# Towne Square apartments construction may begin next spring

Public hearing invites comment, offers details about PUD zoning for former Sharkee's property

#### By Lori Sorenson

Details are emerging for the Towne Square development coming next year to the former Sharkee's property on South Highway 75.

In a public hearing Monday night, developer Bill Ludwig updated Luverne Planning and Zoning officials on the mixed-use development that will bring retail, office space, restaurants and apartments together on the 4-acre lot.

Ludwig and city planners believe a Public Unit Development Zoning District would best allow these plans to go forward, and the commission voted unanimously to recommend it to the City Council.

Building and Zoning Official Chad McClure said a PUD wouldn't change the current zoning - "community commercial" — but it would allow for Towne Square to deviate in three ways that would otherwise

require zoning variances.
1. Setbacks: Current zoning requires buildings to be set back 60 feet from the highway right-of-way. The Towne Square buildings would be set back only 15 feet, because most of the parking will be to the side and back of the building.

Ludwig explained that in the developments like this he's designed in other communities, commercial and residential parking lots are shared.

Businesses use the parking space when residents are gone to work, and residents use the lots when the businesses are closed.

2. Building height: The Towne Square highway-facing buildings will be three stories tall with businesses on the ground level and apartments on the second and third floors. Current zoning doesn't allow for threestory structures.

McClure said he's not sure why.

"Maybe it was a way to maintain a small-town, quiet atmosphere," he said. "I can't think of a practical reason."

3. Mixed land use: The Towne Square combination of businesses and residential dwellings in one place is only allowed conditionally by the current zoning ordinance.

All three of these issues could

Towne Square/continued on 8A

# **Nutcrackers** showcased at Winterfest

Weekend features puppets, craft show, live music, Santa, ribboncuttings and nutcrackers galore

#### By Lori Sorenson

Luverne will celebrate Winterfest 2017 this weekend with a full lineup of popular attractions.

The library will host its annual puppet show story hour Friday with surprise guest appearances.

The craft show at the school will again draw hundreds of vendors — 23 new ones — with unique gift offerings and entertainment. Santa will be on hand for Myhre photos benefitting

And local voices will fill the air with sounds of music, this year at the American Reformed Church with a cantata and Luverne Street Music Children's Choir performance.

The front page of this week's Luverne Announcer details all the weekend activities and events, but the stars of the entire Winterfest celebration will again be nutcrackers.

New this year are nearly a dozen nutcrackers lining the Luverne City Park, and Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere encourages the community to attend the ribbon-cutting at noon Friday in

"Join our sponsors as we celebrate the first step in our Luverne City Park Christmas Fantasy," she wrote in a Chamber email.

"Who knows what this first step

Winterfest weekend/see page 2A



Mavis Fodness photo/1130 Turkey Trek

Admission was free Friday, the day after Thanksqiving, to Minnesota's state parks. Ten people participated in the "Family Turkey Trek," a mile walk along the top of the Blue Mounds State Park cliff line that featured stories about native turkeys.

# Turkey Trek helps park visitors walk off turkey dinner; offers free lessons about Minnesota native wild turkeys

**By Mavis Fodness** 

No turkeys were spotted at the Blue Mounds State Park Friday afternoon during a Family Turkey Trek, and park naturalist Amber Brooks knows why.

"The last turkey seen in Minnesota was in 1880," she said adding for clarity, "The last native turkey."

Ten people joined Brooks on the mile walk from the Interpretive Center to the quarry and back, periodically stopping for a story.

"Europeans loved to eat turkey," she said. Early settlers found the poultry's dark meat more to their liking versus deer or bison as they arrived in southwest Minnesota.

They would trap live turkeys to raise domestic meat, but the idea was not successful and it led to the extinction of the native Minnesota birds. Wild turkeys seen in the area today came

from Missouri. Brooks said 29 wild turkeys were brought to

Minnesota over a three-year period beginning in 1971. Today, there are more than 70,000 wild turkeys in the state.

"They were so successful, turkeys are now moving into places they are not supposed to be," Brooks said.

Backyards, parks and farm fields are the common locations for turkeys as they search  $for insects, seeds \, and \, an \, occasional \, salam and er.$  "Some turkeys are no longer afraid of people,"

She said it helps to spray water at them, make loud noises and wield a broom to show human dominance and scare turkeys away from humans.

Friday's Turkey Trek in the Blue Mounds was the third annual Minnesota state parks Free Parks Day, with the normal \$5 daily admission

An estimated 30 vehicles entered the park north of Luverne Friday, according to park officials. Last year 70 vehicles passed through the Blue Mounds main office area.

Friday temperatures were in the low 50s with sustained north winds in the teens.

Lori Sorenson photo/1130 history center

#### **History Center celebration Friday**

Darrel Van Aartsen attaches exterior lighting at the History Center as a final step in the building's completion. According to Historical Society President Betty Mann, "Everything is done. The building is finally complete." A ribboncutting and open house is set for 10 a.m. Friday. See page 1B for a feature on the History Center and details about the celebration.

# **Seven Rock County properties to** be sold in 2018 tax forfeiture sales

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Seven Rock County properties will be sold next year in a tax forfeiture sale with one Steen property sold back to its owners by commissioners Nov. 21.

Randy Van Veldhuizen and Ryan Boltjes requested to pay \$8,552 in back taxes, late fees and penalties for the house at 123 W. Church Ave. in Steen. They wrote in a Nov. 16 letter to commissioners, "We anticipate the sale to be complete within the next two weeks."

Commissioners unanimously agreed to the sale and to exclude the Steen property on the tax-forfeited list. Van Veldhuizen and Boltjes have until Dec. 1 to make the paidin-full payment.

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Ashley Kurtz said her office originally had 16 properties on the tax-forfeiture list. Seven property owners made payments and one signed a 10-year payment plan.

Seven properties remain on the list; this is significant considering no properties were forfeited last year.

Tax delinquency of three years places properties in tax forfeiture, Kurtz said.

Previously five years was the threshold for non-homestead properties. "It's a faster turnover," Kurtz said. "Properties become less decrepit."

A proposed sale date of March 5, 2018, was set at the Tuesday

Kurtz is working with the

assessor's office to appraise the properties and set a basic sale price.

Cities and townships receive a 60-day notice and have first choice on the properties. Use by government entities is limited to green spaces or other public uses, Kurtz said.

The list of tax-forfeited properties includes:

•108 S. Buckingham St., Hardwick.

•103 S. Buckingham St., Hard-

wick. •213 W. Fourth St., Hills.

•232 S. Steen St., Steen.

•220 E. Railroad Ave., Steen.

•A parcel southeast of Dollar General and east of the railroad tracks in Luverne.

•409 E. Dodge St., Luverne.

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# The Star Herald is Rock County's oldest business, documenting the news of its citizens since 1873

Article 48: Premium Packing Company comes to Luverne on 133-acre site along County Road 4

This is the 48th in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week is Part II of a 1962 piece about the start of a meat packing company.

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

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

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Luverne Pizza Ranch for their annual Christmas Party. Members are to bring Christmas challenge project, a fat quarter for exchange, and also caps for cancer patients.

Luverne Senior Citizens will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at the Luverne Senior Citizens Center.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tues $day, Dec. \, 5, in \, the \, home \, of the \, Clerk/Treasurer \, Teresa \, Kramer.$ American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the home of Dianna Tomlinson.

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

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

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

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

#### SHARE distribution Dec. 6 at Armory

The Rock County SHARE program will distribute groceries, clothing and toys to Rock County residents in need from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Luverne National Guard Armory on South Freeman Avenue. Those wishing to receive from the program needed to apply by Thursday Nov. 30. Note: The SHARE program no longer accepts donations of used items. To support SHARE, mail tax-deductible donations to SHARE, P.O. Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156. Call Molly at 507-227-9282.

#### Hospice Tree of Lights deadline Dec. 1

The public is invited to submit name(s) in honor or remembrance of loved ones for the Sanford Luverne Hospice Tree of Lights for the upcoming holidays. Names received by Dec. 1 will be read at the lighting ceremonies. Call Sanford Luverne Hospice at 507-283-1805 with questions.

Lighting ceremonies are scheduled as follows: •Edgerton: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at First State Bank SW.

•Hills: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Tuff Village.

•Luverne: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Cottage. •Adrian/Ellsworth: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Adrian Fire Hall.

#### Art gallery opens, artist talks Dec. 7-8

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

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

The opening reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday,

Burns' work will be featured at the Coffey ContemporaryArts building from Dec. 8 through Feb. 1, 2018.

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

#### Bank Night movie 'Elf' Dec. 7

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

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

### **Choir concert Dec. 8**

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

### Hardwick's Old Town Christmas Dec. 9

Hardwick Community Club will host Hardwick's Old Town Christmas from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Hardwick Legion Hall.

A puppet show will begin at 2 p.m. followed by craft making, cookie decorating and pictures with Santa from

All activities are free.

# Roemen named tops at Farm Service Agency

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Earlier this month, Stacey Roemen took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C.

"I had seeing the Department of Ag on my bucket list," she sheepishly said.

Roemen and her husband, Greg, traveled to the nation's capital for a Nov. 16  $ceremony \\ \bar{ho} noring her for her$ dedication to the Farm Service Agency and assistance to the 650 producers in Rock County.

She was one of dozens of federal employees recognized for their work, an honor Roemen thought she would never receive.

"I didn't think I would have a chance," she said.

Rock County Farm Service Agency Director Fraser Norton nominated Roemen for the 2017 FSA Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture earlier this year.

"This is the highest honorary award that management can nominate an employee for within the agency," Norton

Over the past several months leading up to the national recognition this month, Roemen was selected as the state winner followed by being named the Midwest region winner.

The reason for Norton's recommendation is simple.

"She always makes the farmers feel special," Norton

While some program technicians are uncomfortable when producers line up at the FSA counters for assistance, Roemen relishes the challenge.

Nothing was more challenging than when she joined



USDA Farm Service Agency Acting Administrator Steven Peterson (left) presents Stacey Roemen of rural Ellsworth with a lifetime achievement award during a Nov. 16 ceremony in Washington, D.C., for her dedication to the Rock County FSA.

FSA in Lyon County, Iowa, in 1985 in the height of the farm crisis. A year later she joined the staff in Rock County.

Enrollment in farm programs gives producers opportunities to continue in business, a job Roemen takes seriously, according to Norton.

"On the odd occasion that Stacey does not know the answer to a question, she will thoroughly research all relevant procedures, notices and memos before asking others," Norton wrote in his nomination of Roemen for the award.

"The nature of her questions is such that they are always elevated by the district Program Management Team

to the state office level and sometimes even up the national level for an answer or interpretation such as happened recently with outstanding milk producer premium letters."

Roots in agriculture run deep for Roemen, who grew up on the Schilling family  $farm\,near\,Ells worth\,where\,she$ continues to live and farm with her own family.

Her early experiences in agriculture led to ag banking courses through the Pipestone Vocational and Technical College.

"I really didn't know where I was going with the banking part of it," Roemen said.

Ajob application to a bank,

however, led to the job offer at the Lyon County Farm Service Agency office and started a dedication to administering

various USDA programs. Roemen credits her parents, Faye Schilling and the late Donald Schilling, for her work ethic and respect for people. She also credits several co-workers over the 32

years she has worked with FSA. She said Mary Jo Nath and Bev Wassenaar showed her effective program administrator skills, former FSA director Roger Carlson taught her how to read the program books, and Lynette Rother and Karen Rollag modeled office organization skills.

Norton said Roemen took many of those organizational skills and expanded them.

In his nomination form, Norton wrote that Roemen developed a producer tracking system, which is now used by other FSA offices, and she has kept Rock County in the state's Top 5 for annual farm program sign-ups.

"(Producers) know that when she has served them they won't have to return to have the issue re-explained or to sign a document that was missed at the time of their visit," Norton said.

The lifetime achievement award is Roemen's third professional honor.

The Rock County FSA office received the 2017 Minnesota State Step-Up Team Award in August. In July, Roemen and part-time FSA worker Julie Reitsmareceived the 2017 Harvest Recognition Award.

"This has certainly been an excellent year for this office," Norton said.







A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be conducted at noon, Friday, Dec. 1, to open the Luverne City Park Christmas Fantasy, which includes nutcrackers (above from left) the city of Luverne Public Works, Exchange State Bank, and St. John Lutheran Church.

### Winterfest weekend kicks off on Friday/continued from page 1A

can lead to? Someday it might rival Falls Park in Sioux Falls."

The park will be open from noon to 9 p.m. until New Year's Day, but it will be open 24-7 through Winterfest Weekend.

"The City of Luverne Public Works and Electrical De-

partment has done an excellent job getting the park set up and ready for the display," Lanphere said.

The second annual nutcracker scavenger hunt is already underway, with more than 100 nutcrackers displayed around town, each with its own unique name.

There are multiple opportunities to win \$50 prizes. Maps are available at the Chamber office and on the Chamber website.

Nutcrackers at the History Center and Christmas Haus will be highlighted at the ribbon-cutting and grand opening Friday (see the related story.

