is open for business from Luverne on west to Sioux Falls and beyond.

Here for the occasion was Minnesota Commissioner of Highways John R. Jamieson. ...

"You will have a tremendous growth by this system and it will be a boon to this area," (said Jamieson.)

75 years ago (1940)

That farmers in Rock county suffered heavy livestock losses in the terrific snow storm which visited this section on Nov. 11th is indicated by reports still being received. ...

Other losses reported include: J. F. Matthiesen, Springwater township, 17 head of cattle missing; Jacob Sells, of Beaver Creek township, a number of ewes dead; Earl McDowell, Springwater township, 3 ewes frozen in storm; Fred Funck, Mound township, 8 head of cattle frozen; John Hoff, Clinton township, 7 head of cattle frozen; Chas. Rozeboom, Clinton township, 3 calves frozen. ...

The more than 25,000 turkeys lost in last week's blizzard by turkey raisers in Rock county are a total loss as far as food value is concerned, it was made known this week.

100 years ago (1915)

Another step in Luverne's steady metropolitan trend was taken Tuesday afternoon, when ... Luverne's big new fire truck, loaded with men, dashed through the streets on its trial trip.

The new truck is the product of the Luverne Automobile company's factory and is of the latest and most up to date design for fire fighting purposes.

CELEBRATIONS

Showers

A Norwex and Thirty-One bridal shower for **Gretchen Schneekloth** (bride-to-be of **Christopher Luze**) will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the home of Marian Schneekloth at 504 N. Freeman Street in Luverne.

A baby shower for **Maggie Siebenahler** and baby girl will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at 1013 N. Linden Street, Luverne.

SCHOOL NEWS

Concordia College

Kira Graber, a sophomore choir member at Concordia College, Moorhead, will take part in the 89th annual Concordia College Christmas Concert. Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 in Memorial Auditorium on the Concordia campus. The concert will also be performed at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

Kira is the daughter of Keith and Seana Graber of Luverne.

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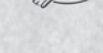
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Students selected for Honor Choir



Lori Ehde photos/1125 honor choir ms kids

At left: Six Luverne Middle School students were chosen by audition from hundreds of students around the state to participate in the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota seventh- and eighth-grade honor choir. They are (front, from left) Quinn Buss, Carson Ehde, Seno Chanthalangsy, (back) Jordan Winter, Matthew Sehr, Andrew Wagner and Luverne choir director Seana Graber. Nearly 700 students auditioned for the choirs, and only 145 boys and 150 girls were selected.

The students rehearsed and performed with seventh- and eighth-grade boys' and girls' honor choirs in Mahtomedi Saturday, Nov. 21, and performed a public concert in St. Andrews Lutheran Church that night (**above**). "This is a great honor for the students," Graber said.

Above left: Hills-Beaver Creek students Brynn Mongeau (left) and Allison LaRock were also accepted into the elite girls' middle school honor choir, which performed ahead of the boys' choir Nov. 21. Glenda McGaffee Photo/1125 Honor Choir HBC

Berghorst receives financial reporting excellence honor

City of Luverne has received award for the past two decades

By Lori Ehde

For the 20th consecutive year, the city of Luverne has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

At their Nov. 10 meeting, Luverne City Council members formally recognized city finance director Barb Berghorst for her efforts in qualifying the city for the award.

"We're lucky to have you," Mayor Pat Baustian told Berghorst.

Berghorst thanked the council but added that she works with an "outstanding budget staff. This award goes to the whole staff."

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest

form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the city of Luverne for its comprehensive annual financial report every year since 1994.

It is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

Berghorst is the person primarily responsible for achieving the award for Luverne.

Barb Berghorst (left) receives a Certificate of Achievement from Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian.



MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Nov. 30: Hamburger cabbage casserole, green beans, peaches, bread, pudding.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Pork steak, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, scalloped apples.

Program: \$2 Tuesday sponsored by employees of Continental Western Insur-

ance.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Meatloaf, potatoes, creamed corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread, poke cake.

Friday, Dec. 4: Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit, cheesecake.

Program: Monthly Birthday party. 11:20 a.m. Kitchen Band.

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Chantel Connell photo/1125 first snowfall



Glenda McGaffee photo/1125 first snowfall



Lori Sorenson photo/1125 first snowfall

Let it snow ...

The first snow of the holiday season arrived Friday, Nov. 20, and children in the area enjoyed playing in the snow. Pictured above is Bristol Teune with the snowman she built Saturday, Nov. 21, on the lawn of her home on 4th Street in Hills.

At far left, a motorist east of Luverne on County Road 4 wasn't so appreciative of the winter white stuff on Friday afternoon. In the inset, a Luverne resident tackles shoveling Friday.

