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Felony theft charges filed in mother-daughter shoplifting cases

By Lori Sorenson

Felony theft charges were filed Tuesday against two Sioux Falls women for allegedly stealing from two Luverne businesses last summer.

Shelley Meyer, 51, and her daughter, Allison Meyer, 18, both of Sioux Falls, are accused of shoplifting nearly \$2,800 worth of merchandise from two retail stores in Luverne on Aug. 1.

According to the complaints filed Jan. 5 in Rock County District Court, the investigation was prompted by an

Aug. 1 phone call to law enforcement from Dragonfly store owner Stacy Riphagen who reported theft from her Main Street boutique.

After reviewing her surveillance recording, Riphagen told Deputy Mike Westerbur that two women had been in the store around 3 p.m. and had stolen a large number of items — with a total inventory value of \$1,336.14.

She indicated that the two women had shopped in the store for quite some time and had left without

incident. At closing time she noticed several items missing that she knew hadn't been sold.

The security recording shows the two women placing things into their bags as they moved about the store. It also shows that one of the women had entered a drawing at the store by filling out a slip of paper.

Riphagen was able to retrieve the slip, which showed the name to be Allison Meyer with a phone number and both a physical and an email address.

Westerbur contacted Allison Meyer and arranged for her and her mother, Shelley Meyer, to voluntarily come to the law enforcement center in Luverne to be interviewed on Aug. 2. Westerbur explained to both that they were not in custody and that they were free to leave at any time.

The complaint states that Westerbur first talked to Allison Meyer who admitted that she and her mother were in Dragonfly. She said they had gone to two stores in Luverne and had taken some specific items, but said

she was unaware if her mother stole items as well.

Westerbur then talked to Shelley Meyer who would also admit to taking jewelry, sprays and a black purse.

Riphagen said it's unclear if her store will be awarded restitution at the full value of her losses, but she said there are important lessons in the crime for all small business owners.

"Basically what got them is our security system," Riphagen said. "That,

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Vo-tech discussion continues

By Mavis Fodness

Last year local business, education and government professionals gathered in Luverne to discuss a career and vocational education program.

The discussion is now expanding to include parents and students.

Ed Elbers, a retired businessman and former sheriff, initiated the November 2014 discussion, which resulted in a 2015 legislative proposal to fund a pilot project.

The \$1.5 million request was not funded.

"We are working on the request again," said Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne.

Although this coming 2016 session is not a funding year, Weber said supplemental budget requests will be reviewed, due to the state's budget surplus. Some of the extra funds may be earmarked for education, he said.

If the extra funding occurs, Elbers wants to be ready with plans for a vocational education program in Luverne.

"I think we are on the right foot to get a program started here," he said.

Elbers, new Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, business owners and representatives from Minnesota West Community and Technical College met last month at the high school.

After a tour of the school's upgraded industrial arts and agricultural education areas, the group formed a list of technical skill positions needing workers.

The list included plumbing, welding, electrical and construction businesses where young workers are needed right out of high school.

With the needs identified, the local group wants to find students interested in earning high school credits while learning skills for a specific technical skills job.

"We are trying to create some real positions for students and fill a need in our community," Oftedahl said. "I think there are some possibilities that can be explored."

The group plans to meet again this month.



Lori Sorenson photos/0107 sledding

Downhill slide

Luverne's Jacki Johnson and her children took advantage of the snow Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 29, to go sledding on the slope west of the elementary school in Luverne. More than a foot of snow blanketed the region between Christmas and Dec. 29, creating perfect conditions for all snow recreation during the winter break from school. Students returned to school Monday, Jan. 4.

Pictured above, Jude Johnson topples off his sled just as his brother, Joss, comes down the hill behind him with their sister Gabi Ferrell.



Above, Jude Johnson takes a wild ride with his sister Lexi Ferrell.

At right, Jude Johnson ends up on the bottom of the pile as his brother, Joss, and their big sister, Gabi Ferrell, run him over halfway down the sliding hill.



Feikema is first local producer to store corn in plastic bags



Mavis Fodness photo/Grain Bag Storage

Using a special attachment system on the back of a tractor, Shawn Feikema watches the machine roll up the polyethylene bag like a tube of toothpaste. The action of rolling the plastic up funnels the grain into the auger and up into the semitrailer or wagon for transportation.

By Mavis Fodness

Grain production in Rock County closed with near record yields, and last year's abundance of corn left one area producer searching for a safe way to store the valuable commodity until it was needed.

Shawn Feikema of Circle F Farms, a beef production facility north of Luverne, thinks he has found an easy answer by storing corn in plastic bags.

Last week he and his uncle, Bob Feikema, were unloading the first of 13 grain storage bags housing last year's corn. So far he said he's been happy with the results.

"Corn has been coming out at 19 percent moisture," Feikema said. "We put it in at 19 percent."

The stable storage option has grain placed in airtight polyethylene tubes in lengths of 300 or 500 feet.

In the two months Feikema has

stored corn in the bags on the field where it was harvested, he found no spoilage or signs of rodent infestations.

Feikema is the first Rock County farmer to use the Loftness Grain Logix equipment in his operation.

"We were going to be way short on grain storage this year," he said. "We thought we would give it a try."

Storing the corn in bags was a less expensive option than erecting the traditional metal storage bins. It was also a better option than piling the grain directly on the ground, where it was open to weather elements and potential spoilage. The bags can also be placed in alternate locations from year to year.

Feikema said introduction to the alternative storage idea came via

Plastic grain storage/see page 5A

Reaching younger veterans

Rock County VSO deploying new technology, methods to connect younger veterans with benefits

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Veterans Service Officer Dave Haugom kiddingly told commissioners at their meeting Dec. 22 his future outreach efforts might include video games.

"To reach the younger generation, I may have to become a character in a video game or start texting," Haugom said.

Appearing in a video game is not realistic but texting could become a future communication tool for the VSO.

Earlier this year commissioners approved the purchase of a public warning system through Nixle LLC. The system provides real-time communication through text, email, voice messaging and social media.

Currently the Rock County Sheriff's Office uses the system to send out weather alerts and notifications of road closures due to flooding.

Haugom currently uses emails to keep in contact with veterans, but he told commissioners he wished he could use text blasts, something that could be completed on the Nixle system.

The system could possibly send messages to local veterans keeping them informed and to reach younger veterans in need of services.

Haugom explained two service gaps have developed. World War II veterans have been part of the system for decades, but it has only been recently that other veterans have stepped forward.

"A lot of Vietnam veterans have come forward now — right at retirement time — for the first time in their lives to ask about benefits," Haugom said. "Then there is a big gap between Vietnam vets and the Iraqi and Afghanistan vets."

There are currently 696 veterans living in Rock County, with 301 (or 43 percent) using their benefits. Of that amount almost 50 percent are veterans 65 or older.

Haugom wants to reach the other 50 percent who are eligible for benefits but have not yet signed up in Rock County or unaware they are eligible for veterans' benefits.

"They don't have to have served in combat to be considered a veteran," Haugom said. "They just have had to serve on active duty."

Connecting with young veterans continues to be a struggle for Haugom. He said he has tried hosting an event at the Palace Theatre and manning a booth at the county fair and at the brewery, the latter of which was the most successful in reaching veterans.

For young veterans coming into his office at the Rock County Courthouse, most were brought there through word of mouth, Haugom said.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Luverne Senior Dining Center for lunch. Members are asked to bring a Red Hat item for a rummage sale. RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 6, to Luverne Senior Dining at 283-9846.

State Line Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Rock Rapids Pizza Ranch.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the home of township clerk Teresa Kramer.

VFW Auxiliary #2757 will meet at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Rock County VFW #2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Herreid Building. Call Buck Underood at 449-0632 with questions.

American Legion Post #123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the post home.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the home of Mark Vander Pol.

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, in the Fireman's Room of the Ellsworth City Hall.

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 Stephanie at 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.

Winter Community Education brochure coming in Announcer

The 2016 Luverne Community Education brochure will be inserted in the Jan. 10 edition of Luverne Announcer. Watch for that brochure, which contains sign-up information about upcoming classes and activities, including drivers' education. The booklet will also be posted on the Luverne School website under the Community Education tab.

Free Bank Nite movie 'Minions' at Palace Theatre Jan. 7

The free Bank Nite movie, "Minions," will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s.

Rock County Pork Producers Annual Banquet Jan. 18

The Rock County Pork Producers banquet is set for Monday, Jan. 18, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and entertainment, the Mary Mack Show, at 8 p.m. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available at the door, and the public is welcome.

No book donations to library

Due to the lack of space while the Rock County Library undergoes renovation, the Friends of the Library request that all book donations be held until remodeling is complete.

Fifth/sixth-grade basketball tourney

Luverne Community Education will sponsor an invitational basketball tournament for grades 5-6 boys' and girls' basketball teams Saturday, Jan. 30. Each team will play at least two games in pool play format. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Register online at www.isd2184.net under Community Education, or call 507-2833-4724.

Rock/Nobles Cattlemen's banquet

The Rock/Nobles Cattlemen's Association banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Steaks will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Gary Sides, a beef cattle nutritionist with Zoetis, will speak on issues facing the beef industry today.

| Month | Avg Temp | | | Hi Temp | | | Low Temp | | | Precip | | | | Days w/ Precip | | | | Snowfall | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| | Norm | 2015 | +/- | Norm | 2015 | +/- | Norm | 2015 | +/- | Norm | 2015 | +/- m | +/- y | Norm | 2015 | +/- m | +/- y | Norm | 2015 | +/- m | +/- y |
| January | 16.6 | 21.4 | 4.8 | 26.4 | 28.9 | 2.5 | 6.9 | 13.8 | 6.9 | 0.56 | 0.63 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 6.6 | 6.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| February | 21.5 | 16.0 | -5.6 | 31.3 | 25.7 | -5.6 | 11.7 | 6.2 | -5.5 | 0.60 | 0.38 | -0.22 | -0.15 | 6.6 | 3.0 | -3.6 | -4.2 | 6.9 | 5.6 | -1.3 | -0.7 |
| March | 32.9 | 38.2 | 5.3 | 43.1 | 50.8 | 7.7 | 22.7 | 25.6 | 2.9 | 1.76 | 0.09 | -1.67 | -1.82 | 8.7 | 1.0 | -7.7 | -11.9 | 8.4 | 1.2 | -7.2 | -7.9 |
| April | 46.4 | 50.3 | 3.9 | 58.5 | 63.1 | 4.6 | 34.4 | 37.5 | 3.1 | 3.01 | 1.19 | -1.82 | -3.64 | 10.5 | 7.0 | -3.5 | -15.4 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -4.6 | -12.5 |
| May | 61.7 | 58.4 | -3.4 | 73.6 | 68.3 | -5.3 | 49.8 | 48.4 | -1.4 | 3.40 | 4.45 | 1.05 | -2.59 | 11.8 | 11.0 | -0.8 | -16.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -12.5 |
| June | 67.8 | 69.5 | 1.7 | 79.2 | 79.3 | 0.1 | 56.4 | 59.6 | 3.2 | 3.92 | 4.52 | 0.60 | -1.99 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 0.5 | -15.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -12.5 |
| July | 73.0 | 72.1 | -1.0 | 84.1 | 82.6 | -1.5 | 61.9 | 61.5 | -0.4 | 3.09 | 3.42 | 0.33 | -1.66 | 9.8 | 7.0 | -2.8 | -18.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -12.5 |
| August | 70.7 | 68.1 | -2.6 | 81.7 | 78.5 | -3.2 | 59.6 | 57.7 | -1.9 | 3.05 | 5.45 | 2.40 | 0.74 | 9.1 | 8.0 | -1.1 | -19.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -12.5 |
| September | 61.3 | 67.0 | 5.7 | 73.2 | 77.4 | 4.2 | 49.3 | 56.6 | 7.3 | 2.77 | 2.96 | 0.19 | 0.93 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 1.3 | -18.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -12.5 |
| October | 47.9 | 52.9 | 5.0 | 59.6 | 64.4 | 4.8 | 38.1 | 41.3 | 5.2 | 2.17 | 0.96 | -1.21 | -0.28 | 7.9 | 3.0 | -4.9 | -23.2 | 1.3 | 0.0 | -1.3 | -13.8 |
| November | 32.6 | 38.6 | 6.0 | 42.5 | 47.2 | 4.7 | 22.7 | 29.9 | 7.2 | 1.36 | 3.45 | 2.09 | 1.81 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 0.2 | -23.4 | 7.4 | 14.0 | 6.6 | -7.2 |
| December | 19.2 | 26.9 | 7.7 | 26.5 | 33.7 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 20.1 | 10.3 | 0.69 | 1.17 | 0.48 | 2.29 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 0.1 | -23.3 | 8.2 | 16.8 | 8.6 | 1.4 |
| Total | 46.0 | 48.3 | 2.3 | 56.8 | 58.3 | 1.5 | 35.1 | 38.2 | 3.1 | 26.4 | 28.67 | 2.29 | | 105.3 | 82.0 | -23.3 | | 44.5 | 45.9 | 1.4 | |

Mild December ends snowy; 2015 mostly normal

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

What a way to end 2015! The heavy snows of November quickly melted away due to extremely warm temperatures in December — particularly in the first half of the month.

Those living on gravel roads or having to travel on gravel roads may have decided the 4-wheel drive was necessary — not due to snow, but to mud.

A December high temperature of 50, which is 20 degrees warmer than normal, was recorded on Dec. 10.

