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## Teachers, staff recall 1975 strike

Forty-year-old scrapbook detailing strike donated to Historical Society

By Mavis Fodness

Forty years ago this week, teachers in Luverne Public Schools went on strike as one of seven Minnesota school districts to do so in 1975.

Their action canceled classes from Dec. 12 to Dec. 19, giving students and non-union staff a long Christmas break. Classes resumed Jan. 5, 1976.

A four-inch thick, three-ring binder titled "A Time Remembered," chronicles events before and after the first and only teachers' strike conducted in the Luverne district.

Retired teacher Jerry Jensen recently gave the binder to the Rock County Historical Society archives. "I was the last one to retire that was in the strike," he said.

Jensen is one of 87 teachers who participated in the teachers' strike of 1975. He was also one of the 70 percent of those who participated who continued to make Luverne their home decades after the strike's settlement.

Another teacher who retired from Luverne Public Schools was Gordon Gits, who was responsible for the "A Time Remembered" binder's creation.

Gits was a high school English teacher and served as the communications chairman for the Luverne Education Association during the strike. Gits died in 2012.

The strike bonded those involved to stay in the Luverne community after its conclusion.

"One fringe benefit of that whole strike experience is that we became the most closely knit staff of any group of teachers to come through the system," recalled retired high school teacher Esther (Spease) Frakes.

They still meet, now as retirees, each fall.

Jensen joined the group in 2011.

He was a third-year teacher in Luverne when he voted to strike effective at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

"It was cold," Jensen said of picketing in front of the high school in freezing temperatures.

Not on the picket line was teacher David Svingen, who served as negotiator for the Luverne Education Association and was advocating for eight additional items to be added to the master contract.

Among the items was a fixed work year of 179 days and salary increases of 14.8 percent.

A master contract was a new document between school boards and teacher unions. The contract

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Lori Sorenson photos/1210 frosty river

## Foggy nights, frosty days

Overnight fog left a layer of hoar frost on trees, grasses, fence lines and property Thursday morning, Dec. 3, creating some spectacular scenery at sunrise.

Pictured above is the Rock River at Luverne City Park taken from the Main Street bridge. The photograph at right was taken in the Pheasants Forever land along East River Road east of Luverne.

See the Star Herald's Facebook page for a collection of 16 images captured in and around Luverne that day.



## Board tables sheriff's request for additional deputies

By Mavis Fodness

The decision to add up to two full-time deputies to the Rock County Sheriff's Office was put on hold until next year.

At their Dec. 1 meeting, commissioners tabled any increases to the sheriff's office budget for 2016. The topic will be addressed again during budget talks for 2017.

In October Sheriff Evan Verbrugge asked for a \$30,000 increase in next year's departmental budget.

The monies would have paid for the annual software and service of computers for the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system yet to be installed in his department's squad cars.

Last week the sheriff's department received a one-time \$30,000 grant from the state's Court Technology Fund Advisory Board.

For several years the commissioners have considered funding the installation and hardware for the CAD system.

The system allows deputies to access network information in the squad cars that traditionally is relayed by dispatch personnel to the officers. The CAD system would also allow officers to complete reports in the field.

The CAD system costs more than \$200,000.

Verbrugge has also applied for an in-squad computer grant. The grants have become available in response to implementing the CAD system statewide by July 2016.

"The courts are getting away from paper," Verbrugge explained.

Commissioners along with Verbrugge supported adding additional sheriff deputies instead of the CAD for 2016.

The CAD system is seen as streamlining an officer's paperwork responsibilities; however, a more immediate concern is reducing overtime expenditures versus reducing an officer's workload.

"If you break it down — all shifts, 10 people — not counting Evan ... it's less than one call per shift on average," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

The Sheriff's Office averages 4,000 hours in overtime for a yearly average cost of \$130,000. The extra hours primarily cover the shift openings created by vacations, sick leaves or officer trainings.

Part-time deputies have been used to cover shift openings, but

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## Hospice conducts Tree of Lights ceremony at Flag Park

By Mavis Fodness

More than 50 people participated in the Sanford Luverne Hospice 2015 Tree of Lights ceremony Thursday night, Dec. 3.

The ceremony at the corner of Highway 75 and Main Street was the first time in the event's 20-year history that it was conducted at the city of Luverne's new Flag Park.

"It was our largest group attending the lighting, and despite the chilly temps, there were many positive comments of the tree being on Main Street," said organizer Helen Saum.

"Overall we felt it was very suc-

cessful."

Standing around a 14-foot balsam fir in the 19-degree temperatures, participants listened as 330 names of loved ones were read as the tree was lit.

The tree was decorated with colored lights in remembrance of or to honor loved ones, living or deceased. The Tree of Lights is a fundraiser for Sanford's hospice program.

Similar tree-lighting ceremonies were conducted indoors in Edgerton with 66 names read and in Adrian with 113 names.

The last ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Tuff Village in Hills.

About 50 people gather around the evergreen tree Thursday evening for the 2015 Tree of Lights ceremony hosted by Sanford Luverne Hospice.

Mavis Fodness photo/1210 Hospice Tree Lighting



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Beaver Creek Township** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the township hall.

**Battle Plain Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, in the home of Arlyn Rylaarsdam.

**Lady Luverne Red Hats** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, for a Christmas luncheon at Sterling's Café and Grille. RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 8, to Connie at 283-8470.

**Blue Mound Cemetery Association** will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, in the home of Milo and Betty Hamann for a potluck Christmas party.

**Luverne Pink Ladies** will meet at noon Monday, Dec. 14, at the Blue Room at Sanford Hospital. Bring a dish to share and your own tableware for Christmas potluck dinner.

**Luverne Lions Club** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center. Visitors are welcome.

### Carnegie extends holiday hours

The Carnegie Cultural Center is hosting its annual Festival of Trees on North Freeman Avenue and will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday until Christmas.

### Winter choir concert Dec. 11

The Luverne Middle and High School choirs will present their winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in the high school gymnasium. The concert will feature the sixth-grade and seventh/eighth grade choirs as well as the ninth-grade girls' choir and the concert choir.

Admission to the concert is a donation to the Rock County Food Shelf.

### Christmas at the Palace Dec. 12

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

### Hinkly House open Thursday, Dec. 17

The Hinkly House will be open to the public from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, to showcase Carol Ceynowa's needle felted animal display.

### Children's Fair Thursday, Dec. 17

All Rock County children ages 0-6 are invited with their families to the Rock County Children's Fair from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Luverne Elementary School commons. A special visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus will highlight the interactive children's activities. Admission is free. Call 283-4724 with questions.

### Winter band concert Dec. 17

Luverne Middle School and High School students will perform their winter band concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, in the high school gym. Admission is a non-perishable food item or cash donation to the local food shelf.

### Food ministry Dec. 17

The monthly food ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children please wait outside.

### Free Christmas Eve meal

A free community Christmas Eve meal will be served at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

### Community Ed

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

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

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

**New Residents - Census Information Needed for Preschool Children:** If you are new to the community, please call Community Education at 283-4724



Submitted photo

Teachers picket in front of the Luverne High School in December 1975. Dec. 12 marks the 40th anniversary of the six-day strike.

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provided uniformity among school districts.

"Master contracts came into being one negotiation maybe two before (1975)," Svingen said.

Contracts for the 1975-76 and 1976-77 school years went unsigned by both sides as the 1975-76 school year got underway.

Negotiations continued before and after the strike. The contract was formally signed on Jan. 10, 1976, retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Erling Tofteland is a retired farmer living in Luverne. He chaired the School Board and the board's negotiating committee under the guidance of then superintendent Harvey Eitrem. Tofteland served another two terms on the school board after the strike. Eitrem retired from the district in 1978.

He said the School Board felt the pressure from the local teachers' union to increase salaries. The board had proposed a 2.3-percent increase.

"We were offering more than others in the area," Tofteland said. "It wasn't right to force other districts into giving a higher raise."

The School Board had 13 items to add or change on the master contract. Besides a salary increase, the board wanted to remove the clause about mutual consent between staff and administration on curriculum and staff assignments.

"We didn't think we needed people telling them (the administrators) how to do things," Tofteland said.

Negotiations reached an impasse on Dec. 8, 1975, when frustration and anger generated at the School Board meeting set the strike in motion.

Retired high school teacher Jim Sanden is LEA's president and he and his officer team began preparing for the strike months before it occurred.

"We knew negotiations weren't going well," he recalled



Submitted photo

The National Guard Army was headquarters for Luverne teachers who conducted a strike from Dec. 12-19, 1975. The day before the strike began, 750 southwest Minnesota teachers traveled to Luverne to show their support. They also donated almost \$5,000 in support of the local teaching staff.

from his Sioux Falls, South Dakota, home.

"It was terrifying."

Legal strikes were new provisions under state law, giving public employees the right when negotiations reached an impasse.

It was a provision that had

little use.

Prior to Luverne's teacher strike, only three other school districts had declared such an event. Those three declared strikes began one to three days before Luverne's.

The local union prepared for a long impasse. Materials

in the "Time Remembered" binder showed picketing schedules planned through Jan. 6, 1976.

Six of the seven strikes lasted less than one week. The longest in Faribault lasted 27 days.

Uncertainty was also prevalent among the students who were confused and anxious about the impending strike.

"Leading up to that day (Dec. 12, 1975) there were vibes," said then senior class president Ken Hup.

"The kids were afraid if this strike happened that classes would go into the summer."

A day before teachers left the classroom for the picket line, Hup said senior high students began walking out of class and gathering in the gymnasium, staging a strike of their own.

Hup said he talked students in going back to class as the student council sought answers on their behalf. "They

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Supporters from Tracy joined Luverne on the picket line in December 1975.



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# Landowner questions commissioners about ditch cleanup

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County landowners saw their topsoil wash into ditches with recent flooding, and those who want their dirt back will have to pay to have it moved, according to discussion at the Rock County Board meeting Dec. 1.

That's what commissioners told Henry Petersen of rural Hardwick after he addressed the board.

Heavy rains and subsequent flooding events in June 2014 and again this spring eroded an earthen berm that runs parallel to County Road 19, north of Petersen's farm in Denver Township 12.

The berm, before it was damaged, kept water in the east side ditch and out of the adjacent crop field.

County workers recently removed sediment from a portion of the west ditch along County Road 19. Petersen said he had been told he could not clean the east ditch.

"I want it so that the slow water, when we get that half-inch (of rain), runs down the ditch like it used to," he said.

After the 2014 flooding, commissioners decided that landowners who wanted to remove and keep the sediment from their ditches could do so.

But they must pay an authorized contractor to complete the work under the supervision of the county highway department.

The supervision is necessary to ensure that the integrity of ditches is maintained.

Because County Road 19, four miles northeast of Hardwick, dissects a major tributary to the Rock River, a state permit would be necessary before Petersen could clean the estimated 1,500 feet of ditch.

Commissioners authorized county personnel to assist Petersen in obtaining the necessary permit. The process could take up to a year to complete.

Once the permit is received, Petersen agreed to hire and pay a contractor to complete the sediment removal, estimated at \$2,000. Petersen said he would use the sediment to repair the damaged berm.

# Sheriff receives 3-percent salary hike

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Sheriff will receive 3-percent salary increases each of the next three years.

Beginning in 2016, the position will receive a salary of \$82,897. In 2017 it will be \$85,384 and in 2018 it will be \$87,946.

Commissioners Ron Boyenga and Jody Reisch met with Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and recommended to the full board that Verbrugge receive a 3-percent salary increase each year for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The commissioners unanimously supported the in-

creases at their Dec. 1 meeting. Boyenga said Verbrugge had requested a 4-percent increase in each of the next three years.

However, Boyenga suggested a 3-percent increase each year, which is what other county leaders, such as the engineer and administrator, received earlier this year.

Because the position of sheriff is elected and falls under civil servant guidelines, the person in that position does not undergo job performance evaluations like those of the county administrator and county engineer.



A full-sized Santa Claus (aka Bruce Olson) asks children what they want for Christmas as the special holiday activity to kick off Luverne's Winterfest weekend. The visit from Santa drew the Friday program at the Rock County Community Library to a close.

# Library presents 'The Christmas Hat'

Children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel reads "One Special Christmas," by Christina Butler, to more than 50 children attending the library's special Friday event.



Mavis Fodness photo/1210 Library Puppet Show

Pictured above, Santa Claus (left) is the lead character in "The Christmas Hat," a story about Santa misplacing his traditional red and white stocking cap. With the help of his trusted elf, he tries different hats, including a cowboy hat, until his real cap is found.

Jim Oliver, a retired children's librarian from Sioux Falls, wrote the story 20 years ago and performed the puppet show solo.

The local Friends of the Library group sponsored the puppet show.



# CRP general sign-up underway through Feb. 26

The latest general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is underway and will end on Feb. 26, 2016.

As such, producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under this program.

Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country.

Currently a little over 24 million acres across the U.S. are enrolled in CRP, with more than 170,000 stream miles protected by riparian forests and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times.

Participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species (grass or trees) on marginal agricultural land to control soil erosion, improve air and water quality and develop wildlife habitat.

In return, the Farm Service Agency provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between

10 and 15 years.

At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits.

For more information on FSA conservation programs, visit the FSA Office or fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

### Important Dates

Dec. 7 - County Committee LAA #3 Election Ballot return deadline

Dec. 9 - Rock County Committee Election Ballot counting at FSA Office - 9 am

Dec. 25 - FSA Office closed for Christmas Day

Jan. 1 - FSA Office closed for New Year's Day

Jan. 2 - 2016 Honey Acreage certification deadline

Jan. 30 - 2015 LIP sign-up deadline

Jan. 30 - CRP "Early Out" request deadline

Feb. 1 - 2014 and 2015 ARC-CO Payment recalculation request deadline

Feb. 1 - 2016 NAP Maple Sap sales deadline

# Deputy request/from page 1A

many have left for full-time positions after completing the necessary training and working on their own for a couple of months.