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Nothing says Thanksgiving better than homemade

Pie!



Eleven participants of varying experience attend the first "Pies, Pies, Pies!" class on Tuesday, Nov. 17, taught by Brenda Johnson (standing left) through Luverne Community Education. She shared more than 30 years of experience making the homemade creations.

Johnson shares experience baking 3,000+ pies with community members

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Homemade pumpkin and apple pies will grace the tables of 11 area residents, thanks to a Luverne woman sharing her pie baking secrets for the first time.

On Nov. 17 Brenda Johnson instructed a Community Education class creating their own pumpkin and apple pies with a special twist on the pumpkin pie.

"I don't use pumpkin," she told the class. "I use butternut squash."

The squash's rich color and flavor are more to her liking. The squash also has a consistent texture and not likely to be stringy as some pumpkins can be after cooking the fruit for freezing, she said.

Besides the secret ingredient in pumpkin pies, participants learned how to make crust from scratch and a few more tips that Johnson has gained through 30 years of pie making and experimenting.

The self-taught pie maker made two pies for participants to taste before sending them to work stations in the home economics room of Luverne High School.

With the pleasant taste of pie on their tongues, participants started blending butter, salt, flour and ice water together for two piecrusts.

"It's just as easy to make two," Johnson said, divulging another tip.

She estimates her pie making skills began 30 years ago when, instead of making birthday cakes, she made pies for her husband, Paul, and their three children.

Soon pies were made for holidays, family dinners and other get-togethers including her day care children.

Johnson estimates she has constructed from scratch more than 3,000 pies varying from mocha Bavarian chocolate to the pumpkin and apple pies she helped with on Tuesday.

The 1980 Luverne High School graduate said she doesn't have a favorite.

"It depends on the time of the year," Johnson admitted.

While she doesn't have a favorite, she does have a least favorite. However, the use of a new apple peeler at Thursday's class had Johnson

commenting that if peeling had been this easy years ago, she might have baked more apple pies.

Participants' expertise prior to taking Johnson's class ranged from beginner to seasoned bakers. Each was looking to Johnson for help.

"I am not sure if I can teach you to make pie, but I can walk through the steps," she said.

One important step is not to overwork the crust. Due to its inexpensive ingredients, Johnson said it's easier to mix and roll out a crust again versus using an overworked dough which leads to a tough piecrust.

Getting the crust right takes time and a few failures.

"The more pies you make, the better you get," she said.

The course cost was \$10 with Johnson foregoing an instructor fee, choosing instead to donate to the community education's Opportunity Fund.

Cindy Arends, community education secretary, said it's a scholarship fund intended to keep course offerings affordable to everyone.



Pie-making student Mary Muldorfer of Adrian (right) holds the apple peel as instructor Brenda Johnson shows her how to use the device.



As participants make homemade piecrusts, instructor Brenda Johnson (left) shows student Colette Hansen of Luverne a tip to gauge how large to roll out the dough using the pie pan.



Luverne's Brenda Johnson dishes out a slice of pumpkin pie, one of two homemade she shared with her students prior to starting her first Luverne Community Education class.

Young hunters find success in Blue Mounds State Park over weekend

Ten Minnesota youth had the opportunity to participate in a special youth hunt Saturday and Sunday in the Blue Mounds State Park.

"Youth can hunt in select state parks and other refuge areas with a parent, guardian or mentor during these annual opportunities," said Mike Kurre, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources mentoring coordinator.

"One-on-one time with a youth is time well spent afield by making memories only the outdoors can provide."

Participating in a youth deer hunt does not prevent the youth from participating in the regular firearms deer season, but any deer harvested do count against the youth's season bag limit.

An adult parent, guardian or mentor had to accompany the youth at all times while hunting, but only the youth was allowed to hunt.

Both youth and mentor were required to attend a



Successful youth hunters include Gunnar Oldre (top) Parker Gehrke (above, left) Noah Melhaff (right) and Jake Haugen (left).

mandatory pre-hunt orientation clinic.

Ten either-sex permits were available at the Blue Mounds State Park near Luverne, and the park was closed from sundown Friday until Monday morning.

Successful applicants also had to meet all firearms safety requirements, pur-

chase appropriate licenses and follow hunting regulations.

In addition to the 18 application-only hunts in state parks and refuge areas, any youth ages 10 to 15 can also participate in the youth deer season that runs from Thursday, Oct. 15, through Sunday, Oct. 18.

Hunters register nearly 120,000 deer through second weekend

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 118,599 deer through the second weekend of firearms deer season, up from 104,785 from the same period in 2014, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Hunters are seeing more deer this year as we continue to build deer populations across much of the state," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations program manager. "We've again issued a conservative number of antlerless deer permits, and because of this, many hunters are seeing deer they can't shoot. However, patience this year should translate to more harvest opportunities in the future."