Overall, December average temperatures soared to almost 8 degrees above normal. In particular, low temperatures were over 10 degrees above normal and near the average November lows.

Twenty-two out of the 31 days of December had highs at or above freezing. The temperatures were a bit cooler and closer to normal, although still pleasant, the latter half of the month.

The last week of the year is where the precipitation really started to take off with three separate systems producing a bulk of the near 17 inches of snow for the month. The snowfalls double the average received for December. They were also responsible for well over an inch of precipitation, securing an above-normal yearly precipitation total.

Review of 2015 weather shows mostly normal data

The late night countdown parties have concluded, the Times Square Ball has dropped, and the college football bowl games are nearly complete, which all means it is once again time for the annual year-in-review.

Honestly, 2015 was pretty unremarkable weather-wise, at least statistically.

Temperatures were, indeed, warmer than normal,

| Date | High Temp (°F) | Low Temp (°F) | Avg Wind Speed (mph) | High Wind Gust (mph) | Significant Weather | Total Precip (in) | Snow (in) |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 34 | 25 | 7 | 7 | Lgt Snow | 0.06 | 1.0 |
| 2 | 34 | 7 | 11 | 23 | Lgt Snow | Trace | Trace |
| 3 | 21 | 0 | 5 | 5 | Lgt Frzg Fog, Haze, Mist | | |
| 4 | 37 | 9 | 13 | 25 | Lgt Frzg Fog, Haze, Mist | | |
| 5 | 39 | 34 | 13 | 29 | Fog | | |
| 6 | 36 | 21 | 5 | 5 | Fog, Lgt Frzg Fog | | |
| 7 | 39 | 21 | 10 | 20 | Mist | | |
| 8 | 41 | 27 | 8 | 8 | Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain | Trace | |
| 9 | 43 | 27 | 5 | 5 | Lgt Frzg Fog | | |
| 10 | 50 | 32 | 13 | 31 | Lgt Rain, Rain | Trace | |
| 11 | 41 | 32 | 6 | 18 | | | |
| 12 | 37 | 36 | 9 | 25 | Rain | Trace | |
| 13 | 37 | 36 | 12 | 29 | Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain | 0.02 | |
| 14 | 36 | 32 | 16 | 36 | Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain | Trace | |
| 15 | 36 | 32 | 11 | 31 | Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Lgt Snow | Trace | Trace |
| 16 | 37 | 25 | 18 | 38 | Lgt Rain, Rain, Lgt Snow, Snow, Tstorm | 0.20 | 1.0 |
| 17 | 30 | 14 | 17 | 33 | | | |
| 18 | 23 | 9 | 11 | 31 | Lgt Snow | Trace | Trace |
| 19 | 34 | 5 | 10 | 22 | | | |
| 20 | 37 | 28 | 8 | 18 | | | |
| 21 | 28 | 25 | 7 | 17 | Lgt Frzg Fog, Lgt Snow | Trace | Trace |
| 22 | 41 | 23 | 11 | 30 | Lgt Frzg Fog | | |
| 23 | 36 | 28 | 11 | 30 | Lgt Rain | Trace | |
| 24 | 32 | 23 | 7 | 24 | Haze, Lgt Snow | Trace | Trace |
| 25 | 32 | 28 | 10 | 20 | Lgt Snow, Snow | 0.31 | 4.4 |
| 26 | 32 | 21 | 15 | 31 | Lgt Snow, Snow, Hvy Snow | 0.10 | 2.6 |
| 27 | 23 | 0 | 9 | 27 | | | |
| 28 | 21 | 3 | 11 | 24 | Lgt Snow | 0.19 | 3.0 |
| 29 | 27 | 21 | 7 | 18 | Lgt Snow, Snow | 0.22 | 3.7 |
| 30 | 27 | 9 | 8 | 8 | Mist, Lgt Snow | 0.07 | 1.1 |
| 31 | 23 | -8 | 12 | 32 | Haze, Lgt Snow | Trace | Trace |
| TOTAL | | | | | | 1.17 | 16.8 |
| AVERAGE | 33.7 | 20.1 | | | | | |

| Temperature Summary | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Warmest High Temperature | 50 (10th) |
| Coollest Low Temperature | -8 (31st) |

| Precip Summary | | |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| Total Precip | Month | Year |
| | 1.17 | 28.67 |
| Snowfall Summary | | |
| Total Snowfall | Month | Year |
| | 16.8 | 45.9 |
| | Season | 30.8 |

| Wind Summary | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Peak Wind Gust | 38 (16th) |

just over 2 degrees higher on average for the year.

A majority of this came from the much warmer than normal and likely record-setting autumn temperatures.

Apart from temperatures, precipitation was above normal as well, but not significantly so.

Total precipitation amounted to just over 2 inches above average for the year.

Also...total snowfall (for the calendar year) was unremarkable at just over an inch above normal.

Finally, there were only a handful of hail and severe wind reports in the county for 2015. This coincides with a quieter weather year across most of the United States.

| Temperatures | |
|----------------|--|
| Maximum High | 95 June 9th |
| Minimum Low | -15 January 13th, February 27th |
| Coollest High | 1 January 7th |
| Warmest Low | 72 July 12th, 24th, 27th, September 4th, 5th |
| Warmest Month | July 72.1 Average Degrees |
| Coollest Month | February 16.0 Average Degrees |

| Precipitation | |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Wettest Month | August 5.45 inches |
| Driest Month | March 0.09 inches |
| Wettest Day | September 24th 1.91 inches |

| Snowfall | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Snowiest Month | December 16.8 inches |
| Snowiest Day | November 30th 7.8 inches |

Below are some 2015 weather-related statistics along with the temperature and precipitation data for each month of 2015. Have a wonderful, safe and prosperous 2016.

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for the Luverne area is at <http://luvernemnwweather.blogspot.com>. Thone can be reached at tathone@gmail.com.

Lewis and Clark awards \$5.2 million pipeline contract for Magnolia-Luverne connection

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System's board of directors awarded a \$5,257,710 contract to Carstensen Contracting of Pipestone for the 6½-mile segment of 24-inch steel pipe between Luverne and Magnolia. Magnolia is a connection

point for both Rock County Rural Water District (RCRWD) and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRWS).

Construction is expected to begin this spring and be concluded by this fall.

When completed, it will be the second of two connection

points for RCRWD and the first of two connection points for LPRWS. "We were very pleased with the bid results," said Executive Director Troy Larson. "The low bid was 30 percent less than what was budgeted, so that is a savings of \$1.55 million."

Background: Lewis & Clark is currently serving water to 12 of its 20 member cities and rural water systems. Luverne is anticipated to begin receiving water sometime in January, which will bring the number of connected members to 13.



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Heroes Behind Badges set for Jan. 11 at Sanford Luverne

Friendly competition scheduled to improve local blood supply

Rock County Law Enforcement and emergency medical personnel will challenge the Luverne Fire Department in a friendly competition to see which department can recruit the most donors for the community's blood supply for the Ninth Annual "Heroes Behind the Badges" next week. Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at Sanford Luverne.

Donors are encouraged to designate their blood in honor of the department of their choice.

The department with the most donations will receive the traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year.

"The community's support toward the community's blood supply and this event is crucial in ensuring an adequate blood supply for Sanford Luverne," said Ken Versteeg, Community Blood Bank director.

"Throughout the last two weeks, we have seen a marked increase (15 percent) in blood

usage, which has placed a strain on the blood supply. This challenge between the departments provides the public a chance to say thank you to the law enforcement, EMS and fire personnel and make a significant impact in many lives in the community."

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with a signed parent consent form), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health.

It is recommended that a person eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood and bring an ID at the time of donation.

For more information about the Heroes Behind the Badges event, go to www.cbblifeblood.org or call 283-2321.

Community Blood Bank is the sole provider of blood to Sanford Luverne and 33 other local hospitals.

Community Blood Bank is not affiliated with other blood bank organizations and takes pride in being a self-sufficient organization, thanks to the generosity of our local blood donors.



Lori Sorenson photo/0107 new years eve fire

Luverne Fire Department members assess the blaze as they arrive at the scene of this fire Thursday evening Dec. 31.

Firemen battle New Year's Eve blaze in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Fire Department spent several hours on New Year's Eve at the scene of a fire on Edgehill Street in Luverne.

Smoke was billowing out of the building, owned by Freda Fransman, when firefighters arrived, and Fire Chief David Van Batavia said crews were cautious about possible flammables stored inside.

Fransman operates a painting and wood staining and varnishing business, and Van Batavia said firefighters were aware of the building contents and decided to let the fire burn itself out somewhat.

"It was pretty much doing that when we got there," he said. "We knew no one was inside."

Firefighters later broke through the side of the building in order to extinguish the blaze.

Fransman told the Star Herald Tuesday that the cause of the fire is still unknown.

"The weird thing is that the lids were still on most of the more flammable stuff," she said.

She said she and her workers were in the process of finishing 35 door units for a Clevering Construction project, and there were several other doors and



Mavis Fodness photo/0107 new years eve fire

miscellaneous projects also destroyed in the blaze, in addition to most of her equipment.

"I have good insurance on other people's stuff," she said. "For now it looks like there's nothing worth salvaging."

She said adjusters were coming Wednesday to estimate losses.

"I'm just thankful no one was there and no one was hurt," she said, adding that she was grateful for prompt response by Luverne firemen.

The fire was reported around 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, and crews remained on the scene for a couple of hours.

The losses are unknown, as is the condition of the building.

New Vision Co-op announces \$1.7 million cash payment to members at annual meeting

About 300 members and guests of New Vision Co-op gathered in the Worthington Auditorium Dec. 14 for their 17th annual membership meeting.

They learned that New Vision's total sales were \$357,834,004 and annual net income was \$7,806,361.

That's according to CPA Todd Glynn, New Vision Co-op's independent auditor from Meriwether, Wilson & Company, Des Moines, who provided New Vision Co-op's financial report for the year ending Aug. 31, 2015.

Glynn reported that \$1.7 million was paid as cash patronage to the members, \$1.7 million was allocated as equity to the members and

\$4.4 million was retained by the company.

New Vision Chairman James Eigenberg announced the following 2015 patronage rates:

Corn, 3.59 cents
Beans, 8.78 cents
Feed, 2.55%
Fertilizer, 2.25%
Chemicals, 2.35%
Seed, 1.67%
Storage, 9.88%
Drying, 10.17%

The total 2015 net income allocated to members was \$3,399,376.

The New Vision Co-op Board of Directors approved a 50-percent cash payment that totaled \$1,699,688 to the members on Dec. 14 and allocated the remaining

50 percent of net income to members' equity.

Eigenberg introduced the following candidates on the 2015 ballot: Mark Overgaard, District 1, Chad Wieneke, District 2, Kevin Schaefer, District 3, Kelly Dunkelberger, vice chairman and Danny Smith, District 4.

Chairman Eigenberg called for a motion to approve the ballot as presented. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot as presented. The motion carried, and the new directors will serve a three-year term.

Eigenberg announced that \$3.5 million of equity was retired with payments

issued to approximately 5,600 owners of Hills-Beaver Creek Co-op, Wilmont-Adrian Co-op, Jeffers Farmers Co-op Elevator, Windom Co-op Elevator Co and Consolidated Co-op prior to the annual meeting.

These payments will be mailed to recipients who did not attend the annual meeting.

Eigenberg reported that the total cash returned to members in cash patronage, equity retirement and estates during the 2015 calendar year was \$5.5 million. Since 1998 New Vision Co-op has returned a total of \$36.5 million in cash to its members and equity holders.

DNR: Winter is a great time to prune trees

Winter is the best time to prune trees to keep them healthy and protect them from disease, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Pruning trees when they are dormant is a way to protect them from diseases such as oak wilt or Dutch elm disease that are active during the growing season," said Jennifer Teegarden, DNR forestry outreach specialist.

"Also, it is easier to see which branches to remove when there are no leaves on

a tree."

Additionally, pruning in winter allows the tree to begin sealing the wound immediately at the start of the growing season.

This decreases the amount of sap flow and provides a longer healing period.

Trees should be pruned when they are young because small branches create small wounds that will heal quickly, defective branches are easier to spot on smaller trees, and most branches can be reached while keeping both feet on the

ground.

Visit www.mndnr.gov/treecare/caring-pruning.html for information on best pruning practices, step-by-step instructions and to watch videos on how to prune trees.

Common pruning mistakes include cutting branches flush to the trunk, leaving a branch stub and nicking and ripping the tree's bark.

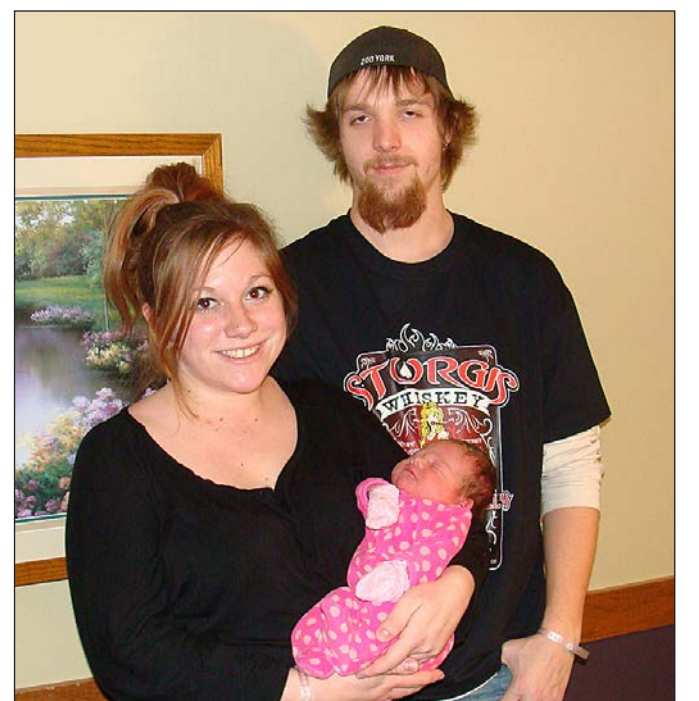
All of these situations lead to rot inside the tree and are likely to create a hazardous tree that is costly to remove.