"We have done that 14 times in nine years," Verbrugge said.

The cost for one full-time deputy, a squad car and equipment is estimated between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

The additional full-time deputies could save on overtime hours but would not eliminate the overtime expenses completely, Verbrugge said.

Chairman Ron Boyenga recommended tabling a decision on hiring deputies until

next year, after the state's 2016 legislative session is completed.

"Next year there are some proposals before the Legislature that could give us a fair amount of extra funding," Boyenga said.

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) is advocating for \$30 million in additional support in county program aid. Under the proposal all 87 Minnesota counties would receive \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid.

Because the equalization is based on land values, Rock County wasn't previously eligible for this tax base aid due to its high land values.

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Minnesota State law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This provision also includes the ditch and right of way area.

Violations are considered a misdemeanor, but civil penalties can also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as slipper area, frozen rut or bump, which contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian accident. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction, and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

To determine the proper placement of snow for a specific location along the county highway stem, you can contact the Rock County Highway Department at 283-5010.

Mark R. Sehr, PE  
Rock County Highway Engineer

## Celebrating an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday brings empty nest one step closer

Sunday was the Feast of St. Nicholas — and my youngest son's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In his sermon at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Father Tom told of the story of Nicholas, about his immense sorrow at the deaths of his parents and the relief he felt giving away his inheritance through small gifts. His main focus was giving gifts to children. The kindness brought happiness to his broken heart.

Nicholas was also Adam's chosen saint during confirmation classes. He said he chose St. Nicholas because of the saint's death on Dec. 6 and because he will always be a kid at heart.

While turning 18 is a serious milestone and St. Nicholas Day is a serious event, it didn't stop a little fun from happening.

For those who don't know, Father Tom has a knack for making people feel special. During announcements or in an occasional sermon, he will single out individuals by name, oftentimes to their surprise.

Sunday's sermon on St. Nicholas ended with Father Tom passing out oranges to the children in attendance. Something golden and from the earth were his reasons behind the choice of gift. He took his time, recognizing the children as they came forward, and being on the alert not to miss anyone.

Adam was making his singing debut with the church choir. He was easily spotted with his new blue flannel shirt as he sat in the front row.

Orange in hand, Father Tom walked toward the choir area explaining that it was Adam's birthday.

A blush from Adam and the "I-got-you" grin from Father Tom ended with the congregation



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

singing happy birthday.

The exchange of the orange and a large hug brought tears to my eyes. I realized my son would be leaving the nest soon.

I missed capturing the special moment on film. A camera is never far from my fingers but I was caught in the special moment. The reporter in me was put aside for a moment and the mom took over to fully enjoy the moment.

A lover of numbers, Adam quickly pointed out his special day was meant to be extra special. December is the 12<sup>th</sup> month and his birthday is on the sixth day. Together the numbers equal 18.

No matter what the numbers add up to be, I have two non-negotiable requirements for each of my children. The first is being confirmed in a faith and the second is to graduate from high school.

The requirements have come quickly and I have only a few more months to become comfortable in the reality that my days as a full-time mom will be coming to a close. Over the next couple of months until high school graduation in May, I will have more teary-eyed moments.

Soon there will be no more extra laundry, no more making of lunches, no more asking millions of times, "Do you have everything you need?" My role will become one of support as my last child spreads his wings and takes flight.

Until then I will savor the moments, this time with camera in hand.

## Post-flood rehabilitation at Blue Mounds State Park offers no easy answers

A few weeks ago, I visited the Rock County Board of Commissioners to discuss the DNR's process for evaluating and deciding the future of the dam at Blue Mounds State Park, which was significantly damaged during the flood of June 2014.

Knowing our local communities have great interest in this issue, I wanted to share some of the key aspects of the DNR's decision-making process with members of the public.

Deciding next steps for the dam and lake is not simple and involves multiple considerations. Clearly the park and the lake are important to the local community and the region. And the dam is historically important.

But the county has changed dramatically since the 1930s. Recreation has changed. The environment has changed.

Three-quarters of a century ago Pond mussels, Topeka shiners and Plains topminnows were abundant. Today their numbers are limited.

Construction methods that were accepted in the '30s are not allowed today. Rebuilding the dam by current safety standards may keep it functional but compromise its historic value.

People travel from all over to see the bison at Blue Mounds State Park. The tipis shelter adventurous campers every weekend. Kayaking,

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By Dennis Frederickson, Regional Director  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

fishing and just sitting by the lake are part of the park's outdoor heritage. So are free-flowing streams and clean water. The dams and lakes are significant, as is the federally endangered Topeka shiner fish.

DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr bicycled with Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith from Luverne to the park during this summer's Prairie Pedal Bike Tour. They heard firsthand from local leaders and others about the importance of Blue Mounds State Park and the lake to the local economy and community.

And I want to emphasize that Blue Mounds is also a key part of the Minnesota State Park system and the DNR.

DNR has not yet made a decision on the future of the dam because we are still in the process of evaluating all of these factors. There are potential impacts at every level — local, state and federal.

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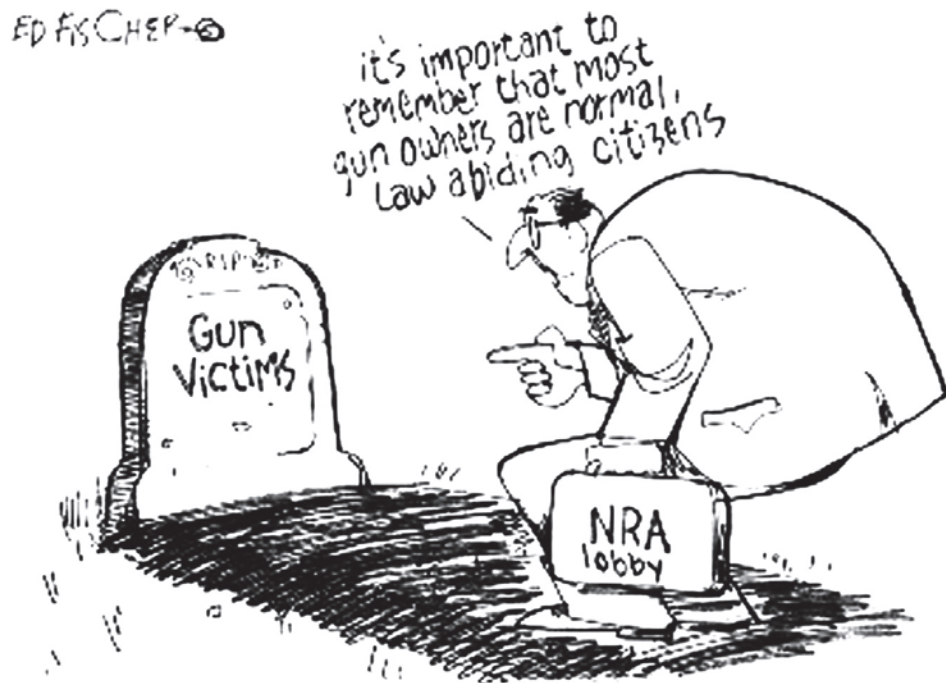
Management Agency (FEMA) will weigh in on DNR's decision. That also means other federal agencies will also have a say in the project.

Over the past year, we have completed engineering studies, analyzed historic resource issues, identified potential economic and recreational impacts, and conducted biological surveys.

These efforts confirm the complexity of the decision in front of us, but also underscore the need to make a decision.

DNR is carefully considering the data and perspectives we have gathered. By late December we anticipate making our decision, which we will then communicate to both local government and FEMA.

I understand the importance of this decision and I intend to ensure that we listen carefully and provide timely information as we move through the remaining steps in this process.



## Trip to McDonald's reveals 'Grandpa still has it'

A couple of weeks ago when my grandson was in town for some deer hunting, we went to McDonald's drive-up early on a Sunday morning.

We placed the order of one McMuffin and two hash browns. Just the grandson was eating; I was along to finance the operation.

We pulled up to the pay window and the nice, friendly lady was, let's say, in the zip code range of my age. She very politely told me my total and I gave her a \$5 bill. Instead of handing me a handful of change, she actually counted it out before handing it to me.

Before she could pass my change through the window, I told her to put the change in the donation slot.

We then pulled up to the window where we would get our order. Again, another very nice lady in my age range (give or take 10 years) greeted us at the window. She told us that they had just dropped the hash browns in the fryer and it would be about three minutes until they were done so they would be nice and hot.

After about a minute and a half, the lady came back to the window and told us the hash browns would be ready in a minute. She offered us a cup of coffee or a hot chocolate while we waited.



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
Tollefson Publishing

Carter had a Gatorade from home so I didn't think he wanted anything, but I accepted the coffee. I offered to pay for it but she said it was on the house. In no time at all we had Carter's order and we were on our way.

I thought Carter was oblivious to the great service we had just received because he was busy munching on his hot, crispy hash browns.

I thought to myself, "I have to be sure to tell people about this wonderfully pleasant experience at our Golden Arches," (because I've taken the local fast food restaurant to task on another occasion for less than average service).

Carter and I spent the morning hunting before we headed back to the house, so he could return to Redwood

Falls with his family.

As the family was gathered in the kitchen just before they were getting ready to leave, I remembered the McDonald's experience and blurted out, "Hey, I gotta tell you about McDonald's this morning."

My wife, Mary, was quick to say, "Carter has already told us all about how those ladies at McDonald's were hitting on Grandpa."

I had no idea he was even paying attention to our trip through the drive-through, but somehow he translated pleasant, friendly service into Grandpa getting hit on, and for that I say, "Thank You McDonald's," because in my grandson's eyes Grandpa still has it.

## Rep. Schomacker analyzes state budget forecast

Minnesota's economic experts have spoken, and they are projecting agreeable fiscal news for the state according to State Representative Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne). If the estimates hold, Minnesota could expect to see a surplus of \$1.871 billion for the 2016-17 budget cycle.

"We're seeing a continued trend of positive economic forecasts, which is always good news," Schomacker said. "While national trends indicate overall changes in the economy in speed of growth, Minnesota's economic outlook remains solid."

Minnesota Management & Budget Office estimates that revenues will be \$42.718 billion in Fiscal Year 2016-17, a \$90 million increase over end of session estimates. Current law spending is forecast to be \$41.656 billion in the current biennium, or \$249 million lower than previous projections.

Divving a bit deeper into the numbers, estimated spending for human services is lowered by \$416 million, while spending for E-12 and other areas has increased. Higher than expected general sales and corporate franchise taxes offset a lower income tax forecast. Among other taxes, the cigarette and tobacco tax shows the largest dollar amount change, an

increase of \$67 million.

Schomacker noted that a significant portion of the projected surplus — about \$665 million — will be sent to budget reserves and to make other state payments.

Under current law, 33 percent of any November forecast balance in the current biennium is to be allocated to the budget reserve until the recommended level of \$2.032 billion for FY 2016-17 is reached. This forecast directs \$594 million to the budget reserve, increasing it to \$1.597 billion.

This means \$1.2 billion is projected to be left for the Legislature to allocate.

"We still have 3 1/2 months before the legislature returns, and a lot can happen in that time," Schomacker said. "While it may be a bit premature to call out how the funds should be allocated, if the trend continues we should address issues that have been put on the back burner for too long, including tax relief."

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Nov. 27**  
 •Complainant reported a motion alarm at a business in Rock County. Audible alarm inside but no signs of forced entry. Manager will contact employee to shut off alarm.  
 •Complainant reported a fire hydrant leaking at East Mead Court. Called the city.  
 •Dispatcher received a 911 only cell call with a child playing on the phone. Parents did not realize old phones can still call 911.  
 •Complainant turned in a purse found on Highway 75, three miles south of Luverne. It had been run over and there was a hole in it. Owner was located.  
 •Complainant reported vandalism to two vehicles on West Luverne Street.

**Nov. 28**  
 •Deputy stopped vehicle and cited driver for no Minnesota driver's license and no seatbelt. Also cited passenger for no seatbelt. G&S towed the vehicle.  
 •Dispatcher received a 911 call and woman said there wasn't an emergency. Her grandson dialed 911. Grandson was advised not to do so unless there is an emergency.  
 •Complainant reported a female is harassing him via phone and text. She also hacked his emails.  
 •Complainant reported someone stole her phone while she was shopping. Deputy advised the person that took it returned it to the owner.  
 •Complainant reported someone throwing eggs off a bridge onto cars on I-90.

**Nov. 29**  
 •Deputy stopped vehicle and cited subject for underage consumption.  
 •Complainant reported a domestic that got physical.  
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on subject who was sent home sick on Friday and he did not show up for work all weekend. Deputy went to subject's residence in Hardwick but did not make contact. Neighbor had seen him recently.  
 •Complainant reported she attempted to take money from the ATM and the transaction went through but money did not come out. She was advised to contact the bank on Monday.  
 •Complainant reported a pickup pulling a trailer with no taillights. Complainant could not see the color of the vehicle or the plate.  
 •Complainant requested a deputy assist with a patient who is getting violent.

**Nov. 30**  
 •Complainant reported someone called her saying he was from Pampers and asking questions. He seemed really interested in the 4-year-olds. She contacted another day care provider and she got the same call.  
 •Complainant turned himself in on two Rock County warrants. He paid a cash bond and was given a court date to appear.  
 •Complainant reported that her

neighbors just got into a car and drove off. Complainant was told that they weren't doing anything illegal and we will not harass people so she shouldn't keep calling in.  
 •Complainant reported they are traveling with a 2-year-old, and his wife is eight months pregnant and they need a room for the night. Helped through Salvation Army.  
 •Complainant reported that someone called her and took money for her Microsoft issues. This is a scam and she was told to call her bank and credit card company.  
 •Complainant reported someone called saying they were from Microsoft and she needed to give them remote access to her computer and she did. This is a scam.