Final numbers from the first 10 days show

that the number of deer registered rose 13 percent from 2014. Buck harvest during the first 10 days of the firearms season was up 18 percent from last year, indicating that the population has in fact grown from its low point two springs ago.

Zone 1 total firearms harvest was up 14 percent, Zone 2 was up 17.5 percent and Zone 3 was up 7 percent. Buck harvest was up significantly in all zones.

The DNR is projecting the 2015 total deer harvest to be between 140,000 to 155,000 deer. The 2014 total harvest after last year's conservative season was just over 139,000.

In much of Minnesota, the last day of the firearms deer season was Sunday, Nov. 15. Additional deer will be harvested during

the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 22; the late southeastern season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 29; and the muzzle-loader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 28, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 13.

New this year, hunters can preview an interactive deer information tool being developed by the DNR at www.mndnr.gov/deermap. This map is the first step toward launching an online application that delivers useful information hunters need and want. Hunters are encouraged to take a look at the application, discuss it and provide DNR with feedback.

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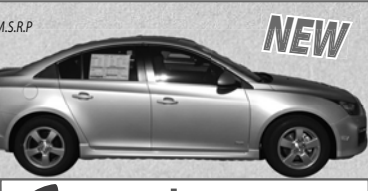


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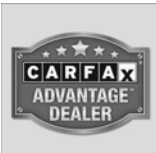
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Boys skate to 11-0 win

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team opened the 2015-16 season in dominating fashion Saturday in Kasson.

Taking on Dodge County on the Wildcats' home ice, Luverne controlled the game from beginning to end in the process of registering an 11-0 victory.

Three Luverne players registered hat tricks to pace an offense that produced a 38-14 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Kasyn Kruse, Nick Harder and Jaxon Nelson put the puck in the net three times each for the winners.

Kaden Ericson, making his second varsity start in goal for the Cards, recorded a 14-save shutout to highlight a sound defensive effort.

Luverne scored 10 goals in the first two periods to make short work of the Wildcats.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw through the first 10 minutes of the game before Kruse ignited what turned into a four-goal run when he scored with 6:18 remaining in the first period.

Harder made it a 2-0 game at 4:40 before Kruse netted an unassisted tally to make it 3-0 with 2:59 left in the period.

Nelson capped the scoring in the first period with 1:57 left.

A six-goal explosion in the second period iced the win for LHS.

Nick Behrend netted a power-play goal 1:31 into the second stanza before Harder scored his second goal of the game with 10 minutes remaining to make it 6-0.

Kruse capped his hat trick with an unassisted tally at the 8:28 mark and Nelson scored his second goal at 4:38 to up the lead to 8-0.

Declan Beers and Harder scored short-handed goals in the final 1:04 of the second period to give the Cards a 10-goal cushion heading into the final 17 minutes of play.

Nelson completed his hat trick and capped the scoring in the game with 2:01 left in the third period.

Beers led the Cards with three assists, while Kruse notched two assists for a five-point game.

Behrends, Trey Roberts, Jack Baustian, Harder and Tyler Reisdorfer added one assist each to the winning cause.

The 1-0 Cardinals host St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson Friday.

Luverne football players collect honors

By John Rittenhouse

Six members of the Luverne High School football program collected postseason honors last week.

Four Cardinals made the first All-South Central District White Division Football Team and two more LHS athletes received honorable mention honors.

The All-SCDWWD team consisted of 32 players including Luverne seniors Erik Tofteland and Brandon Claussen, junior Logan Stratton and sophomore Jaxon Nelson.