Finally, the city's mascot, Philo the Nutcracker, will continue to make guest appearances around town and in local retail shops.

Details about the entire Winterfest weekend in Luverne are online at luvernechamber.com.





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# County adopts new employee pay, classification schedule

By Mavis Fodness

A new employee classification system and pay schedule adopted by county commissioners on Nov. 21 allows current and future employees wage growth in their positions.

The action was the result of a six-month comparable worth study conducted by David Drown Associates Human Resources Inc. of Wayzata.

The study looked at local compensation levels and compared figures with those

offered to positions regionally. The last comparable worth study was completed for Rock County 24 years ago.

Since that time, county officials approved periodic pay and step raises in the decades since 2001.

The result led consultants to commend county officials on their current employee compensation plan.

"Overall, Rock County offers very competitive benefits to its benchmark communities, leading the way in most areas," said management consultant Tessia Melvin.

"There are only three areas where Rock County does not lead: family health insurance coverage, long-term disability, and accidental death and disability coverage."

Rock County employs 82 full- and part-time workers.

Melvin outlined two plans for improvement as a result of the study, which attempts to align the county's employee pay and benefits with that of the regional marketplace.

Commissioners unanimously approved the implementation plan that affects all county employees in 2018.

Under the approved plan,

all employees would receive a 2.5 percent COLA increase and their positions would move into the new job classification system. Cost would be \$193,778 for the salaries and step increases.

"The good news is you were doing a really good job and this is an easy fix," she said. "And with your budget the way you budgeted, it won't negatively impact you."

For their 2018 budget, county officials built in departmental pay raises of \$187,105 with some funds still unassigned in anticipation of the comparable worth study results and suggested fixes.

Melvin said the pay in $creases are \, suggestions \, to \, keep$ current employees and attract replacements to an organization that will pay market rate for their skills and abilities. Rock County's suggested pay increases and step adjustments are minimal when compared to other organizations.

"I have a lot of clients that I work with who aren't this lucky and they don't see that and they have high turnover," she said. "You do really invest in your employees."

#### In other business, commissioners:

•approved the minimum wage increase from \$5.50 to \$9.50 per hour in a contract renewal with Rock County Opportunities for cleaning

•Accepted the resignation of Ron Boyenga as the Southwest Health and Human Services committee's lay person representative. Are placement is being sought for the nonvoting position.



Mavis Fodness photo/1130 CEO Facilitator

Cody Henrichs will facilitate the Southwest Minnesota CEO Program intended to introduce high school students to business leaders and learn how to develop their own businesses.

# SW-CEO hires familiar face to lead schools' new entrepreneurial program

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Next fall 20 area high school students can participate in a unique learn $ing program led \, by Southwest Minnes ot a \,$ CEO Program facilitator Cody Henrichs of Luverne

He's been hired to lead "Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities," a program designed to take students out of the typical classroom environment and into the world of business.

"This program will give kids actual experience of being with a CPA, finding out what it takes to file taxes, what it will take to get a business loan," Henrichs said.

"It's one part teaching real-life skills and another part designing their futures."

The class is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018 and is open to students in Luverne, Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Edgerton, Ellsworth and Pipestone.

Students apply to the CEO program and are selected for participation.

Henrichs teaches art at Adrian Public Schools, a position he will relinquish

next school year to facilitate the CEO

He is also exhibiting the entrepreneurial spirit himself by starting his own business on Main Street Luverne.

The 2001 Luverne High School graduate and his wife, Nicole, are opening a non-profit arts education and exhibition facility called the Lord Grizzly Gallery in downtown Luverne.

"The key to success for me has always been to work as hard as I can ... I believe in the merit of hard work," he said.

"If I work my hardest, give it everything I had and it didn't work, it wasn't a failure; it was just hard work."

Through his experience he has found people and resources are available to help the hard work develop into successful plans. Knowing where these resources are is key.

"It is the goal of this program to take our kids ... to the people who do this stuff for a living," he said.

Take those kids who have an inkling or a slight bit of interest and give them

 $In stead of meeting in a \, class room \,$ for the 10-month course, Henrichs arranges face-to-face meetings with business professionals at their offices.

The local CEO course uses the model developed by the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship in Effingham, Illinois.

In the model each student develops a detailed business plan, which he or she presents at a spring trade fair.

This program is about opening up all the possibilities and find people who can make it happen," Henrichs

The Southwest Minnesota CEO Program is one of 37 locations offering the Midland Institute class.

Many students developed their high school plans into actual businesses, many of them in their home-

"More often than not, people leave to start businesses that they could have started here," Henrichs said.

# Martin Township road grader retires after 34 years

By Glenda McGaffee

Rob Brouwer's last day as Martin Township road grader operator will be Thursday, Nov. 30, after 34 years in the

"When I started, the township building was located by the elevator on Water Avenue," he said in a Nov. 24 interview "The new maintenance building is a big improvement."

He said he took over the job in March 1983 from Dave Nelson.

"I remember a cold and icy winter day when I spent a halfhour or more just trying to slide the door open," he said.

"The winter of 1996-97 was very memorable when I almost lived in the road grader. I recall sleeping a few hours and then going back out. Gawaine Diekevers, Dave Swanson and Doug Diekevers kept the snow blower operating."

He recalled other details about that winter.

"In 1997 I remember almost running into a lady who was stuck in a snow bank on the road. The wind was blowing and I was backing up to gain speed and saw something

"The winter of 1996-97 was very memorable when I almost lived in the road grader. I recall sleeping a few hours and then going back out."

— Rob Brouwer, Martin Township retiring road grader

shiny in the snow," he said.

"I looked and found the lady who delivered the Sioux Falls Argus Leader to area farmers. She was stuck in the snow and had been there for about three hours. I shoveled snow and she made it out of the snow bank. I watched to make sure she made it out. I never forgot that incident."

He said many of the past

Brouwer retires/see page 5A



Glenda McGaffee photo/1130 Brouwer

Rob Brouwer, pictured Nov. 24 in the Martin Township building, is retiring after 34 years of Martin Township road grading.

# **Ford honors Herman** Motor service technician

Elmer Velasco, a service technician with Herman Motor Company in Luverne, was recently named a Ford Senior Master Technician in the Program.

Velasco, who also reached the status of Drivetrain Master Retention, completed over 550 hours of Ford training to achieve the status, according to Frederiek Toney of Ford.

"As vehicle technology progresses, it requires increased levels of knowledge and skill for technicians to effectively complete advanced diagnostic and repair operations," Toney said.

"This commitment fulfills our customers' expectations that their vehicles are repaired by highly skilled, factorytrained technicians."

Velasco, who has been with Herman Mo-



Elmer Velasco

tors since 2014, lives in Rushmore with his wife. Hannah Velasco.

He was born in Kodiak, Alaska, and in 2000 moved to Worthington where he graduated from high school in

He graduated from Wyotech in Laramie, Wyoming, in 2011 and began working for Ford in 2012.

# Bakken elected to Minnesota Farm Bureau **Board of Directors**

Rock County farmer Pete Bakken was elected to the Minnesota Farm Bureau Board of Directors at the organization's 99th Annual Meeting in Bloomington Nov. 17.

He'll serve a one-year term as chairman of the Promotion and Education Committee, which advocates for Farm Bureau and its members.

"I am excited to serve as a voice and advocate for the Promotion and Education Committee in our organization," said Bakken.

"I look forward to reaching out and continuously improving the image of the American farmer/rancher with consumers."

Bakken farms in western Rock County with his brother, Jay, raising beef and growing corn, soybeans alfalfa, cover crops and grass. Their farm

is also one of Minnesota's Discovery Farms.

Promotion & Education committee members work with programs such as Ag in the Classroom and safety education for farm children.

Minnesota Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization in the state, focusing on farmers, families and food.

Through the grassroots process among 78 counties, members make their views heard to political leaders, state government officials, special interest groups and the general public.

Nationwide, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) has nearly six million members in approximately 2,800 county Farm Bureaus. For more information visit www.fbmn.org



If you'd like to donate an item for the silent auction, send to Dale & Cindy Reverts (1013 150th Ave, Luverne, MN 56156). Items must be received by December 2. All proceeds go to the Van Maanen family to help with medical expenses.

Questions: call Dale Reverts 507-920-9149 or Cindy Reverts 507-920-5283

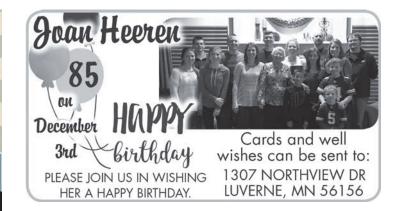


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# PINION

# Last of brood leaves teenage years behind

Next week marks another milestone in the Fodness household — we will no longer have a teen in the



Adam turns 20 on Dec. 6, and he is quick to remind this empty-nest mom, "You're getting old."

I don't associate my adult children with my own advancing age; rather, it's about finally getting some well deserved "me"

Since my husband, Bryan, and I became empty nesters almost two years ago, the days have significantly slowed in pace for us.

We often find evening farm chores completed and supper eaten earlier than usual. Glances at the clock reveal it's only 5:30 p.m.

As the kids' ages crept toward the 20s, conversations have changed, and I realize I am no longer a central figure in their lives. Adam is the last to cross that threshold as he spends more of his time at col-

I will no longer be the first person he shares his good (or bad) news with, and major career or life decisions will be talked about with friends well before news reaches home.

As parents we should have seen this coming since the day they were born.

They learned to stand on their own two feet, dress themselves, cook (or at least attempt to) and recognize the difference between right and wrong.

# **RUMINATIONS**

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

I am not a parent who hovers or insists on guiding every minute of my children's lives. Allowing them a little freedom to make choices and (sometimes) suffer consequences has only strengthened them as people.

This hands-off parenting, however, has left a little misunderstanding among the kids.

A couple of them think since I didn't shed tears as I dropped them off at college that I didn't care about them. The idea couldn't be further from the truth.

I guess I was so careful to respect their space and not to intrude on the next step of their adult lives that the "no tears" ended up looking as if I simply

I was letting them take flight as the home nest emptied over a nine-year period.

Tears or not, I have witnessed children with good work ethic, caring attitudes and a desire to improve professionally.

They couldn't have done that with their mom hovering nearby doing the work or making the choices for them.

Adam proclaims proudly as he reaches age 20, "I beat teen pregnancy."

With a heavy sigh and a roll of the eyes, I can only say with a smile, "He really makes a mother proud."

# For this season of gift exchanges, consider those that are memorable

As we consider our shopping lists this Christmas, a look back at our most memorable gifts likely produces a pretty short list. Maybe it was a long-awaited Cabbage Patch doll or the coveted remote-control monster truck (that didn't last until New Year's Day).

Stuff — even stuff given in the sincerest holiday spirit — is, in the end, just stuff.

But think about the times in your life someone extended an act

We have no trouble recalling these gifts. Nor do we forget how we felt when we were kind to someone

This isn't a new idea, but in addition to supporting our local merchants this Christmas, let's also support the generous souls who work

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tirelessly to make our community a better place.

We could run a long list of these individuals, groups and organizations, but in reality, a person doesn't need to look very hard to find them or even to find personal ways to improve one little corner of the universe.

A glance at our Community Calendar on Page 2A offers several current opportunities - SHARE, the Salvation Army, hospice, the Historical Society, Friends of the Library and

On Page 6A this week we have

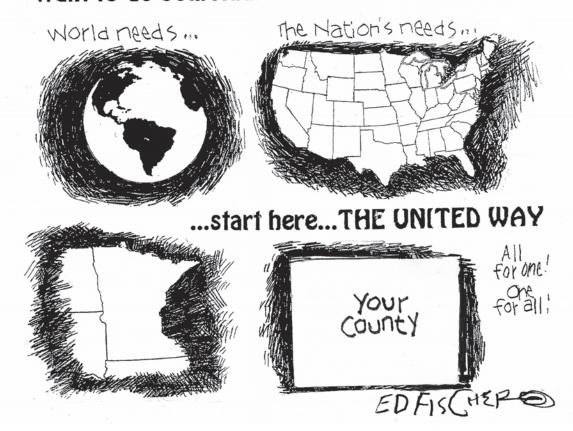
a lead story about the Luverne Area Community Foundation, an organization worthy of donations on its own. The LACF feature is about the myriad of local groups the foundation supports, and the list is impressive.

Please take time to read this story and to research ways to help.

Because, as we all know, it's more rewarding to give than to

Have a blessed holiday season, dearreaders. May all your gifts (both given and received) be memorable.

# Want to do something to make a difference?..



# Vietnam Veterans facing another silent enemy

To the Editor:

Veterans of the war in Vietnam have faced many challenges that extended beyond their time in the compat zone. 100 many of these great Americans have died decades too early from issues that attacked them after they returned home. As if the enemy they faced in battle and the societal enemies they faced back at home were not enough, their war would not end easily.

Post Traumatic Stress would haunt them as they attempted to reintegrate into civilian life. The enemy they faced was not only brutal on the field of battle, but also with their use of booby traps of all sorts, unconventional warfare tactics, and the use of civilians to kill for them has kept veterans awake at night to this day. The use of Agent Orange, a defoliant used to clear jungle vegetation, would be found to bring cancer to our veterans later in life.