**Dec. 1**  
 •Complainant reported a vehicle parked in the street and the city has declared a snow emergency.  
 •Complainant reported that a man keeps walking into the ladies' room at the Mary Jane Brown Home. Dispatch called staff there to take care of it.  
 •Complainant requested information about getting her things back from her ex-boyfriend.  
 •Luverne Fire Department requested an ICR for training.

**Dec. 2**  
 •Complainant reported his trailer was on fire on I-90 westbound, mm 20. Paged Magnolia Fire Department twice with no response. Paged Luverne Fire Department.  
 •Complainant reported that subject violated her probation and needs to be taken to jail. Subject was in Jackson County and they took her to Nobles for us.  
 •Complainant reported a smoking vehicle on South Broadway in Magnolia. Paged Magnolia Fire Department. After no answer, paged Luverne Fire Department.  
 •Complainant reported a hit-and-run accident in the gravel lot on North Spring St. Subject hit another vehicle and left the scene.  
 •Deputy stopped a vehicle and driver was revoked. G&S towed the vehicle.

**Dec. 3**  
 •Complainant reported a red Monte Carlo with Minnesota plates tailgating and driving erratically. Complainant wants the driver ticketed and he's willing to sign a complaint. Passed information on to Pipestone County since the violation occurred there.  
 •Complainant reported his sister broke into his garage and stole some things.  
 •Complainant reported a white pickup truck went through the flags at the school and headed north on Highway 75. Complainant will come and fill out a statement.  
 •Complainant reported he is receiving death threats from subject.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 5 vehicles in ditch, 5 deer accidents, 1 transport, 3 funerals escorts, 22 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 1 animal complaint, 3 false alarms, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 8 drug court tests, and issued 10 purchase/carry permits.

Date	High Temp (°F)	Low Temp (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	High Wind Gust (mph)	Significant Weather	Total Precip (in)	Snow (in)
1	64	36	7	17			
2	68	37	5				
3	70	43	12	31			
4	70	54	13	32			
5	61	37	14	27	Drizzle, Lgt Rain	Trace	
6	50	32	10	25			
7	54	30	9	21			
8	61	34	15	37			
9	63	36	12	25			
10	63	37	10	23			
11	41	34	18	47	Lgt Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Lgt Snow, Tstorm	0.55	Trace
12	50	30	20	44			
13	48	27	6				
14	61	32	7				
15	59	34	11	23			
16	52	50	14	25	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm	0.17	
17	55	43	11	25	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Hvy Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.59	
18	45	36	16	47	Lgt Drizzle, Drizzle, Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm	0.98	
19	39	27	23	51			
20	32	19	7		Lgt Snow, Snow	0.45	4.7
21	19	5	5		Mist		
22	28	1	7		Lgt Frzg Fog, Haze		
23	36	23	8				
24	36	27	9	22			
25	37	32	9	21	Fog		
26	32	19	14	27	Lgt Snow, Snow	0.13	1.5
27	28	16	9	20			
28	28	9	5				
29	34	28	4				
30	32	30	7	18	Lgt Snow, Snow, Hvy Snow	0.58	7.8
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>3.45</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>29.9</b>					

## Thone: Autumn 2015 likely among Top 10 warmest on record

### By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

Autumn 2015 will likely go down as one of the Top 10 warmest on record. Comparing Sioux Falls' climatology records, the warmest autumn was in 1963 when temperatures averaged 53.87 degrees. The Top 10 is rounded out with No. 10 coming in at 51.57 degrees set in 2005. Luverne's 2015 Autumn temperature average was 52.80 degrees, which easily makes its way into the history books. This record was helped along by another "balmy" month where November highs climbed nearly 5 degrees above average and overnight lows soared over 7 degrees above average. Temperatures also hit an unusual 70 degrees on both the 3rd and 4th of November. That's 20 degrees above normal. At the same time as the temperatures were soaring to record levels, precipitation amounts also were soaring past November normals. Total precipitation recorded was nearly 3 1/2 inches and over 2 inches above normal, making for a pretty wet November. While most of this precipitation was in the form of rainfall (given the warm temperatures), November snowfall amounts were not that shabby either. A total of 14 inches of snow was recorded for the month,

almost doubling the normal for November. The Nov. 30-Dec. 1 storm accounted for the bulk of this snowfall when 8.8 inches fell. Calculating snowfall based on the calendar year, this still leaves us over 7 inches below normal due to a very snow-free February, March and April. However, calculating the snowfall based on the season puts us ahead of the curve by over 5 inches. The combination of warm temperatures with heavy snowfalls has created a melt-freeze-melt-refreeze pattern on sidewalks and other surfaces, making for treacherous walking and, occasionally, driving conditions. Be careful and stay safe!

Be careful and stay safe!

## Strike 40th anniversary/continued from page 2A

just wanted to be heard," Hup said. In the end, Luverne ratified a 17-percent economic package through the Bureau of Mediation Services in a meeting in the Twin Cities. The master contract was also modified, lessening the mutual consent clause between

administration and teachers. Current district business manager Marlene Mann is one of the last employees involved in administration 40 years ago. Mann was a secretary in the superintendent's office. As business manager she is now a participant in the district's contract negotiations.

The strike has given her a focus when attending the sessions. "I would rather look forward (for what's best for the district) instead of dwelling in the past," Mann said. While the teachers' union kept a binder from the strike, the district did not. "We try to forget it," Mann said.

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## Rock County Children's Fair

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Thursday, December 17  
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Interactive children's activities!  
Find out about services available in our county for families and their children while children enjoy the activities.

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Courtesy of Travel South Dakota website



Submitted photo

Lorraine Stoel, Luverne, was selected to decorate one of 100 Christmas trees on display in the Capitol rotunda in Pierre, South Dakota. She's pictured with Noah Tainowitz, a third generation nephew. **At top:** a close-up look of one of Stoel's handcrafted quilted Dutch ornaments.

## A Christmas tree in Pierre Luverne woman fulfills wish to decorate a tree at South Dakota capitol

By Lori Sorenson

One hundred finely decorated evergreen trees fill the Capitol rotunda in Pierre, South Dakota, and a Luverne woman can take credit for one of them.

Lorraine Stoel, a native of the Okaton, South Dakota, area, was invited to decorate a tree in a theme of her choosing.

Stoel's Christmas tree theme is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow — with Jack and Grace," in honor of her parents, Jack and Grace Roghair. "Appreciating lessons learned from yesteryear, enjoyed today and hopefully passed to future generations," is her tree's statement of purpose.

The theme at the Capitol this year is International Christmas. Stoel said she chose to focus on her Dutch heritage, and she decorated the tree with handcrafted quilted ornaments.

"It was a great experience," she said.

She has shared similar ornaments in a themed tree she has done at the Carnegie Cultural Center's Festival of Trees in Luverne.

Stoel said she's always wanted to be part of the Capitol tree decorating process, but didn't think it would be possible to participate.

"My brother was a big help in finding the right department to contact," she said.

"I thought it would be a big rigamarole and I'd be on a big long waiting list. ... They sent me forms

to fill out and not long after that, I received notification that I had been chosen to do a tree."

There were guidelines she must follow in decorating her 7-foot tree. For example, the lights must be all white — not blinking — and the decorating material can't be promotional or selling a product.

According to the Capitol website, cities, businesses, nonprofit groups and other civic organizations apply throughout the year for a tree.

If selected, they spend the weekend before Thanksgiving busily stringing lights and tinsel and hanging handcrafted ornaments.

Stoel said she made it a family affair when she traveled to Pierre on Nov. 20 to decorate her tree. Her granddaughter, Chelsey Schmidt (originally from Luverne, now in Brandon), and great-grandson Carter, 4, traveled with Stoel.

They were met by Stoel's brother and his wife and their great-grandson, all from Custer, and later they met with their other three Roghair brothers and their wives for lunch. "It was good to be together," Stoel said.

According to the Capitol website, among the most treasured pieces on display are a set of hand-painted porcelain ornaments from the state china painters' organization and a wooden nativity, believed to be nearly 125 years old, that the local Knights of Columbus sets up on the second floor. The trees are on display through the holiday season.

### REMEMBER WHEN

#### 10 years ago (2005)

•The Parade of Homes has once again proved to be a successful attraction for the Luverne Hockey Association. ...

The five hosts included Keith and Lois Hebig, Ned and Shelley Sandbulte, Jim and Diana Ouverson, Vivian Holst and Tom and Bev Martius.

#### 20 years ago (1995)

•Luverne's new city administrator, Matt Hylan, plans to attend his first council meeting in late January and be on deck officially by Feb. 5.

Hylan comes to Luverne after serving as city administrator for Hector since March 1993.

#### 50 years ago (1965)

•The Hardwick school consolidation question will go to the Minnesota Supreme Court for settlement.

Appealing the case will be the Edgerton and Jasper school districts and others who instituted action to obtain a temporary injunction, preventing the vote on a plan to consolidate with the Luverne district.

#### 75 years ago (1940)

•Santa Claus, first in the thoughts of every youngster at this time of year, was an honored guest yesterday in Luverne at a gala Christmas party attended by nearly 2,500 persons, about 2,000 of them children.

The party-goers filled the Armory to capacity.

#### 100 years ago (1915)

•Luverne is to have a municipal ice skating rink. It will be located on the vacant block lying just north of the Omaha station, and will be constructed as soon as weather permits.

### ENGAGEMENT

Brett and Wendy Stegenga, Luverne, and Roger and Lisa Hoff, Steen, announce the engagement of their children Alyssa Stegenga and Ryan Hoff.

Alyssa graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and is a full-time pharmacy student at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Ryan also graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 2014. He is an agronomist for R & S Sales of Luverne.

They are planning an Aug. 13, 2016, wedding at the



Alyssa Stegenga and Ryan Hoff

First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Births

A girl, Kyleigh Ann, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, was born Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, to **Michael and Krista Sweeney**, St. Paul. Grandparents are Bernie and Cheryl Heikes, Luverne, and Joe and Nancy Sweeney, White Bear Lake.

#### Showers

A bridal shower for **Leann Popkes** (bride-to-be of **Jed Matthiesen**) will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 19, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

#### Card Showers

**Mavis Berkhof** will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Thursday, Dec. 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 538 90<sup>th</sup> Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

### Avoid online fraud by following these safety tips

Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) suggests online holiday shoppers follow these simple steps to help ensure successful transactions and avoid becoming a victim of fraud:

•**Protect your computer** A computer should always have the most recent updates installed for spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a secure firewall.

•**Stick to trustworthy websites** Check on the seller's reputation and record for customer satisfaction at bbb.org. Look for the BBB seal and other widely recognized "trustmarks" on retailer websites. Always remember to click on the seals to confirm that they are valid.

•**Protect your personal information** Take the time to read the privacy policy of websites you visit and understand what personal information is being collected and how it will be used. If you don't see one posted, be aware your information may be sold to others without your permission.

•**Beware of deals that sound too good to be true** Offers on websites and in unsolicited emails can often sound too good to be true — especially ones offering extremely low prices. When visiting a website, look for misspellings and grammatical errors, as these are signs the site might be fraudulent. Trust your instincts. Don't be afraid to pass up "deals" that might cost you money instead of saving you money.

•**Beware of phishing** Legitimate businesses do not send emails claiming problems with an order or

an account to lure the "buyer" into revealing financial information. If a consumer receives such an email, the BBB recommends picking up the phone and calling the retailer you dealt with or your credit card provider to confirm there really is a problem with the transaction.

Always be extremely protective of your personal and financial information.

•**Confirm your online purchase is secure** Shoppers should always look in the address box for the "s" in https:// and in the lower-right corner for the "lock" symbol before paying.

•**Pay with a credit card** It's often best to use a credit card, because under federal law, the shopper can dispute the charge if he or she doesn't receive the item. Shoppers also have dispute rights if there are unauthorized charges on their credit card or merchandise they receive is damaged or defective.

•**Keep documentation of your order** After completing the online order process, there should be a final confirmation page or the shopper might receive confirmation by email. Save a copy of that as well as any emails for future reference and as a record of your purchase.

•**Check your credit card statements often** Don't wait for paper statements; the BBB recommends consumers check their credit card statements for suspicious activity by checking statements online regularly or by calling their credit card companies if fraud is suspected.

For more advice on staying safe online this holiday season, visit [bbb.org/us/consumer-tips-holiday](http://bbb.org/us/consumer-tips-holiday).

### MENU

#### Senior Citizens

**Monday, Dec. 14:** Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, squash, bread, pudding. Program: 11:15 a.m. Christmas music with Carol Hoogeveen; 1 p.m. pinochle.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15:** Sausage egg bake, oven-baked potatoes, tropical fruit, coffee cake, sherbet. Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank; Gerri Mitchell, dietitian.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16:** Chili, pears, lettuce with dressing, cornbread, gelatin with fruit and whipped topping.

**Thursday, Dec. 17:** Barbecue meatballs, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, lemon sponge cake.

Program: 5 p.m. Food Give-away with New Life Celebration Church.

**Friday, Dec. 18:** Ham boiled dinner with cabbage, potatoes and carrots, fruit salad, bread-stick, bar.

Program: 11:15 a.m. Christmas music with Judy Fick.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.



Mavis Fodness photos/1210 DARE 2015

## Luverne's DARE Class of 2015 includes 86 fifth-graders

**Above:** Luverne Elementary School fifth-grader Egypt Forrest gets a congratulatory handshake from Deputy Mike DeJong before receiving her DARE diploma. Eighty-six diplomas were given out during Monday's DARE Class of 2015 graduation conducted at the Luverne Elementary School gymnasium in front of friends and family.