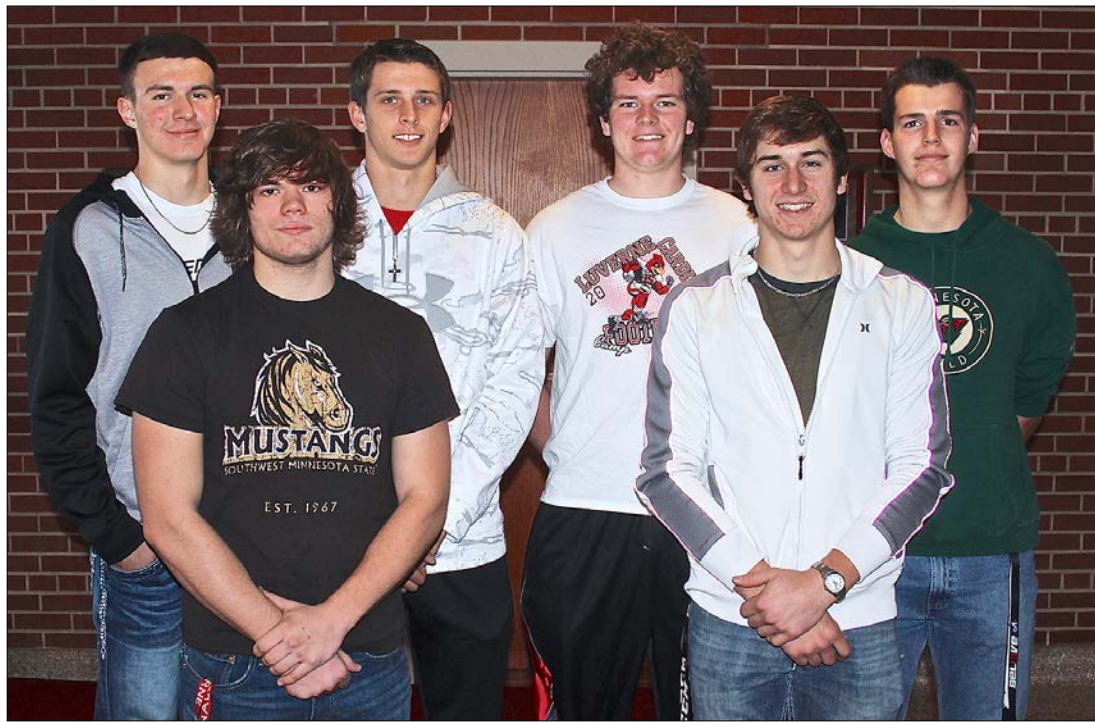
Senior Nick Overgaard and junior Chris Jelken are two of 16 players to land honorable mention accolades.

Pipestone led all teams by receiving six all-district selections.

Seniors Brayden Baartman, Brad Hillard, Austin Moeller, Cole Maly, Justin Rops and Blake Wolters are the Arrows on the roster.

Jackson County Central received five all-district selections.

Seniors Keegan Moore, Michael Miller, Caleb Will,



Six members of the Luverne High School football program raked in postseason honors from South Central District White Division officials this week. Brandon Claussen (front, left), Erik Tofteland (front, right), Jaxon Nelson (back, second left) and Logan Stratton (back, second right) made the All-SCDWWD Football Team. Nick Overgaard (back, left) and Chris Jelken (back, right) drew honorable mention honors for an LHS team that went 4-3 in district play.

Chris Gumto and Justin Tirevold made the team for the Huskies.

Blue Earth Area and Redwood Valley matched Luverne by earning four all-

district selections. BEA seniors Bailey Olson, Kolt Gorg, Tyler Hannaman

and Brandon Olson grace the roster.

Seniors Cade Johnson, Dan Kohler and Colten Menkel and sophomore Logan Josephson represent RWV on the team.

St. James, Windom and Martin County West drew three all-district selections each to round out the roster.

St. James' seniors Chris Johnson, Brady Halvorson and Tyler Larson made the list, as did Windom senior Zach Steen and juniors Jesse Pigman and Dan Nielson.

MCW senior Jake Ebeling and juniors Ethan Hurn and Brandon Williamson cap the roster.

Other players drawing honorable mention honors include Pipestone seniors Joe Morgan and Caleb Tinklenberg, JCC juniors Ryan Christopher and Darrius Johnson, BEA senior Cole Hendrickson and junior Jared Armon, RWV junior Bailey Sommers and sophomore Mitchell Irlbeck, St. James juniors Max Sualland and Brady Stevens, Windom senior Austin Fast and Jonas Hauge, and MCW seniors Jake Buntjar and Aaron Anderson.

Fans can brace themselves for exciting winter campaign

There

are many intriguing storylines to follow as the 2015-16 winter sports season begins in full force in the next couple of weeks.

No matter which sport captures one's attention, this could be one of the more interesting winters ever for most area programs.

This could be especially true for local hockey fans, who should be in store for an exciting year at the Blue Mound Ice Arena and anywhere they wish to travel.

On paper, both the LHS boys' and girls' teams have a good chance to win section titles in the same season.

The Cardinal girls upped their record to 4-0 over the weekend and are considered to be one of the top teams in the restructured Section 3A field.

With a team featuring five hungry seniors, this could be the year LHS breaks through and earns a trip to St. Paul.

The LHS boys will settle for nothing less than a trip to the Xcel Energy Center



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

in early March.

First-year coach Kullen Schroht said his charges are on a mission to erase the memories of a loss to New Ulm in last year's section championship game, and Saturday's 11-0 victory in Kasson leads me to believe the Cardinals are a focused team.