Teegarden recommends

hiring a certified arborist to prune trees for both safety and a tree's health.

Professional tree experts are trained to use best pruning practices that will keep trees healthy and looking good. Arborists can identify branches that have problems and ones that could be a future hazard.

A little investment into trees when they're young can lead to beautiful trees that help cool homes in the summer, block them from winter winds and add character and property value.



Submitted photo/0107 new year baby

Sanford announces first baby of the year

The first baby of the New Year born at Sanford Luverne Hospital is Azalea Grace VanVeldhuizen, born Jan. 1, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and 20 inches long. She's pictured with her parents, Melissa Radley and Josh VanVeldhuizen, both of Luverne, and she joins a 2-year-old sibling, Rome. Azalea's grandparents are John and Laura Radley and Diane and Todd Elbers, all of Luverne, and Tim Keiser, Canton, South Dakota.

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Blessing or curse?

Depends whether you're a snow lover or 'snow czar'

I love snow. There I said it. (Pause here for boos and hisses from snow haters).



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Sure — it results in shoveling work, driving hazards and public expense for road clearing.

But there's a lot to love about snow.

In a Minnesota winter, the landscape is pretty drab after grass goes dormant and trees are leafless, and snow brightens up the place.

It's clean, white and — when it's not coming down sideways — it creates a peaceful, Alpine village effect.

Rooftops are uniformly padded, tree limbs are artfully laden and holiday garland gains festive sparkling accents on greenery and berries.

Farmland sports its own winter beauty.

Snow-layered fields and pastures resemble frosting on angel food, and windswept snowdrifts are like sculpted dollops of Cool Whip.

For young snowmobilers, scenes like this evoke an intense urge to crisscross the unbroken surface with tracks.

As a grownup who's experienced her share of sliding into ditches and falling on slippery surfaces, I can empathize with those who dislike winter.

But I never get wound up about scooping. If it's not blocking the garage door too much, I drive over and through it to get to the road.

My husband (a snow hater) was shocked and dismayed by this behavior when we first met.

"Cement should be scooped," he pointed out, clearly shaken by the hard-packed car tracks in front of my garage.

I disagreed. Mother Nature put it there. She could take it away on the next thawing day. If that didn't happen

'til spring, so be it. We'd scoop as needed.

To call him a snow hater is a bit extreme, but I have given my husband the title of "snow czar."

At the first sign of a flake, he's on the job ... warming up the skid loader and hauling out the shovels — which get handed to the snow-loving boys.

They also don't appreciate clean cement, but they know it makes the snow czar happy and they know Mom loves the snow czar, so they scoop.

Needless to say, the holiday weather brought great joy (to most) in our house.

Our Christmas weekend gathering involved snowballs, snow angels, four-wheeler donuts and snowmobile rides.

Meanwhile, the snow czar busily zoomed around in the skid loader, pushing accumulations from the driveway into a mountain well off the driveway.

Life was good. Especially after an extra half-foot of joy arrived the following week.

One calm night after everyone was in bed, I stepped outside on the porch for some fresh air.

The house was dark, the electric timer had turned off the outdoor Christmas lights, and it was a rare moment of no traffic on the nearby highway.

"Silent Night" came to mind while I deeply inhaled the crisp midnight air.

Only hours earlier, the snow czar had polished off what the scoopers missed on the front steps, so I smiled to notice snowflakes gently falling in the darkness ...

... creating a new white layer on the clear, dry cement.

A New Year's resolution for all of us:

Wipe your feet ... please!

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

With less than one week into 2016, we'd like to offer one New Year's resolution for everyone who lives, works and visits our communities from rural locales.

The pungent smell left by snowy, dirty boots has been considerably noticeable in several public establishments. It was obvious the wearer walked directly from a feedlot into a retail business. Not only were the boots covered in animal excrement, so were the wearers' pants, which dragged on the ground.

We understand animal production is an important component of our local economy, but please, guys, just because it "smells like money" to you doesn't mean all of us should have to appreciate it.

We would appreciate it if manure could stay where manure is produced — in the feedlots and confinement buildings, not in places and buildings intended for people.

Not only is spreading of manure a potential biohazard, it is just plain

gross.

As people with dirty footwear stand in line at cash registers of local businesses, the melting snow leaves puddles of brownish goo on the floor ... which gets tracked all over the place of business.

Then the brown goo is shared with others who are walking by. The goo ends up everywhere. It is better just to keep the farmyard materials in the farmyard.

While cleanup may only involve a mop and bucket of water, anyone who knows about cleaning up drying manure knows it can be stubborn and involve several changes of water.

And the smell still lingers, no

matter how much disinfectant is used.

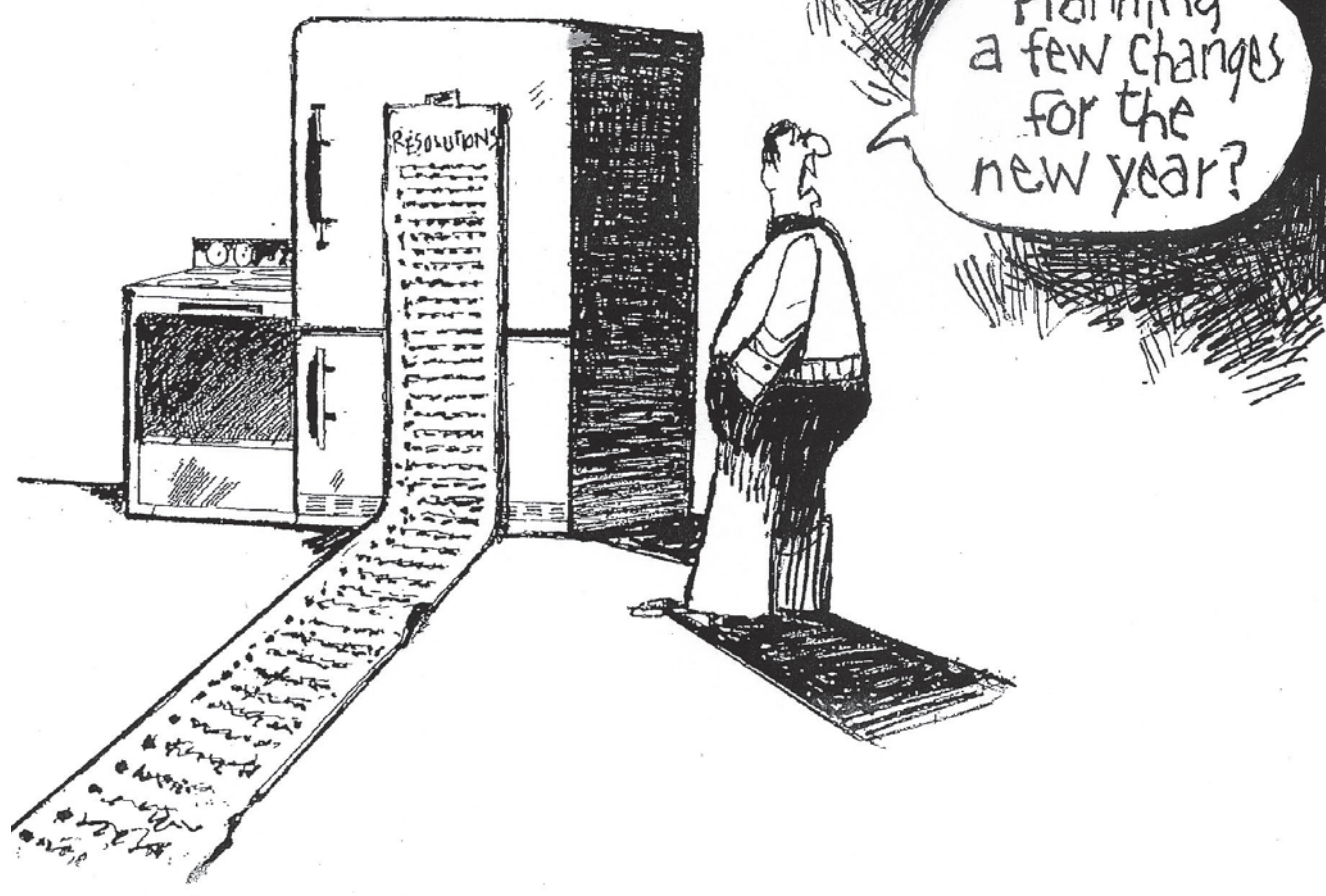
So please, dear livestock producers, beginning with the New Year, wash off your footwear before coming to town. And remember to roll up your pant legs or tuck them into your boots.

Better yet, keep an extra pair of shoes in the vehicle, and change into them before venturing into the public.

Remember, no one — even agriculture supporters — likes the unexpected, up-close experience of farm animals inside an enclosed building.

So, Happy New Year, and wipe your feet ... please.

ED FISCHER



Quieting musical 'whatchamacallit' goes beyond grandfatherly skills

I suppose seeing how this is my first column of 2015 — whoops, I mean 2016 ... (It usually takes a week or so for me to get the year right.)

By far the best thing to happen in 2015 was that we were blessed with the birth of our first granddaughter, Brooke, which of course is really special, and it gave me column fodder throughout the year.

Believe it or not, Mary and I were invited back for our first babysitting stint of the new year just this past weekend. I am sorry to disappoint, but for the most part the evening was relatively uneventful. Except for maybe one thing.

Because Christmas was just a week earlier, Brooke had a plethora of new toys to play with. One such toy was this rather delightful musical play station.

Blair, Brooke's father, had a slightly different opinion on the darn thing (I cleaned that up a bit) because it was driving him a bit crazy. I figured because Blair is a new father and didn't



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

have years of fathering experience that I enjoy, he might just be overreacting a little.

It seemed that the music-playing whatchamacallit wasn't working properly because it wouldn't shut itself off after a minute of no activity. In addition to the auto shut-off problem, the manual switch didn't work well either.

Soon after Brooke's mom and dad were out the door, she thought it was time to fire up the music-playing whatchamacallit.

Grandma Mary will tell you I am no expert with the titles of children's lullabies.

True to form, I couldn't tell

you the name of one of the songs the music-playing whatchamacallit played. There was a bunch of happy songs, some clapping, some laughing and even a few farm animal noises from time to time. At first it was apparent that rookie father Blair was overreacting to this delightful music-playing whatchamacallit.

It wasn't long before Brooke moved on to one of her other new toys. Five, maybe ten minutes later I realized the music-playing whatchamacallit was still playing.

It was at this point I implemented my years of fatherly and now grandfatherly parenting skills and calmly gave the thing

a few more minutes to shut off.

After what seemed like a lifetime — maybe another 20 to 25 minutes had passed — the delightful music-playing whatchamacallit was still spewing the same awful gut-wrenching songs from heck. (I cleaned that up a bit.)

Even Grandma Mary had had enough. She nearly broke the thing trying to get it to shut off, but to no avail. It just kept playing and playing — the god-blessed (I cleaned that up a lot) thing wouldn't SHUT OFF.

I gotta give Grandma Mary all the credit. When I came back from the bathroom, I noticed it was quiet in the living room. No songs, no clapping no laughing and most of all no farm animal noises. I asked her how she got the thing to quit. This is where grandma's parenting skills trumped grandpa's skills. She just simply moved the darn thing (yep, I cleaned that up as well) into another room and shut the door. Problem solved — at least for us. — Poor Blair.

Ohme: Another successful year for the Salvation Army

To the Editor:

Another successful Red Kettle Campaign for Rock County has added \$7,032 to local Salvation Army funds.

The many services provided in 2015 included back-to-school supplies for county school children, supplies for special needs students that would otherwise not be provided, study materials and clothing for Southwest Youth Services in Magnolia, and tokens for Heartland Express for volunteers who would not be able to afford continuing their volunteer duties.

As always, the Salvation Army provides emergency funding for heat, auto repairs and housing in crisis events, and Angel Tree gifts for area children.

The beauty of the money collected here is its flexibility in meeting local demonstrated needs that would otherwise go unfunded.

Many thanks to our dedicated bell ringers who make the Red Kettle campaign possible: Santa (Rodger Ossenfort), Main Street Financial, Continental Western Group, Seana Graber and the Luverne High School choir, Katie Baustian and St. Catherine's Church youth, Luverne Girls' Hockey, and the Christian Motorcycle Association's Redemption Riders. These selfless volunteers helped to fill large blocks of time at the Red Kettle at Glen's Food Center.

And as always, thanks to Glen's Food Center for providing shelter for the kettle and our bell ringers.

Happy New Year to all, and many thanks to all who contributed to our kettles this year.

