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Ho, ho, ho!

Santa and Mrs. Claus make appearance in Hardwick

By Mavis Fodness

Picture perfect described Saturday's Santa Claus Day in Hardwick. Snow was falling outside the Hardwick Legion Hall as about 75 parents and children chose to escape the cold air nipping at their noses. Inside they made holiday ornaments and savored sugar cookies while they waited for Mr. and Mrs. Claus to arrive.

The Hardwick Community Club-sponsored event kept up a decades-old tradition of ushering in the Christmas season with a few hours of fun.

For long time residents like Alice Hansen Mr. and Mrs. Claus (portrayed by Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort) were able to make a special visit to their homes.

They came bearing a brown paper bag containing peanuts in the shell, hard candy and red apple, treats Santa Day organizers used to hand out to everyone decades ago.

For Rodger Ossenfort Christmas 2016 marked his 30th year portraying jolly Ol' Saint Nick. Wife Dianne joined his side in 1991 and began appearing at Hardwick's Santa Claus Day.

Dressed in their red and white costumes, the Ossenforts garnered more smiles (and a few tears) when they arrived at the Legion Hall.

For an hour they graciously handed out candy and asked the children what they wanted Santa to bring them for Christmas.

For volunteer photographer Mica Hemme of Hardwick the event signified that Christmas season has arrived.

Hemme has been the official Santa Claus Day photographer since 2010.

"It helps me get into the spirit of things more so than shopping," she said. "When I start taking pictures, I'm kind of in the moment and it makes me happy."

Except not all of those who posed with Mr. and Mrs. Claus were happy when a few tears were shed at meeting the Christmas couple for the first time.

"They are the best photos but I try to get a good one for the parents," she said.

Each family who has a photo taken receives the printed copy just before Christmas.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1215 Hardwick Santa 2016

Alice Hansen (left) erupts in laughter as Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort) deliver a bag of Christmas goodies Saturday afternoon during Hardwick's Santa Claus Day. The couple later spent an hour posing for photographs with children at the Legion Hall.



At left, Kaidence Haraldson, 15 months, greeted her photo session with Mr. and Mrs. Claus with tears.

Below left, Jadyn Hart shows the reindeer ornament she made from pipe cleaners and a tea light.



Pictured below, Ava Sieve (left) and her brother Owen share a laugh with Santa and Mrs. Claus while having their picture taken.



Engesser's bank leadership put community interests first

By Mavis Fodness

Mike Engesser strived to achieve balance while he was president and CEO of First Farmers & Merchants National Bank, but that balance will shift for the 61-year-old when he retires Dec. 30.

Since announcing his retirement plans 11 months ago, Engesser has been busy preparing others to do his job at the downtown Luverne bank.

He also serves as senior vice president of 215 Holding Company, which encompasses 17 branch banks including Luverne.

"It's a hard job to retire," Engesser said last week. "You forget what all you do."

With 37 years of banking and insurance experience under his belt, Engesser filled numerous positions on his way to becoming the top local officer.

He started in the First Bank system as an insurance agent in Benson before he transferred to Luverne. He became a cashier two years later and began a 35-year career in Luverne.

Engesser said the degrees in business finance and accounting from Mankato State University were better suited for community banking than for insurance sales, so it was a move he never regretted.

However, entering the loan side of community banking in the 1980s was not ideal as the agricultural sector suffered financially during the farm crisis.

Engesser said those times were tough, but the experience left a lasting impression.

"We'd try to be able to make loans and help people," he said. "If you do it

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Money running short for school swim lessons

By Mavis Fodness

As outdoor temperatures dipped below freezing last week, Luverne's second-graders began lessons to enjoy a summertime activity.

The two-week swimming curriculum has been a staple for elementary children in Luverne for more than three decades.

However, the parent support group is struggling to raise enough funds to keep the lessons affordable. Currently the lessons are free to students.

On Dec. 5, 74 second-graders started lessons; early next year 99 third-graders will take their turn in the pool.

Each day the students ride a bus to the indoor pool for the 45-minute afternoon lesson.

"For a lot of second- and third-graders it's their only lesson," said



Mavis Fodness Photo/1215 Second Swim

Instructor Michelle DeKam demonstrates the proper arm movements for freestyle swimming as her second-grade pupils try to follow her actions.

Funds for swimming/see 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the home of Greg Talsma.

Luverne Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, in the Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne. Visitors are welcome.

Vienna Township meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Kenneth Community Center.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

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

Salvation Army seeks volunteers to ring bells

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers to man the red kettle at Glen's Food Center in December.

Every dollar collected in Rock County stays here and benefits organizations like Southwest Youth Services and disadvantaged children in the school system.

If you are able to help, contact Suanne Ohme at 507-283-4914 or 507-920-0053.

Carnegie hosts Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees at the Carnegie Cultural Center is now open for the community's enjoyment from 5-7 p.m. Thursdays and from 1-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Doors will not be open on Christmas Eve day.