**Below left:** Mallory Nelson signs the back of Elizabeth Wagner's T-shirt while Jocie Mann watches.

**Below right:** Bridget Mann takes a picture of her son Cole Mann (left), Luke Hansen, Deputy Mike DeJong and Nick Hansen. DARE or Drug Abuse Resistance Education instructs fifth-graders on how to make good decisions.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Boltjes selected for honor society

Haley Boltjes was inducted into the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Beta Beta Beta Oct. 20 at St. Mary's University in Winona.

Tori-Beta is a National Honor Society for biology majors in which honorees must maintain a 3.0 GPA overall and in their major. It is a society for students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of expanding knowledge through scientific research.

Haley is a senior at St. Mary's and will graduate with a BA in environmental biology in May 2016. She graduated from Luverne

High School in 2012.

Haley is the daughter of David and Sharon Boltjes, Adrian.

### Luverne students to graduate from MSU

Brittany Smeins and Morgan Sommers, both from Luverne, will receive Bachelor of Science degrees from Minnesota State University, Mankato, during commencement exercises Dec. 12.

Smeins will receive her degree in nursing, and Sommers will graduate cum laude with a psychology degree.

## Magnolia Fire and Rescue receives equipment grant

### By Mavis Fodness

The AgStar Fund for Rural America recently awarded \$3,000 to Magnolia Fire and Rescue to purchase safety vests and EMS gear bags.

"There is a great need for emergency response support, especially in rural communities. Budget restraints make it difficult for departments to purchase and update critical equipment," said John Monson, chairman of the fund's board of trustees.

"This program allows us to support volunteer departments by making sure they have the equipment and the gear they need to effectively serve and protect their communities." Magnolia is one of 54 volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance squads who received Emergency Response Equipment grants this year. The grants totaled \$151,820.

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Mavis Fodness photo/1203 AgStar Donation

The Magnolia Fire and Rescue Department recently received \$3,000 from the AgStar Financial Services Fund for Rural America from local representative Pat Barnett. Pictured are (front, from left) Magnolia Mayor Dennis Madison, Scott Dohlmann, Barnett, Jean DeGroot, (back) Robert Somnis, Stacie Dohlmann, Steve DeGroot and Tom Strassburg.

## 1911: State prohibits marriages between first cousins

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 19, 1911:



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iw.net](mailto:mannmade@iw.net).

After the first of next July first cousins cannot be united in marriage in the state of Minnesota, according to a law passed at the last session of the legislature, and for this reason there will be a considerable decrease in the number of marriage licenses issued in Rock county.

All the neighboring states have had such a law in force for years, and for this reason Luverne has been one of the favored places for people from those states who wished to evade the law, to come to Luverne to have the nuptial knot tied. Clerk of Court O. E. Ferguson estimates that this will result in decreasing the number of licenses issued by about one-eighth.

Donations to the Rock

## OBITUARIES

### Roger Rohlck

Roger O. Rohlck, 79, Rice, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A memorial service was Monday, Nov. 30, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in St. Cloud.

Roger was born May 5, 1936, in Hardwick to Oreland and Irene (Mann) Rohlck. He served in the U.S. Army.

On Aug. 11, 1957, he married Verna Janousek in Gregory, South Dakota. Roger worked as a district sales manager at Pioneer for 35 years before retiring in 2000.

He was a loyal member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and served as a chairman of the board. Roger was a member of the Good Shepherd Foundation Board, the St. Cloud Symphony Board and three different timeshare

boards: Breezy Shores in Detroit Lakes, Izaty's in Mille Lacs Lake and Lawrence Welk Villas in Escondido, California.

Roger enjoyed traveling, going to the lake, and golfing. He also took pride in his flower gardens, antiques, and spending time telling stories and being outdoors.

Roger is survived by his wife, Verna Rohlck, Rice; a sister, Carol (William) Braa, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a nephew and nieces, and many great-nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth Ann Nielsen.

Arrangements were by William Dingmann Family Funeral Home of Sauk Rapids.

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### Darlene Spease

Darlene Mae Spease, 82, Minneapolis, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, in Minneapolis.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Bethel Baptist Church in Brookings, South Dakota.

Darlene Braa was born Sept. 20, 1933, to George and Iona Braa in Jasper. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1951.

Darlene married Loren Spease on April 15, 1953, in Luverne.

After Loren finished chiropractic school, the couple moved to Brookings, South Dakota, in 1959, where Darlene enjoyed a career working at the South Dakota State University library.

She was involved in numerous activities including

church/Bible studies, various community organizations and volunteer activities. She enjoyed knitting and sewing and shared her talents with others.

She is survived by her children, Bryce Spease, Brookings, Craig (Karen) Spease, Arroyo Grande, California, Laura (Bruce) Cardwell, Beardsley, and Julie (Quinten) Hofer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley (Bill) McQuoid, Bloomington; a brother, Bill (Carol) Braa, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Loren.

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Lori Sorenson photos/1210 winterfest

Jonah Hailey, almost 1, Luverne, at first enjoys his visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus (Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort) during the Winterfest photo session, but then he suddenly decides he's had enough. Jim Juhl and Brenda Winter of Myhre Studio photographed children with the jolly couple Saturday at school as a fundraiser for SHARE (Sharing Hearts Are Reaching Everyone). The event raised \$850 for the program that serves local families in need.

# Luverne celebrates Winterfest weekend

**Photos and text by Lori Sorenson**

Luverne's annual Winterfest weekend celebration unfolded under mild winter weather and attracted ample crowds to the dozens of Winterfest events and activities lined up for Dec. 4-7.

Pictured at right, snowmobile enthusiasts Coy Gonnerman, Craig Gonnerman and Todd Evans look over the vintage snowmobiles displayed for the Rusty Nutz Show and Shine event at the Howling Dog Saloon Saturday morning. The SnoMasters Snowmobile Club sponsored the event, which included an afternoon ride to Hardwick and back.



Pictured in the inset at right, Taedra McKenzie looks over the entries of decorated cookies that were submitted through the Kids in the Kitchen Cookie Decorating Contest.



Pictured below, Linda Maxwell (center) and Marilyn Bergman (right) sample items at the Soup Sisters booth at the Winterfest Craft Show Saturday in the Luverne Cardinal Gym.



Cloyce Smith (left) of Truffle Treasures, Luverne, sells a bag of homemade truffles to Judy Fenske at the Winterfest Craft Show Saturday in the Cardinal Gym.

Pictured below, Green Earth Players actor Shawn Kinsinger reads a Christmas story to children at the Carnegie Cultural Center Saturday afternoon as part of the Carnegie's Festival of Trees and Luverne Winterfest Weekend.

Pictured at right, Angie Mulder (left) looks over the handmade items at Margaret Gonnerman's booth at the Winterfest Craft Show at school.



Below, Santa's Workshop helpers, 4-H members McKenna Westphal (left) and Michaela Sandbulte, assist 4-year-old Ayla Wilken, Huron, South Dakota, with her crafted box.



## Adrian matmen win in Dell Rapids Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team opened the 2015-16 season by winning the Top of the Rock Tournament Saturday in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

Adrian compiled 229.5 points to top second-place Beresford (198 points) and the rest of the squads in an eight-team field.

Along with winning the team title, six Dragon athletes won individual championships at the event.

Michael Preuss and Gavin Engelkes pinned their way to titles at 160 and heavyweight respectively.

Preuss covered McCook Central-Montrose's Tanner Peterson (1:34), Beresford's Kaleb Peterson (2:21) and MC-M's Caleb Krouse (2:15).

Engelkes disposed of Alcestor-Hudson's Marshall Christensen (18 seconds), Tri-Valley's Brady Johnson (1:19) and MC-M's Jordan Van Hout (1:48).

Hunter Heitkamp won both of his matches to take the crown at 182.

Heitkamp pinned Dell Rapids' Matt Gillogly in 20 seconds before securing a 7-2 win over Parker's Kordell Buyck.

Ryan Elias, Logan Rogers and Dylan Gyberg went 3-0 to claim titles at 138, 152 and 220 respectively.

Elias registered pins against A-H's Sigmund Brandt (1:53) and Dakota Valley's Kaleb Martin (1:27) before notching a 6-2 win over T-V's Parker Ramstad.

Rogers produced pins against MC-M's Truystan Wold (3:04) and MC-M's Keegan Donelan (3:42) before securing a 5-2 victory over Beresford's Ty Haneke.

Gyberg pinned Dell Rapids' Jack Prasels in 1:37, won by injury default against Dell Rapids' Lathan Gorospe and handed Beresford's Tristan Lutter a 5-1 setback.

Beau Bullerman (113), Skylar Hieronimus (132), Logan Nelson (145) and Matthew Slater (170) placed second with 2-1 records.

Chandler Combs (3-1 at 106) and Landon Rogers (2-1 at 195) placed third for the Dragons, while Mitchell Wagner (2-2 at 220) placed fourth.

Scot Edwards went 1-2 without placing at 285.

The Dragons host a quadrangular Thursday.



John Rittenhouse photo/1210 lgh 4

Madi Oye prepares to poke the puck away from Mankato East's Lindsey Hays during Saturday's game in Luverne.

## Luverne skaters remain perfect

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team upped its record to 7-0 by posting a pair of wins last week.

The Cardinals rolled to a four-goal victory in Marshall Dec. 1 before securing a three-goal home win over Mankato West Saturday.

Luverne hosts Waseca Saturday.

Makayla Sterrett snapped the scoreless deadlock when she skated past the MW defense and netted an unassisted goal with 10.8 seconds remaining in the second period.

Luverne doubled its lead (2-0) when Carly Serie scored on a slap shot after being set up by Mariah Aukes and Claire Baustian with 8:24 remaining in the third period.

Aukes capped the scoring with four minutes left to play with an assist going to Madison Crabtree.

Emilie Bartels recorded a 26-save shutout in net for the Cards, who had 34 shots on goal in the game.

### LHS 8, Marshall 4

The Cardinals notched their

fourth Big South Conference victory when they topped the Tigers by four goals in Marshall Dec. 1.

Aukes netted four unassisted goals to lead an LHS offense that produced a 44-24 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Aukes recorded three consecutive goals in the first 10:02 of the game to give the Cardinals a 3-0 lead that was trimmed to two goals (3-1) when Marshall's Rachel Van Keulen capped the scoring in the first period with 3:13 remaining.

Marshall proceeded to trim the difference to one goal twice (3-2 and 4-3) with tallies from Olivia Peterson and Sydney Mauch in the first 13:42

of the second period.

Luverne's Crabtree also netted a goal during the stretch.

The Cards regained control of the game when Madisyn Dingmann and Aukes scored 46 seconds apart in the final 2:13 to make it a 6-3 contest.

Maddie Dinger and Sterrett iced the win for LHS by scoring one goal each in the first 7:32 of the third period to up the lead to 8-2.

VanKeulen capped the scoring for the Tigers with 1:18 left to play.

Emilie Bartels stopped 20 of the 24 shots she faced in goal for Luverne.

Sterrett led LHS with two assists, while Aukes and Serie charted one assist each.

## Panthers stun H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team came out on the winning end of a decision against rival Hills-Beaver Creek Friday in Ellsworth.

In a battle of a pair of 0-2 teams, the home-standing Panthers outscored the Patriots in both halves of the game to secure a 67-53 victory.

Ellsworth led 29-24 after 18 minutes of play.

The Panthers canned 14 free throws during the second

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John Rittenhouse photo/1210 lw jeremiah 1

Luverne junior Jeremiah Dooyema emerged as one of four Luverne wrestlers to post 2-0 records during the Luverne Triangular Thursday. LHS split matches during the event.

## Cardinal wrestlers split triangular; win tournament title in Flandreau

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team opened the 2015-16 season by putting together a pair of strong outings.

The Cardinals split matches during a home triangular Thursday and won the Flandreau (South Dakota) Tournament title Saturday.

Luverne competes at the Jackson County Central Tournament Saturday.

### Flandreau tourney

Luverne emerged as the top team in an eight-squad field during Saturday's tournament in Flandreau.

LHS compiled 168 points, besting second-place Garretson (142 points) and the other six teams on hand.

Cardinal wrestlers captured three individual titles and placed second in six weight classes at the event.

Will Natte (132), Jeremiah Dooyema (152) and Solomon Nielsen (160) landed individual crowns.

Natte posted a 12-3 win over Garretson's Jared Fitzgerald during his only match of the event.

Dooyema nailed down an 11-1 victory over Howard's Jordan Genzlinger before pinning Garretson's Brendan Harris in 2:50 during the championship match.

Nielsen registered consecutive pins against Elk Point-Jefferson's Logan Donelan (3:53) and Sioux Valley's Chance Goodfellow (47 seconds).

Tucker Oeltjenbruns (113), Riley Baker (126), Jake Haugen (145), Brandon Claussen (170), Zach Luke (182) and Jakob Olson (195) reached the title match in their weight classes before placing second.

Oeltjenbruns pinned Dylan Hagberg (unattached) in 1:32 before being pinned by Flandreau's Michael Witte in 2:57.

Baker posted a 7-4 win over Garretson's Brady Schleuter before falling 14-1 to SV's Aaron Elijah.

Haugen registered pins over Howard's Mitch Kramer (2:27) and Garretson's Jack Konechne (2:31) before being pinned by Flandreau's Dylan Rice in 2:46.

Claussen nipped Flandreau's Kasen Grengs 6-4

before being pinned by EP-J's Justin Broekmeier in 3:21.