Former LHS coach Derrick Brown told me that both Hutchinson and Litchfield are teams that could stand in Luverne's path to the state tournament during his parting interview last summer.

The Cardinals have found success against both of those teams in recent years, which leads me to believe Luverne could win its second section title in the past three years.

Area wrestling fans have reason to be optimistic, too.

Adrian, a longtime Southwest Minnesota power, has been gearing up for this winter for a

number of years.

With 10 battle-tested seniors filling 14 of the weight classes, Dragon coach Gregg Nelson said it will take a good team to defeat AHS if his athletes remain healthy.

Minnesota, which has defeated AHS in the past two section title matches and is coming off a state championship season in 2014-15, is a good team.

The Vikings, however, could be more vulnerable compared to recent years and need to remain injury-free as well.

That leads me to believe the team that is healthy at the end of the year probably will win the section title, and that team could be AHS.

LHS wrestling fans have reason to be optimistic as well.

Holes on the bottom end of the lineup could hamper LHS in terms of team success, but the Cardinals have a number of talented individuals to keep an eye on this winter.

Solomon Nielsen

returns to the mat after placing fourth at the state tournament last season, and Cardinal coach Tony Johnson Nielsen is aspiring to do even better this season.

Will Natte, who is returning from an injury most of last season, and seniors Jakob Olson and Adam Fodness are other LHS athletes to keep an eye on.

Fans of the LHS gymnastics team should be in store for another solid season.

The Cardinals did lose some seniors from a team that posted 25 wins and placed fourth at the Section 3A Championships last winter.

Luverne, however, returns two strong all-around performers in Madisson Schandelmeier and Samantha Pierce along with some other talented competitors.

Considering all the talent returning to the team, I think the Cards can do as well as, or better than, last season.

I expect three area basketball teams to be very competitive this year.

The LHS boys were playing their best basketball at the end

of last season, and current seniors Quinton Siebenahler, Nick Overgaard and Erik Wohnoutka figured into the success.

If Cardinal coach John Sichmoller can find some players to support the three returnees, LHS could put together another 10-plus-win season.

I expect both the H-BC boys' and girls' teams to be competitive as well.

The Patriot boys did lose some key seniors from last season.

However, the return of starters Cooper Vaughn, Stuart Plimpton and Zach Scholten, along with experienced players in Drew Forshey and Isaiah Vis, give the Patriots a strong nucleus of a team that should fare well in the Red Rock Conference.

The H-BC girls lost four starters from last season, but don't feel sorry for the Patriots.

H-BC has a bunch of great athletes returning to the court (Avery Van Roekel, Jasmine Lingen and Sidney Fick, to name a few), and I believe the Patriots will emerge as a dangerous team in 2015-16.



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Sport: Basketball

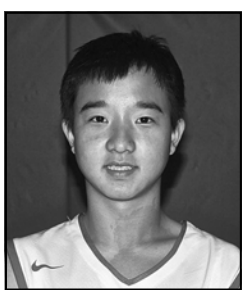
Position: Guard

Parents: Alex Haan (Host Dad)

Favorite Subject: Math and Physics

Extra-Curricular Activities: Cross Country, Ping Pong, Saxophone in band, soccer

Future Plans: Go to university in America



Colton Kunkel

Sport: Hockey

Position: Forward

Parents: Bob and Shelly Kunkel

Favorite Subject: Math

Extra Curricular Activities: Football

Future Plans: College, later become Game Warden



Cardinals run record to 4-0 with home victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team ran its record to 4-0 with a hard-fought home win over St. Peter-LeSueur-Henderson Saturday.

The visiting Bulldogs sported an advantage in shots on goal throughout the first 26 minutes of the game, but the Cardinals put the puck in the net on a consistent basis to register a 6-2 victory.

Seniors Makayla Sterrett and Madisyn Dingmann spearheaded the attack for Luverne by turning in respective six- and five-point performances.

Both girls recorded hat tricks for the Cards, who raised their Big South Conference record to 2-0 with the win.

Sterrett also charted two assists and Dingmann notched one.

Sterrett opened the scoring with 9:33 remaining in the opening period after netting her first of two unassisted goals.

Dingmann doubled the lead (2-0) 40 seconds later after being set up by Sterrett.

The Cardinals upped the advantage to three goals when



Luverne eighth-grade defenseman Claire Baustian chips the puck away from St. Peter-LeSueur-Henderson's Holly Gibbs during Saturday's Big South Conference girls' hockey game in Luverne.

Dingmann scored 2:39 into the second period.

Defenseman Claire Baustian received an assist for Dingmann's second tally of the contest.