Suanne Ohme

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 25
 •Complainant reported his neighbor is playing their music very loudly and requested a deputy ask them to keep it down. Deputy spoke with female outside of residence who advised they were playing music but will keep it down.
 •Complainant reported the party on Brandenburg is loud and they have asked them to keep it down but it is still very noisy. Deputy spoke to two males and they advised they were going in the house for the night.
 •Complainant reported that someone has used her debit card.
 •Complainant reported she is being harassed by subject. She was advised to get an order for protection.
 •Complainant wants it documented that his ex-wife is not holding up to her end of the custody agreement. The agreement was filed in Nobles County.
 •Complainant reported possible criminal sexual conduct.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a custody issue.
 •Complainant flagged down a deputy and gave him a wallet that was found. Notified owner.
Dec. 26
 •Complainant reported two kids playing with a BB gun in their back yard and they hit her window with a BB. It didn't break the window but complainant would like them spoken to.
Dec. 27
 •Deputy arrested three Asian males who shot deer from the vehicle. One was taken to jail and charged with discharging firearm at deer from the road, discharging firearm from vehicle, transporting loaded firearm, taking deer with illegal firearm, taking deer during closed firearm season, and taking deer without a license.
 •Complainant reported he is getting harassing texts from his ex.
Dec. 28
 •Complainant reported he received a call from his ex again. She called him a beast. He does not feel safe in his own home.
 •Complainant reported his car broke down on North Linden Street and he will get it tonight.
 •Complainant reported her carbon monoxide alarm is going off. Paged Luverne Fire Department.
Dec. 29
 •Complainant reported the trucks from New Vision drive too fast on the bad roads. They about ran cars off the road. Complainant would like the manager spoken to about their driving conduct.
 •Complainant reported a stalled vehicle in the westbound lane three miles east of Hardwick on County Road 7.
 •Complainant reported kids on West Warren sledding into the street.
 •Complainant reported loud music from her next-door neighbor

on West Warren Street.
 •Deputy arrested subject for probation violation and took him to jail.
 •Complainant reported a possible drunk driver headed northbound on Highway 75 passing Glen's Food and Gas.
Dec. 30
 •Dispatch received a burglar alarm for a business. Deputy went and checked the doors. Dispatch tried to contact keyholder.
 •Complainant in Hills reported that the carbon monoxide detector was going off and there was a strong smell of gas in the house. She has gotten everyone out and parked in the neighbor's driveway to call 911. Paged Hills Fire Department.
 •Hennepin County had arrested subject on our warrant. When subject went to court, the judge let him go. Warrant was re-entered.
 •Deputy reported a vehicle at Warren and Freeman is to be towed tomorrow morning by G&S.
 •Deputies stopped at Warren and Pine to check on a semitrailer that was blocking the area. Driver spoke to Ace Towing and they are en route.
Dec. 31
 •Deputy stopped for a motorist assist on Highway 75, mm 8. Semitrailer with two flat tires. Going to the airport for help.
 •Deputy conducted a traffic stop on subject.
 •Deputy conducted a traffic stop on subject. Valid driver's license out of another state.
 •Deputy conducted a traffic stop. No citation.
 •Complainant reported a vulnerable adult.
 •Warehouse on East Main Street reported theft of some items yesterday.
 •Business on East Main Street reported theft of clothing. Same suspect as in the Warehouse theft.
 •Complainant reported the need for child protection.
 •Dispatch received many calls about a building on West Edgehill being on fire. Paged Luverne Fire Department and Rock County Ambulance to stand by.
 Dispatcher received a 911 call from I-90, mm 9. Language barrier. Possibly put vehicle in median. Transferred call to state patrol and sent squads out. State patrol contacted G&S to tow.
 •Deputy stopped vehicle and driver was cancelled.
 •Deputy stopped vehicle and issued a warning to driver.
 In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 3 vehicles in ditch, 1 funeral escort, 9 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 1 animal complaint, 1 false alarm, 7 log/alarm sheets, 8 drug court tests, and issued 8 purchase/carry permits.



Mavis Fodness photo/Grain Bag Storage

Bob Feikema watches from the semitrailer as his nephew, Shawn, uses a specially designed auger system to load corn from its storage location inside a polyethylene bag into the semitrailer.

Corn bag storage/ continued from page 1A

friends in Nebraska and Alabama, who used the bags.
 The Loftness grain bagging system consists of two separate pieces of equipment. A bagger fills the polyethylene bags and a specially designed auger empties them.
 Feikema found he finished harvest more quickly.
 Instead of hauling the corn to an off-site bin, the corn was bagged near the field's driveway for easy access and later removal. No drying of the grain was necessary this year.
 "It's very easy to use," Feikema said. According to the Loftness website, the baggers come in 10- and 12-foot widths. Costs range from \$54,000 to \$94,000. The equipment is manufactured in Hector, Minnesota.
 Feikema said his costs of storing the grain in the field costs about 6 cents per bushel, about 3 cents less than his other storage options.
 A 300-foot bag at the 10-foot width (commonly used by private producers) can hold up to 14,500 bushels, according to Loftness Inc. owner Dave Nelson.
 "The beauty here is that the bagger and auger system can store 20,000 to 2 million bushels with the same cost in equipment," he said.
 Loftness Inc. began manufacturing the grain bagging equipment in 2008 as the first U.S. manufacturer of the product.
 Nelson said sales were at first centralized to the Mississippi Delta region where producers began producing more grain than cotton. Because grain elevators were located near the ports, producers wanted a storage option closer to home to sell the grain at a later time.
 Locally, Nelson said, producers



Mavis Fodness photos/Grain Bag Storage

Shawn Feikema mans the tractor as he unloads corn from a plastic storage bag into the semitrailer last week north of Luverne. Feikema is the first producer in Rock County to use the Loftness system to store corn in polyethylene tubes. Below: Shawn Feikema waits for the semi-trailer to return.



like the storage flexibility, especially those who rent farmland where use of the land can be for only a year. Grain bag storage is not a new

concept, Nelson said. Producers in Canada have been using bags for more than 20 years.

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Mary Mack's endearing, slightly quirky stage presence and musical surprises make her popular with a wide range of people. With her mandolin in hand and off-kilter stories of life as a former polka band leader, music teacher, and all-around confused individual, Mary delivers a one-of-a-kind performance that is sure to make you laugh. Mary's mandolin sing-alongs have been featured on national radio and television, including appearances on Comedy Central's Live at Gotham and NBC's Last Comic Standing. After starting her entertainment career in Nashville, Mack currently tours the country in her \$400 Dodge Neon with her mandolin in hand. Splitting the rest of her time between Los Angeles and Minneapolis, she shares her totally fun and unique brand of stand-up comedy. It is clear this genuinely one-of-a-kind, funny woman is ready to make you laugh, and may even leave songs stuck in your head after the show has ended.



Mavis Fodness photos/Save Jasper High

Reclaim Community wants to purchase the former Jasper High School and repurpose the structure. Affordable housing, a community center and business incubator facility are among the possible plans. The former industrial arts area (pictured top, right) could be an area for a woodworking business or possible brewery location. **Right:** The building would first need to be purchased before any cleaning and upgrades could be completed in the facility, portions of which were built in 1911.



Community group seeks to save Jasper High School

By Mavis Fodness

A group of concerned citizens in Jasper wants to preserve the former Jasper High School and reinvent the 1911 structure into a multi-purpose facility.

The school was designed by W.E.E. Greene, the architect who built Luverne's prominent historic buildings — the Palace Theatre, Maplewood Chapel, Carnegie Cultural Center and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Concerned Luverne citizens have preserved these buildings through the decades, and Jasper residents hope they accomplish the same goal with their Greene-designed Sioux quartzite building.

Elicia Kortus and the group Reclaim Community want to preserve the historic Jasper structure and repurpose the building at the same time.

Affordable housing units, community center and business incubator facility are among the plans being discussed.

"If we get enough people together, we can buy it and save it," Kortus said. "I got the tug on my heart ... I know it can be done if you're smart about it."

Kortus first connected with the school as an elementary student visiting the classroom on the top floor of the three-story building where her mother, Emily Madetzke, was a teacher.

"I was in the last sixth-grade class when it closed in 1993,"

Kortus said.

She graduated from Pipestone-Jasper High School in 1999 and now lives in Sioux Falls.

When the school was offered for sale in an online auction in December 2015, Kortus said she asked around to see if others shared her feelings about preserving the school for the community.

The result was the community group, Reclaim Community, wanting to raise \$25,000 to purchase the school. They were awarded the bid and have made a down payment. Now the group has until mid-February to come up with the rest of the funds.

Kortus established an online donation site on generation.com called "Save Jasper High School - Initial Purchase Fund."

So far, \$6,275 has been pledged through 28 donors.

"There is growing momentum from many alumni, residents and friends of the area who are sad to see such a beautiful place standing so neglected," Kortus wrote on the website.

"If we all give a little of our time and money, we can do great things with the beautiful place, and preserve this piece of history for future generations to enjoy."

Reclaim Community is working with various local and state organizations including Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, a private non-profit organization in St. Paul that works with groups to preserve historical places and promote com-

munity growth.

In 2007 PAM identified Jasper High School as one of the state's 10 most endangered historical places. The building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historical Places.

Reclaim Community and Kortus are not the first individuals with thoughts of repurposing Jasper High School.

Richard Haase purchased the school building in 2001, but was unable to redevelop the building and its 2.1 acres before his death last year.

His estate was listed as the seller in the recent online auction.

As a group, Kortus thinks Reclaim Community can be successful in purchasing, remodeling and reopening the Jasper High School — a project one person couldn't do alone, she said.

However, the group needs to purchase the building first, before moving to the next stages of development.

Later this month, Reclaim Community will host a fundraising event in Jasper to bring the group closer to meeting its \$25,000 goal.

For more information on the project, Kortus has posted a youtube.com video called "SOS Jasper High Community Meeting Recap + Updates."

A Facebook page under SOS Jasper High - Save Our School is also set up.



Submitted photo

Kozlowski Insurance Agency & Financial Services in Luverne and Pipestone was recently named a \$2 million producer by Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. Pictured (in front) are Kellie Taylor, Tracy Musch, Sara VanNieuwenhuizen, Shirley Top, Wendy Huisken, Cindy Cernohous, Shelly Kozlowski, (back) Jon Kozlowski, Angie Houselog, Randy Claussen, Kelly Beyers, Mari Wagner and Jerry Brockberg. Not pictured are Robin Taylor and Ashley Connell.

Kozlowski Insurance tops \$2 million of written premium

Kozlowski Insurance Agency & Financial Services was recently named a \$2 million producer by Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company.

"In comparison, the average agency writes approximately \$200,000 with Grinnell Mutual each year," said Shawn McKay, assistant vice president of marketing.

"Becoming a million-dollar producer is a milestone that reflects the long-term commitment between an agency and Grinnell Mutual."

Kozlowski staff members were presented with a plaque at a recent special recognition dinner.

Kozlowski has offices in Luverne and in Pipestone.



Andrew and Sara Murtha

Vorderbruggen, Murtha exchange vows in Sioux Falls

Sara Vorderbruggen and Andrew Murtha, both of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were married Saturday, May 9, 2015, at St. Katharine Drexel Church in Sioux Falls.

Parents of the couple are Bonnie Vorderbruggen, Luverne, and the late Gerald Vorderbruggen, and Larry and Bonnie Murtha, Brandon, South Dakota.

Father Gregory Tschakert officiated at the ceremony. Special music for the ceremony was provided by violinist Hannah Gerdes, soloist Angela Lynch and organist Nancy Gerdes.

Jill Hoogendoorn, friend of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sarah Wynia, friend of the bride, and Christine Murtha and Taylor Murtha, sisters of the groom. Krista Kemper, Nichole Vorderbruggen and Elizabeth Vorderbruggen, the bride's cousins, were her personal attendants.

The groom's best man was

his brother, Phillip Murtha. Graham Murtha, the groom's son, was honorary best man. Groomsmen were Eli Gary, Michael Clausen and Ryan Dellman, all friends of the groom. Ushers were Lee Heidenson, Tommy Kirkpatrick and Andrew Hartman, friends of the groom.

A reception at the Sioux Falls Convention Center followed the ceremony.

Sara graduated from Luverne High School in 2005 and from Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota, in 2012. She is a registered nurse at Dakota Dermatology in Sioux Falls.

Andrew graduated from Brandon Valley High School in 2004 and from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, in 2008. He is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

The couple live in Sioux Falls.

CELEBRATION

Open House

Kay Franklin will celebrate her 100th birthday with an open house from 1-3:30

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, in the Mary Jane Brown Home Chapel. Greetings may also be sent to her at 110 S. Walnut St., Luverne, MN 56156.

ENGAGEMENT

Randy and Marcia Mulder, Luverne, announce the engagement of their daughter Brittany Mulder to Joshua Yamauchi, son of Scott and Mattie Yamauchi, St. Paul.

Brittany graduated from Luverne High School in 2007, from Minnesota State University Mankato in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, and from Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington in 2015 with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. She opened her own practice, Empower Chiropractic, in Excelsior.

Joshua graduated from Fridley High School in 2005. He attended Minnesota State University Mankato and is currently a patient service manager at St. Francis Hos-



Brittany Mulder and Joshua Yamauchi

pital in Shakopee.

They are planning a Sept. 24, 2016, wedding in Shakopee.



John and Misty Hamann

Davis, Hamann wed in Hawaii

Misty Davis and John Hamann, both of Seattle, Washington, were married Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, in Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of David and Louise Davis, Dothan, Alabama. The groom is the son of Melvin and Phydels Hamann, Luverne.

Misty is a 1994 graduate of Tom Clark High School in

San Antonio, Texas, and a 2007 graduate of the University of Texas in San Antonio. She is an executive assistant at Amazon.com.