Luke pinned unattached wrestlers Alex Uhl (1:01) and Brady Johnson (13 seconds) before dropping a 9-3 decision to Flandreau's Si Flatten.

Olson pinned SV's Cadan Koerlin in 2:58 before dropping a 6-2 decision to Howard's Evan Kizer.

Wrestling unattached, Adam Fodness placed third at 145 with a 3-1 record and Hunter Baker placed third at 106 with a 2-1 mark.

Jed Dooyema lost two matches at 138.

### LHS triangular

The Cardinals opened the 2015-16 season by hosting a Big South Conference triangular in Luverne Thursday.

Luverne battled Windom-Mountain Lake-Butterfield-Odin to a draw at 38 before being awarded the victory by criteria.

Worthington handed the Cards a 44-23 setback in the finale.

Trailing 26-3 after the 138-pound match against

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## LHS boys pass two of three tests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team posted a 2-1 record during the second week of the season.

After losing a 21-point game in Jackson Thursday, the Cardinals notched a 17-point home win over Blue Earth Area Saturday before besting Heron Lake-Okabena by 27 points Monday in Okabena.

The 3-2 Cardinals host Martin County West Saturday.

### Luverne 83, HL-O 56

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Wildcats by 27 points Monday in Okabena.

Luverne raced to a 31-point lead (50-19) in the first half and never lost control of the contest when HL-O sported a 37-33 scoring edge in the second stanza.

Nick Overgaard (18 points and six rebounds), Erik Wohnoutka (eight assists and five steals) and Quinton Siebenahler (11 points, five assists and four steals) led the Cardinals statistically.

Layne Curtis added four assists and four steals to the winning cause.

**Box score**  
Ma 0 0 0-0 0, Overgaard 5 2 2-2 18, Baustian 0 0 0-1 0, Muller 1 2 0-0 8, Wohnoutka 5 2 0-0 16, Claussen 1 0 0-1 2, Schoeneman 0 2 0-0 6, Curtis 3 0 0-2 6, Siebenahler 2 0 7-10 11, Bierman 1 0 0-0 2, Wagner 1 0 3-6 5, Bosch 3 0 1-2 7, Haugom 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 31 of 64 field goals (48 percent), 13 of 24 free throws (54 percent), 25 rebounds, seven turnovers.  
HL-O: 27 of 54 field goals (50 percent), zero of five free throws (zero percent), 23 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

### Luverne 62, BEA 45

The Cardinals picked up their second win of the season when they secured a 17-point victory over the Bucs Saturday in Luverne.

BEA sported a six-point advantage early in the game, but the Cardinals moved in front with 10:42 remaining in the first half and never lost the lead after that.

After scoring the first six points of the contest, BEA fell behind 14-9 when Luverne went on a 14-6 run ending with a field goal from Mitchell



John Rittenhouse photo/1210 lhb 5

Luverne senior Nick Overgaard tossed in 24 points during Saturday's 62-45 home win over Blue Earth Area.

Muller at the 8:37 mark of the first half.

The Cards proceeded to pad their lead over the next

seven minutes and when Siebenahler converted a field

Boys/continued on page 5B

# LHS hockey boys go 2-1 in home stretch

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team picked up two wins during a stretch of playing three home games in five days.

The Cardinals clobbered Marshall by 11 goals Dec. 1 and notched a four-goal win over Waseca Saturday in Big South Conference clashes.

LHS dropped a three-goal decision to Orono Friday.

Luverne, 4-2 overall, plays in Redwood Falls Saturday.

## LHS 6, Waseca 2

The Cardinals upped their BSC record to 3-0 with a four-goal home win over Waseca Saturday.

The score was knotted at two after two periods of play, but the Cardinals scored four unanswered goals in the third period to put the game away.

Declan Beers and Nick Behrend scored two goals each and Jaxon Nelson charted three assists to pace an LHS squad that outshot the Blue Jays 42-19 in the game.

Waseca's Jackson Priebe scored 4:36 into the first period to give the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead that would last until Beers scored twice (the second goal was a short-handed tally) in a span 1:43 during the second period to give the Cards a 2-1 edge.

Waseca's Collin Volkman knotted the score at two with 3:09 left in the second period.

Behrend scored both of his goals in the first seven minutes of the third period to give the Cards a 4-2 cushion.

Nick Harder added a power-play tally at the 7:44 mark before Nelson capped the scoring with 1:52 left to play.

Daniel Tofteland stopped 17 of the 19 shots he faced in goal for LHS.

Beers, Harder, Kasyn Kruse, Chris Jelken and Connor Sandbulte added one assist each to the cause.

## Orono 4, Luverne 1

The Cardinals dropped their second game of the season when they fell by three goals to the Spartans Friday in Luverne.



John Rittenhouse photo/1210 lbh 2

Luverne senior Chaz Smedsrud pokes a rolling puck out of the LHS defensive zone in front of Orono's George Grannis during Friday's hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Orono scored the first two goals of the game and never lost the lead during a contest in which the Spartans sported a 34-29 advantage in shots on goal.

Timo Pelto opened the scoring for Orono 2:13 into the first period and Nicholas Anderson made it 2-0 with a power-play goal 50 seconds into the second period.

Luverne's lone goal of the game came with 10:51 remaining in the second period, when Nelson scored after being set up by Chaz Smedsrud and Harder to make it 2-1.

Orono regained a two-goal advantage when Revis Stephenson scored with 2:15 remaining in the second period before Riley Vieth capped the scoring with a short-handed tally 1:04 into the third period.

Kaden Ericson made 30 saves in goal for the Cards.

## LHS 14, Marshall 3

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of

the Tigers by 11 goals during a Big South Conference game staged in Luverne Dec. 1.

With Nelson leading the charge with four goals and Harder and Kruse producing hat tricks, LHS scored at least four goals in every period of a convincing victory.

Harder and Nelson registered goals and Kruse chipped in a power-play tally in the first 9:12 of the game to give LHS a 3-0 cushion.

Marshall's Jack Boerboom snapped the run with 3:01 left in the opening stanza, but Harder scored his second goal of the period 31 seconds later to give the hosts a 4-1 advantage.

Harder capped his hat trick 54 seconds into the second period, Smedsrud scored his first of two goals (a short-handed tally) in the game 3:25 later and Nelson netted his third tally with 10:54 remaining in the stanza to make it a six-goal (7-1) difference.

Marshall's Dylan Criquet-Danielson scored during a

short-handed situation with 7:47 remaining in the second period, but Kruse scored for Luverne before the period was complete to up the lead to 8-2.

The entire third period was played under running time, but it wasn't enough to keep the Cards from scoring six times.

Beers, Smedsrud and Kruse found the net in the first nine minutes of the stanza before Chase VanDeVere capped the scoring for the Tigers with 7:07 left to play.

Nelson scored twice and Jesse Kontz netted his first goal of the season in the final 2:59 to complete the rout.

Nelson and Smedsrud charted five assists each, while Beers and Trey Roberts added two assists each.

Tyler Reisdorfer, Harder, Behrend, Kruse, Andrew Reisch, Jelken and Sandbulte registered one assist each for an LHS team that outshot the Tigers 59-16.

Ericson made 13 saves for the winners.



John Rittenhouse photo/1210 gym 4

Luverne senior Erin Sietsema placed fourth on the bars during the Cardinal gymnastics home win over MCA Dec. 1.

# Gymnasts open season with home victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team opened the 2015-16 season in impressive fashion by securing a 128.825-126.95 victory over Martin County Area Dec. 1 in Luverne.

With Samantha Pierce winning three of the four individual events and Madison Schandelmeier taking the all-around title (32.325), the Cardinals posted a rare win over 2014 Section 3A champion Magic.

Pierce took top honors on the vault (8.775), beam (8.9) and floor (8.5).

Schandelmeier produced Luverne's top score on the bars (8.025) to place second in the event along with sharing third place on the floor with Bergin Flom (8.3) and finishing fourth on the vault (8.675).

Flom also shared second place on the vault with an 8.75 tally. Erin Sietsema and Shelby Nath placed in two events each for LHS.

Sietsema tied for second place on the vault and finished fourth on the bars with respective 8.75 and 7.375 efforts, while Nath placed second on the floor and fourth on the beam with 8.35 and 7.7 tallies.

The 1-0 Cards compete at the Windom Tournament Saturday.

## Individual results

Vault: Pierce, 8.775; Flom, 8.75; Sietsema, 8.75; Schandelmeier, 8.675; Nath, 8.15. Bars: Schandelmeier, 8.025; Sietsema, 7.375; Flom, 7.25; Meghan Witte, 6.6; Nath, 6.3. Beam: Pierce, 8.9; Nath, 7.7; Schandelmeier, 7.325; Flom, 7.25; Madigan Flom, 6.725. Floor: Pierce, 8.5; Nath, 8.35; B. Flom, 8.3; Schandelmeier, 8.3; Sietsema, 7.675.

# Patriots crown R-T-R Knights

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team experienced a successful 2015-16 debut when the Patriots traveled to Tyler Thursday.

Taking on the Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton Knights on their home floor, the Patriots outscored the hosts in both halves of the game to secure a 76-63 victory. H-BC led by 11 points (34-23) at the intermission before using a 42-40 scoring edge in the second half to clinch a 13-point win.

Avery Van Roekel (29 points, 16 rebounds, four steals and three assists) Sidney Fick (12 points and three assists)

and Kourtney Rozeboom (11 points, seven rebounds and three steals) paced H-BC statistically.

Grace Bundesen added seven rebounds and three steals to the winning cause, while Jasmine Lingen added four steals.

Box score  
Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 0-1 0, Spath 1 1 1-4 6, Kolbrek 1 0 0-0 2, Lingen 2 0 3-4 7, Fick 5 0 2-3 12, Bundesen 3 0 3-8 9, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 8 1 10-12 29, Rozeboom 5 0 1-2 11.

Team statistics  
H-BC: 27 of 43 field goals (63 percent), 20 of 34 free throws (59 percent), 46 rebounds, 34 turnovers.  
R-T-R: field goals not available, six of 19 free throws (32 percent), 25 rebounds, 40 turnovers.

# Ellsworth boys pull out one-point win in Madison

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team evened its record at 2-2 after securing a 46-45 victory near Madison Saturday.

Taking on Lac qui Parle Valley on its home floor, the Panthers clawed their way to a 27-20 lead in the first half.

The home-standing

Cardinals battled back in the second half and trimmed the difference to one point (46-45) late in the game.

The hosts had possession of the ball late as time was winding down, but Ellsworth's Trei Hinrichs tipped a pass from an LQP player and Malik Herman grabbed the ball to deny

the Cardinals a potential game-winning field goal attempt.

Hinrichs (15 points) and Herman (10 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots) emerged as Ellsworth's statistical leaders.

Bobby Walkowiak netted 10 points and Jared Leuthold charted six assists

for EHS, which plays in Edgerton Thursday.

Box score  
Leuthold 1 1 2-2 7, Walkowiak 3 1 1-2 10, Hinrichs 3 3 0-2 15, Herman 5 0 0-0 10, Kramer 4 0 4-6 12, Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, Kruse 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics  
Ellsworth: 20 of 40 field goals (50 percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 26 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

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half, when they used a 38-29 scoring advantage to prevail by 24 points.

Trei Hinrichs (21 points, six rebounds and five assists), Brandon Kramer (12 points and three steals) and Malik Herman (10 points and 17 rebounds) led the Panthers statistically.

Jared Leuthold added eight assists and Bobby Walkowiak contributed six rebounds to the winning cause.

Stuart Plimpton (14 points, 11 rebounds and three assists) and Zach Scholten (14 points and 10 rebounds) paced H-BC offensively.

Drew Forshey led the Patriots

with 12 rebounds, while Cooper Vaughn registered four steals and Isaiah Vis three assists.

Box score  
H-BC  
Vaughn 1 0 2-2 4, Burgers 0 0 0-0 0, Vis 3 0 1-2 7, Plimpton 2 1 7-8 14, Bass 0 1 0-0 3, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Scholten 4 2 0-0 14, Dr. Forshey 3 0 3-4 9.

Ellsworth  
Leuthold 1 0 7-10 9, Walkowiak 2 1 1-4 8, Hinrichs 3 3 6-7 21, Herman 5 0 0-2 10, Kramer 4 0 4-6 12, Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, Buntjer 1 0 1-2 3.

Team statistics  
H-BC: 18 of 68 field goals (26 percent), 13 of 16 free throws (81 percent), 49 rebounds, 13 turnovers.  
Ellsworth: 22 of 34 field goals (65 percent), 18 of 29 free throws (62 percent), 37 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

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# Strong start by LHS wrestlers spurs optimism

If the first two outings serve as any indication, Luverne Cardinal wrestling fans could be in for a fun ride this winter.



## FROM THE IDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Second-year coach Tony Johnson and his squad kicked off the 2015-16 campaign by wrestling in two events in a three-day span late last week. The results of both events captured my attention.

LHS opened the season Thursday by hosting a Big South Conference triangular involving Worthington and Windom-Mountain Lake-Butterfield-Odin. Under normal circumstances, I wouldn't celebrate the fact that the Cardinals split their matches during their debut.

I believe, however, it was the first time LHS defeated W-ML-B-O since 1998.

Never mind the fact that the 38-38 deadlock on the scoreboard at match's end was settled by the eighth piece of criteria (points scored in the first period by the wrestlers in both teams).

A win is a win in my book, especially considering the Cardinals have not come out on top of a Cobra squad in 17 seasons.

Luverne was even more impressive at the Flandreau Tournament on Saturday.

To the best of my knowledge, the Cardinals not only won the team championship for the first time in program history, they did so in commanding fashion.

With three LHS entries winning individual titles

and six Cardinals placing second in their respective weight classes, Luverne piled up 168 points to easily top second-place Garretson (142 points) and the rest of the six teams on hand for the event.