Monthly Food Ministry Dec. 15

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside. Call Gloria at 283-4366 with questions.

Band concert Dec. 15

Luverne Middle School and High School bands will perform their winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the high school gym. Admission is a donation (money or product) to the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf.

Sign up for Community Education basketball tourney Jan. 28

Luverne Community Education is sponsoring an invitational basketball tournament Saturday, Jan. 28, for both boys' and girls' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball teams. Format guarantees each team at least two games. Teams can register at www.isd2184.net under Community Education or call 507-283-4724. Cost is \$125 per team, and payment must accompany registration.

Caregivers Group meets Dec. 27

The Caregivers Support Group will meet in the conference room at Mary Jane Brown Home from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. Anyone dealing with caregiving or having questions regarding caregiving and available resources is encouraged to attend.

Community Education

Luverne Community Education will offer the following upcoming classes and activities. Call 283-4724 to register.

Girls in K-5 join together to solve a mystery and watch Nancy Drew at **Mystery Movie Night** on Dec. 16.

Discovery Time Preschool has openings in the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class. Register now. Early Learning Scholarships that cover the entire tuition for the year are available to qualifying families with 3- and 4-year-old children. Call 283-4724.

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right, you minimize problems."

The 1980s brought changes to how bankers looked at loans.

No longer was having adequate collateral for a loan enough for regulators but bank representatives needed to calculate positive cash flows for customers.

Engesser negotiated thousands of loan agreements during his banking career and has found communication to be the best tool instead of liquidating someone's assets.

"If you work with them, they will work with you," he said. "The result is a whole lot more positive."

First Bank Luverne became First Farmers & Merchants National Bank in 1987, and Engesser helped in the transition to the new owners. He became president and chief executive officer in 1998 and added the senior vice president title with the holding company in 2005.

Besides loan reviews and oversight of day-to-day banking practices, Engesser's logical thinking was a good fit in making the bank acquisitions and following state and federal banking regulations.

He said he used to have to remember the steps to eight or nine basic regulations, but now he couldn't count the number of checks and balances needed to conduct business today.

"The regulations make it hard to be a community bank," he said.

Engesser kept one idea in mind as he worked to find the best solutions for local customers. "If the community is successful, we're successful," he said.

In retirement Engesser will be able to add the hobbies and activities back into his days that his expanded bank-



Mavis Fodness Photo/1215 Mike Engesser Retirement

After 37 years in the insurance and banking industry, Luverne's Farmers & Merchants Bank President and CEO Mike Engesser will retire on Dec. 30.

ing duties once filled.

He envisions woodworking, golfing and more visits to the family cabin on Lake Sarah to fill his time as the day-to-day pace slows.

His interest in the Luverne community would also benefit from Engesser having more time during the week.

He has been a 35-year member of the Lions Club and has served on numerous city, church and school committees including the economic development and housing boards, school foundation and referendum committees and various work groups at St. Catherine Catholic Church.

In retirement he said he'll use the same life approach he applied to his career: "You can do anything if you put your mind to it," he said.

As a teenager growing up

in Blue Earth, Engesser admitted he wasn't the best student in high school.

For two years out of high school he worked various jobs to afford to go to college. One of those jobs as a night shift manager at the local grocery store helped hone his people skills, strengthen his work ethic and develop his active leadership approach.

That leadership style still showed itself decades later when he shoveled snow from the bank's sidewalks or changed a light bulb in the lobby, even though he held the top position at the bank.

Engesser's humble mindset has led to some peer recognition.

He received the 2012 Friend of Education award from the Luverne Education Association for supporting

programs and activities in the district.

And, under his guidance, the bank is a four-time recipient of the Siefried and Brew honor for his success in balancing community needs with protecting depositors' assets.

Engesser said he and his wife, Jen, a teacher at Luverne Elementary School, would continue to live in Luverne after his retirement. The couple has two grown sons in the Twin Cities and North Carolina.

Work won't entirely leave Engesser's news schedule, as he becomes a consultant with the 215 Holding Company.

"I have had a wonderful fulfilling career," Engesser said, "in a place where people strive to make our area of the state a much better place to live and raise the next generation."

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for residents and businesses to demolish blighted properties.

Up to \$3,000 is available for residential properties (\$1,500 for accessory structures) and \$5,000 for commercial projects.

According to Sammons, 19 demolition grants have been approved in the past five years through the program, which aims to "stabilize and improve the community by removing blighted, dilapidated, substandard, and irreparable structures," according to the city website.

To be approved for funding, projects must reach the goal of eliminating blight, improving property maintenance, promoting public health and safety or encouraging economic development.

This doesn't count blight removal initiated by the city through tax increment financing, such as Sharkee's and the Culligan-Ramage lots.

Esther Frakes recognition

Monday's meeting was the last one of the year for the LEDA and the last one for outgoing board member Esther

"It's been a fantastic learning experience for me."

— Esther Frakes, outgoing city council member

Frakes, who's City Council term ends Dec. 30.