John graduated from Luverne High School in 1987 and from Minnesota State University Mankato in 1991. He is the director of software development at Datatech SmartSoft Inc. in Seattle.

OBITUARIES

Dorothea Goembel

Dorothea "Dottie" Goembel, 93, formerly of Magnolia, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

A gathering of family and friends was Sunday, Jan. 2, with prayers and sharing of memories at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Dorothea Marietta Leicher was born June 28, 1922, to Robert and Edith (Fugate) Leicher in Luverne. She was raised in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1940.

On July 4, 1941, Dottie married Ted Anderson in Luverne. The couple divorced in 1967, and a couple of years later Dottie moved to California to live and work. In 1975 she returned to Rock County where she operated a café in Magnolia.

On Nov. 4, 1978, Dottie married Leon Goembel. The couple made their home on the farm near Magnolia. Through her years, Dottie worked at various businesses, including George's Bakery and Myhre Studio. The couple later retired and moved to Poplar Creek in Luverne before moving to the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in July 2010. Leon preceded her in death on March 24, 2012. Dottie remained at the home until August 2013, when she moved to Parkview Manor in

Ellsworth.



Dottie participated in a variety of Christian denominations. She was a member of Royal Neighbors. Until her sight became impaired, Dottie enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting dolls. She also enjoyed writing poetry.

Dottie is survived by eight children, Stephanie (Gary) Frackman, Anchorage, Alaska, Juli (Cal) Kuipers, North Mankato, Wendy (Richard) Grill, Luverne, Danial (Becky) Anderson, Larchwood, Iowa, Stephen (Donna) Anderson, Lindon, Utah, Thomas (Ronny) Anderson, Chandler, Arizona, and Barbara Wise, Grand Junction, Colorado; five stepchildren; 27 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon; a daughter, Michelle Perkins; a son, James Anderson; her parents, Bob and Edith Leicher; four sisters, Roberta Leicher, Ann Hollaren, Theo Bickford and Mary Leicher; and one brother, James Leicher.

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

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Joyce Blair

Joyce Ann Blair, 80, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, at South Shore Care Center in Worthington.

She was born January 27, 1935, in Mount Vernon, Indiana, to Leo and Elvora (Mayville) Coan. Joyce attended school in Mount Vernon and graduated in 1956. She then attended Lockyer Business College in Evansville, Indiana.

Joyce married Everret Norman in 1959. They had one child, Ronald. The couple made their home in Rockford, Illinois.

Joyce later married Roy Blair in Henderson, Kentucky, and they made their home in Henderson. Joyce was a homemaker and enjoyed typ-

ing and reading the Bible.



Joyce is survived by one son, Ronald (Carolyn) Norman, Luverne; four grandchildren, Amber, April, Matthew, and Autumn Norman; four brothers, Paul Coan, Mount Vernon, Indiana, Tom Coan, Spokane, Washington, Phillip Coan,

Newburg, Indiana, and Steve Coan, Evansville, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Dorothy Sachs and Nellie Brand.

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

(0107 F)

Maurice Fitzer

Maurice Fitzer, 89, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation is from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Maurice Roger Fitzer was born Oct. 10, 1926, to Benjamin and Anna (Husen) Fitzer on the family farm in Luverne Township of Rock County. The family farm became a Century Farm in 2003. Maurice attended District 13 country school through the eighth grade. He continued his education in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1944.

On April 9, 1948, Maurice married Helen Stein at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. The couple made their home on the Fitzer land where they raised their family and continued the farming operation. In 1983 Maurice retired from farming and the couple moved into town. Even after retirement, he enjoyed heading out to the farm and helping his son. Maurice and Helen later moved to an apartment before moving to Poplar Creek Assisted Living.

Maurice was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne for 57 years and served as an elder and a deacon. He served his com-

munity as past director of the Beaver Creek Elevator, Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance, and the Rock County Co-op Oil Company. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Agricultural Soil and Conservation Committee and the Luverne Township Board. He was also a

dedicated member of the Rock County Historical Society and was integral in preserving the agricultural history of Rock County. Maurice was a good steward of the land. He was passionate about farming and gardening. Maurice enjoyed fishing and spending time at the family cabin in Lake Benton. He especially loved being with his grandchildren.

Maurice is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Gregg (Laurie) Fitzer, Inver Grove Heights, and Geoff (Jackie) Fitzer, Luverne; eight grandchildren, Gina (Kris) Jacobsen, Katie (Dennis) Haugland, Grant (Alexandra) Fitzer, Brynn Fitzer, Tori (Matthew) Carper, Chris Fitzer (Jessica Quittem), Mikki Fitzer and Connor Fitzer (Lauren Muller); and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Gary Fitzer; and a sister, Margaret Nelson.

Memorials may be directed to the Rock County Historical Society.

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(0107 F)

Darla Green

Darla Gail Green, 59, Luverne, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A celebration of life was Monday, Jan. 4, at the Living Rock Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Darla Green was born May 10, 1956, to William and Anna (Dreesen) Green in Luverne, where she was raised. She attended Crippled Children's School in Worthington (which later became Lakeview School) and graduated from Luverne High School in 1975.

Darla moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and two years later moved back to Luverne. She was a greeter at the Hinkly House, and she called bingo and sold pull tabs at Luverne American Legion and Luverne Eagles Club. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2006.

Darla enjoyed smoking cigarettes and drinking coffee. She also enjoyed talking on the CB, taking rides and trucking. Darla loved to gamble, play poker and slots with her family, brothers, and father. She never played cards unless she

could play for money. In 2011 Darla learned how to drive. It was a newfound freedom for her.

Darla is survived by her siblings, Verne (Janet) Green, Gregory, South Dakota, Roger (Marti) Green, Owatonna, Elnora Hemesath (and friend Duane Eink), Ossian, Iowa, Wayne Green, Luverne, Jerald (Evelyn) Green, Adrian, Bernard (Beth) Green, Bemidji, Orvin Green, Adrian, Charlotte (Daryl) Dammer, Rushmore, Denise Sprecher, Luverne, Reva Green, Luverne, Roxanne Green, (friend Terry Reisdorfer, Adrian) Luverne, special uncle and aunts, Orville (Karen) Dreesen, Ellsworth, Aleida Meyerhoff, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Dolores Dreesen, Luverne; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her nieces, Deanna Green and Jennifer Green.

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(0107 F)

Dorothy Ask

Dorothy Ask, 94, Kenneth, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 4, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Dorothy Selma Hunsdal was born Nov. 26, 1921, to Samuel and Anna Dorthea (Dora) Sahn Hunsdal. She was born prematurely on her parents' farm near Kenneth in Vienna Township. She was baptized at home July 11, 1922. The family attended Kenneth Lutheran Church. After her mother's death when Dorothy was five, she left the Hunsdal family farm and lived with the neighbors, John and Lulu Remme. She was confirmed in 1935 at Blue Mound Lutheran Church. She attended and graduated from country school near Kenneth in 1939 and went on to attend the two-year ag program at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Dorothy returned to Vienna Township and married James Ask on Aug. 30, 1941, at the Blue Mound Lutheran Church near Luverne. The young couple settled into life on the farm and raised their three children there. Dorothy stayed on the farm until Jim's death in 2005 when she moved to the Oaks in Luverne. She eventually moved to the Poplar Creek apartments and later to Edgerton Care Center in Edgerton.

Dorothy was active in her

church life at Blue Mound Lutheran. She was a member of the Ladies Aid, youth group leader and a member of the church choir. Dorothy also served as a 4-H leader and helped with the Magnolia Red Cross Blood Bank. She loved music and enjoyed sewing. Dorothy and Jim were members of the Sons of Norway and the Holiday Rambler Club. As a couple they belonged to the bowling league in Luverne, a couple's card club, and enjoyed dancing. They spent winters in both Arizona and Texas in their later years.

Dorothy is survived by two daughters, Doris Nelson, Kenneth, and Cherylee Ask, Cold Spring; a son, Loren (Lucille) Ask, Kenneth; her grandchildren, Pendra (Edward) Bell, Nelson Bell, Lori (Stan) Ask Witte, Leslie (Rachel) Ask, and LeRoy (Laura) Ask; and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ask; her parents, Sam and Dora (Sohn) Hunsdal; her adoptive parents, John and Lula Remme; two sisters and their husbands, Kathryn (Stan) Garrison, and Sonia (Aldberto) De la Peno; and brothers and sisters-in-law Charles (Arley) Ask, Evelyn Grayson, Grace Kinley, and Hans (Amelia) Ask.

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(0107 F)

1923: Show draws 90 exhibitors for growers of good corn

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on December 21, 1923:

ROCK COUNTY CORN SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Exhibit Promoted by E. A. Brown Co. Draws Many Fine Displays from Growers of Good Corn

NINETY EXHIBITORS IN COMPETITION FOR PRIZES

Arthur Taubert, Henry Husen Win First in 10 Ear Classes; Roy Cummings, E. C. Riter In Singles

Arthur Taubert won first honors in the ten-ear class and Roy Cummings championship honors on single ear on yellow corn; Henry Husen first in the ten-ear class, and E. C. Riter championship on single ear in white corn at the E. A. Brown Co. corn show held in this city Friday and Saturday.

A showing of sixty-five ten-ear strings of corn, and twenty-five entries in the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

single ear class, constituted the exhibit. Uniformly splendid samples of both yellow and white varieties of corn were shown, and the prizes awarded aggregated \$150.00.

The awards for yellow corn in the ten-ear string showing were, first prize, Mr. Taubert, \$12.00; 2nd, Theodore Sievert, \$10.00; 3rd, G. M. Opheim, \$8.00; 4th, Ralph Dirkson, \$6.00; 5th, Philip Ordnung, \$5.00; 6th, H. P. Cook, \$4.00; 7th, Ed Oakland, \$3.00; 8th, Roy Cummings, \$2.00; 9th, G. Kreps, \$1.00. In the single ear yellow variety, five prizes were awarded: Mr. Cummings receiving the first prize of \$8.00. The other prizes went to Richard Carlson, who received \$6.00; H. P. Cook, \$4.00; E. C.

Riter, \$2.00, and Logan Trunnell, \$1.00.

In addition to the winning of Mr. Husen of \$12.00 as first prize in the ten-ear class in the white corn, the second prize of \$10.00 went to Hugo Moeller; 3rd, Gust N. Oldre, \$8.00; 4th, E. H. Kiebach, \$6.00; 5th, Severson Bros., \$5.00; 6th, I. W. McClure, \$4.00; 7th, B. B. Fenstermaker, \$3.00; 8th, Ted Tatge, \$2.00; 9th, Wm. Speas, \$1.00. Awards in the single ear championship white corn were as follows: 1st, E. C. Riter, \$8.00; 2nd, G. J. Riter, \$6.00; 3rd, Gust N. Oldre, \$4.00; 4th, Hugo Moeller, \$2.00; 5th, Walter Meyer, \$1.00.

W. L. Cavert, farm managing expert of University farm, judged the exhibits. From his

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Jan. 11: Chicken lasagna, tropical fruit, lettuce with dressing, breadstick, bar.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Jan. 12: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Herman Motors.

Wednesday, Jan. 13: Liver or pepper steak, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread, fruit crisp.

Thursday, Jan. 14: Creamy vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, fruit cup, crackers, cookie.

Program: 11:30 a.m. Music with Ray Larson. Ralph Sunde's birthday party.

Friday, Jan 15: Swedish meatballs, potatoes, corn, bread, ice cream.

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

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Luverne bars will be able to stay open longer and try to increase profits, thanks to recent City Council action.

Howling Dog manager Jodi Christy said she looks forward to the change, even though it adds just an hour to the business. ...

To get a license to sell until 2 a.m., businesses are charged a state fee that ranges from \$200 to \$1,000.

25 years ago (1991)

•Sheriff-elect Ron McClure may enforce the law in Rock County, but he's also a nice guy.

McClure, who takes office Monday, cares about kids and families. He serves on the child protection team and the corrections board, and works hard to protect abuse victims. ...

McClure was elected sheriff in November. He succeeds Ed Elbers, who was not allowed to run for re-election.

50 years ago (1966)

•First baby of the new year born at Community Hospital in Luverne was Janine Kay Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson of N. Blue Mound. The new year was only eight minutes old when the 6 pound 14 1/2 ounce girl was born. Because she was the first, her parents will receive 19 valuable prizes, awarded in the Star-Herald's annual First Baby Contest, by Luverne business firms.

75 years ago (1941)

•An executive order signed last Friday by President Roosevelt designated Monday, Jan. 6, as mobilization day for Battery E of Luverne and other Minnesota National Guard units. ...

In placing the plans for "M" day into operation Battery E officers will notify the 83 active members of the unit and the 48 men on the inactive list to report to the Armory. The inactive men will be transferred to active duty and will be issued supplies, such as clothing. The entire personnel of the battery will also receive allowances of extra clothing.

100 years ago (1916)

•There was a natural increase of twenty-six in the population of Luverne during the year just passed, according to ... Dr. C.L. Sherman, chairman of the board of health. ...

Of the deaths four were from apoplexy, four from heart disease, three from pneumonia, three from cancer, two from nephritis, two from appendicitis, two from tuberculosis, one accidental, one suicidal, one from typhoid fever, one from locomotor ataxia, one from pernicious anemia, and the remaining twelve from other causes.