As with their other issues, our government has been slow to respond to the needs of those that fought for our freedoms. The battle over Agent Orange was a long one, beginning in the late 70s and being worked over with settlements in the '80s that did little for the veterans themselves. A completely disabled veteran was to receive \$12,000 over the course of ten years. A widow of an affected veteran would

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receive a paltry \$3,700. This was just another example of the veteran paying more than once for our freedoms.

In the last week the news has broken that another form of cancer, one of the bile ducts, has been directly linked to servicemen's time in the Vietnam War. At this point, the main indicator ties the consumption of raw or poorly cooked fish with a parasite called a liver fluke. A 2016 study found that 20 percent of blood tests came back with positive results for liver fluke antibodies.

This bile duct cancer is extremely slow-acting, as the decades that have passed prove. When the first symptoms come to the surface, the veteran typically has only a few months to live and the disease is very painful. There is no way to guess howmany Vietnam veterans were affected during their time in the country, as many ended up eating fresh water fish when they ran out of rations in the jungle.

Liver flukes are very common in the rest of the world, especially in tropical locations.

The worst part of this story is that the flukes can be knocked out with a handful of pills early in any infestation. So all of our veterans who have died to date could have been treated upon return to the United States and would have never had to face a painful death from bile duct

So, to all of you Vietnam guys out there, if you have any question as to whether or not you could have become infested with liver flukes please, please get in and find out.

Even some veterans that were surprised by the blood tests found cysts on their bile ducts, but they were found early enough to head off the development of cancer.

Your life is certainly worth a short amount of time to get tested. Please take this new threat seriously. Even though it has been four decades, your life may depend on it.

> Curtis Hendel, Adrian **American Legion and** founder of Veterans Regrouped

# Help keep state park vital by becoming a 'Friends' member

To the Editor:

The Friends of Blue Mounds State Park is a revitalized group that is focusing our efforts on maintaining and improving the gem we all have access to right in our own back yard. Our group's sole purpose is to better the park for all, both locals and visitors. We would like to tell you about our goals and a few of the things happening at the park.

Recently the Star Herald highlighted some very exciting news. The safe drinking/ showering water initiative has made huge strides with the help of Rock County Rural Water. We expect to see potable drinking water and showers in the park in the summer of 2018.

Secondly, we all have opinions on what we'd like to see done with the Interpretive Center (Manfred House), but the DNR has the final decision. The building has been deemed unsafe for anyone to enter, including park employees. Building a house into a natural living and breathing rock wall does not hold up well to the annual freeze, thaw, seeping moisture, and humidity that occurs. It might be possible to keep the building, but renovate it to an open-air picnic structure. Our group is hopeful about this possibility and continue to express our desire toward that end.

People travel far to access some of the best rock climbing in the tri-state area here; there are over 300 climbing routes at Blue Mounds! We are working to make the cliff line more accessible by clearing overgrowth for both climbers and hikers. Follow our Facebook page for future brush clearing events next spring. Many hands make light

Finally, we are in the planning stages to improve the former beach area by adding a picnic shelter, new playground equipment, a nature play area and more. These goals are long-term as that area will be staging for the creek restoration starting in 2018.

We are aware that many, near and far, cherish this gem we have in our back yard. As we look forward to upcoming projects, we ask you to get involved. It's about helping to preserve and improve a true piece of our collective history — something we can all be proud of.

How can you help? First, become a member. Your membership will help provide financial assistance and strengthen our park community. Follow our Facebook page. Visit our booth at the Winterfest. Maybe you'd like to help out with an event or fundraiser? We are looking for a volunteer to build a bench or two for the park. Treated lumber and DNR-approved plans would be

The Friends of Blue Mounds State Park is part of the MN State Parks and Trails Council. Your membership and donations are tax deductible and specifically earmarked for Friends use. You can be sure your support helps Blue Mounds State Park directly.

Thankyou for your interest and support in the park. Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments at jprekker@ hotmail.com or call 507-283-4796.

> **Taylor Graphenteen** On behalf of Friends of the Blue **Mounds State Park**

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# ON THE RECORD

#### Dispatch report

Ñov. 17

•Complainant reported debris in turning lane at West Dodge and North Kniss.

•Complainant reported a white semitrailer with a side dump turned the corner at West Dodge and North Kniss and took out a fire hydrant. Headed southbound. Contacted city.

•Complainant reported a blue Hyundai Elantra has a child in the front seat and two in the back with no restraints.

•Complainant reported individual with prior history of assault is at motel threatening complainant.

•Complainant at Mead Court reported alleged child maltreatment.

#### Nov. 18

•Complainant reported a farmer is hauling manure out of the cattle yard and making a mess on the highway at County Road 1 and County Road 3. He is not cleaning it up.

•Patrol reported a trooper is out on I-90, Mile marker 9 eastbound with a hitchhiker.

•Complainant reported a man standing by a car with a gas can on County Road 3 just south of I-90.

•Complainant reported a drunk man pulled a plastic gun on them and sped off in a white Cadillac. Someone broke into their house.

•Complainant reported activated fire alarms at South Kniss restaurant.

#### Nov. 19

•Sanford Luverne requested assistance with suspicious person.

•Complainant reported a squad is sitting outside and looking into the house. He feels he is being harassed. Did notwant to leave a phone number or a message.

•Complainant reported she thinks it smells like gas at location on South Kniss. Owners didn't smell it.

•Complainant reported her smoke alarm went off but it was just smoke. It stopped while on the phone.

•Complainant reported a domestic disturbance between a juvenile and an adult male at location on East Bishop Street.

•Complainant reported an erratic driver exited the interstate at County Road 4.

#### Nov. 20

•Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy.

•Complainant called LEC and requested to speak to deputy regarding suspicious activity at location on East Dodge Street.

•Complainant reported tires dumped in ditch on 91st Street.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street came to LEC and requested to speak with deputy regarding harassment.

•Complainant from Mead Court came to LEC and requested to speak with deputy regarding harassment.

•Complainant reported subject threatened to break her legs over a civil issue.

•Complainant reported there have been some social media threats made by subject.

•Complainant reported vehicle has parked on the street in front of location on W. Lincoln Street for over two weeks.

•Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.

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#### Nov. 21

•Complainant reported commercial burglary alarm at County Highway 4.

•Complainant reported commercial burglary alarm at W. Hatting Street.

•Complainant reported debris in roadway at U.S. Highway 75, mile marker 21.

•Subject came to LEC and requested to speak with deputy regarding harassment.

•Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported theft. •Dollar General reported

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.

•Complainant reported semitrailer parking in turn lane at Highway 75, County Road 7.

•Complainant reported vehicle parked in his reserved parking spot at Blue Mound Towers. Complainant called back. Issue was resolved.

•Reserved for POR registration.

•Complainant reported domestic at City Centre Apartments.

•Automated message reporting possible emergency at wheelchair lift at E. Dodge Street.

•Complainant reported semitrailer traveling at hazardously low rates of speed on I-90, mile marker 6. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant reported possible open door at S. Oaklev Street.

•Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.

•Complainant requested to speak with deputy for follow-up on domestic.

#### Nov. 22

•Complainant reported plastic debris from semitrailer in roadway on South Kniss. Complainant removed from lane of travel to boulevard.

•Complainant reported someone put a kid's bike in the back of his vehicle. Put in the bike impound.

•Complainant reported his tire was slashed last night. Vehicle is in driveway. He will

•Complainant on South Walnut reported the theft of her pickup.

•Complainant reported a vehicle ran a stop sign arm.

Driver was on cell phone.
•Shopko reported a fake

•Shopko reported a fake \$100 bill.

•Shopko reported an employee stealing from business.
•Reserved for tip information.

•Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.

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#### **Nov. 23**

•Received general fire alarm. Received call from the church. Something was smoking in the oven. All is under control.

•Complainant reported round bales on fire. No one is around.

•Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 21 traffic stops, 3 DWI incidents, 4 transports, 6 escorts, 22 ambulance runs, 3 alarms, 4 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 2 abandoned 911 calls, and issued 1 purchase/carry permit and 7 burn permits.

# Brouwer retires/from page 3A

winters have not been as severe and he now has better equipment and the roads are better maintained.

"Every year about a two mile stretch of road is built up and every seven years the board purchases a new road grader," he said.

"The township board and the people have been good to me."

Brouwer reminisced aboutformerboardmembers Cletus Nuffer, Don Soehl, JohnVanWyhe, Jim Jacobson, Leonard (Shorty) Leenderts, Dave Swanson, Dennis Erickson and Dan Siegfried.

Present township board members are Gawaine Diekevers, Allen Nuffer, Josh Rheault, treasurer Lucas Sandagerand clerk Doug Bos.

Brouwersaid with a smile, "My shoulder is sore from waving to everyone I met when I was operating the grader."

In his retirement he plans to restore old tractors.

An open house in his

An open house in his honor will be at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the Martin Township building.

# In the face of tight cash flows, producers need to keep eye on grain markets for price rallies

Most farm operators in the Upper Midwest have now completed their 2017 corn and soybean harvest and are finishing up with servicing equipment, as well as beginning end-of-the-year financial book work.

The late November and early December time frame is also a time to keep an eye on the grain markets to watch for any short-term corn and soybean price rallies. Many farm operators are facing tight cash flow situations as we end 2017 and head into 2018, so the opportunity to turn some grain inventories into cash would be a welcome opportunity.

The soybean market showed some surprising strength late in the week of November 13-17, posting an \$.18 per bushel increase on Nov. 17 in both nearby and July futures prices on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT). This was the highest level for the nearby CBOT soybean futures price in several weeks. In addition, the basis level between the nearby CBOT and local cash soybean prices has tightened in some locations in recent weeks, which has resulted in some of the best cash soybean price bids that we have seen all fall.

Current CBOT January soybean futures closed at \$9.90 per bushel on Nov. 17, which is about the same as mid-Novemberin 2016, butis over \$1.00 per bushel higher than mid-November in 2015. Nearby CBOT soybean futures on Nov. 17 closed near their highest closing price since late July this year.

There was a pretty sharp downturn in the soybean price immediately following the Nov. 9 USDA Crop Report and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate (WASDE); however, the soybean market seems to have recovered nicely in the week or so that followed.

The USDA Crop Report projected record 2017 U.S. harvested soybean acreage of 89.5 million acres, and a record U.S. soybean production of 4.42 billion bushels in 2017. This compares to a total U.S. soybean production of just over 3.9 billion bushels in both 2015 and 2014.



# **FSA News**

By Fraser Norton, director Rock County Farm Service Agency

Local cash soybean prices in southern Minnesota offer a similar scenario, with closing cash soybean prices on Nov. 17 ranging from near \$9.00 per bushel to \$9.45 per bushel, with the higher price levels being at the soybean processing plants.

Cash soybean prices in other areas of the Midwest are lower levels, where a wider basis from CBOT futures prices exists. The basis level from the nearby CBOT futures price to the cash soybean price at the soybean processing plants tightened by about \$.15 per bushel from early November until Nov. 17, which has made the cash soybean price bids more competitive. The \$9.45 per bushel closing cash soybean price at the some soybean processing plants on Nov. 17 was one of the highest closing prices since late July.

The current short-term strength in the soybean market is being driven by increasing demand for soybeans, both in the U.S. and globally. The U.S. soybean export levels and the domestic soybean crush levels have exceeded expectations and were increased again in the most recentWASDEReport on Nov. 9. However, the recent WASDE Report also projected the U.S. soybean ending stocks, or the carry-over level at the end of the 2017-18 marketing year on Aug. 31, 2018, to be 425 million bushels. This is 41 percent higher than the final estimated soybean ending stocks for 2016-17.

The projected 2017-18 soybean ending stocks, as well as the all-important "stocks-to-use" ratio, would be at the highest levels in the past couple of decades. This will likely temper any large-scale soybean price rallies in the coming months, unless there are growing season

weather problems with the South American soybean crop this winter.

Many producers took advantage of some strong soybean price levels early in 2017 to forward-price a portion of their expected 2017 soybean production at cash prices above \$9.50 per bushel. However, the forward cash soybean prices had dropped below \$9.00 per bushel in many areas of southern Minnesota by late summer and fall until the recentspike in the cash price.

Producers need to pay attention to cash soybean prices in the coming weeks and take advantage of any good pricing opportunities, when they exist. Many farm operators in southern Minnesota had 2017 soybean yields that were average to above average, so a cash soybean price of \$9.00 per bushel is most likely at a profitable level.

Local cash corn prices in southern Minnesota have not been nearly as encouraging as current soybean prices. Current cash corn prices have remained near \$3.00 per bushel or lower in recent weeks, and really have not changed much since mid summer. There is really nothing on the horizon to suggest that the cash corn price will improve anytime soon.

The Nov. 9 USDA Report projected a record U.S. average corn yield of 175.4 bushels per acre, and the second highest total U.S. corn production at 14.6 billion bushels. This only trails the 2016 record U.S. corn production level of 15.1 billion bushels, which was due to a lower level of harvested corn acres in 2017.