Luverne's three-goal run came to an end 3:50 later, when SP-L-H's Taylor Witte scored her first of two goals at the 10:31 mark of the third period after being set up by

Ashley Pudwell.

Leading 3-1 entering the third period, Luverne didn't waste any time in padding its advantage as Sterrett recorded an unassisted goal 18 seconds into the stanza to make it a 3-1 game.

The Bulldogs countered with a goal by Witte, who was set up by Holly Gibbs, to trim the difference to two (4-2) with

9:08 left the play.

LHS settled the issue by netting a power-play goal and an empty-net tally in the game's final 2:34.

Dingmann scored during a power-play situation with Sterrett receiving an assist.

Sterrett scored into an empty net with an assist going to Dingmann with 1:35 left to play.



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

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. Friday, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Parkview Manor Mass. Saturday, Nov. 28: 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine Mass. Sunday, Nov. 29: 8:30 a.m. St. Mary Mass. 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine Mass. No St. Mary Faith Formation. SS/CLW. Monday, Nov. 30: 7 p.m. Divorce Recovery.

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Dick Lauger, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving! 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 27: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Trustee Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 3: 6 p.m. Senior Focus Christmas Party. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving. Office Closed. Friday, Nov. 27: 6:30 p.m. Telecast Ch. 3 (VAST). Saturday, Nov. 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Nov. 29: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. Monday, Nov. 30: 4 p.m. Telecast Ch. 3 (VAST). 5:45 p.m. Echoes. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faith Weavers. 5:30 p.m. Confirmation supper. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir; Confirmation grades 6-9. 7:30 p.m. Mentor night. Thursday, Dec. 3: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 Coffee. Rock County Ministerial Association. 1:30 p.m. Endowment Meeting. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4571 — pastoraipalmquist67@yahoo.com
Thursday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day. 5 p.m. Service on Ch. 3. Saturday, Nov. 28: Church Christmas decorating. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Dec. 1: 11:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle at Pizza Ranch. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. Thursday, Dec. 2: 5 p.m. Service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Thursday, Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving. Friday, Nov. 27: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, Nov. 28: 5 p.m. Commons Reserved. Sunday, Nov. 29: Communion. 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 12 p.m. Commons Reserved. 7 p.m. SR. RCYF. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Dec. 3: 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 26: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship-Holy Communion. No Little Lambs 26th & 27th. Friday, Nov. 27: Church office closed. 6 p.m. Decorate the church for Christmas. Saturday, Nov. 28: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Worship (Sr. Choir sings). 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Nov. 30: 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Worship. 6:30 p.m. Light Supper. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; KFC/Catechism; Youth Bible Study. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Ministerial Association. 11:45 a.m. Women's Society Christmas Luncheon.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
220 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day-Church Office Closed. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Adult Sunday School in the Upper Room. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Service. No Bait of Satan Bible Study. No A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Nov. 30: 3 p.m. Sanctuary Care Meeting. 7 p.m. Living Beyond Yourself Beth Moore Bible Study. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 9 a.m. Messenger Folding Team. 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 1 p.m. Sewing Day. 6 p.m. Supper for F.U.E.L. and Confirmation for students and families. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation class begins. Thursday, Dec. 3: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fccluverne.com
Friday, Nov. 27: Office closed. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Nov. 30: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir. 8 p.m. All Committees meet. Thursday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women Executive Committee.

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

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 26: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service/Adult Choir Sings. 4 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV Luverne.

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
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir Practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

Where are you going?

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.” Matthew 7:13 ESV



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

Lars decided to fly to Norway to visit relatives and took a seat in the first class section at the very front of the plane. Soon another passenger came up to him and said, “Sir, you are sitting in my seat.” But Lars refused to move. One of the stewardesses said to Lars, “I’m sorry, sir, but you will have to move. This seat belongs to someone else. You need to go to the back of the plane.”

“You do not understand,” said Lars. “I am going to visit relatives in Norway. I need to stay in de front seat so I can get der quicker.” Finally the pilot walked over to Lars and whispered something in his ear. Lars replied, “Ya, sure, you betcha,” and immediately moved to his own assigned seat.

“How did you do that?” asked the stewardess. “Easy,” said the pilot. “I just told him that this seat

wasn’t going to Norway.” In the book of Matthew, Jesus gives us the analogy of two gates, a wide one and a narrow one. He says that the wide, easy one leads to destruction and the narrow one leads to eternal life. The life of faith and truth won’t always be easy. But the rewards for believing in Christ and a life well lived will last for all of eternity. The gate we choose will make all the difference. Jesus said that most people choose the wide gate, living however they want. He encourages us to “Enter by the narrow gate.”