SCHOOL NEWS

Minnesota West announces dean's list

Minnesota West Community and Technical College recently released its dean's list for Fall Semester 2015. To be named to the list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 graded credits and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

The following local students made the fall list: Benjamin Baum, Magnolia; Harlie Homan, Brenna Kramer, Taylor Recker, and Brent Zemler from Adrian; and Christa Kahnke, Samantha Kramer, Erin Sietsema and Melissa Smidstra from Luverne.

examination of the samples, he found that corn in this section of the country had not reached as high a degree of maturity this year as in some former years, and contains a greater amount of moisture. For this reason he urges that all farmers give unusual attention next spring to the testing of their seed corn.

The prize-winning samples of corn at the show have been kept, and are at the office of county agent M. P. Roske. These will be entered with the Rock county booth exhibit at the state fair next fall should such exhibit be made. A committee of men from Rock county, interested in a movement of this kind, met last June to discuss the proposition. It was found then that although choice specimens of other grains and farm produce could be secured, the farmers had already disposed of their best corn by using it for seed. By retaining these prize-winning samples, this predicament will be eliminated next summer.



Foggy nights, frosty mornings

Mother Nature blessed the area with another showing of artistic hoar frost Monday, after heavy overnight fog left trees, branches, grasses and other stationary objects coated in ice crystals.



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and knowing your inventory." She said it didn't take long to notice the items missing from shelves and to start reviewing surveillance recordings.

"I felt so bad — very violated," she said about watching the recording of two women move around her store. "When you open your store, it's like you're opening your home to people, because these are all items I've purchased and put out there."

Riphagen said the experience has taught her about shoppers and their body language.

"Most people come through the store and sort of circle the whole store, but these two were darting between displays," she said. "They were pretty good at what they did. You could tell this wasn't their first time."

Riphagen added that the experience has made her less trusting of her clientele.

"You feel like you're questioning everyone, and I don't want to be that way," she said. "I want shoppers to have a relaxed and inviting atmosphere.... I guess we were too relaxed and inviting."

She said she's made other adjustments, such as not displaying as much high-value inventory at a time, and keeping some things, like jewelry, in locked cases.

Also, she said, it's important to communicate with other local retailers. "Let each other know what's going on."

This may have been helpful to the Walgraves, whose store, Those Blasted Things, was allegedly victimized by the same two women on Aug. 1.

Those Blasted Things reports thefts on same day

According to the complaints filed Tuesday, Deputy Glen Reisdorfer was dispatched on Aug. 5 to Those Blasted Things in Laverne to take a theft complaint.

Employee Katie Walgrave informed Reisdorfer that the thefts had occurred on Aug. 1, 2015, and that the surveillance video shows two females stealing items from the store.

She said she had heard about other thefts in Laverne at the Dragonfly and checked their inventory and watched the film and observed two people in their store apparently stealing items as well.

Reisdorfer watched the video and watched the video Riphagen had provided of the Dragonfly thefts and could observe that it was the same two people involved in the thefts.

Reisdorfer called the number that Allison Meyer had provided in her drawing

at Dragonfly.

Upon talking to Allison Meyer she stated she had taken care of the thefts with the other deputy.

When Reisdorfer told her he was calling about another store, she asked which one.

According to the complaint, Reisdorfer told her to tell him, as she knew where she'd been, and she replied the Information Store (the travel information center is attached to Those Blasted Things).

She then stated she was only in the two stores. She then stated she was at work but would bring the stolen merchandise from Those Blasted Things back to Laverne after work.

At 6:45 p.m. Allison and Shelley Meyer both arrived at the sheriff's office with a plastic bag full of items claiming it was everything they had taken.

There were approximately 15 items returned, but Those Blasted Things inventory shows approximately 100 items stolen with a retail value of \$1,462.39.

Both Shelley and Allison Meyer are charged with theft of moveable property, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

They're scheduled to appear in Rock County District Court at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

Emergency loans still available for area family farmers

Emergency loans at an annual interest rate of 3.5 percent are currently available to eligible family farmers in Rock County as a result of a recently issued FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notification.

This approval is limited to applicants who suffered physical losses caused by high winds, heavy rain, hail and damaging winds that occurred on June 22, 2015.

FSA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding or other natural disasters, as well as quarantine.

Emergency loan funds may be used to:

- restore or replace essential property;
 - pay all or part of the production costs associated with the disaster year;
 - pay essential family living expenses;
 - reorganize the farming operation; and
 - refinance certain debts.
- Loans for crop, livestock, and non-real estate losses are normally repaid within one to seven years, depending on the loan purpose, repayment ability and collateral available as loan security.
- In special circumstances, terms of up to 20 years may be authorized.
- Loans for physical losses

to real estate are normally repaid within 30 years. In certain circumstances, repayment may be made over a maximum of 40 years.

Emergency loan applications will be accepted until June 23, 2016.



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Luverne sophomore Declan Beers races to the puck along with Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato's Jake Jones during a Dec. 28 game at Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Three Dragons place in Fargo

By John Rittenhouse

Three members of the Adrian High School wrestling program turned in place-earning performances during the Rumble on the Red Tournament staged Dec. 29-30 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Eight Dragons competed in the varsity portion of the tournament, compiling 100 points to help AHS place 11th overall in a 68-team field.

Scott West won the team championship with 167.5 points.

Skyler Hieronimus (third at 126 with a 5-1 record), Dylan Gyberg (fourth at 220 with a 5-2 mark) and Greg Kern (seventh at 120 with a 4-2 mark) placed in their respective weight classes for AHS.

Hieronimus pinned Annandale-Maple Lake's Hunter Manka in 3:05 and secured a 2-1 win over Glenrock, Wyoming, entry Jackson Taylor before falling 9-4 to Grand Island, Nebraska, entry Skylar Schmidt in the semifinals.

Hieronimus bounced back to defeat Willmar's Clay Carlson 9-4 before posting a 4-3 victory over SW's Jackson Stauffacher in the third-place match.

Gyberg pinned White Bear Lake's Austin Devaney (1:08) and Bismarck Legacy, North Dakota, entry Chandler Bradner (1:06) before securing 7-3 and 5-2 wins over Tristan Lutter (Beresford, South Dakota) and Jake Belland (Watford City, North Dakota) respectively to reach the semifinals.

Valley City, North Dakota, wrestler Jordan Magnuson topped Gyberg 3-1 in the semifinals, but the Dragon bounced back to secure a 10-2 victory over Alex Barbion (Beulah-Hazen, North

Boys notch key section wins over Hutchinson, L-D-C

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team went 2-1 during a stretch of playing three games in five days.

The Cardinals notched a three-goal home win over Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato Dec. 29 before falling by one goal to Totino-Grace Thursday in Brooklyn Center.

LHS rolled to an eight-goal win over Hutchinson in Marshall Saturday, leaving the Cards with a 10-3 record.

Luverne skates in New Ulm Friday.

LHS 8, Hutchinson 0

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Tigers by eight goals in Marshall Saturday.

Chaz Smedsrud scored five consecutive goals in the second and third periods to

turn a 2-0 advantage into a commanding 7-0 lead.

Luverne, which outshot Hutchinson 46-21 in the game, received two goals from Jaxon Nelson and a 21-save shutout in goal from Kaden Erickson. Kasyn Kruse netted a power-play goal with 2:47 remaining in the first period to open the scoring.

Following a goal from Nelson 33 seconds into the second period, Smedsrud scored four times in a span of 6:02, including two power-play tallies, to give the Cards a 6-0 lead.

Smedsrud capped his five-goal game 12 seconds into the third period and Nelson completed the scoring with 4:40 left to play.

Kruse registered a team-high four assists, while Nelson and Nick Behrend chipped in

three assists and Smedsrud added two.

Chris Jelken and Jim Erickson added one assist each to the winning cause.

T-G 7, Luverne 6

A six-game winning streak came to an end when the Cardinals lost a one-goal game to Totino-Grace in Brooklyn Center Thursday.

Behrend gave the Cards a 1-0 lead 4:51 into the game, but the Eagles scored the next four goals and never lost the lead the rest of the game.

Luke Bonfe netted an unassisted goal 10 seconds after Behrend opened the scoring and Ryan Johnson registered an unassisted tally one minute later to give the Eagles a 2-1 edge.

Cam Fagerlee capped T-G's four-goal run by scoring at

the 9:25 and 4:30 marks of the opening stanza before Kasyn Kruse recorded an unassisted goal for the Cards with 2:47 remaining to make it a 4-2 game before the first period was complete.

Nick Harder trimmed the difference to one goal (4-3) 1:55 into the second period, but the Eagles countered with goals from Johnson and Kieran Mueller to up the lead to 6-3 with 6:12 left in the second stanza.

Kruse recorded a power-play goal with 3:04 remaining in the second stanza and Smedsrud scored 41 seconds into the third period to make it a 6-5 contest.

T-G's Samuel Hentges netted a short-handed tally with 4:34 remaining before Harder capped the scoring with a power-play tally with

3:01 left to play.

Luverne sported a 33-23 advantage in shots on goal and received a two-assist effort from Nelson.

Declan Beers, Behrend and Smedsrud registered one assist each.

Daniel Tofteland stopped five of the nine shots he faced in net for LHS in the first period.

Ericson minded the net in the second and third periods, saving 11 of the 14 shots he faced.

Luverne 6, L-D-C 3

A big second period lifted the Cardinals to a three-goal home win over Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato Dec. 29.

The Cardinals and Dragons skated to a draw at one in

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Luverne girls go 1-2 at Schwan Cup

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team went 1-2 to place sixth in the Red Division at the Schwan Cup in Blaine Dec. 29-31.

The Cardinals lost a four-goal game to Fort Frances to open the tournament Dec. 29 before besting the Cap City Cougars by four goals in the consolation semifinals Dec. 30.

Owatonna skated to a six-goal victory over LHS in the consolation championship game.

The 11-5 Cardinals skate in Morris Friday.

Owatonna 6, LHS 0

The Cardinals capped their Schwan Cup experience by losing a six-goal game to the Huskies in Blaine Thursday.

Owatonna received a hat trick from Jessica VonRuden and outshot the Cardinals 40-12 during a convincing victory during the consolation championship game.

VonRuden opened the scoring with 6:19 remaining in the first period and scored twice during a four-goal outburst in the second period that gave the Huskies a 5-0 cushion.

Shannon VanReeth netted a power-play goal 57 seconds into the second stanza before VonRuden scored goals at the 11:22 and 7:59 marks of the stanza to complete her hat trick.

Margo Achterkirch added an unassisted tally with 5:46 remaining in the second period to give the Huskies a five-goal cushion.

Meghan Achterkirch scored the lone goal of the third period with 10:39 left to play.

Emilie Bartels stopped 20 of the 25 shots she faced in goal before giving way to Kennedy Gonnerman in the second period. Gonnerman saved 14 of the 15 shots she faced in net.

LHS 6, Cap City 2

The Cardinals reached the consolation championship game of the Schwan Cup by defeating the Cap City Cougars (Madison, Wisconsin) by four goals in Blaine Dec. 30.

Makayla Sterrett and Madsyn Dingmann netted two goals each for an LHS squad that never trailed in the consolation semifinals.

Dingmann opened the scoring 2:43 into the game and Sterrett registered her first goal at the 8:32 mark of the first period to give the Cards a 2-0 lead.

Cap City's Jada Ward capped the scoring in the first period with 7:57 remaining in the stanza.

Sterrett (unassisted) and Dingmann netted short-handed goals in the first 4:01 of the second period before Lexi Henrichs scored with 4:35 remaining in the stanza to up the lead to 5-1.

Cap City's Annika Johnson registered a power-play goal with 2:49 left in the second period, but Mariah Aukes countered for Luverne with 1:30 remaining to cap the scoring in the game.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0107 lw olson 1

Luverne senior Jakob Olson won all four of his matches at the Pipestone Invitational Tournament Saturday.

Cardinal wrestlers secure one win in Pipestone

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team posted one win at a pair of events last week.

The Cardinals dropped three matches at the New Ulm quadrangular Dec. 29 and went 1-4 at the Pipestone Invitational Saturday.

Luverne, 3-9 overall, wrestles at the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton-Westbrook-Walnut Grove Triangular Friday.

Pipestone invite

The Cardinals went 1-4 in team competition during the Pipestone Invitational Saturday.

Luverne posted a 45-22 win over Medford to open the tournament.

The win was followed by consecutive losses to Tracy-Milroy-Balaton-Westbrook-Walnut Grove (48-28), Wabasso-Red Rock Central (48-22), Cedar Rapids Jefferson (52-27) and Pipestone (24-0).

Three Cardinals competed without taking a loss during the tournament.



John Rittenhouse photo/0107 lw clausen 2

Senior Brandon Clausen wrestled in five matches during the Pipestone Invitational Tournament Saturday.

Jakob Olson (195-220) and Solomon Nielsen (160-170) both went 4-0.

Olson registered consecutive pins against Medford's Nate McCarty (30 seconds), T-M-B-W-WG's Cole Olson (1:30), W-RRC's Cole Anderson (2:54) and CRJ's Taylor Viktara (57 seconds).

Along with drawing a forfeit from T-M-B-W-WG, Nielsen pinned Medford's Greg Larson (1:44) and CRJ's Tavian Rashed (1:24) and secured a 9-1 major decision victory against W-RRC's Mitchell Fulton.

Riley Baker went 2-0 at 126 with pins against Medford's Willie Von Ruden (3:32) and T-M-B-W-WG's Austin Axford (4:00).

Will Natte and Jeremiah Dooyema went 3-1 for the Cards, while Zach Luke went 2-2.