The projected U.S. corn ending stocks at the end of the 2017-18 marketing year

on Aug. 31, 2018, is 2.48 billion bushels, which would be at the highest level in two decades. Corn basis levels between CBOT prices and local cash corn prices in recent months have been at the widest level in many years. Given the very strong 2017 corn yields in many areas of the upper Midwest, which increases the local supply of corn, those basis levels are not likely to improve anytime soon.

USDA is currently estimating the market year average (MYA) corn price for 2017-2018 in a range from \$2.80-\$3.60 per bushel, or an average of \$3.20 per bushel, which compares to \$3.36 per bushelfor 2016-17 and \$3.61 per bushel for 2015-16. The cash corn prices in southern Minnesota have been running \$.10-\$.20 per bushel lower than the national MYA price levels. Very little 2017 corn was forward priced before corn harvest this year, so most farm operators are storing their corn, and hoping for better prices during the first half of 2018.

It is important for farm operators to develop a good grain marketing plan for the unpriced 2017 grain that is still in storage and to pay attention for temporary rallies in the grain markets. A good marketing plan should establish grain price targets that are based on realistic price expectations, as well as calculated crop production breakeven levels.

Producers are also encouraged to have target dates that are linked to grain marketing decisions and prices, especially with the unpriced corn and soybeans that are in storage.

Historically, in most years with large grain supplies, such as exist in 2017, cash grain prices for "old crop" corn and soybeans usually do not have large price increases following harvest unless there is a drought or other weather problem the following crop year.

For more information, call 507-283-2369, ext. 2, or stop by the Rock County FSA Office at 500 W. Gabrielson Road in Luverne.



# Star Herald COMMUNITY



Lori Sorenson photos/1130 LACF awards

This year 26 organizations received a total of \$69,000 from the Luverne Area Community Foundation. Representatives attending the Nov. 20 ceremony in Sterling's restaurant include (front row, from left) Dr. Nicole Woodley of Sanford Luverne, Luella Voigt of Blue Mound Area Theater, Corrine Bonnema of the Luverne Farmers Market, Jennifer Lindsey and Sara Wahl of the Southwest Crisis Center, Lisa Nath of Big Buddies of Rock County, Carrie Soto of the Luverne BackPack Program, Cathy Shearer of the Blue Mound Ice Arena, (second row) Shirley Connor of Blue Mound Area Theater, Jamie Reisdorfer of Sanford Luverne, Helen Saum of Sanford Luverne Hospice, Ladonna VanAartson of Blue Mound Area Theater, Phil Paquette of Luverne Public Schools, Evan Verbrugge of the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Greg Burger of ATLAS, Jim Susie from the City of Hills, Harlan VandeKieft of the Rock County Ambulance, Sara Hartquist of SHARE, Emily Crabtree of LACF, (third row) Cory Grimm of Luverne Street Music, Tom Rolfs of Sanford Luverne, Craig Oftedahl of the school ALICE Committee, Joe Schomacker of Good Samaritan Mary Jane Brown Home, Jordan Winter and Wade Hiller of the school ALICE Committee, Eric Hartman of the Luverne Rotary Club and Lee Sells of the Rock County Ag Society. Organizations not represented in the photo are Luverne Senior Dining, Lutheran Social Services, Hills-Beaver Creek School, Rock County Community Library and Luverne Fire Department.

# LACF conducts Celebration of Philanthropy

#### By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Community Foundation celebrated its 2017 season with a Celebration of Philanthropy Nov. 20 in Sterling's restaurant.

"This event has become one of our favorite nights as we get the opportunity to share with you all the good things that have happened this past year through grant dollars that are supported by the donors we get to call Friends of the Foundation," LACF director Emily Crabtree told the private gathering that filled the restaurant.

"When you choose to make the Community Foundation one of your charitable organizations, you make a mark in creating change, health, and growth in the community you love and live in."

Monday's event was an opportunity to recognize the 26 organizations that received a total of \$69,000 from LACF. Representatives from most of the grant recipients spoke briefly about their work and about how the grant money is utilized.

Crabtree said these groups are an inspiration for the community.

"I was overwhelmed by their response of humility, humbled that selfless acts would be recognized in such a way," she said about what it was like to deliver grant news to recipients. "May we be lifted up by their examples."

The annual Celebration of Philanthropy also recognizes award winners in three different categories.



First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Luverne, received the Luverne Area Community Foundation 2017 Outstanding Business Award during a Nov. 20 ceremony in Sterling's. Pictured are (front, from left) Maryln VanGroothest, LaDonna VanAartsen, Jill Buss, Michelle Jansma, Mike Schacht, Gayle Stegemann, Lisa Ehlers, Sandy Clark, LACF Director Emily Crabtree, (middle) Cris Oeltjenbruns, Tara Zewiske, Dale Roemmich, Lois Leuthold, Linda Goehle, Mike Engesser, Ryan Wynia, Peg Gacke, (back) Carol Foster, Brian Short, Paulette Richters, Mike DeBates and Jo Buss.

#### Spirit of Philanthropy

Betty Mann is this year's recipient of the Spirit of Philanthropy award, which recognizes commitment to charitable responsibility and generosity to inspire others to philanthropic action

"Betty's inspiration as a person of philanthropy comes in many forms," Crabtree said. "She gives generously of her heart, her time, her money and her passion."

She mentioned Mann's passion for the History Center and her 23 years as president of the Rock County Historical Society that preserved Rock County



Betty Mann (right with LACF director Emily Crabtree) received the 2017 Spirit of Philanthropy Award.

history through museums that grew from one building to six

"The research room and volunteers guided by Betty at the History Center have created a system of history collection that is invaluable," Crabtree said.

Mann said the work comes from her heart.

"It is so gratifying to help someone to find information on family or subject matter," she

In addition to her personal financial commitment to the community, Crabtree said Mann

donated her 2,800-piece nutcracker collection to attract people to the History Center.

"Betty told me that she gives because of how it makes her feel," Crabtree said.

Mann said, "I really enjoy doing things to help others. God has given me a great life and I feel happy when I can do something for others." She said she hopes that her work would inspire others to do the same.

#### Nonprofit Spotlight award

The Luverne BackPack Program received the 2017 Nonprofit Spotlight award for providing at-risk children with nutritious, easy to prepare food for the weekends while they're away from school meal programs.

The program, now in its ninth year, serves 180 students from age 3 to grade 12 and relies

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# 1962: Land for Luverne packing plant purchased from B.S. Hinkly

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

\$1.25 Million Industry to Locate Here

Premium Packing Co. Plans To Employ About 75 Persons

#### Will Ship Beef Carcasses

Premium Packing Co. will not do the complete packaging of beef products as does a packing house. It will, as "dressed beef" implies, slaughter beef animals, hold them in its cooler for 24 hours and ship dressed carcasses to eastern markets. It will not cut and package beef as do packing plants. None of the meat processed here will be sold locally. It will go by rail and truck to eastern chain stores and wholesale outlets.

The plant, a one-story brick and steel structure, will be built by Klinger Construction Co., of Sioux City. Cost of the building vs. equipment is expected to be near a "60-40" basis. Total cost of the building, equipment and land is about \$900,000.



By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

#### Purchase From Hinkly

Land for the plant is under option by the Industrial Development Committee from B.S. Hinkly and is in the process of purchase. The committee will assign the option to buy the land to Premium Packing Co.

#### By Products

Premium Packing will have yards for holding 1,000 live animals. By Products, such as meat scraps, tallow and hides, will be handled by special departments in the plant. Dennis said he expects the plant will ship about two loads of hides per week and an equal number of loads of tallow per week.

For its meat shipments, the plant's 440-head per day production will require an estimated total of 12 railroad cars per day. Delivery in Chicago will be on a next day service basis.

As an interstate shipper, the plant will operate within the codes of the Interstate Commerce Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Its employees will be furnished with clean uniforms daily.

#### Most Modern Equipment

"There will be no more modern equipment in use anywhere in the country than we will have here," Dennis declared. He pointed out that meat dressing plants have to use the most modern equipment to be competitive in the market. Cattle will be slaughtered under the humane slaughter requirements, with the use of power-operated stunning devices.

Dennis said his company has worked in close harmony throughout the planning stage for the plant with the Luverne Industrial Development Committee.

#### Frankly Appreciative

The president of the firm is frankly appreciative of the way city and country representatives of the county encouraged the plant and worked with the firm's leaders to make it a reality.

"I'm extremely happy with the way things have been going and the way we have been received," he said.

The story continues next week.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

# REMEMBER WHEN

#### 10 years ago (2007)

•Luverne residents may see a rate increase for water and wastewater following a recommendation by Missouri River Energy Services.

Rate Analyst Karen Weeden presented results of a rate study she'd conducted on Luverne's water and wastewater use during the Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Due to operating costs, capital improvements and other factors, she recommended the city increase its overall wastewater and water rates.

To keep pace with rising costs, wastewater rates will increase 8.6 percent the first year, starting in 2008, and 8.5 and 8.3 percent the two years after that.

#### 25 years ago (1992)

•After weeks of discussion, the Rock County Board of Commissioners Tuesday decided to go with its initial plan to join a regional landfill in Lyon County.

The Board tentatively agreed to join the Lyon County landfill at its Sept. 22 meeting. At the Board's following meeting, Schaap Sanitation in Nobles County requested that Rock County consider joining its landfill.

The Board instructed the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review the two options and make a recommendation. Board member Jane Wildung is a member of SWAC. She said Bill Ketterling, who has the county contract for collecting materials for recycling, presented a third plan at SWAC's last meeting. Ketterling suggested the county transfer garbage to Dickinson County, Iowa.

"We talked long and hard and looked at all of the numbers," Wildung said.

In the end, SWAC recommended Lyon County. The regional landfill had originally planned to charge \$50 per ton, but Wildung said the fee might be lowered to \$45 per ton.

#### 50 years ago (1967)

•The former Hills public School student today is worth \$3,000 to any Viet Cong who kills him, and all because he is devoting part of his time helping the South Vietnamese villagers to better themselves.

Sgt. John Bouwman, whose parents now live near Inwood and who is a brother to Mrs. Fred Tilstra, Luverne, is stationed with the 633<sup>rd</sup> Combat Support group of the U.S. Air Force in Plieku. For the past four months, he has been a member of an air rescue and recovery team which goes out to rescue downed pilots, and in addition works with Civics Action program which takes him out into the villages surrounding countryside.

### 75 years ago (1942)

•Ladies of the county will have an opportunity to get first hand information on buying, selecting and caring for war time clothing. Clifford R. Simon, county agent, says the Miss Linn, University extension clothing specialist will be in the county November 30, December 1 and 2, for this purpose. Miss Linn has a three-hour program of information on buying, selecting and caring of clothing which is now on the market.

All meetings will start at 1:30 p.m. and run for three hours. Two meetings are already scheduled: November 30 at the courthouse room in Luverne and December 1 in the annex of the Green Lantern in Hardwick, Plans are being made to schedule the meeting for December 2 in the vicinity of Hills and Beaver Creek.

# 100 years ago (1917) •The suit of C.A. Eshelman

against Andrew P. Ingelson, to recover damages for a horse so injured in an automobile accident that the animal had to be killed, still remains undetermined as to its merits, and the chances are that the case will never be settled in court, at least. The jury in this case in the district court, after being out for over eighteen hours, were unable to agree and were discharged by Judge Nelson on Thursday forenoon of last week. This is the second trial of this case, both trials resulting in a disagreement of the jury and it is said to be doubtful if another trial will be held.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### Card showers

Joan Heeren will celebrate her 85th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 3. Greetings may be sent to her at 1307 Northview Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

John and Alvina Hup will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 3. Greetings may be sent to them at The Oaks, 201 Oak Drive, Apt. 219, Luverne, MN 56156.

# MENU

Monday, Dec. 4: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, pineapple.

Program: 1 p.m. Senior Citizens meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake. Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by State Farm.

Wednesday, Dec. 6: Lasagna, California blend vegetables, pears, garlic bread, cookie.

Thursday, Dec. 7: Porkloin with gravy, mashed potatoes,buttered cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp. Program: Pastor of the Month, Pastor Palmquist of

Bethany Lutheran Church. Friday, Dec. 8: Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, au

gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, slice pie. Program: Dietitian Anne Marie.

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

# Luverne High School releases first quarter honor rolls

#### A Honor Roll

Seniors: Madelyn Aleman, Pradana Arviano, Hans Bakken, Trey Baustian, Anthony Cavazos, Isabella Donohue, James Erickson, Alexis Ferrell, Tyler Fick, Alexis Henrichs, Janae Kopp, Kasyn Kruse, Aric Meinerts, Jocilyn Oye, Samantha Pierce, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Megan Rogers, Zoey Sandbulte, Cody Sasker, Sierra Schmuck, Cade Ver Steeg, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, Mckenna Westphal.