What makes Luverne's early-season success even more astounding is the fact that the Cardinals are competing as a short-handed team.

LHS had to forfeit in three different weight classes against W-ML-B-O, but that didn't keep the Cards from four of the last five matches staged on the mat to help erase what was a 26-3 deficit early in the match.

LHS was three wrestlers short of fielding a complete team in Flandreau.

The Cardinals made up for that by having 10 of their 11 entries place third or better during the tournament.

It's doubtful LHS will ever field a complete team the rest of the season, but that shouldn't cast a shadow over the promising start to the season the Cardinal wrestlers experienced.

It might be a tall order for a short-handed squad to claim more team championships at tournaments the rest of the winter.

With a number of talented wrestlers in the stable, I have no doubt LHS will surpass its four-win total posted one year ago.



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## Ice opener

The Blue Mound Figure Skating Club made its 2015-16 debut at the New Ulm Fall Festival Nov. 21-22. Six members of the local group scored a combined 130 points to help the BMFSC place sixth out of 10 teams at the competition. Sioux Falls won the team title with 671 points. The BMFSC hosts the Ice Crystal Classic Jan. 16-17. Competing in New Ulm were (front row, from left) Riley Severtson, Brooke Thompson, Makayla Huisman, Anna Boyd, (back) Jayden Zebe and Brylee Zebe.

# Adrian Dragons split basketball contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team opened the 2015-16 season by splitting a pair of non-conference games.

The Dragons notched a six-point win at Edgerton Public School Thursday before falling by nine points during their home opener against Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Saturday.

Adrian plays in Mountain Lake Friday.

R-T-R 52, Adrian 43

The Dragons took their first setback of the season when they entertained the Knights in Adrian Saturday.

R-T-R sported a 25-20 lead after 18 minutes of play and used a 27-23 scoring edge

in the second half to make it a nine-point difference at game's end.

Jodi Bents (20 points, 10 rebounds, six steals and three assists), Hannah Bullerman (six rebounds and six steals) and Kaitlyn Christians (three assists and three steals) turned in productive efforts for the hosts.

Paige Bullerman, Miah Bullerman and Brooke Grussing added nine, eight and five rebounds respectively to Adrian's cause.

**Box score**  
H.Bullerman 0 0 1-3 1, R.Hokeness 0 0 0-0 0, J.Hokeness 1 0 0-0 2, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 2 4 4-6 20, M.Bullerman 1 0 0-1 2, Christians 2-0 1-4 5, Grussing 1 0 2-4 4, Sjogren 0 0 0-0 0, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 1 0 0-1 2, Heidebrink 0 0

0-0 0, P.Bullerman 2 0 3-4 7.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 14 of 55 field goals (25 percent), 11 of 23 free throws (48 percent), 50 rebounds, 36 turnovers.  
R-T-R: 18 of 59 field goals (31 percent), 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent), 28 rebounds, 26 turnovers.

AHS 48, Edgerton 42

The Dragons opened the season in winning fashion as they topped the Flying Dutchmen by six points Thursday in Edgerton.

Adrian fell behind 19-15 in the first half only to outscore the hosts 33-23 in the second half to pull out the victory.

Bents (23 points, 10 rebounds, three steals and three assists), Paige Bullerman (11 points and 12 rebounds)

and Christians (10 points) played key roles in Adrian's initial victory.

Grussing pulled down eight rebounds, Hannah Bullerman charted three assists and three steals and Lexi Slater added three steals to the winning cause.

**Box score**  
H.Bullerman 0 0 0-3 0, Hokeness 0 0 2-2 2, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 2 5 4-6 23, M.Bullerman 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 2 2 0-1 10, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Sjogren 0 0 0-0 0, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 0 0 2-2 2, P.Bullerman 4 0 3-8 11.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 15 of 58 field goals (26 percent), 11 of 23 free throws (48 percent), 42 rebounds, 30 turnovers.  
Edgerton: 16 of 52 field goals (31 percent), nine of 24 free throws (38 percent), 32 rebounds, 28 turnovers.

# Raiders can 13 threes during victory over EHS

By John Rittenhouse

A sharp-shooting Fulda squad spoiled the 2015-16 girls' basketball debut for Ellsworth Thursday in Fulda.

With the home-standing Raiders sinking 13 three-point shots in the game, the Raiders

outscored EHS both halves of the game in a 70-46 victory.

Fulda opened a 39-23 lead in the game's first half before outscoring the Panthers 31-23 in the second half to prevail by 24 points.

Devin Dreesen (16 points,

six rebounds and four assists) and Megan Popkes (13 points and eight rebounds) turned in solid efforts for the Panthers.

Hannah Kramer turned in a six-rebound, three-assist, four-steal effort for Ellsworth's girls.

**Box score**  
Kramer 2 1 2-6 9, L.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, K.Chapa 0 0 2-2 2, Meester 0 0 1-2 1, Dreesen 4 0 8-12 16, Popkes 5 0 3-6 13, Smith 1 0 1-2 3.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth 14 of 36 field goals (39 percent), 17 of 30 free throws (57 percent), 30 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

# Huskies spoil debut for Luverne girls

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls made their 2015-16 basketball and Big South Conference debut in Jackson Thursday.

The Cardinals staged an impressive rally in the second half to climb back into contention, but it wasn't enough to keep Jackson County Central from recording a 50-44 victory.

JCC rolled to a 31-15 advantage in the first half.

LHS fought back to outscore the Huskies 29-19 in the second half to make it a six-point difference at game's end.

Hailey Remme led the Cards with 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

Nicole Kneip (six rebounds and three steals), Joci Oye (three assists), Bailey Jacobsma (three assists) and Morgan Haugen (five assists and five steals) also played well for Luverne.

**Box score**  
Schmuck 0 1 0-2 3, Remme 8 0 0-316, Oye 1 2 0-0 8, Kneip 1 0 5-7 7, Jacobsma 0 0 0-1 0, Haugen 2 0 1-6 5, Hustofo 0 0 0-3 0, Rogers 2 0 1-2 5.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 16 of 46 field goals (35 percent), nine of 26 free throws (35 percent), 29 rebounds, 12 turnovers.  
JCC: 17 of 30 field goals (58 percent), 13 of 18 free throws (72 percent), 17 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

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W-ML-B-O, Luverne rallied to outscore the Cobras 35-12 in the final eight matches to knot the score at 38.

LHS was awarded the victory by the eighth criterion (total points scored in the first period of all the matches).

Worthington rolled to a 26-7 lead in the second match to set the stage for a 21-point win.

Jeremiah Dooyema, Nielsen, Luke and Olson went 2-0 for the Cards.

Dooyema pinned W-ML-B-O's Jeff Wright in 2:32 and nipped Worthington's Mason Byrne 11-9, while Nielsen won by technical fall over W-ML-B-O's Jesse Jepsen and Worthington's Zach Bruns.

Luke pinned W-ML-B-O's Eli Mutz in 2:23 and notched a 13-6 win over Worthington's Torey Rogers.

Olson drew a forfeit from



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Luverne freshman Zach Luke won both of his matches during the Luverne Wrestling Triangular Thursday.

W-ML-B-O and pinned Worthington's Vince Rogers in 3:37.

Oeltjenbruns (7-2 over Brett Willaby), Haugen (by forfeit) and Fodness (pinned Yanick Yade in 26 seconds) also

posted wins in the W-ML-B-O match.

Hunter Baker (16-2 over Damon Schutz) and Natte (6-3 over Ethan Pavelko) notched wins in the Worthington match.

**Match wrap-ups**  
LHS 38, W-ML-B-O 38  
106 (W) Sammons t.f. H.Baker.  
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns 7-2 Willaby.  
120 (W) Ekstrom by forfeit.  
126 (W) Spinks 10-5 R.Baker.  
132 (W) Borgsgard pins Natte.  
138 (W) Wiens pins Jd.Dooyema.  
145 (L) Haugen by forfeit.  
152 (L) Fodness pins Tade.  
160 (L) Jr.Dooyema pins Wright.  
170 (L) Nielsen t.f. Jepsen.  
182 (W) Seuss pins Claussen.  
195 (L) Luke pins Mutz.  
220 (L) Olson by forfeit.  
285 (W) Gutierrez by forfeit.

**WHS 44, Luverne 23**  
106 (L) H.Baker 16-2 Schutz.  
113 (W) H.Moo Pwae pins Oeltjenbruns.  
120 (W) Prunty by forfeit.  
126 (W) H.Eh Pwae t.f. R.Baker.  
132 (L) Natte 6-3 Pavelko.  
138 (W) Camacho pins Jd.Dooyema.  
145 (W) Blanchette 11-6 Haugen.  
152 (L) Jr.Dooyema 16-9 Byrne.  
160 (L) Nielsen t.f. Bruns.  
170 (W) Michelson pins Claussen.  
182 (L) Luke 13-6 Rogers.  
195 (L) Olson pins Riley.  
220 (W) Putnam by forfeit.  
285 (W) Veen by forfeit.

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goal with 1:17 remaining, LHS sported a 32-17 advantage that was trimmed to three points (32-19) before the first half was complete.

BEA scored the first four points of the second half was part of a 6-1 surge that left the Bucs facing a 33-25 deficit.

The Bucs trimmed the difference to seven points (38-31) with 11:08 remaining, but Luverne countered with a 13-2 run ending with a three-point shot from Cole Bosch that gave the hosts a 51-33 lead.

BEA scored the next 10 points to make it an eight-point game (51-43) with 5:41 remaining, but the Cards outscored the Bucs 11-2 the rest of the night to win handily.

Overgaard (24 points, eight rebounds and five steals) and Siebenahler (14 points and 11 rebounds) led the Cards to victory.

Wohnoutka added eight assists and five steals to the winning cause, while Muller kicked in four assists and three steals.



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Luverne senior Erik Wohnoutka scored 16 points and passed for eight assists during Monday's 83-56 victory

**Box score**  
Overgaard 4 5 1-2 24, Muller 1 0 0-0 2, Wohnoutka 2 0 1-2 5, Robinson 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 0 0 0-0 0, Schoeneman 0 1 0-0 3, Curtis 2 0 0-1 4, Siebenahler 5 0 4-5 14, Wagner 0 0 1-2 1, Bosch 2 1 2-2 9.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 23 of 47 field goals (49 percent), nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 27 rebounds, 15 turnovers. BEA: 18 of 56 field goals (32 percent), seven of nine free throws (78 percent), 16 rebounds, five turnovers.

JCC 72, Luverne 51

The Cardinals opened Big South Conference competition by dropping a 21-point decision in Jackson Thursday.

The home-standing Huskies opened an 11-point (38-27) advantage in the game's first half and outscored the Cardinals 34-24 in the second half to win the game handily.

Overgaard (18 points and

three steals), Bosch (14 points) and Siebenahler (10 points and 13 rebounds) paced Luverne statistically.

Wohnoutka charted six assists and three steals, while Muller chipped in four assists.

**Box score**  
Overgaard 3 4 0-0 18, Muller 0 2 0-0 6, Wohnoutka 1 0 0-0 2, Robinson 0 0 0-0 0, Curtis 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 5 0 0-1 10, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 2 2 4-4 14, Haugom 0 0 1-2 1.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 19 of 52 field goals (37 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 23 rebounds, 16 turnovers. JCC: 29 of 66 field goals (44 percent), nine of 11 free throws (82 percent), 19 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Girls post first victory Monday night

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team locked up its first win of the 2015-16 season Monday in Ellsworth.

Taking on the EHS Panthers on their home floor, Luverne outscored the hosts in both halves of the game to secure a 57-38 victory.

Lizzie Chapa sank one free throw to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead early in the game, but the Cards countered with an 11-0 run capped by Morgan Haugen sinking two free throws at the 13:04 mark of the first half to give LHS an 11-1 advantage.

The Cards extended the lead to 12 points (14-2) with a field goal from Sierra Schmuck before Ellsworth's Devin Dreesen canned a three-point shot to make it a 14-5 game with 11:33 remaining in the stanza.

LHS scored the next nine points as a part of a 14-1 run ending with a field goal from Schmuck at 4:21 to up the lead to 22 points (28-6).

Ellsworth battled back with an 11-3 run capped by Hannah Kramer draining one free throw with 30 seconds remaining to make it a 31-17 tally that would remain intact when the half was complete.

The Panthers trimmed the difference to nine points at two different occasions early in the second half, and they trailed by eight (38-30) when Ashlyn Meester converted a field goal at the 9:34 mark of the second half.

Luverne, however, put the game away with a 19-8 run capped by a field goal from Zayna Hustoft with 19 seconds left to play to nail down a 19-point win.

Nicole Kneip (14 points and 12 rebounds), Schmuck (13 points) and Haugen (14



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Ellsworth senior Megan Popkes grabs a rebound as she is being challenged for the ball by Luverne's Bailey Jacobsma (15) and Hailey Remme during Monday's game in Ellsworth.

points and seven steals) led the Cardinals statistically.

Bailey Jacobsma snared six rebounds for the winners, while Hailey Remme charted six steals, five rebounds and five assists.

Kramer netted 11 points and passed for three assists along with Dreesen for EHS.

Megan Popkes collected 11

caroms for the 0-2 Panthers.

Luverne hosts Southwest Christian, while Ellsworth plays at Edgerton Public School Friday.