Hunter Baker (1-2), Spencer Oeltjenbruns (2-3), Jed Dooyema (1-4), Adam

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Vikings may have provided my highlight of 2016

I have no idea what the rest of 2016 has in store, but I doubt it will get much better than the gift the Minnesota Vikings served up Sunday night.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

As a longtime fan of the team, I've experienced more heartbreak than euphoria when watching the purple and gold take the field on Sundays over the years.

That's probably why I was hoping for the best, while bracing for the worst, as the hours dwindled down prior to the nationally televised game against the Green Bay Packers.

After all, it was a pretty big game against a team I like the least in the NFL.

Not only did we have to play the hated Packers on their home field, the stakes were high for the clash.

The winner of the game would be crowned champion of the NFC North and receive a home game to open the playoffs.

Waiting in the wings for the losing team was a road playoff game the following weekend, which is not exactly an ideal situation for any professional squad under any circumstances.

Knowing the fate facing the losing team of the Border Battle left me feeling nervous most of the day and kept me on the edge of the loveseat in our living room throughout the contest.

So did knowing the recent history in the rivalry, which clearly has been dominated by the Packers.

The last time Minnesota beat the Packers in Green Bay was in 2009, which happens to be the same season when the Vikings captured their last NFC North title.

Green Bay had won 10 of the last 11 games between the teams heading into Sunday's showdown, which didn't leave me

feeling confident that things would fall in our favor this time around.

Ultimately, all of the anxiety I was experiencing prior to and throughout the game was all for naught.

My beloved team never trailed in the game and sported a 20-3 lead before winning by 10 points at game's end.

I know we didn't win the Super Bowl, and I realize beating Seattle this coming weekend will be a tall order for my team.

That doesn't matter to me right now.

The Vikings won their biggest game of the year Sunday night and now can be called the NFC North champions.

Considering that title came at the expense of the hated Packers, I may have hated experienced my personal highlight of the calendar year.

Credit is due

I need to offer a tip of my hat to Luverne's Jaxon Nelson, who registered his 100th career varsity goal during a Dec. 22 boys' hockey game in Fairmont.

Considering Nelson is only a sophomore, that's a pretty impressive accomplishment that deserves noting.

I was unaware of the fact that Nelson reached the milestone in Fairmont; otherwise I certainly would have mentioned it in the game story.

Sorry for not knowing this, Jaxon.

Maybe someone will give me a heads up before you score your 200th career goal a couple of years down the road.

in 2:34 before losing a 4-2 decision to A-ML's Quinn Youngs.

Kern pinned Spencer Stockman (Rapid City Stevens, South Dakota) in 2:24 during the seventh-place match.

Ryan Elias (3-2), Logan Nelson (3-2), Logan Rogers (4-2), Michael Preuss (1-2), Hunter Heitkamp (1-2) and Gavin Engelkes (2-2) competed without placing for AHS.



John Rittenhouse photo/0107 lw riley baker 1

Luverne's Riley Baker pins Medford's Willie Von Ruden to account for one of his two victories during the Pipestone Invitational Saturday. LHS went 1-4 as a team at the event after dropping three matches at the New Ulm Quadrangular Dec. 29.

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Fodness (1-2), Jake Haugen (1-1) and Brandon Claussen (0-5) also wrestled for LHS.

Match wrap-ups
LHS 45, Medford 22
106 (M) Meyer 13-0 H.Baker.
113 (M) Lisowski pins Oeltjenbruns.
120 (M-L) double forfeit.
126 (L) R.Baker pins Von Ruden.
132 (L) Natte by forfeit.
138 (L) Jd.Dooyema by forfeit.
145 (L) Fodness 14-8 Noble.
152 (T) Perez by forfeit.
160 (L) Nielsen pins Larson.
170 (M) Meixner pins Claussen.
182 (L) Luke pins Schauer.
195 (L) Olson pins McCarty.
220 (L-M) double forfeit.
285 (M) Spatenka by forfeit.

T-M-B-W-WG 48, LHS 28
106 (T) Ellingson by forfeit.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns 13-7 Perez.
120 (T) Perez by forfeit.
126 (L) R.Baker pins Axford.
132 (T) Vander Driesche pins Jd.Dooyema.
138 (T) Paplow pins Natte.
145 (T) Axford pins Fodness.
152 (T) Meyer pins Haugen.
160 (L) Jr.Dooyema 11-2 Timm.
170 (L) Nielsen by forfeit.
182 (T) Fogelson pins Claussen.
195 (L) Luke 8-4 Buchholz.
220 (L) Olson pins C.Olson.
285 (T) Bauer by forfeit.

W-RRC 48, LHS 22
106 (W) Hesse pins H.Baker.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Johnson.
120 (W) Irlbeck by forfeit.
126 (W) Johnson by forfeit.
132 (L) Natte 4-2 Doubler.
138 (W) Schroeffer pins Jd.Dooyema.
145 (W) Bieri 6-4 Fodness.
152 (L) Jr.Dooyema 5-4 Kemp.
160 (L) Nielsen 9-1 Fulton.
170 (W) Altermatt pins Claussen.
182 (W) Liebl 6-4 Luke.

195 (L) Olson pins Anderson.
220 (W) Welch by forfeit.
285 (W) Coulter by forfeit.

CRJ 52, LHS 27
106 (L) H.Baker pins Collins.
113 (C) Sibomona pins Oeltjenbruns.
120 (C) Baker by forfeit.
126 (C) Main by forfeit.
132 (L) Natte 6-4 Mastin.
138 (C) Storm 12-4 Jd.Dooyema.
145 (L) Haugen pins Endsley.
152 (C) Briggs pins Jr.Dooyema.
160 (L) Nielsen pins Rashed.
170 (C) Culver pins Claussen.
182 (C) Dreckman pins Luke.
195 (L) Olson pins Viktara.
220 (C) Owens by forfeit.
285 (C) Bonner by forfeit.

Pipestone 24, LHS 0
106 (L-P) double forfeit.
113 (P) Burnett pins Oeltjenbruns.
120 (P) Taber by forfeit.
126 (L-P) double forfeit.
132 (P) Westfield pins Jd.Dooyema.
138 (L-P) double forfeit.
145 (L-P) double forfeit.
152 (L-P) double forfeit.
160 (L-P) double forfeit.
170 (P) Vanderwal pins Claussen.
182 (L-P) double forfeit.
195 (L-P) double forfeit.
220 (L-P) double forfeit.
285 (L-P) double forfeit.

New Ulm Quadrangular

The Cardinals experienced a rough day as a team during the New Ulm Quadrangular Dec. 29.

Luverne dropped consecutive matches to the host team (39-36), Fairmont-Martin County West (48-30) and United (45-21).

"It was a rough night," said LHS coach Tony Johnson.

"We wrestled against three good teams and we came out a little flat. Obviously, we can't afford to do that."

Luverne's Adam Fodness, Solomon Nielsen and Jakob Olson wrestled well to compile 3-0 records at the event.

Competing at 160, Fodness registered pins against NU's Nick Wehlhopp (1:10) and F-MCW's Parker Anderson (3:24) before notching a 9-4 victory against United's Matt Henriksen.

Nielsen drew a forfeit from F-MCW and posted pins against NU's Matt Hartley (1:57) and United's Colton Struxness (1:16).

Olson went 3-0 when wrestling at 195 and 220.

He pinned F-MCW's Connor Tordson in 18 seconds, secured a 12-3 major decision victory against United's Sam Henriksen and secured a 9-2 win over NU's Nathan Berg.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns and Jake Haugen went 2-1 for LHS, while Zach Luke and Eric Thorson went 1-1.

Will Natte and Jeremiah Dooyema went 1-2, while Hunter Baker and Jed Dooyema went 0-3.

Match wrap-ups
NU 39, Luverne 36
106 (N) Arndt pins Baker.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Ranweiler.
120 (N) Hoppe by forfeit.
126 (N) Huard by forfeit.
132 (N) Hawk 7-3 Natte.
138 (N) Renweiler pins Jd.Dooyema.
145 (L) Haugen 6-1 Stark.
152 (L) Jr.Dooyema pins Castillo.
160 (L) Fodness pins Mehlhopp.
170 (L) Nielsen pins Hartley.
182 (L) Luke pins Klimek.
195 (N) Landsteiner pins Thorson.
220 (L) Olson 9-2 Berg.
285 (N) Brooks by forfeit.

F-MCC 48, Luverne 30
106 (F) Rohmann pins Baker.
113 (F) Wolter pins Oeltjenbruns.
120 (F) Ringnell by forfeit.
126 (F) Fitzgerald by forfeit.
132 (L) Natte pins Ettesvold.
138 (F) Anderson pins Jd.Dooyema.
145 (F) Maldonado 12-8 Haugen.
152 (F) Steuber 5-3 Jr.Dooyema.
160 (L) Fodness pins Anderson.
170 (L) Nielsen by forfeit.
182 (L) Thorson by forfeit.
195 (L) Olson pins Tordson.
220 (F) Figueroa by forfeit.
285 (F) Washa by forfeit.

United 45, Luverne 21
106 (U) Johnson pins Baker.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Wittnebel.
120 (U) Long by forfeit.
126 (U) Bukowski by forfeit.
132 (U) Eickhoff 8-5 Natte.
138 (U) Bothun pins Jd.Dooyema.
145 (L) Haugen 8-2 Kantan.
152 (U) Mortenson 9-3 Jr.Dooyema.
160 (L) Fodness 9-4 Henriksen.
170 (L) Nielsen pins Struxness.
182 (U) Valenzuela 13-8 Luke.
195 (L) Olson 12-3 Henriksen.
220 (U) Nelson by forfeit.
285 (U) Hutt by forfeit.

Box score
Overgaard 2 5 3-22, Baustian 0 0 0-0
0, Muller 1 0 0-0-2, Robinson 1 0 0-1-2,
Schoeneman 0 0 0-0-0, Curtis 3 1 3-4
12, Siebenahler 12 0 1-5-25, Wagner 1 0
0-0-2, Bosch 1 2 0-0-8, Haugom 0 0 0-0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 29 of 51 field goals (57 percent), seven of 15 free throws (47 percent), 32 rebounds, five turnovers.
RWV: 35 of 65 field goals (54 percent), three of nine free throws (33 percent), 18 rebounds, two turnovers.

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Dakota) to advance to the third-place match.

Colbey Steeke (Hettinger-Scranton, North Dakota) handed Gyberg a 6-2 setback in the third-place match.

Kern pinned Jackson County Central's Justin Heckard in 33 seconds and nipped Fargo South's Jonathan Fraese 14-13 before being pinned by Delano's Tucker Sjomeling in 5:15.

Kern recovered to pin Eagan's Michael Murphy

Redwood Valley cans 16 three-point shots against LHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team opened play in 2016 by losing a game to a hot-shooting Redwood Valley team Saturday in Redwood Falls.

Home-standing RWV canned 16 three-point shots and converted 54 percent of its field goals to set the stage

for an 89-73 victory.

RWV opened a 43-38 lead in the first 18 minutes of play and outscored the Cardinals 46-35 in the second half to ice a 16-point victory.

Luverne, which made 57 percent of its field goals, received a 25-point, 11-rebound effort from Quinton Siebenahler.

Nick Overgaard (22 points and three assists), Layne Curtis (12 points and nine rebounds), Cole Bosch (five rebounds) and Mitchell Muller (three assists) also turned in productive games for the Cards.

The 6-5 Cardinals host Windom for a conference game Friday.

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Sterrett led LHS with three assists, while Henrichs, Madison Crabtree, Maddie Dinger and Carly Serie charted one assist each.

Gonnerman made 18 saves in net for an LHS squad that outshot the Cougars 23-20 in the game.

Jenna Clendenning gave FF a 1-0 lead with a goal at the 9:23

mark of the first period, but the Cards knotted the score at one 19 seconds into the second period when Sterrett scored after being set up by Serie.

FF's Siobhan Mackintosh snapped the deadlock with 1:15 remaining in the second period and the Canadian squad put the game away with a three-goal eruption in the third period.

Annalise Hayes opened the scoring 3:39 into the third period with an unassisted tally.

Taylor Crosswell recorded a short-handed goal with 4:11 remaining before Abby Plourde capped the scoring with a power-play tally 3:19 left to play.

Bartels made 24 saves in net for the Cards, who were out shot 29-23 tally in the game.

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Lakers, Cardinals upend Luverne girls

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team couldn't snap what stands as a six-game losing streak when the Cardinals opened play in 2016 with a pair of games.

Luverne lost a five-point game to Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls Saturday before falling by 19 points to Lakeview in Cottonwood Monday.

The 1-7 Cardinals host Windom Friday.

Lakeview 59, LHS 40

The Cardinals fell behind early and couldn't recover when they challenged the Lakers in Cottonwood Monday.

Lakeview set the tempo for the night by outscoring the Cards 31-21 in the first half.

The Lakers used a 28-19 scoring cushion in the second half to complete a 19-point win.

Sierra Schmuck tossed in 12 points to lead the Cards offensively.

Hailey Remme and Zayna Hustoft pulled down 10 and six rebounds respectively, while Morgan Haugen and Nicole Kneip recorded four steals each.