Lord Jesus, when You were here on earth, You didn’t live an easy comfortable life. Even though You could have had legions of angels at your beck and call, You chose instead to give Your life as a ransom for us. Teach us, lead us and guide us so that we will live for You, on earth and for all of eternity. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

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112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills

Friday, Nov. 27: 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal. Saturday, Nov. 28: 4 p.m. Sandager/Goossens wedding. Sunday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Dec. 1: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Confirmation; Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. 8 p.m. Council meeting. Thursday, Dec. 3: Interim Meeting at Redwood Falls.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 17

**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: August 8, 2007
MORTGAGOR: Robert Scott Harvey and Michele Harvey, AKA Michele Virginia Harvey, husband and wife.
MORTGAGEE: Citicorp Trust Bank, fsb.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded August 22, 2007 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 167271.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc.. Dated March 28, 2014 Recorded April 9, 2014, as Document No. 183751. And thereafter assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee to PROF-2013-S3 Legal Title Trust. Dated July 24, 2015 Recorded July 27, 2015, as Document No. 186641.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Citicorp Trust Bank, fsb
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Fay Servicing LLC
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 608 West Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200891000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot Four (4) in Block Six (6) in Kniss Park Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$95,706.23
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$104,493.99

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: December 17, 2015 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 June 17, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated: October 13, 2015

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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(10-22, 10-29, 11-5, 11-12, 11-19, 11-26)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 7

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 2, 2008
MORTGAGOR: Daniel L. Wendland and Jennifer D. Wendland, husband and wife.
MORTGAGEE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 3, 2008 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 169736.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated September 2, 2008 Recorded September 3, 2008, as Document No. 169737.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 603 East Park Street North, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1371.100
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 3 in Block 2 in Thompson's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$138,265.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$160,957.41

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 7, 2016 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 7, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated: October 29, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
135 - 15-008140 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(11-12, 11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 21

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 4, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$124,200.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Jesse A. Akkerman a/k/a Jesse Akkerman and Candycne Akkerman, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 12, 2008 as Document Number 168325 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6 in Block 1 of The Sybesma Subdivision, Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 212 PINE DRIVE, LUVERNE, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$132,621.48

TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR (LENDER): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20.2030.000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE ID NUMBER (MERS NUMBER): None
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 said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 21, 2016 at 10:00 am
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota

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 mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 21, 2016.

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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated: November 18, 2015

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.

By: /s/
Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq.
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25 North Dale Street
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(13-2601-FC02)

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(11-25, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24, 12-31)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Nov. 9

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on November 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Shelley Sandbulte (late). Absent: Dave Riphagen and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Travis Kriens - K101/KQAD Radio, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Katie Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Member Hartman moved the adoption of the RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Bosch and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hartman, Bosch, Deutsch, and Baustian; And the following voted against the same: none; Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Oftedahl reviewed the agreement with the Luverne Education Association. The first year of the contract the District will place 2.4% additional dollars on the teachers' salary schedule. The second year of the contract 2.5% of additional dollars will be placed on the salary schedule. Both parties agreed to raise the staff development hourly wage from \$22 to \$25. Extracurricular salaries will increase 2% each year of the two-year agreement. Additional monies were also earmarked for health insurance benefits each year of the contract. The total package over the two years equates to \$595,638. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to ratify the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Master Agreement with the Luverne Education Association. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: November 9, 2015

Jodi Bosch, Clerk
(11-25)

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Minnesota Department of Education		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FY 2015 AND FY 2016				ED-00110-38
GENERAL INFORMATION: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.								
District Name: Luverne Public Schools						District Number: #2184		
FUND	FY 2015 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	FY 2015 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2015 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2015 ACTUAL FUND BALANCES	FY 2016 BUDGET REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2016 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2016 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES	
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 1,109,098	\$ 617,305	\$ 875,088	\$ 851,315	\$ 618,387	\$ 1,110,469	\$ 359,233	
General Fund/Other	\$ 6,963,415	\$ 12,094,227	\$ 11,834,325	\$ 7,223,317	\$ 12,181,141	\$ 12,249,214	\$ 7,155,244	
Food Service Fund	\$ 101,850	\$ 585,130	\$ 596,567	\$ 90,413	\$ 619,644	\$ 628,732	\$ 81,325	
Community Service Fund	\$ 93,268	\$ 429,690	\$ 457,724	\$ 65,234	\$ 410,015	\$ 477,322	\$ (2,073)	
Building Construction Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 215,610	\$ 3,859,089	\$ 3,863,481	\$ 211,218	\$ 3,862,969	\$ 3,863,371	\$ 210,816	
Trust Fund	\$ 473,992	\$ 39,583	\$ 24,240	\$ 489,335	\$ 65,850	\$ 56,885	\$ 498,300	
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 8,957,233	\$ 17,625,024	\$ 17,651,425	\$ 8,930,832	\$ 17,758,006	\$ 18,385,993	\$ 8,302,845	
LONG-TERM DEBT				CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 123B.81				
Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$ 3,685,000	AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5% OF EXPENDITURES 06/30/2015						
Plus: New Issues	\$ 2,780,000							
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 3,685,000	COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2015						
Outstanding June 30, 2015	\$ 2,780,000	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
SHORT-TERM DEBT	0	FY 2015 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTED EXTENDED ADM						
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ -	FY 2015 OPERATING COST PER ADM						
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	\$ -							
<i>The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.</i>								
Comments: General Restricted Funds include: Staff Development, Deferred Maintenance, Health & Safety, Operating Capital and Safe Schools Funds. General Funds/Other include: C&C, Severance, OPEB, Transportation, Assigned for Specific Projects and Unassigned Fund Balances. 2015-2016 is the adopted Preliminary Budget. Website: www.isd2184.net .								

* Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

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Luverne Ace Hardware has both full-time and part-time positions available for sales associates. Must be 16 years old to apply. Some evenings (until 7) and weekends are required for full-time. Must be prompt, courteous, able to lift 40 lbs., willing to work and learn and have basic computer skills. Advancement possibilities to motivated candidates. Apply in person to Kevin Mick. (11.22-12.10)

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Nursing Assistant-Parkview Manor has openings for full-time nurse aides with benefits to include: health insurance, public retirement plan, and holiday pay. Part-time positions also available. New Wages \$11.40-12.00/hr. \$2000 scholarships available for students. Will provide training or pay for experience. Contact Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call (507) 967-2388. (tc)

Registered Nurse/LPN-Parkview Manor, a municipal skilled nursing facility is accepting applications for a part-time charge nurse position. Wages commensurate with experience. \$2000 Scholarship available for students. Benefits include vacation, holiday and PERA retirement plan. Contact

EMPLOYMENT

Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call (507) 967-2482. (tc)

Dietary Aide/Cook: Part-time positions available. 6 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12-7 p.m. and 4:45-7 p.m. Wages \$10.50-11.40. PERA retirement plan. Contact Mike Werner at Parkview Manor, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call (507)967-2482. (11.12-11.29)

Activity Aide-Parkview Manor is seeking a part-time aide to help with resident activities. Wage commensurate with experience. Contact Mike Werner at 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call (507) 967-2482. (11.12-11.29)

Parkview Manor is seeking an Activity Director/Aide. Experience in activity programming, MDS, and Care Plans preferred. Wage commensurate with experience. Contact Mike Werner at 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call (507) 967-2482. (11.22-12.10)

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Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards, gifts and surprise party for my 80th birthday. You made my day.
Gerda Janssen
(11.22-11.26)

The family of Jeff O'Toole extends our sincere thanks for the many who supported us during Jeff's final days as he battled cancer. The many visits, calls, foods, flowers, prayers, hugs and greetings provided healing and comfort. We give gratitude for the memorials given in Jeff's name to the Luverne Hospice, the 4H foundation of Minnesota and ARC of Southeast Minnesota (people with intellectual and developmental disability). A special thanks goes out to the Hospice Cottage team, St. Catherine's Ministry and Father Tom Jennings, all of whom touched Jeff and our family in a most spiritual, sensitive, caring and dignified manner that fully supported Jeff as he peacefully passed from this world. Finally, thanks to Dan Dingmann and staff for kind and professional funeral details as well as fellowship.

Deanna O'Toole
Patrick O'Toole
Mark O'Toole
Mary and Darrell Hemme
Kathy and Gary Dahedl
Barbara and Paul Brehm
and families
(11.22-11.26)

The family of Norma Gertz wishes to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and visits Norma received when she was in the hospital and a resident at the Mary Jane Brown home. Thank you for the cards, food, flowers, memorials and words of sympathy given to us following Norma's passing. We appreciate your kindness and friendship.

Bernice Heen
Wayne and Lori Gary
(11.22-11.26)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for your care and concern during Harold's recent illness and passing. The prayers, cards, food, gifts, flowers, phone calls and visits were greatly appreciated. Thank you to the staff at Mary Jane Brown for their excellent care; George H. Bonnema and Pastor Mike for their visits and words of comfort; Jeff Hartquist for his care and compassion in making arrangements; Glenda Jacobsma and Jim Ouverson for providing music, and to the families that provided food and workers for the lunch at the funeral. Thank you for your kind expressions of love.

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and families
(11.22-11.25)



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