Juniors: Nicole Aanenson, Caitlyn Allen, Jadyn Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Likki Chanthalangsy, Carissa Cunningham, Jedidiah Dooyema, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jacinda Hustoft, Brianna Jonas, Josiah Luethje, Derek Lundgren, Rylee Olson, Joel Ortiz, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Riley Severtson, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, McCall Stegenga, Grace Sweeney, Melissa Teal, Austin Winter, Jenna Zewiske, Matthew Ziegler.

Sophomores: Dalwa Alinizi, Isaiah Bartels, Claire Baustian, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Quinn Buss, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Carson Ehde, Hannah Ehlers, Madigan Flom, Jonah Friedrichsen, Meagan Hansen, Nicole

Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Kacie Kracht, Sophia Lanoue, Carter Loosbrock, Jonah Louwagie, Kaitlyn McDowell, Reka Meinerts, Nathan Nekali, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Nicholas Rogers, Matthew Sehr, Brayden Tofteland, Andrew Wagner, Austin Watts-Boll, Jordan Winter.

Freshmen: Russell Aanenson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Annaliese Braucht, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Kaden Lampron-DeSollar, Destiny Matthiesen, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Gracie Zewiske.

#### B Honor Roll

Seniors: Felicity Austin, Emilie Bartels, Declan Beers, Jarod Berndt, Andrew Bierman, Ashlee Boltjes, Gracie Bosch, Lane Bruhn, Madilyn Dinger, Chandler Eitreim, Samantha Faber, Kathryn Fick, Derek Fodness, Coy Gonnerman, Anika

Gust, Elijah Haugom, Alena Hillers, Oscar Holmberg, Zane Holmgren, Brianna Huether, Pernille Kjoerum, Timothy Lingen, Courtney Meeker, Genevieve Natte, Alexander Nelson, Jaxon Nelson, Friederik Nielsen, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Rachel Oftedahl, Donald Ray, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jayden Renken, Trey Roberts, Michaella Sandbulte, Ethan Thorson, Daniel Tofteland, Ashley Van Wettering, Wyatt VanSteenBerg, Hannah Ver

Juniors: Greta Ahrendt, Carter Baumberger, Shane Berning, Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Timothy Click, Carson Davis, Lillian Donohue, Zachary Evans, Julia Ferguson, Jackson Golla, Quinn Graber, Tia Hadler, Jake Haugen, Abraham Hernandez, Halle Hough, Brayden Jacobsma, Luke Jarchow, Matthew Jelken, Michelle Kramer, Faith Mounce, Courtney Nath, Nathan Overgaard, Justyce Ripka, Oscar Serreyn, Grace Steensma, William Stegenga, Mark Sterrett, Eric Thorson, Evan Ushijima, Courtney Wendland, Cameron Wessels, Mikayla Wiederhoeft.

**Sophomores**: Martin Anderson, Michelle Arevalo, Tate Baum, Justice Brandt, Jocelyne Cazares, Anita Cole-Kraty, Marshal Dammann, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Sara Ernst, Noah Herman, Zayda Holmgren, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Hudson, Chandra Javner, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, GabrielleMiller, BrandonMills, Meghan Mollberg, Samantha Niessink, Mallory Oye, Tyler Roberts, Henry Rolling, Ainsley Rysdam, Colton Schutz, Mason Steensma, Cole Stoltenberg, Gavin Stone, Mallory Thorson, Jacob Von Tersch, Mason Wenzel, Sydney Wicks, Meghan Witte.

Freshmen: Zachary Ahrendt, Rebecca Austin, Anna Boltjes, Ethan Curtiss, Tyricia Davis, Tyler de Cesare, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Dillon Englert, Cassie Flanagan, Eduardo Godines, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Emma Hinz, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Elisabeth Kelm, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Hailey Kruger, Alex Mann, Katlin Petronek, Sadie Reisdorfer, Jayson Rops, William Rysdam, Hunter Sandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Savannah Siebenahler, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Leah Wynia.

# **O**BITUARIES

#### **Mildred Robinson**

Mildred Ruth Robinson, 99, Luverne, died Friday,

Nov. 24, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Monday, Nov. 27, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial of cremains was in the Adrian Cemetery.

Mildred Dorothy was born April 18, 1918, to Thomas and Marie (Spease) Dorothy in Plankinton, South Dakota.

Mildred married Thomas Robinson on April 12, 1942, in Adrian. After their marriage, the couple lived in Adrian for a short time before moving to Worthington. Mildred worked at the Worthington Hospital and later in the cafeteria at the Worthington High School. In 1992 the couple moved back to Luverne.

Mildred was a mem-

ber of the United Methodist Church in Luverne and the Hannah Circle. She enjoyed reading, gardening, crossword puzzles, and was a hospice volunteer.

Mildred is survived by her daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Watts, Luverne; her

son, David Robinson, Vancouver, Washington; three grandsons, Russell Whitehead, Paul Whitehead and Alan Robinson; a niece; and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas, on April 22. 1996: and two sisters.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingman-

nandsons.com.

(1130 F)

#### **Arlene Mann**

Arlene Amanda Mann, 83, formerly of Luverne, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, at the Bethany Home in Brandon, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 4, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Arlene Burmeister and her twin sister, Darlene, were born on Nov. 5, 1933, to Gustav and Amanda (Paulsen) Burmeister in Luverne. Arlene was baptized on Feb. 4, 1934, and confirmed on July 6, 1947, both at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

At the age of 11, Arlene began working at The Eighty Drive-In in Luverne. Three years later she started at Renfro Variety. She continued to work at the variety store after she graduated from Luverne High School in 1951.

On Dec. 27, 1953, Arlene married Eugene Mann at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. The couple began their married life in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where Eugene was stationed with the United States Army. In 1954 they moved to the army base at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. After Eugene's discharge later that same year, the couple returned to the Luverne area to begin farming.

Once her children were through elementary school, Arlene worked at Sears and Shaw Drugstore in Luverne. In 1982 Arlene and Eugene retired from farming and moved into Luverne.

In 2013 they became residents of Bethany Meadows in Brandon, South Dakota.

Arlene was a member

of Bethany Lutheran Church

in Luverne. She participated in Ladies Aid, Extension Club, and voluntee red with4-H. Arlene loved woodworking, sewing, and making crafts of all kinds. She enjoyed designing church banners, bulletin boards, and

other Christian and seasonal decorations. She also enjoyed playing the organ and card games. She and Eugene spent time traveling in their camper.

Arlene is survived by her husband, Eugene, Brandon; five children, Belinda (Daniel) Kroska, St. Joseph, Brian(Patty)Mann,Cheyenne, Wyoming, Brenda (Mark) Mann Harrison, Snohomish, Washington, Bryce (Stacey) Mann, Lewes, Delaware, and Benita (Scott) Dingman, Bemidji; 13 grandchildren, Josh Mann, Eric Mann, Angi Pense, Shari Gilbert, Elizabeth Harrison DeVivi, Leah Harrison Naccarato, Blake Mann, Brynn Mann, Bryan Mann, Alexis Burger, Victoria Burger, Ryan Dingman and Mya Dingman Totzauer; 5 great-grandchildren; a twin sister and brother-in-law: Darlene (Walt) Johnson, Brooklyn Park; and a sister-in-law, Betty

Burmeister, Luverne. She was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Elaine (Peter) Jensen, and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Richard Burmeister and Wayne (Doloris) Burmeister.

Memorials are preferred to Bethany Lutheran Church Ladies' Aid.

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

(1130 F)

#### Roger Lorenzen

Roger Lorenzen, 66, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at St. Charles Hospital in Madras, Oregon, after a long battle with cancer.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Nov. 21 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Madras. Christian burial will be at a later date in Trosky.

Roger Lorenzen was born on March 26, 1951, to Gerald and Lois Lorenzen in Pipestone. He grew up in Jasper on a farm. He graduated from high school in 1969. He earned a 2-year degree in automotive mechanics from the Pipestone Area Vocational School.

Roger married Linda Goracke on Aug. 22, 1970, in Morris. He then was drafted into the military during the Vietnam War and chose to join the Army National Guard in 1971. He was honorably discharged in 1977.

Upon arrival in Oregon later in 1971 Roger lived in Madras where he worked as a mechanic for the Ford Garage for four years before moving back to Minnesota to farm again.

He moved back to Madras in 1985 and worked for Palmain Auto for several years before moving on to Prince's Auto and finally to the local Chevrolet dealer-

> Gruner Chevrolet. Roger always had a passion for working with the land and animals. In his early years he

ship, currently Gary

attended cattle auctions with his father to purchase calves and nurse them backtohealth. In his later years he raised hogs from piglets in his free time. Roger also raised piglets for youthin 4-H and was always willing to donate for a fundraiser or to people in need.

Roger was member of St. Patrick's Church.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lorenzen; a son, Robert Lorenzen; siblings Judy (David) Dunn, Karen (Rick) Kitto, Doug Lorenzen, Shirley (Alan) Roemeling, Patty Frey, Jayne (Greg) Nordang, Joel Lorenzen, Jeffery Lorenzen, and Bradley Lorenzen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Geraldine, Jaqueline and Pamela; and one brother, Michael.

Arrangements were provided by Bel-Air Colonial Funeral Home of Madras.

(1130 F)

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### Russell Van Voorst

of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

**LeRoy Luitjens** 

at his home.

Russell Van Voorst, 71, Luverne, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

**DEATH NOTICES** 

LeRoy W. Luitjens, 93, Luverne, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017,

A funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the

First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial with full military

honors will be in the Worthington Memorial Garden cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, with a Masonic

service at 7 p.m., at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne and

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home

also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors will  $follow at Maplewood\,Cemetery in\,Luverne.\,Visitation\,will\,be\,from$ 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home in (1130 DN) Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.



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### Towne Square development details come into focus on South Highway 75/continued from page 1A

be resolved with variances and conditional use permits, but McClure said the Towne Square case is unique enough to qualify as a Planned Unit Development.

He pointed to the verbiage of the city's PUD zoning ordinance: "It is to accommodate such innovative proposals, even those that may "mix" land uses within a development, exceed stipulated residential densities or depart from the traditional lot sizes, that the PUD district is developed."

McClure said there are good reasons for zoning restrictions, but PUDs allow for common sense exceptions that benefit the community.

"You can't create rules for everything," he said.

"This is an exception to the rule."

The last time the city used PUD as a development tool was in the 1990s for the Cashin Drive townhome neighborhood.

#### Water, neighbors and traffic

Warren Baker and Steve Cattnach were among the handful of community members who attended Monday's public hearing.

Baker asked how his property along Freeman Avenue to the east of Towne Square would be affected by storm water runoff. "I live downstream from this," he said.

 $McClure\,assured\,him\,that$ any construction of the size and scope of Towne Square is required by state law to have engineers develop a storm water management plan.

Engineers would likely consider a retention basin toward the east end of the lot, but McClure said Sharkee's and Mert's Repair had similar hard surfaces, and with the green space planned for Towne Square, water runoff may be similar.

Baker also asked what kind of tenants would be living in the apartments.

"I gotta live with these people," he said about his future neighbors.

City Administrator John Call said the apartments will be "marketrate" rentals, which means the units will cater to young professionals earning \$40,000 to \$50,000.

"These won't be the cheap apartments in town," McClure

Because market-rate rental units are in heavy demand



Landscaping, patios, balconies and other aesthetic details will be part of the plan, with parking in the rear of the buildings. The future Luverne Loop biking and hiking trail will be located along the south border (Hatting Street) and it will be a key component in the development plan. Developer William Ludwig said Towne Square could accommodate four or five business tenants in the primary ground level spaces. The two corner units on each end have drive-through capabilities.

all over the state, Minnesota officials are working with Ludwigto offer Workforce Housing Program incentives to help him build the quality units and keep the rates affordable for working professionals.

"They've been wonderful to work with," Ludwig said Monday night about Minnesota housing officials. "I haven't encountered this in other states where I've done business."

Cattnach asked about traffic patterns at Hatting and Highway 75.

"Right now you wait forever to get on Highway 75 at certain times of the day," he said.

McClure acknowledged that increased activity will certainly mean increased traffic, but the extent of traffic and driving patterns depend on the types of business tenants that occupy the property.

Call said it would be a good problem to have.

"Sometimes we like more traffic, because it means more people and more business," he said. "It's kind of a doubleedged sword."

Traffic management, if necessary, would up to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, since Kniss Avenue is a state highway.

#### Meeting demand

Ludwig said Towne Square could accommodate four or five business tenants in the primary ground level spaces. The two corner units on each end have drivethrough capabilities.

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

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

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

The Towne Square residential offerings will range from single to three-bedroom units of varying sizes and amenities. For example, some of the one-bedroom units will be

designed larger living spaces for couples, while others will cater to singles.

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

Ludwig, an architect and urban planner from Des Moines, Iowa, originally brought his proposal to the city in June.

'The intent is to create a center of activity where people live, work, shop and entertain," Ludwig told the city in his initialproposalthatwasaccepted this summer.

"We expect to attract people from the existing city limits as well as surrounding areas and highway travelers.... Towne Square will become a destination."

The Planning and Zoning recommendation to develop the area as a Planned Unit **Development Zoning District** will go to the City Council for final approval at a future council meeting.