Box score
VerSteeg 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 4 1 1-2 12, Remme 3 0 2-4 8, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, Kneip 3 0 0-0 6, Jacobsma 0 1 0-0 3, Bosch 1 0 0-0 2, Peterson 0 0 1-2 1, Haugen 0 0 4-8 4, Hustoft 1 0 2-2 4, Rogers 0 0 0-2 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 14 of 49 field goals (29 percent), 10 of 22 free throws (45 percent), 25 rebounds, nine turnovers.
Lakeview: 21 of 36 field goals (58 percent), 14 of 21 free throws (67 percent), 35 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

RWV 53, Luverne 48

The Cardinals put up a good fight before falling by five points in Redwood Falls Saturday.

Redwood Valley looked as if it might run away with a win when it opened a 31-20 lead at halftime, but the Cards trimmed the difference to one point (49-48) when Haugen sank one free throw with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

RWV extended the lead to 51-48 with a pair of free throws before Luverne put up a potential game-tying three-point shot that rolled off the rim without entering the hoop.

The hosts added two more points to win the game by five points.

Haugen tossed in 24 points to lead LHS.

No team or individual statistics were available from this game.

Box score
VerSteeg 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 4 0 1-2 9, Remme 2 0 2-6, Anderson 1 1 0-0 5, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Peterson 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 7 0 10-13 24, Hustoft 1 0 0-2 2, Rogers 1 0 0-2 0.



Adrian freshman post Miah Kunkel (33) puts up a shot in the paint during Monday's home game against Windom. Kunkel and the Dragons posted a 46-42 victory over the Eagles. The victory was Adrian's third of the 2015-16 season.

Dragons clip Eagles' wings Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team opened 2016 play in grand fashion Monday by posting a 46-42 home win over the Windom Eagles.

Adrian sported a one-point lead at the intermission and outscored the Eagles 29-26 in the second half to prevail by four points and win its second consecutive game.

Both teams sported slim leads in the early stages of the first half and the Dragons led by two (10-8) when Hannah Bullerman drained a pair of free throws at the 8:56 mark.

Windom countered with a 6-0 run to gain a 14-10 advantage.

Adrian, however, closed the half with a 7-2 surge ending with a three-point shot from Jodi Bents with one second remaining to sport a 17-16 edge at the intermission.

The Dragons went on a 9-2 run ending with a field goal from Kaitlyn Christians to open a 26-18 advantage at the 15:47 mark of the second half.

The Dragons still led by eight (36-28) after Christians buried a three-point shot with 10:12 left to play, but the Eagles

reeled off the next eight points to knot the score at 36 with 7:39 remaining.

Adrian's Paige Bullerman sank a pair of free throws to snap the deadlock and Christians converted a layup after registering a steal to give the Dragons a 40-36 lead at the 5:34 mark.

AHS extended the lead to five points (43-38) when Hannah Bullerman knocked down a three-point shot with 3:09 left to play before settling with a four-point victory at game's end.

Christians led the Dragons

with 11 points, four steals and three assists.

Bents tossed in 10 points and pulled down six rebounds, while Paige Bullerman collected 10 caroms.

The 3-5 Dragons host Murray County Central Thursday.

Box score
H. Bullerman 0 1 2-2 5, Hokeness 1 0 0-0 2, Tweet 2 0 1-1 5, Bents 1 2 2-4 10, Christians 4 1 0-0 11, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Sjogren 0 0 0-0 0, Kunkel 0 0 1-2 1, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 0 0 3-7 3, P. Bullerman 2 0 5-8 9.

Team statistics
Adrian: 14 of 54 field goals (27 percent), 14 of 25 free throws (56 percent), 29 rebounds, nine turnovers.
Windom: 20 of 52 field goals (39 percent), two of four free throws (50 percent), 31 rebounds, 17 turnovers.



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Luverne sophomore Jaxon Nelson registered a hat trick during a Dec. 29 home win over Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato.

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the first period of play, but Luverne scored four goals in the first 7:05 of the second stanza to take control of the game.

Nelson, who recorded a hat trick for the winners, scored 48 seconds into the period before capping Luverne's four-goal rally by netting his third goal of the game with 9:55 remaining in the second stanza to make it 5-1.

Smedsrud scored a power-play goal at the 11:26 mark and Brennan Hart scored 39 seconds later during the second-period uprising.

It looked like Luverne's 5-1 lead would remain intact until L-D-C's David Raisanen and

Casey Peterson registered goals 1:23 apart to make it a 5-3 game with 1:21 left in the third period.

Smedsrud netted an empty net goal to cap the scoring with 25 seconds remaining.

Nelson opened the scoring 7:39 into the first period before Raisanen knotted the score at one with 3:09 left in the stanza.

Ericson made 33 saves in goal for the Cards, who came up on the short end of a 36-32 tally in shots on goal.

Smedsrud led the Cards with two assists, while Kruse, Trey Roberts, Harder, Connor Sandbulte, Spencer Swier and Erik Tofteland chipped in one assist each.

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team snapped a seven-game losing streak Monday in Minnesota.

Taking on the Vikings on their home floor, the Dragons opened a two-point edge in the first half.

Adrian exploded for 39 points in the second half to

secure a 57-37 victory, which is the Dragons' first win since Dec. 4.

AHS sported an 18-16 advantage at the intermission.

The Dragons outscored Minnesota 39-21 in the second half to prevail by 20 points and snap their seven-game skid.

Mitchell Lonneman (15 points and six rebounds),

Zach Hendel (14 points and 10 rebounds), and Alex Loosbrock (11 points) paced the Dragons offensively.

Jacob Stamer, Nate Lonneman and Ryan Wieneke added 10, seven and six rebounds to the winning cause.

The 3-7 Dragons play Murray County Central in Slayton Friday.

Box score
Stamer 20 1-15, Serrao 0 0-2, Bierman 1 0 0-0 2, White 0 0-0 0, A. Loosbrock 1 2 3-11, N. Lonneman 4 0 0-18, Hendel 6 0 2-6 14, Z. Loosbrock 0 0 0-0, Wieneke 0 0 0-0 0, M. Lonneman 6 0 3-4 15.

Team statistics
Adrian: 22 of 57 field goals (39 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 46 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
Minnesota: 16 of 67 field goals (24 percent), one of seven free throws (14 percent), 29 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Knights deny Patriots in 2016 opener for H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team opened play in 2016 by taking on Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in Tyler Monday.

The Patriots played well in the first 18 minutes of the contest, but the second half belonged to the Knights.

R-T-R outscored H-BC 41-33 in the second half to secure a 69-60 victory and

hand the Patriots their third consecutive setback.

The Knights sported a 28-27 scoring edge over the Patriots in the first half.

Zach Scholten (22 points, seven rebounds and three steals) and Stuart Plimpton (12 points and three steals) turned in big nights for the Patriots.

Isaiah Vis chased seven assists, Drew Forshey collected five rebounds and Jed Burgers

registered three assists for H-BC.

The 2-7 Patriots host Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday.

Box score
Vaughn 1 0 1-2 3, Burgers 0 1 0-0 3, Vis 2 0 3-4 7, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 2

0 8-15 12, Kueter 1 0 0-2 2, Scholten 8 0 6-8 22, Dr. Forshey 4 0 1-2 9, Dy. Forshey 0 0 2-4 2.

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 38 field goals (50 percent), 21 of 37 free throws (57 percent), 28 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
R-T-R: 21 of 60 field goals (35 percent), 21 of 37 free throws (57 percent), 31 rebounds, nine turnovers.

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

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Saturday, Jan. 9: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 10: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Ellsworth. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

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

Sunday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Worship service.

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, Jan. 7: Noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 8: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, Jan. 10: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Zambia Mission Trip. Monday, Jan. 11: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Tuesday, Jan. 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC; Deacons Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 6:55 p.m. Awana/ Double Share Friend Night. Thursday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, Jan. 7: 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m./9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Evangelism meeting. Monday, Jan. 11: ELS Pastors' meeting in Mankato. Tuesday, Jan. 12: 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, Jan. 13: Catechism class. Thursday, Jan. 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Sunday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship service.

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: luvneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Jan. 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Pastoral Reflection Group in Springfield. Saturday, Jan. 8: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service with Communion and Recognition of Officers. 4:30 p.m. Bait of Satan Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 11: 6:15 p.m. M&M Committee meeting. 7 p.m. Living Beyond Yourself Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 12: Noon CLAY meeting at library. 2 p.m. Pastoral gathering at Tuff Home. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Rock County Food Shelf Meeting. 6 p.m. Supper for FUEL Children's Ministry and Confirmation families. 6:30 p.m. FUEL Children's Ministry and Confirmation Class. Thursday, Jan. 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring/Crafting event.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sunday, Jan. 10: 10:15 a.m. Worship service.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Worship service.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, Jan. 7: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. Saturday, Jan. 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Night. Monday, Jan. 11: 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Jan. 12: 1:15 p.m. Communion at Lyon Manor. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Hills. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Youth Supper; Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home.

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: newlifecel@iw.net
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.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner — Service Group 1. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 13: 4 p.m. Zion worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 10: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 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, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Pulpit supply Merlyn Sandbulte. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 7 p.m. Midweek.

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

Thursday, Jan. 7: Interim meeting in Redwood Falls. Sunday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Jan. 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Board meeting; Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. 8 p.m. Council meeting.

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

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

Bury yourself in Christ

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Mike Altena,
pastor, American
Reformed Church,
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I was recently reminded of the time I drove past a church and there were literally hundreds of gravestones tightly surrounding the church building. I immediately began to wonder who the pastor was that killed all those people. I wondered, did they die over the length of his ministry with them or was it the result of one particularly bad message when, not only did they fall asleep, but it was so bad the people actually died. And then I wondered, maybe burying the people so close to church was the pastor's way of punishing them for skipping services so many times.

Please forgive me, but burying our loved ones in the front yard of church seems a bit strange. However, it did raise a few more serious questions for me. I began to wonder about the group of people God has called me to shepherd. Are there ways in which I am causing their spiritual death? How many people have I put to sleep through boring sermons? Or how many young people have I chased away by following lifeless rituals? Or worse yet, how many people will I kill spiritually because I'm peddling a soft gospel?

To be honest, many pastors are guilty of the same offense as in Malachi's day. God spoke through Malachi admonishing the priests for selling a "soft gospel." Rather than teaching their people that to follow God required complete devotion, they were teaching the people that they could experience the blessings of God without taking on a gospel way of life that would honor Him (story is found in Malachi 2 in the Bible).

Sad to say, many pastors mislead the people who gather for worship. Many pastors are afraid if they would share the whole gospel that the people wouldn't buy it. The truth is, simply being baptized and confirmed without repentance will end in spiritual death. The person who claims to have invited Jesus into their

life without choosing to live as Jesus lived will lead to great disappointment on judgment day. Yes, salvation is a free gift, but it will cost you your life.

Every pastor in town will say that a relationship with Jesus is the pathway to the abundant life, but it's only when we allow Jesus to live out his life through us that we will experience it. I know of many pastors who have excused those who gather under their teaching from following the demands of Jesus, and the result is many churchgoers are dying spiritually.

To accept the grace of God without being obedient to the demands of Christ simply turns grace into cheap grace, which then has no ability to make you or me spiritually alive. And cheap grace is the reason why Christ's church is no longer impacting our culture and why so many people want nothing to do with the church.

As a pastor, my greatest fear is that by my example or teaching, I would be responsible for the spiritual death of anyone. God have mercy on me if I haven't led you to the source of life. I believe that to be truly alive and enjoy the abundant life requires a person to live wholeheartedly for the Lord.

And having said that, maybe the reason that particular congregation buried their loved ones so close to the church building was to remind them of the "great cloud of witnesses" who are cheering them on to live the Christian life with passion.

Whether next to a church building or far away, we will all be buried somewhere. The question that remains, have you found true life by burying yourself in Christ?

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 11

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:

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl R. Boltjes and Marti K. Boltjes, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 by assignment recorded on March 5, 2014 as Document Number 183568 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2006

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 25, 2006 as Document Number 164883 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$76,472.99

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Seventy Feet of the West One Hundred Thirty-five Feet of the North Half of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) of PJ Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements, if any, Rock County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 114 N DONALDSON ST, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1418

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0970-000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100055140023452580

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 11, 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.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: 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 August 11, 2016.

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.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: December 17, 2015

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3
Mortgagee

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 25

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: August 27, 2012

MORTGAGOR(S): Scott Wessels and Michele Wessels, husband and wife.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded September 5, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180085.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated March 6, 2015 Recorded March 17, 2015, as Document No. 185622.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100032413512135984

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 222 North Estey Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1678.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W 100 1/4 feet of the N 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 15 in Warren and Kniss Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,100.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$125,847.44

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: February 25, 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 August 25, 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: December 21, 2015

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Adrian Public School is accepting applications for an Elementary Secretary. This is a part time position consisting of 1720 hours. The preferred applicant will have excellent interpersonal communication and customer service skills, be highly organized and able to handle multiple tasks. Be highly proficient with technology in regards to the use of; Microsoft Word, Excel, Google Docs, software information systems and be able to do general website updates, use a phone system, operate fax and copier machines. In addition, the preferred applicant will have two or more years of clerical training in office management and/or two or more years of work experience as a secretary. Pay rate ranges between \$14.65 and \$15.65 depending on education and work experience. The position is open until filled and the District will determine the start-date. Interested applicants must submit a letter of application complete the district application along with three letters of recommendation to Mr. Roger Graff Superintendent, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. Adrian Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer. (12.24-1.10)

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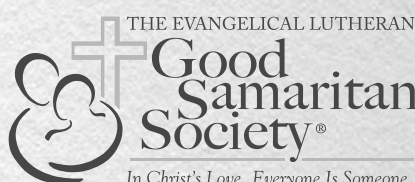
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