**Box score**  
Luverne  
VerStegg 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 3 2 1-2 13, Remme 0 0 0-2 0, Oye 0 2 1-2 7, Kneip 5 0 4-11 14, Jacobsma 3 0 1-4 7, Haugen 4 1 3-4 14, Hustoft 1 0 0-0 2,

Rogers 0 0 0-0 0.  
Ellsworth  
Kramer 4 0 3-4 11, L.Chapa 0 0 1-2 1, Mulder 1 0 0-0 2, C.Chapa 1 0 0-2 2, Dreesen 1 2 1-2 9, Popkes 0 2 1-2 7, Smith 2 0 0-1 4, Meester 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne 21 of 59 field goals (36 percent), 10 of 24 free throws (42 percent), 40 rebounds, 19 turnovers. Ellsworth: 14 of 46 field goals (31 percent), six of 18 free throws (33 percent), 29 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

Adrian boys win one of three challenges

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team went 1-2 during a stretch of playing three games in four days.

The Dragons pulled out a three-point win in Fulda Friday before falling by 10 points at home against Fulda Saturday. AHS lost a four-point game in overtime to Edgerton Public School Monday in Edgerton.

Adrian, 2-2 overall, plays at Southwest Christian Thursday.

Edgerton 69, Adrian 65

A great rally in the second half was erased in overtime when the Dragons challenged the Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Monday.

After falling behind 34-28 in the first half, Adrian rallied to outscore Edgerton 31-25 in the second half and forced overtime when Ryan Wieneke canned a three-point shot with two seconds left.

Edgerton, however, outscored the Dragons 10-6 in the extra session to prevail by four points.

Mitchell Lonneman (23 points and 12 rebounds), Zach Hendel (19 points and five rebounds) and Wieneke (11 points) led AHS offensively.

Zach Bierman and Chris Christians charted three assists each for Adrian, while Jacob Stamer recorded three steals.

**Box score**  
Stamer 0 2 1-2 7, Serrao 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 1 0-0 3, A.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, N.Lonneman 0 0 0-0 0, Hendel 8 0 3-4 19, Wieneke 0 3 2-3 11, M.Lonneman 9 0 5-6 23.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 24 of 56 field goals (43 percent), 11 of 15 free throws (73 percent), 27 rebounds, 19 turnovers. Edgerton: 25 of 62 field goals (40 percent), 15 of 21 free throws (71 percent), 25 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

R-T-R 61, Adrian 51

The Dragons took their first setback of the season when they entertained the Knights Saturday in Adrian.

R-T-R played well early to take a 28-16 lead in the first half.

Adrian sported a 35-33 scoring edge in the final 18 minutes of play, but it wasn't

enough to keep R-T-R from securing a 10-point win.

Hendel and Mitchell Lonneman led the Dragons offensively by netting 17 and 12 points respectively.

Christians collected seven caroms for AHS, while Nate Lonneman charted three assists.

**Box score**  
Stamer 0 2 0-0 6, Serrao 1 0 0-0 2, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, White 0 0 0-0 0, A.Loosbrock 1 0 0-0 2, Christians 1 0 7-10 9, N.Lonneman 1 0 1-4 3, Hendel 6 0 5-6 17, Z.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0, Wieneke 0 0 0-0 0, M.Lonneman 4 0 4-4 12.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 16 of 39 field goals (41 percent), 17 of 24 free throws (71 percent), 20 rebounds, 18 turnovers. R-T-R: 18 of 51 field goals (35 percent), 19 of 31 free throws (61 percent), 16 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Adrian 51, Fulda 48

The Dragons staged an impressive second-half rally to knock off the Raiders by three

points Friday in Fulda.

The situation didn't look good when the Dragons fell behind 27-14 in the game's first half.

Adrian, however, rallied to outscore the Raiders 37-21 in the second half to pull out a narrow victory.

Mitchell Lonneman led the Dragons with 22 points, and he snared seven rebounds.

Nate Lonneman added eight rebounds to the winning cause.

**Box score**  
Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Serrao 0 0 2-3 2, Bierman 1 0 0-0 2, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, N.Lonneman 4 0 1-3 9, Hendel 4 0 1-3 9, Wieneke 2 0 1-2 5, M.Lonneman 9 0 4-10 22.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 21 of 39 field goals (54 percent), nine of 20 free throws (45 percent), 27 rebounds, 17 turnovers. Fulda: 16 of 47 field goals (34 percent), 10 of 19 free throws (53 percent), 17 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

DECEMBER 1 SPORTS REPLAY

Dragon boys top Panthers in opener

The Adrian boys' basketball team opened the season by recording a 64-53 home win over Ellsworth.

The Dragons opened a 13-point lead (35-22) in the first half and withstood Ellsworth's challenges in the second half to prevail by 11 points.

Mitchell Lonneman (27 points and 10 rebounds) and Zach Hendel (five rebounds) led AHS statistically.

Trei Hinrichs (14 points and four assists), Malik Herman (13 points, nine rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots), Bobby Walkowiak (11 points), Brandon Kramer (five rebounds) and Jared Leuthold (five assists) played well for EHS.

Patriots fall to SWC in final minute

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys dropped their home opener late in the second half of a game against Southwest Christian.

After falling behind 35-29 in the first half, H-BC battled back to knot the score at 56.

SWC, however, received a field goal from Levi Vander Woude with 15 seconds left to secure a 58-56 win.

Zach Scholten (17 points and six rebounds), Isaiah Vis (11 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals), Drew Forshey (three steals) and Trenton Bass (four assists) led H-BC statistically.



Naomie Daniel

**Sport:** Gymnastics  
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**Extra-Curricular Activities:** Gymnastics and dance  
**Future Plans:** Go back to France, graduate again, go to college and major in medicine but I'm not sure



Nick Nekali

**Sport:** Hockey  
**Position:** Right wing  
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Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 11: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice. Tuesday, Dec. 15: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 17: 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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Thursday, Dec. 10: Noon Ladies Aid meeting and potluck. 5 p.m. Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School. No Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Dec. 14: ELS Pastors meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. Thursday, Dec. 17: 5 p.m. Service on Channel 3.

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Friday, Dec. 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, Dec. 12: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. SR. RCYF. Tuesday, Dec. 15: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir.

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Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 10: 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV-Luverne. Friday, Dec. 4: 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV-Luverne. Saturday, Dec. 12: 7 p.m. Christmas at the Palace; Zion choir sings. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Dec. 14: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 16: January newsletter deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Advent Worship Service. 8 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, Dec. 17: 4 p.m. Zion worship airs on Channel 3.

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Dec. 10: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Bait of Satan Bible Study. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 14: 7 p.m. Healing Core at the parsonage. Tuesday, Dec. 15: 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Poplar Creek. 7 p.m. Church Council. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 6 p.m. Meal for F.U.E.L. Ministry and Confirmation students. Thursday, Dec. 17: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Saturday, Dec. 12: 9:30-11 a.m. Presbyterian Women Christmas Tea at Hinky House. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Dec. 14: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005  
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, Dec. 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion; Senior Choir Christmas Service. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; Senior Choir Christmas Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal; Adult Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal. 6:30 pm. Youth Fellowship Night. Monday, Dec. 14: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Dec. 15: No Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. 7 p.m. Little Lambs Christmas Service. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Worship. 6:30 p.m. Light Supper. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; KFC/Catechism; Youth Bible Study. Thursday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions.

**Living Rock Church**  
500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

**New Life Celebration Church**  
211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@live.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**  
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. WELCA Ladies Cookie Wrap. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. WELCA Annual Meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 15: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice at First Lutheran.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretton, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Beaver Creek

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Kristi Franken, Pastor

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

**Hills United Reformed Church**  
410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

## When does Christmas begin?

Have you ever asked yourself the question, "When does Christmas begin?"



Does Christmas begin the minute you start seeing the shelves in the stores display Christmas items either before or after Halloween?

Does Christmas begin on Thanksgiving night at 6 p.m. with the "door buster" deals?

Does Christmas begin on Black Friday, or could Christmas begin with the turning of the calendar from Nov. 30 to Dec. 1?

Maybe the real Christmas begins 12/24 and continues through 12/25 or the beginning of the Advent season, which was Nov. 29.

No matter what you think about Christmas and the way it gets pushed up earlier and earlier every year, Christmas comes into our lives. I found there are a couple of episodes in the Bible that move an early Christmas into a realm all by itself!

Maybe the first Christmas came with a scandal. It happened so long ago that none of us can even put a date to it. It took place in the book of Genesis and happened in the loveliest place of all... the Garden of Eden. Ever since humankind defied God with disobedience and sin, God's plan is to reconcile humanity with God. God would need to become flesh somewhere in the big scheme of things. Christmas and reconciliation go hand in hand, and so would it be fair to say that Christmas had some beginnings in the Garden of Eden?

The prophet Isaiah had a hand in getting things ready for Christmas. Isaiah had no newspaper ads to begin his prophecy, no

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Kristi Franken, Adrian/Magnolia United Methodist Church

media to invoke sentimentality of Christmas, no hype of a community to bring things to a grand event, no strings attached in which he would need to pull marketing strategies from being in debt to bring it to a profit. But Isaiah had all the markings of the pre-Christmas ads ... he had the direct word of the Lord. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Isaiah 40:3) And do you know when Isaiah began making his pre-Christmas announcements? 700 years before it came to be!

It is my hope during this season of Christmas, when you begin to think about everything before you, you remember Christmas does not begin with Black Friday, the marathon movies on the Hallmark channel, the lefse, the pickled herring, lutefisk or oyster stew. It is not about an evergreen tree decorated with twinkling lights and glass bulbs, and it is not a particular date on the calendar. Christmas is all the time and forever!

Christmas is every day of our lives and comes to the climax of hope when Christ returns again and humankind will be fully reconciled with God and we live in the eternal kingdom. But for now ... WE WILL LIVE IN CHRISTMAS!

May this Christmas be a turning point for you, when the realization becomes Christmas is every day and forever.

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

Saturday, Dec. 12: Youth Group helping with Down Syndrome Christmas in Brandon. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel; Christmas Program Practice. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Dec. 15: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 16: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Confirmation; Circle of Hope. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 7

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 603 East Park Street North, Luverne, MN 56156

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

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

Dated: October 29, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 7

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 15, 2006  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$37,899.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Bernie Christensen and Javon Christensen, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Franklin a division of National City Bank  
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100425240010209283

SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing  
LENDER: First Franklin a division of National City Bank.  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Rock County Minnesota, Recorder, on September 20, 2006, as Document No. 164852.

ASSIGNED TO: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF16, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF16 Dated: August 12, 2015, and recorded August 20, 2015 by Document No. 186841.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
A tract of land located in Block 6 in Greenvale Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Block 6 in Greenvale Addition to the City of Luverne, 125 feet South and 272 1/2 feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Block; thence East 136 feet 3 inches; thence South 25 feet; thence West 8 feet 3 inches; thence South 65 feet; thence West 128 feet; thence North on the West line of said Block 6, 90 feet to the point of beginning and Lot 8 in 1st Sub-division of Block 6 in Greenvale Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 309 S Donaldson St, Luverne, MN 56156  
PROPERTY I.D.: 20-0662-000  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven and 77/100 (\$46,247.77)

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM on January 7, 2016  
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale.

If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property

on or before 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2016, or the next business day if July 7, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: November 19, 2015

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,  
as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF16,  
Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF16 Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC  
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee  
Canadian Pacific Plaza,  
120 South Sixth Street, Suite 2050  
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Our File No. 15MN00066-1

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. A-4550998  
(11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 21

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 4, 2008  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$124,200.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Jesse A. Akkerman a/k/a Jesse Akkerman and Candyce Akkerman, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 12, 2008 as Document Number 168325 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6 in Block 1 of The Sybesma Subdivision, Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: None  
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR (LENDER): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20.2030.000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE ID NUMBER (MERS NUMBER): None  
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 18, 2015

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Mortgagee

SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.

By: /s/  
Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.  
Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq.  
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.  
Curt N. Trisko, Esq.  
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
The Academy Professional Building  
25 North Dale Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 209-9760  
(13-2601-FC02)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
(11-25, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24, 12-31)

## Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 6

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.  
Rock County Courthouse October 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with Commissioners Hoime, Williamson and Reisch present; Commissioner Thompson was absent.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the October 6, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the County Board minutes of September 08, 2015 and September 22, 2015, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed 1-year appointment – Connie Frahm Brent Hoffman, Rock County Rural Water (RCRW) District Manager, presented an expansion project update; the project is near completion and as to date, they have signed on thirty-three new customer with the potential of more. Hoffman stated that the expansion project is projected to have surplus funds and that those funds are eligible and will be used for additional infrastructure improvements. Also stated that the meter replacement project is moving forward and currently 249 customers have the new meters installed and are operating.

The RCRW District Manager was also informed of a meeting with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Regional representatives and Blue Mound State Park staff regarding the status of the state park hooking up to the RCRW system and the status of repairs to the dam.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director, presented information regarding Wellhead Protection initiatives affecting water quality. Current programs in place are nitrogen management, nitrogen testing and well sealing; RCRW supports nitrate management and enforcement as nitrate removal would be an additional investment for their system. Bos stated that Pipestone County Soil & Water Conservation District is hiring a Water Resource Technician to work with producers in providing education about nitrogen management and testing and requested that Rock County cost share that resource with an estimated cost of \$1,000 per year; other potential entities cost sharing the Water Resource Technician are Rock County Rural Water and the City of Luverne. The Administrator indicated that he had briefly reviewed the contract with Pipestone County SWCD and stated there were number questions that need be addressed. By order of the Chair, the option to share the

Water Resource Technician with Pipestone County SWCD was tabled until the October 23, 2015 meeting to allow the County Attorney to review the proposed contract.