# SOUTH KNISS AVENUE (US HWY 75) WEST HATTING STREET

# Philanthropy is showcased at annual LACF ceremony/continued from page 1A

on a volunteer board and charitable gifts.

BackPack Program president Carrie Soto reports that 98 cents of every dollar goes directly for the purchase of food, and businesses, churches, coffee groups, etc. volunteer to pack food bags each week to be placed anonymously in lockers of eligible students.

"We have a beautiful community and it becomes easy to think that issues like food insecurity don't exist," Soto

"By speaking about the issue, the challenges, and needs of many of the families that we serve, we have been able to help bring about a greater understanding and sense of collaboration."

She said this all falls in

line with the group's mission of "enriching lives one bite at a time."

#### Outstanding Business

First Farmers & Merchants Bank of Luverne received the 2017 Outstanding Business award, which recognizes a business that creates a culture of philanthropy within its organization.

Reading a statement from the bank, Crabtree said, "Leaders of FF&M share that 'We are grateful to live in a community that recognizes the needs of our community."

FF&M Bank financially supports youth programs, community fundraisers and events, educational needs, programs for senior citizens, agricultural projects and organizations, nutrition causes, health and wellness programs and preservation programs.

There are 28 in all, and the bank staff members serve on 34 local committees and organizations. The bank co-sponsors the

free monthly family movie night and has served the Relay for Life and BackPack program from their beginnings. "When a need in the com-

munity presents, FF&M reacts, often leading the charge with financial commitment," Crabtree said.

In-house fundraising through bake sales and cash for jeans day on Fridays is used for charitable programs.

"Bank employees are encouraged and supported to be involved on local boards, civic organizations and volunteerbased causes," Crabtree said.



Luverne's BackPack Program received the Luverne Area Community Foundation 2017 Nonprofit Spotlight Award. Pictured are (from left) LACF director Emily Crabtree and BackPack volunteers Cindy Arends, Rhonna Jarchow, Theresa Graff, Carrie Soto, Lisa Dinger and Ginger Schomacker. Lori Sorenson photos/1130 LACF awards

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# Star Herald ARIETY







The 2,800-piece nutcracker collection (left) is a major draw for tourists visiting the History Center on East Main Street. In the center photo, Historical Society President Betty Mann talks to a group of visitors Monday about the replica sod shanty. "Can you believe a family of six lived in there," she remarked. Visiting that day were (clockwise from front, center) Lavonne (Untiedt) Schardin, Grafton, North Dakota; Tom Untiedt, New Hope; Jason Schardin, Brooklyn Center; Patsy (Untiedt) Kaski, Arizona, and Jon Schardin, Dickerson, North Dakota. At right, Darrel Van Aartsen attaches light fixtures to the exterior of the History Center Monday, completing one of the final building details.

# Grand celebration

# Replica shanty of first permanent county homesteader among many History Center attractions

#### Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

The History Center on East Main Street in Luverne will celebrate its grand opening next weekend with a ribbon-cutting and tours.

Historical Society President Betty Mann has often referred to the History Center as her "dream come true," and Friday will be another chance to reflect.

"I'm very pleased," she said Monday, adding that a few displays still need filling and a few details need to be completed. "But history never ends; you keep doing what you can."

One of the special displays at the History Center is Mann's nutcracker collection, now totaling over 2,800 pieces, which she donated to the History Center as a unique attraction.

"People used to come to my home to see the nutcrackers," she said. "Families, mostly, but I had a bus tour once."

She donated the collection to the History Center following the move from the former museum in the Masonic Lodge on Freeman Avenue.

And now the odd nutcrackers of all shapes, sizes, ages and origins are a big reason people come downtown. This summer more than 2,000 visitors toured the collection and the History Center.

"That's the reason I gave them to the museum; that was my hope — to get people to come in and see what we have," Mann said. "What we have is very special." The History Center ribbon-cutting will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

Open house is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 10-5 p.m. Saturday.

On average, about 250 visitors come per month — mostly to see the nutcrackers, but also to marvel at the other History Center offerings, which include tasteful displays telling Rock County's history — its churches, schools, communities, pioneers and businesses.

Mann said that's what's most satisfying for her. "People come in and do genealogy research, and sometimes they'll just come and read," she said. "I love that."

The round Main Street window showcases the Luverne Automobile, a source of local pride.

The Christmas Haus gift shop overlooks the parking lot near the entrance and beckons shoppers with its twinkling lights and holiday colors.

"These crazy little round blinking balls have been really popular," Mann said. "They're so ugly they're cute."

She also points to the handcrafted "ginger houses" with holes in their floors. When placed on a bulb,



Historical Society President Betty Mann (above) has often referred to the History Center as her "dream come true," and Friday will be another chance to reflect. "... history never ends; you keep doing what you can," she said about a few details need to be completed. At right, the blinking ornaments in the Christmas Haus have been popular items.

their lighted interiors reveal countless miniature indoor details.

But many treasures are found in the rooms inside.

Mann would like the community to know that proceeds from the sale of Christmas Haus merchandise are used to help fund the operation of the History Center and the Hinkly Haus with monthly costs of \$1,000.

# Sod shanty tells story of early pioneers

One of the inside attractions is a sod shanty built as a replica of the first homestead claim in Rock County.



Deborah Estey and her five boys — like many others at the time — took advantage of the Homestead Act that encouraged people to move out on the prairie and make improvements to the land. After five years of residency, the land was theirs to own.

"The Esteys are considered the first permanent settlers in Rock County," Mann said.

At least one of her boys would have to have been full-grown, because they were the ones to stake the claim.

They came in 1867 to the area now known as Ash Creek and built a shanty two miles

north of the Iowa border.

"The dimensions were 9 feet across the front and 16 feet long, which sounds doable," Mann said. "But it was 7 feet tall at the front and slanted down to 9 inches tall in the back."

Mann has done research on other sod homes, dugouts and other claim shanties. Her own great-grandfather, Morris C. Smith, arrived in Rock County in 1869 and built a sod home. "They cut chunks of sod and stacked them on top of each other," she said.

But she isn't aware of others being built like the Estey home.

"The dimensions are just bizarre," Mann said. "But I've read in several places this is what they were."

She said it was made out of logs from the river — there were no trees on the prairie except by the river.

"We don't know what the roof was made of," Mann said of the Estey home. "We don't know what the front door was. But we know the dimensions."

Luverne High School students Hans Bakken and Knute Oldre were helping with projects at the History Center when the shanty project was being considered, and they took on the challenge of building it.

"I'm so proud of those two boys," Mann said. "They took it on and figured it out, and I just let them go with it."

They used logs from the river (donated by Mike Davis) as the early settlers would have had to do, but in order to make it safe, they built a 2-by-4 frame and attached the split logs to the outside.

The shanty and all the other History Center displays will be open for tours during Winterfest this weekend.

The History Center ribbon-cutting will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and the open house will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 10-5 p.m. Saturday.

The Rock County Historical Society is led by board members Betty Mann, Linda Bakken, Dolly Remme, George Langford, Jan Brandenburg, Naidine Aanenson, Keith Elbers, Greg Burger, Al Stoakes, Jane Wildung Lanphere, and Ron Feucht.

The society currently has 155 members, and a group of volunteers meets Tuesday afternoons at the History Center

The Historical Society welcomes all volunteers and can be reached at 507-283-2122.



Children are encouraged to participate in a scavenger hunt this weekend in the History Center.



At left are handcrafted "ginger houses" in the Christmas Haus gift store. They have holes in their floors and when placed on a bulb, their lighted interiors reveal countless miniature indoor details. Proceeds from the sale of Christmas Haus merchandise are used to help fund the operation of the History Center and the Hinkly Haus with monthly costs of \$1,000.

Above are display cases that were once used in Luverne's legendary Nelson Bros. Department Store. Also displayed nearby is an original Nelson Bros. sales ledger book.

At right is a covered wagon recently rebuilt and donated by Eugene Sandager, Hills, to the History Center. "Can you imagine traveling across the country with all your belongings in there," Betty Mann remarked Monday during a tour for visitors.





# Star Herald PORTS



ohn Rittenhouse photo/1130 lgh 9

Luverne seventh-grader Kamryn Van Batavia attempts to take the passing lane away from New Ulm's Madeline Gag during a conference hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Nov. 21.

# Girls open conference play with split

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team opened Big South Conference play by splitting a pair of games at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

New Ulm saddled the Cardinals with an eight-goal setback Nov. 21, but LHS broke even by skating to a four-goal victory over Minnesota River Saturday.

The 3-2 Cardinals play in Windom Thursday before hosting Mankato West.

#### Luverne 5, MR 1

The Cardinals evened the conference record at 1-1 by rolling to a four-game home win over Minnesota River Saturday.

Led by multi-point games from Shelby Kracht (four points), Kamryn Van Batavia (three points) Rozilyn Oye (three points) and Reghan Bork (two points), Luverne scored five unanswered goals in the first two periods of play to set the stage for a four-goal contest.

Kracht, who led the Cards with three assists, opened the scoring with a goal 1:10 into the first period before Van Batavia made it 2-0 with 11:11 remaining in the stanza.

Oye capped a three-goal first period for Luverne when she netted her first of two goals at the 9:25 mark of the stanza.

Oye and Bork upped the lead to 5-0 by registering power-playgoals in the second period.

Oye struck first with 10:33 remaining and Bork added another tally with 2:12 left in the period.

Minnesota River avoided being blanked when Emma Doherty-Bohnscored 6:21 into the third period.

Van Batavia charted two assists for the winners, while Oye and Bork added one each. Emilie Bartels saved 21 of the 22 shots she faced in goal

for the Cards.
Luverne finished the game with 46 shots on goal.

NU 8, Luverne 0

The Cardinals received an eye-opening experience when they opened Big South Conference play against the New Ulm Eagles Nov. 21 at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The Eagles, a veteran team led by four solid seniors, controlled the game from beginning to end during an eight-goal drubbing of LHS.

NU scored at least two goals

in every period and outshot the Cards 49-11 during a convincing victory. Ali Beltz led the charge for the Eagles by turning in a four-

point effort that included her

registering a hat trick.

NU got off to a fast start by netting three first-period goals.

Madeline Gag opened the scoring 2:30 into the contest and Jayda Helget upped the lead to 2-0 with a goal that came with 8:44 remaining in the stanza.

Dani Weiss capped the three-goal period by scoring with 7:25 remaining.

LHS played its best period of the night during a second stanza that included both teams directing eight shots on goal.

NU, however, put the puck

in the net twice.

Beltz registered a powerplay tally with 7:24 remaining

and Jackie Cowing scored 1:05 later to make it a 5-0 difference.

The Eagles completed their conquest by scoring three times in the third period.

Beltz wrapped up her hat trick by scoring twice in the first 8:40 of the period.

Elle Cooper registered the final goal of the night with 6:00 left to play.

Molly Scheid led the Eagles with two assists, while Caleigh Heck, Gag, Beltz, Weiss, Helget and Lauren Klein charted one assist each.

Emilie Bartels made 41 saves in net for LHS, while Cassie Reed turned in an 11-save shutout for NU.



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Luverne football players Payne Bonnett (front, left), Declan Beers (front, middle), Charlie Reisch (front, right) and Tyler Reisdorfer (back, right) made the 2017 South Central District Western Division All-District Football Team. Max Skattum (back, left) and Nathan Nekali (back, middle) drew honorable mention. LHS finished the season with a 5-5 record.

# Luverne football players rake in postseason honors

#### By John Rittenhouse

Six Luverne High School football players received postseason honors for their onfield performances during the 2017 season.

Four Cardinals made the South Central District White Division All-District Football Team and two more Cardinals drew honorable mention recognition.

Making the 31-player All-District squad from LHS include seniors Declan Beers and Tyler Reisdorfer and juniors Payne Bonnett and Charlie Reisch.

Junior Max Skattum and sophomore Nathan Nekali are two of 15 players to draw honorable mention recognition from the league's coaches.

Redwood Valley and Pipestone, which shared the

District championship with 6-1 records, led the league by receiving six and five All-District selections respectively.

RWV seniors Logan Josephson, Mitchell Irlbeck, Travis Rebstockand Thomas Amberg and juniors Corbin Wabasha and Cole Woodford made the team

Seniors Garrett Ploeger and Tyl Woebler and juniors Matt Enger, Braeden Rieck and Chris Najera represent the Arrows.

Jackson County Central and Blue Earth Area matched Luverne by landing four All-District selections.

Seniors Ethan Lindley, Jacob Tvinnereim, Dylan Svoboda and Preston Mix are the Huskies on the team.

Seniors Jacob Vaske, Jordan Huse, Rylee McGuire and Trevor Oppedal represent BEA. Windom seniors Wyatt Minion and Luke Gilbertson and junior Alex Borsgard grace the

All-District roster.
St. James senior Austin
Durheim and junior Jacob Brey
and Martin County West senior
Aaron Burmeister and junior
Tahi Risk round out the roster.

Other players receiving honorable mention include BEA senior Joe Schavey and sophomore Caelan Sanders, JCC seniors Zach Poelaert and Damien Van Westen, MCW seniors Logan Ebeling and Colby Williamson, Pipestone seniors Jamison Vander Wal and Jordan Baatz, RWV senior Spencer Quastand sophomore Chad Maddock, Windom seniors Dalton Smith and Kadon Eldor and St. James junior Parker Jones.

# Seven Adrian gridders grace honorary list of athletes

### By John Rittenhouse

Seven members of the Adrian High School football program collected postseason honors from the Southwest District Eastern Division coaches.

Two Dragons made the 2017 All-District team and two other Adrian players received honorable mention.

Three more AHS players made the District's All-Academic football squad.

Seniors Ryan Wieneke and Landon Rogers made the 26-player All-District roster, while senior Nick Harder and sophomore Lance Luettel landed two of 14 honorable awards doled out by the coaches.

Senior Skylar Polzine and juniors Tucker Wieneke and Dakota John are three of 20 members of the District's AllAcademic Team.

District champion Wabasso led all teams by landing six All-District selections.

Seniors Nick Altermatt, Cooper Taylor, Colton Taylor, Isaac Schmeising, Jacob Plaetz and Ty Kemp are the Rabbits on the roster.

New Ulm Cathedral placed five players on the All-District roster.

Seniors B.J. Mages, Colton Braulick, Tyler Wilson, Nate Hauser and David Berg represent the Greyhounds.

Murray County Central secured four All-District selections.

Senior Zach Aanenson and juniors Kolten Wendorff, Teagan Peschges and Noah Boerboom grace the list for the Rebels.

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Sleepy Eye and Springfield gained three All-District selections each.

Seniors Moses Dolan, Austin Buchholz and Nash Meyer made the team from T-M-B, while senior Carter Tauer and juniors Landon Strong and Isaac Velasquez represent SE.

Springfield's selections include senior Devin Johnson, junior James Ploeger and

sophomore Decker Scheffler.
Other honorable mention selections include Wabasso seniors Myles Zeug and Tony Franta, NUC seniors Zack Helget and Matt Guggisberg, MCC juniors Justin Benda and Ethan Swanson, T-M-B juniors Jake Byrne and Matt Timmerman, SE senior Zach Haala and junior Jacob Berg and Springfield senior Andrew Beckman and sophomore Mason Rommel.



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Adrian's Ryan Wieneke (back, middle) and Landon Rogers (front, second left) made the 2017 All-Southwest District Eastern Division Football Team. Nick Harder (front, left) and Lance Luettel (back, right) received honorable mention. Skylar Polzine (back, left), Dakota John (front, second right) and Tucker Wieneke (front, right) made the District's All-Academic Team.

# Schedules to test LHS winter teams as season begins

What should be an interesting winter sports season for Luverne High School teams week.



tests of the campaign before the coming weekend is complete, and each team faces different types of challenges with their schedules.

Fans of the Luverne hockey teams might want to make sure they take in as many December games as possible.

The LHS girls, a team that was expected to be hard-pressed to produce points this year, has turned some heads by sporting a 3-2 record after recording a home win Saturday.

The Cardinals face a hectic schedule the rest of this year as they are expected to play 18 of their 25 regular season games before Jan. 1.

That leaves seven more regular season games after the first of the year, and two of them will be home games.

The LHS boys, the defending Section 3A champions, are scheduled to play 15 of their 25 games on the road this season.

Twelve of the 25 games are scheduled to take place prior to Jan. 1, and 10 of the 13 games after the first of the year are road contests.

The LHS wrestling and gymnastics teams will spend a good share of their seasons competing at other venues.

The Cardinal wrestlers will not compete in Luverne until January.

Luverne will take the mat at eight different venues between Saturday and Jan. 13 before hosting

# FROM THE **SIDELINES**

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

three triangulars from Jan. 16 to Jan. 30.

The Cardinal gymnasts will make their first and only home appearance in the month of December on Tuesday after opening the season in St. James on Friday.

Luverne's next three outings will be on the road before they host the first of two January meets on Jan. 12.

The good news for the gymnasts is their Feb. 1 meet against Marshall will not be their final home appearance as the Cardinals host the Section 3A meet Feb. 17.

The Luverne boys' basketball team, which plays 14 of its 25 games on the road this winter, has a lot of home showings early in the year.

The Cardinals host Southwest Christian to open the season Friday, and it will be their first of nine home games prior to Jan. 20.

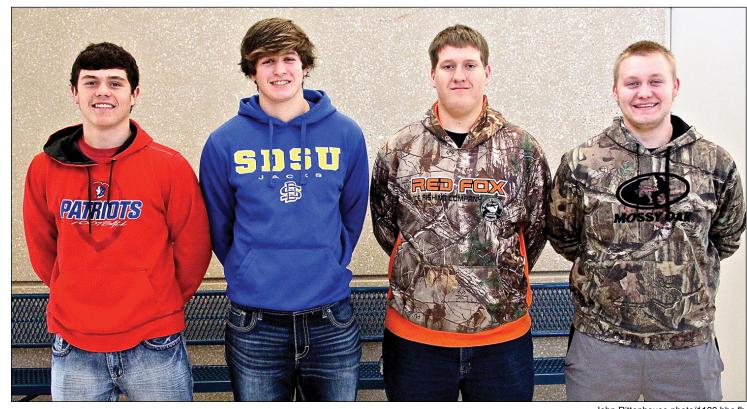
After that, eight of Luverne's next 11 games will be on the road.

The LHS girls' basketball team could have the school's most favorable schedule with 13 of their 25 games being played at home.

Six of Luverne's first eight games will be staged in town prior to Dec. 20, including the season opener staged Tuesday (Nov. 28) against Edgerton.

As usual, all of Luverne's schedules are subject to change due to the weather.

I'm hoping for a mild winter with limited events being rescheduled.



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Six Hills-Beaver Creek football players received postseason honors last week. Preston Maassen (left), Jesse Elbers (second, right), Garrett Raymon (right) and Trenton Bass (below) made the 2017 South District Western Division All-District Football Team. Jax Wysong (second, left) and Gavin Wysong (below) received honorable mention.

# Six Patriots grace roster of South District Western Division Football Team

By John Rittenhouse

Six members of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School football team received postseason honors from coaches from the South District Western Division last week.

Four Patriots made the 33-player All-District team and two more H-BC players landed a pair of the 20 honorable mention selections doled out by the coaches.

Seniors Trenton Bass, Jesse Elbers and Preston Maassen and junior Garrett Raymon made the All-District team from H-BC.

Sophomore Jax Wysong and freshman Gavin Wysong drew honorable mention.

Red Rock Central and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, which placed first and second respectively in the District, led all teams by securing five selections each to the All-District squad.

Seniors Sam Hansen, Brady Rasmussen, Garrett Marsh, Spencer Simonson and junior Jared Schroepfer made the team for RRC, while seniors Westin Kirk, Jonah Johnson



and Jake Fischer and juniors Cooper Hansen and Carter Hansen represent R-T-R.

RRC's Hansen was named the District's Back of the Year. RRC's Isaac Jenniges was named the District's Coach of the Year and R-T-R's Kirk was named the District's Defensive Player of the year.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Mountain Lake Area and Edgerton-Ellsworth matched



Wysong

H-BC by placing four players each on the All-District squad.

W-WG seniors Anthony Ross and Kyle Kuehl, junior Andrew Quade and sophomore Abraham Stoesz made the team for W-WG, while senior Jeff Wright, juniors Drake Harder and Jesse Jepsen and sophomore Abraham Stoesz represent MLA.

E-E seniors Trey Gilbertson and Jaden Bloemendaal and juniors Zach Johnson and Perker Carlson cracked the list. Gilbertson was named the District's Lineman of the Year.

Renville County West senior Eric Piceno, junior Jaime Castillo and freshman Jaden Kolker grace the All-District list, as do MACCRAY seniors Braden Hoekstra and Sam Hilbrands.

Fuldajunior Levi Spittle and Heron Lake-Okabena senior Wyatt Schumacher round out the All-District team.

Other honorable mention selections include RCC senior Jordan Rogotzke and junior Austin Irlbeck, R-T-R senior Evan Swanson and junior Jon Lucero, W-WG junior Ethan Parker and sophomore Jace Paplow, MLA seniors A.J. Vongsy and Reynaldo Capetillo, E-E seniors Landon Buckridge and Mitch Schaap, RCW senior Trent Kjersten and sophomore Jack Howard, MACCRAY juniors Kelby Jaenisch and Jakob Zuidema, Fulda senior Dalton Slinger and junior Eli Gonzalez and HL-O seniors Ethan Becker and Hunter Lubben.

### Skating debut

Three members of the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club opened the 2017-18 season at the New Ulm Fall Festival Nov. 18-19. Hannah Henning (left), Riley Severtson (middle) and Kendall Buss (right) combined efforts to win eight event titles at the competition. The threesome scored enough points for the BMFSC to place fourth in a field of nine teams led by Sioux Falls. Find complete results for the local skaters on the Star Herald website.



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Saturday, Dec. 2: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 3: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Thursday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m. Head Start. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day.

> **Luverne Christian Reformed Church** 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luverncrc.com — luvernecrc@ymail.com Roger Sparks, Pastor

#### First Baptist Church 1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org Walt Moser, Pastor

 $Thursday, Nov.\,30:6\,a.m.\,Men's\,Bible\,Study.\,7\,p.m.\,Worship\,service\,on\,Channel$ 3. Sunday, Dec. 3: 9:15 Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 7: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

#### **Grace Lutheran Church**

#### 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 30: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Dec. 1: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 3: Noisy Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; First-grade milestones and baptisms. Charitable Giving Conference followed by coffee fellowship; Adult Study; Grades 1-5 Christmas practice. Monday, Dec. 4: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Confirmation grades 6-9; Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, Dec. 7:8:30 a.m. MIA. 1:30 p.m. Endowment Meeting.

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

Friday, Dec. 1: 10 a.m. Church decorating. Sunday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 11 a.m. Rebekah Circle at Pizza Ranch. 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers.

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

Friday, Dec. 1: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m. Christmas Program practice for grades K-5. 7 p.m. Christmas Cantata. Sunday, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 1 p.m. Commons reserved. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF; Senior RCYF. Monday, Dec. 4: 6 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir; Girls Nigiht. Thursday, Dec. 7:

#### First Assembly of God Church 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School

of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

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

Thursday, Nov. 30: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Dec. 2: 8 p.m. AA Meeting, Sunday, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service; Hanging of the Greens. Potluck and Cookie Exchange. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 4: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Care Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 6: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 6:30 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Dec. 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

#### **Living Rock Church** 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

#### **New Life Celebration Church** 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

#### Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at vari-

#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

#### Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Sunday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir; Evangelism and Stewardship Committee. Thursday, Dec. 7: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

#### St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net - www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org **Gary Klatt, Pastor**

Thursday, Nov. 30: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 11:30 a.m. Mary Jane Brown Home devotions by Jessica. Saturday, Dec. 2: 1 p.m. Decorate church for Christmas. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 4 p.m. LYF Christmas Party. Monday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Fulda. 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Worship. 6:40 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; KFC/Catechism; High School Bible Study. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Ministerial Association at Christian Reformed Church. 11:45 a.m. Women's Society Christmas Luncheon.

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Thursday, Nov. 30: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 4:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Monday, Dec. 4: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 6 p.m. Advent service with Rev. Boeder. 6:45 p.m. Choir practice. 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Dec. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

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

#### First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662 **Intern Pastor Laura Phillips**

Sunday, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6-8 p.m. First Lutheran Preschool Academy fundraiser at Shindigz in Brandon. Monday, Dec. 4:7 p.m. Intern Team Meetiing at Palisade Lutheran. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

#### Palisade Lutheran Church 211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Intern Pastor Laura Phillips

Sunday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, Dec. 4: 7 p.m. Inern Team Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran. Thursday, Dec. 7: 1:30 p.m. WELCA meets at home of Dottie Matus.

#### First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025 Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Worship Leader Michael Blank Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

#### Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.

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Sunday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

#### Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave.. Steen Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

#### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

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Saturday, Dec. 2: Youth group helps with New Direction Christmas Party in Brandon. Sunday, Dec. 3: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel; Sunday School Christmas Program practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Dec. 5: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Board. 7 p.m. Grades

# Advent hope, peace

Advent is a season in the church year when God's people prepare for

the coming of Christ, both in the manger in Bethlehem and in judgment on the Last Day. Christians look at both of these events with joyous anticipation because we know what they mean for us. The birth of Jesus means that God has fulfilled His promise of sending a Savior to deliver sinners from the judgment we deserve because of our sins. The Last Day means the end of suffering and pain in this sinful world and the beginning of eternal life in Heaven. Both are guaranteed by a faithful and loving God, who through his only-begotten Son has paid the price of

redemption in full.

Advent is a time of remembering how sinful we have become. We live in a land of prosperity and blessing for everyone. But we fail to recognize what we have because we are constantly tempted to always be looking for more and better instead of cherishing what we have. Our families are broken because we refuse to accept God's design for marriage and family. Our nation struggles to find good leadership because we are so quick to destroy the reputations of one another. Too many leaders see themselves as better than the people they serve. Business is all about making money and we no longer care about quality and customer satisfaction. Even our justice system is broken because it no longer thinks about law as it is written, but now seeks to enforce what is "politically correct." We have good reason to be concerned about the future of our families and our nation.