Bos requested authorization to participate in a county geologic atlas for the purpose of a refined mapping of surficial geology and sub-surficial geological sand lenses (possible aquifers). The process will require a large amount of data entry which will be conducted by existing staff; the county cost will be staff time. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Land Management Office to participate in the county geologic atlas, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of final contract payment to M & K Bridge Construction, Inc. for \$55,277.97 for project SAP 067-608-014, bridge #67568 on CSAH 8 over the Beaver Creek; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator discussed a proposal from Western Community Action for contracting administrative services for transit; no action was taken at this time.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,725.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

### Claims over \$2,000:

Contech Construction Products	\$4,804.88
Dakota Fluid Power Inc	3,039.36
Hedeen, Hughes & Wetering	2,680.20
Honken Construction, Inc	11,323.13
Interstate Power Systems, Inc	2,470.16
Midstates Equipment & Supply	31,890.88
Nobles Co. Aud/Treas	2,493.75
Regents of the University of MN	16,882.50
City of Steen	5,032.83
Wiseth Smith Nolting & Assoc, Inc	4,190.75
Willis Inc DBS Scale Center	17,026.50
Midwest Technology Services, LLC	4,926.19
85 payments less than 2,000	28,380.99
Total	135,142.12

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioners Boyenga and Williamson reported that cell phone coverage on the southeast and northwest borders still remain sub-standard. The Administrator was directed to contact the City of Ellsworth Mayor and Nobles County.

The Administrator provided a follow up regarding a complaint of stock piling recyclables at the Transfer Station; the current practice is a temporary solution until Ketterling, Inc. purchases and installs a compactor.

The Personnel Committee of the County Board reported that they had met with Sheriff Verbrugge regarding Sheriff's salary, staffing and mobile CAD and that they will continue to meet regarding additional staff and CAD.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Hoime stated that he had received a phone call regarding County Road 7 in Denver Township and that he also attended the annual Community Corrections conference.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned. (12-10)

## Rock County Commissioners meet October 20

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.  
Rock County Courthouse October 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve the October 20, 2015, County Board agenda, declared on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the October 6, 2015, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 24-15, authorizing the purchase of a new transit bus for Heartland Express  
2. 2016-17 BOWSR Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement – authorizing signature of Doug Bos

Norma VanWyhe, Staff Assistant II in the Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to approve, declared on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

### Claims over \$2,000:

American Communications Inc.	\$2,890.33
CHS Eastern Farmers Coop	\$5,461.48
Dakota Security Systems, Inc	\$3,606.47
Express Ag	\$5,009.89
Expressway - Luverne	\$3,148.30
Fastenal Company	\$2,969.30
Fidlar Technologies, Inc	\$2,272.00
Johnson Controls	\$11,956.00
Ketterling Services, Inc.	\$8,645.32
Lyon County Landfill	\$16,244.40
Rock County Opportunities	\$2,815.67
Southwest Health & Human Svcs	\$17,707.08
Towmaster	\$5,255.00
84 payments less than \$2,000	\$29,625.86
Total	\$117,607.10

Commissioner Williamson presented an update from a meeting with DNR representatives regarding the status of the water at the Blue Mound State Park and whether or not they intend to hook up to the Rock County Rural Water system; after considerable discussion DNR agreed to pay for additional engineering with DGR to determine the feasibility versus cost to the rural water system. Also discussed at the meeting was the status of the repairs to the dam structure and DNR representative indicated that the project has multiple layers and that it is currently being reviewed but will involve a very extensive review process.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, requested authorization to enter into a contract with Pipestone Soil & Water Conservation District for Water Resource Technician; other partners within Rock County include the City of Luverne and Rock County Rural Water. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman also briefly discussed additional details and benefits of the Rock County geologic atlas project and also introduced new LMO employee Lance Wheeler.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 25-15, amendments to the Rock County Personnel Policy, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the renewal of the group health insurance with BCBS, MN group life and group dental rates for 2016, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the AMC District VIII meeting scheduled for November 5th @ Key Largo on Lake Shetek.

Commissioner Williamson stated the Southwest Mental Health Center new building is very impressive and that a ribbon cutting ceremony is forthcoming; also stated that the SWCD Board has been busy approving cost share contracts for flood relief projects.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended an Ag Taskforce, Environmental and Land Use meeting for District 8.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the meeting with DNR representatives regarding the Blue Mound State Park and will part of the interview panel for the local A.C.E. Director with interviews scheduled for November 4; also stated that Blandin Leadership training was excellent.

Commissioner Boyenga reported that the cell phone coverage in the south and east portions of the county still remain unacceptable.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned. (12-10)

# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

# Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

## Rock County Commissioners meet Nov. 3

**Herred Board Room 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rock County Courthouse November 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the November 3, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the October 20, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. SSTS Contract Amendment – CWF-FY 12-36, amended from \$6,539.25 to \$7,622.25

Chris Ryan, Gevo Vice President of Operations requested an abatement of tax penalty \$8,632.24 that was collected on the second half of real estate taxes that was paid late; while the County Board sympathized with the penalty, a qualifying factor was not provided and the request was denied.

Ryan provided a brief operations update stating that the plant is producing both isobutnal and ethanol and that they have achieved a turning point and production is becoming profitable.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,275.00; motion by Hoime, seconded Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:	
DGR Engineering	\$6,720.00
Fleet Services	5,643.34
Johnson Controls	26,895.00
City of Luverne	6,087.85
Midstates Equipment & Supply	2,947.50
Nobles County Auditor/Treasurer	4,046.25
90 payments less than \$2,000	29,188.96
Total	81,528.90

Motion Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve Rock County Rural Water expansion project payment #4 of \$510,783.09 payable to Winter Brothers, contingent on USDA approval, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to set the Truth and Taxation Hearing for December 1, 2015 at 6:00PM, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, the December 1, 2015 County Board meeting time will begin at 4:00PM to coincide with the Truth and Taxation Hearing.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to re-issue lost warrant number 11697 for \$41.97, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a letter from the State Auditor's office stating Rock County will be subject to a state audit for the next three years; no action was taken.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented an updated regarding the US Highway 75 pedestrian crossing light as the agreement has been amended by site engineers; the pedestrian light will be located on the north side of the Hwy 75 and Dodge Street intersection as opposed to the south side of the intersection. An amended contract from MnDOT will be forthcoming.

The Engineer informed that County Board of (2) recent resignations and an additional resignation scheduled at year end and requested to fill all (3) positions; the request was approved by order of the chair. The County Board thanked Lee Hamann for his 32 years of service to the Highway Department and the citizens of Rock County.

The Engineer gave a brief construction update pertaining to bridge and culvert projects; also stated that he is currently addressing road damages from the Lewis & Clark expansion project.

The County Board discussed attendance at the upcoming AMC District VIII meeting scheduled for November 5 at Key Largo.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the A. C. E. quarterly payment of \$3,632.75, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a BRRRA update stating that the final repair has been conducted and that the close out payment is forthcoming.

Also stated that railroad tie cleanup has resumed at the Rushmore site and that they are moving east; railroad tie cleanup will not occur in Rock County until next year.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from MNDNR Regional Manager Kathy Dummer and DGR Engineering Project Manager Darin Schriever regarding a scope of services in determining an estimated cost in hooking up the Blue Mound State Park to the Rock County Rural Water system; presented as information only.

The Administrator informed the County Board he is meeting with the architect for the library building renovation on November 9.

The County Board was in receipt of the MCIT annual report; no action was taken.

Commissioner Boyenga reported that the cell phone service in the south and east portions of the county and extending into Nobles County remains poor.

Commissioner Boyenga also stated that the new Southwest Mental Health Center building is very impressive and that an open house is forthcoming.

Commissioner Boyenga also requested that a budget review be conducted at the next County Board meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(12-10)

## Rock County Commissioners meet November 17

**Herred Board Room 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rock County Courthouse November 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the November 17, 2015, County Board agenda, declared on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the November 3, 2015, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. SSTS Payment Authorization – CWF-FY 12-36 \$7,622.25
2. Resolution No. 26-15, County Program Aid

Paul Mantz, Sioux Valley Energy Community Relations Executive, introduced himself to the County Board and briefly described economic development programs available to the service area.

Kyle Oldre, Rock County Administrator and Holli Sammons, Luverne Economic Development Director informed the County Board of an economic development opportunity request from DEED on location site for a potential new feed mill. As to date, details are minimal, however the Administrator has identified (2) potential sites; he requested authorization to pursue the project; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch to continue his efforts with the potential economic development project and report any new details as they become available, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from the Fifth Judicial District Court thanking the County Board for the security improvements made to the Courthouse building along with efforts addressing bats within the Courthouse building.

The Administrator presented a Library building project update stating that Honken Construction is acting as project manager and currently obtaining quotes from subcontractors and that initial quotes are within budget. Library operations will move to the basement of the building and construction is scheduled to begin January of 2016.

The County Board briefly discussed the AMC District VIII meeting stating that topics included the CPA resolution and the development of a solar ordinance.

MnDNR Representatives Kathy Dummer, Kathy Fouchi and Dennis Fredericksen discussed details of the 10-year DNR Conservation Plan 2015-2025 along with land assessment management, the dam repair project timeline and the water supply issue at the Blue Mound State Park. DHS is still trying to determine the

contamination of the existing water supply and that DNR is also interested in pursuing a feasibility study with DGR for \$8,732 to determine the cause of action and cost in getting treated water from the RCRW system to the park. Dummer suggested utilizing a Joint Powers Agreement with Rock County identifying the cost of the study and the reimbursement from DNR to Rock County for those expenses as to ensure collaboration with the existing expansion project. A draft document will be composed for review by the County Attorney's office.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$225.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims:

American Communications Inc.	\$2,739.35
ARM of Minnesota	\$2,875.00
CHS Eastern Farmers Coop	\$5,502.94
Computer Professionals Inc	\$11,459.00
Everbridge Inc	\$3,300.00
Express Ag	\$6,716.28
Expressway - Luverne	\$2,374.81
Fleet Services Division Adm Fmr	\$5,831.45
Johnson Controls	\$37,960.40
City of Luverne	\$17,457.07
Lyon County Landfill	\$15,028.32
M&L Electric LLC	\$7,947.24
Morris Electronics	\$2,330.80
Rock County Opportunities	\$4,392.22
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc	\$3,110.37
Lawrence Shreffler	\$3,500.00
Tollefson Publishing	\$3,452.40
Towmaster	\$125,844.05
Zabel	\$3,509.00
Ziegler Inc	\$7,258.09
103 payments less than 2,000	\$32,786.32
Total	\$305,375.11

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a Fund Balance report and stated that the balances do not reflect the November 15th tax collection; motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the fund balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve RCRW contract payment to Winter Brothers for \$254,966.11 and a change order for enhancements made to the east side of the system costing \$265,964.00, all contingent on USDA approval, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a tax penalty abatement request from Enel Energy; motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to deny the request due to unidentifiable reasonable cause and/or unintentional intent, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to re-issue lost warrant #82325 for \$55.89, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator led a budget discussion to include mandated services, contract services and the funding level of those services; also discussed unresolved issues that currently not budgeted and would have to be paid from reserves to include mobile CAD equipment and maintenance expenses and comp worth study, staffing at the Sheriff's Office and the implementation of a wheelage tax. No action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of state wide levy changes as per county; presented as informational.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to declare the following weapons surplus, declared carried on a voice vote.

- Glock 23 .40 cal HHF754
- Glock 22 Gen 4 .40 cal XCE118
- Glock 22 .40 cal LXT302
- Glock 23 .40 cal HHF752
- Glock 23 .40 cal HHF751
- Glock 23 40 cal MBU 294
- Glock 23 .40 cal HHF755
- Glock 22 .40 cal MNW267
- Glock 23 .40 cal HHF753
- Glock 22 .40 cal XCE117
- Glock 22 Gen 4 .40 cal UCE767
- Glock 22 .40 cal XCE116

The County Board was in receipt of the MCIT 2015 Annual meeting notice scheduled for December 7th at 4:00 during the AMC Annual Conference.

On a recommendation from the County Attorney and County Engineer, motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to revert seventeen feet (17") of county owned property on each side of County Road 6 back to the current land owners but retain the easement, declared carried on a voice vote. Ownership property has no cash value to the county and by statute, retains the easement regardless of the ownership.

The Administrator stated that he has been in discussions with US Senator Klobuchar's office regarding the sub-standard cell phone coverage issue and that they are currently working on a solution.

The County Board was in receipt of the MCIT voting deletes – Kyle Oldre and Ken Hoime (alternate); no action was needed.

Commissioner Thompson informed the County Board that Norma Brands was selected as the new A. C. E. Coordinator for Rock County and that the SRDC is currently conducting a survey regarding roads.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a year-end payroll issue which will result in a different pay dates: hourly and salaried employees pay date will be 12/31/2015 and employment contract and elected officials pay date will be 01/04/2015.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(12-10)

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**Verhey Family**  
(12.6-12.10)

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for packaging the November backpacks.

**The Backpack Program**  
(12.6-12.10)

With heartfelt thanks to our relatives and friends for all expressions of sympathy, remembering our dear Bob. He is now at peace with our Lord. Thanks to Pastor Dorie, Hartquist Funeral Home, and Hospice for their comfort and prayers.

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**Abby and Aaron**  
**Heidi and Skyler**  
**Mother Grace**  
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**Brother Terry and Sandy**  
(12.10-12.13)

### CHILD CARE

Peggy's Daycare is opening Dec. 7. All ages accepted. Call or text Peggy at 507-220-0621 for more information.  
(11.22-12.10)

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For Sale: Electric Stove. \$60. 507-449-0090. (12.6-12.10)

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(12.6-12.17)

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(11.22-12.10)



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## RULES

1. Contest is open to children ages 4 through 9.
2. Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
3. Decision of judges is final.

ALL entries must be returned to the Star Herald office no later than NOON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.  
Please return your colored entry to the Star Herald office rolled or flat - DO NOT FOLD.



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AGE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_