Advent does provide hope. It reminds us that God is still involved with

# **B**UILT ON A ROCK

#### By Gary Klatt, pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

his creation by continuing to work his plan for that creation. He remains good and faithful to his promises, every one of them. The entire Bible shows how he has worked throughout history to bring sinners to repentance so that he can put them back on the right path through forgiveness of sins. Every generation of mankind has fought against him, but he keeps sending messengers with his law and gospel, and by his Holy Spirit he has worked faith into the hearts of believers in every one of those generations. And he promises to continue doing it until his Son returns on the last day. This hope is a gift for everyone.

Advent is also a source of peace. For when sins are forgiven, they are replaced with God's own love and holiness. We are filled with the Holy Spirit who guides and directs us to see and believe all that the Scriptures say. With our sins forgiven for the sake of Jesus, we are adopted into the family of God and made full inheritors of eternal life in heaven. Because this is God's gift, paid for by Jesus on the cross, we are assured that it is complete and guaranteed. We can focus on helping others to hear about it so that the Holy Spirit can work in them what he has worked in us.

May this Advent season be a time for you to receive the full measure of God's love as he prepares you for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ, both Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

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- 3. Mortgagee: Minnwest Bank Luverne
- 4. Recording Information: Recorded on August 11, 2014, as Document Number
- 184410, in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota. 5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None.
  - INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES
  - 6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 20-0887-000 7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:
- Lot Nine (9) in Block Five (5) in Kniss Park Addition to the Village (now city) of Luverne, Minnesota.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)  $\Box$ 8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 615 Lincoln Street West, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

is a transaction agent as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is/are \_\_\_\_Not appli-

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is Not applicable

is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02. is Minnwest Bank Luverne.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is not applicable.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

- 11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
- 12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$44,100.00.
- 13.At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$42,912.21.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

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

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

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

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee

or Mortgage Assignee:

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE

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

Minnesota Department of

Certificates of Indebtedness

Other Short-Term Indebtedness

The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.

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

# set for Jan. 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04 Form 60.2.1 (2009) THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE

ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED

BY THIS ACTION. DATE: November 20, 2017.

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

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

- 1. Date of Mortgage: March 9, 2012.
- 2. Mortgagors: Randy W. Perkins 3. Mortgagee: Minnwest Bank Luverne
- 4. Recording Information: Recorded on March 21, 2012, as Document Number
- 178851, in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.
  - 5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None. INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES
  - 6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 20-1650-000
  - 7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Block Twelve (12) in Warren and
  - Kniss' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any. Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)□
- 8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 202 West Main Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

☐ is a transaction agent as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and

the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is/are Not appli-The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the

Mortgage, is \_\_\_\_Not applicable\_ is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn, Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Minnwest Bank Luverne.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is not applicable.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

- 11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.
- 12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$64,000.00.
- 13.At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$57,070.63.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

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

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

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

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee

or Mortgage Assignee: Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE

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

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

# Mortgage foreclosure sale Mortgage foreclosure sale Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks

Minn. Stat. 580.025, 580.04 Form 60.2.1 (2009)

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

DATE: November 20, 2017.

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

- INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED
- 1. Date of Mortgage: June 29, 2012.
- 2. Mortgagors: Randy W. Perkins
- 3. Mortgagee: Minnwest Bank Luverne
- 4. Recording Information: Recorded on July 2, 2012, as Document Number 179516, in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 20-1650-000 7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Block Twelve (12) in Warren and Kniss' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record,

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)  $\hfill\Box$ 8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 202 West Main Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

☐ is a transaction agent as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is/are Not applicable

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is \_\_\_Not applicable

☑ is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker. as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Minnwest Bank Luverne.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is not applicable.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied. 12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$40,000.00.

13.At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$26,753.16.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, at public auction on January 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

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

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgage or Mortgage Assignee: Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:

/s/ Greg J. Bucher Greg J. Bucher STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.

300 South O'Connell Street Marshall, MN 56258 Telephone: (507) 537-0591 Attorney Reg. No: 299601

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

1,274.83

11,032.45

MINNWEST BANK LUVERNE

# City of Luverne public hearing set for Dec. 12

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2017 Tax Levy NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Administrator of the City of Luverne that a Budget Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

All persons wishing to be heard should be present at the hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Administrator. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

> John Call City Administrator (11-30)

**Department of Education** 

# DEADLINE FOR is MONDAY @ 10 a.m.

Education	Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266				ENUES AND EXPENDITURES OR FY 2017 AND FY 2018		ED-00110-40
GENERAL INFORMATION: Minneso	ota Statutes, section 123B.10, requir	es that every school board	shall publish the subject da	ta of this report.			
District Name:	Luverne Public Schools					District Number:	#2184
FUND	FY 2017 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	FY 2017 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2017 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2017 ACTUAL FUND BALANCES	FY 2018 BUDGET REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2018 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2018 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 540,916	\$ 1,138,126	\$ 258,097	\$ 1,420,945	\$ 498,367	\$ 560,499	\$ 1,358,813
General Fund/Other	\$ 7,447,681	\$ 13,319,724	\$ 13,569,903	\$ 7,197,502	\$ 12,649,448	\$ 13,351,879	\$ 6,495,071
Food Service Fund	\$ 143,885	\$ 589,758	\$ 601,333	\$ 132,310	\$ 646,838	\$ 627,409	\$ 151,739
Community Service Fund	\$ 97,709	\$ 493,206	\$ 505,210	\$ 85,705	\$ 474,651	\$ 506,499	\$ 53,857
Building Construction Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service Fund	\$ 210,876	\$ 954,284	\$ 962,500	\$ 202,660	\$ 955,253	\$ 962,500	\$ 195,413
Trust Fund	\$ 505,445	\$ 50,111	\$ 18,709	\$ 536,847	\$ 47,378	\$ 47,869	\$ 536,356
Internal Service Fund	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 8,946,512	\$ 16,545,209	\$ 15,915,752	\$ 9,575,969	\$ 15,271,935	\$ 16,056,655	\$ 8,791,249
LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ -		CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 123B.81				
Outstanding July 1, 2016	\$ 1,815,000		AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, \$ -				
Plus: New Issues	\$ -		IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5% OF EXPENDITURES 06/30/2017				
Less: Redemeed Issues	\$ 925,000		COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2017				
Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$ 890,000						
SHORT-TERM DEBT			TOTAL OPERATING EXPEND	DITURES		\$ 14,064,497.07	

FY 2017 OPERATING COST PER ADM

FY 2017 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTED EXTENDED ADM

# Par Herald UBLIC NOTICES

# ISD #2184 School Board meets Nov. 14

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on November 14, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, and Gary Olsen.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that due to the delay in the arrival of Gary Olsen from Ehlers & Associates, Inc., item 4.1 and item 4.2 will be switched. Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with this adjustment. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to adopt the following: RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this school district held on November 7, 2017, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 1390 voters of the school district voted on the question of authorizing issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1), of which 1068 voted in favor, 322 voted against the same, and there were 6 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.

3. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 1394 voters of the school district voted on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2), of which 899 voted in favor, 565 voted against the same, and there were 2 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. The passage of School District Question 2 is contingent on the passage of School District Question 1. School District Question 1 having carried and School District Question 2 having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, said proposition is hereby declared to have carried.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditors of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part and to the Commissioner of Education.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Baustian, Bosch, Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sandbulte and Sehr; and the following voted against the same: none; whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Gary Olsen representing Ehlers and Associates presented the Pre-Sale Report for Independent School District No. 2184 \$7,965,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2017A. It was noted the payment of these bonds would be for twelve (12) years and one month. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROVED TEN-YEAR FACILITY PLAN; COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and expedient for Independent School District No. 2184 (the "District") to issue its fully registered general obligation facilities maintenance bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595, subdivision 6 and Chapter 475, as amended, to fund the costs of the following projects included in its approved ten-year facility plan and related financing costs:

indoor air quality improvements, fire suppression improvements, and asbestos

The Bonds would be issued in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$8,135,000. The issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized.

2. The ten-year facility plan approved by the board is incorporated in this resolution as though fully specified herein. The administration is authorized and directed to submit to the Commissioner such additional information as may be necessary to secure the approval of the Commissioner for the ten-year facility plan and this bond issuance, as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595. The submission of a proposed plan and a request for approval prior to the date of this resolution is ratified and approved in all respects.

3. The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Minnesota Department of Education pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123CB.595 and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that statute. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice substantially in the form of the Notice attached hereto as EXHIBIT A and incorporated herein by reference to be published as a legal notice one (1) time in the official newspaper of the District as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of adoption of this resolution, but at least twenty (20) days before the earliest of the solicitation of bids, the issuance of bonds or the final certification of levies. Any publication of said notice prior to the date of adoption of this resolution is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

5. The Board, having been advised by Ehlers & Associates, Inc., its independent municipal advisor, hereby determines that the Bonds shall be privately sold after receipt of written proposals, as authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, as amended.

6. If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the bonds. The terms and provisions specified in the Official Statement are hereby adopted as the terms and conditions of the Bonds and of the sale thereof, and shall be made available to all prospective purchasers of the Bonds. Ehlers & Associates, Inc., is authorized to prepare an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.

7. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Board Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make the payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Bond Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Bond Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Baustian, Bosch, Deutsch, Hartman, Jarchow, Sandbulte and Sehr; and the following voted against: none; whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

No committee reports were given. Member Deutsch reported there were 12 participants in Special Olympics competition this past weekend.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: November 14, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk

# ISD #2184 School Board meets Oct. 26

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on October 26, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Lisa Dinger, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Child Guide Lisa Dinger presented information regarding her program. Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the School Board minutes from the September 28 and October 9, 2017, meetings as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Bosch, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,378,293.95. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of September 30, 2017. Motion unanimously

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve VerSteeg Excavation LLC for snow removal for the 2017-18 winter season. Motion unanimously carried. Superintendent Oftedahl presented information regarding a gymnastics floor that would be stored on the stage in the High School gymnasium. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to accept the proposal as presented in the amount of \$35,000 plus shipping. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to set a Special School Board meeting for Tuesday, November 14, at 8:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sandbulte, to approve a request from Heidi Schacht, Elementary teacher, for four unpaid days of leave April 24-27,2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to approve a request from Carrie Bakken, Elementary teacher, for three unpaid days of leave February 5-7, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Tony Sandbulte as 9th grade baseball coach effective September 27, 2017. Motion

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve a request from Augustana University for Aimee Moss to complete a student teaching experience with Laura Louwagie, elementary teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Cathi Grape, paraprofessional, effective October 5, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Karen Hubbling as paraprofessional effective October 2, 2017. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Tonya

Honermann as two-hour food service worker. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to approve Corey Nelson as Assistant Track Coach rather than Middle School Golf Coach. Motion unanimously

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve Jodi Nelson as longterm substitute for Lynette Stensland, Elementary teacher, from October 23 to November 30, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve a request from Wendy Bosshart, Elementary teacher, for a medical leave of absence for four weeks beginning on October 26, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve Monica Edstrom as long-term substitute for Wendy Bosshart, Elementary teacher, for four weeks beginning on October 26, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Hartman,

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

Dated: October 26, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk (11-30)

# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 24, 2012 MORTGAGOR: Kerry B. Fink, an unmarried man and Tiffany A. Wilson, an unmar-

MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-GAGE: NONE

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

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National As-

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1402 85th Street, Luverne, MN 56156 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 06-0164-100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:

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

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

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

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

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

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

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

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 RE-DUCED 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 DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE: November 21, 2017.

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Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 5, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$51,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin R. Pater, a single person MORTGAGEE: Exchange State Bank DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: June 8, 2015 at Office of Land Records

Rock County, Minnesota ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

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

That part of the East 810.4 Feet of the North 430 Feet of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (E.810.4' - N.430' - S 1/2 - NE 1/4) of Section Five (5), Township 104 North, Range 44 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, Described as Follows: Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of Said Section 5; Thence North 00°29'28'

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

Subject to Easements, if any, of Record or Apparent. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR(S). THE MORTGAGOR(S)' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE RE-DUCED 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 DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE FORECLOSURE DATA

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

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

Exchange State Bank (3) Tax parcel identification number:

01-0020-000 (4) Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number):

NMLS#653978 (5) Name of mortgage originator:

Exchange State Bank

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

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(11.12-12.31)

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Julie Schuur

(11.26-11.30)

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(11.16-12.7)

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(11.12-11.30)

(11.19-12.7)

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Contact the Land Records Office by December 15, 2017 if the use of the property

you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

**ROCK COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS\*** 

\*This will affect the amount of property tax you pay in 2018, and it may affect

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HOMESTEAD

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Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

You must apply on or before December 15, 2017.

requested by the Rock County Land Records Director.

relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2017.

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Tom Houselog Rock County Land Records Director



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