Mayor Pat Baustian thanked Frakes for her 12 years of service on the LEDA.

She said she was grateful for the opportunity.

"It's been a fantastic learning experience for me," Frakes said.

"I've been in awe of the wonderful staff we have here and was glad to be part of the hiring for some of them."

The mayor will appoint her replacement on the LEDA in January.

"I wish you all the best with your projects going forward," Frakes told her colleagues Monday. "I'll enjoy watching from a distance."

Sign up for Winter Reading Program at library

The annual winter reading program sponsored by the Plum Creek Library System and its member libraries will begin Jan. 1, and run through March 31.

The program, open to ages 16 and beyond, is offered every year during the winter months and rewards readers for doing what they love to do — read.

Participation is easy. Simply sign up at your local library. Your library will give you a punch card or reading log to record the number of books read.

Then get set to read at least 12 books during the three-month-long program.

Readers are encouraged to read as many titles as they choose.

However, in order for their punch card or reading log to be counted toward the library's chance at the Champion Reader traveling trophy and be considered as "completing the program," a

minimum of 12 books read is required.

Titles may be in any format including audio books and e-books.

Most Plum Creek Library System libraries offer patrons a prize for completing the Winter Reading Program challenge and various incentives are available.

Last year at 25 libraries in the nine-county library system, an outstanding total of 20,917 books were read.

Of the participants, 970 were women and 152 men, amounting to a total of 1,122 readers.

Nearly 300 of those Winter Reading Program participants were new to the program and every year libraries encourage library patrons who have not been a part of the program to join in the fun.

So make plans to stop at your library today, register for the Winter Reading Program, and get set to Book You Winter Getaway in January.



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Local groups, individuals awarded for inspiring generosity

By Lori Sorenson

During its year-end ceremony the Luverne Area Community Foundation handed out three additional awards to recognize people and organizations that have contributed to the community.

"Our purpose in sharing awards this year is to share philanthropic thinking in hopes of inspiring someone else to do the same in their own personal way," said LACF Director Emily Crabtree.

Gene and Barb Ashby received the Spirit of Philanthropy award for their generosity and for inspiring others to philanthropic action.

In 2006 Gene and Barb lost their 16-year-old son Chris to a car accident. In the face of heartache Gene and Barb made a commitment to share a part of Chris' legacy with his graduating class of 2008.

Seventy of Chris' peers received a \$500 scholarship on top of their qualifying Dollars for Scholars gift; a gift of \$35,000 to 70 young people who will be forever impacted from their act of generosity.

The Ashbys also share a love of bike riding, and to provide opportunity for others to share in this love they started a Bike Path Development Fund at the foundation for future hard surface bike paths outside the city limits of Luverne.

The Ashbys have lived in Rock County most of their lives and have enjoyed the lifestyle it has offered. It is their hope that this gift and vision will continue to improve the quality of life for future Rock County residents.

Main Street Financial Services is this year's Outstanding Corporation or Business for the culture of philanthropy it has nurtured within its organization.

"The generosity of charitable gifts given by Main Street Financial team members is not something they do because they are asked but rather they do because they believe it is the right thing to do," Mike Cox said about his staff.

"This philosophy comes with a strong belief that God is an awesome God and we are blessed to be a blessing to others and required to care for each other."

Cox started the vision and it continues to be nurtured by Nancy Van De Berg.

Some of the many gifts that are so willingly shared are five paid hours for volunteer work, monetary gifts in honor of team members to local charities chosen by the team member, adopting a family or facility during the holidays in lieu of personal gifts and \$2 Friday donations to wear blue jeans to work, with quarterly proceeds gifted to local needs.

Atlas of Rock County is this year's Non-profit Spotlight Award recipient for its hands-on involvement, financial support and leadership for those in need.

Director Vicki Altena describes the work as "just doing life together" with one-on-one mentoring and support for individuals and elderly. This could mean help with transportation, moving, cleaning, grocery shopping, and doctor appointments among other things — all at no charge.

Atlas has over 100 volunteers and the work is supported solely on private donations. Their leadership is based on seeing a need and meeting that need.

The opening of Redeemed Remnants has assisted with affordable housewares and furniture. A moving trailer purchased with a grant from the LACF has allowed them to help those with no support system to move or transition into affordable, safe housing.

Atlas hosts the annual One Warm Coat project, which has distributed 200 coats to date, and it is transforming two



The Luverne Area Community Foundation awarded Atlas for Life with the Non-profit Spotlight Award for its hands-on involvement, financial support and leadership in the community for those in need. Pictured in Sterling's Nov. 28 are (from left) LACF director Emily Crabtree, Atlas board member Greg Burger, Atlas Director Vicki Altena, Atlas volunteers Sharon Taubert, Jeane Leslie and Lynn Grimm, and Atlas board member Nancy Van De Berg.

apartments above the thrift store for emergency temporary housing.

Atlas collaborates with any local organization to help its residents get back on their feet and be contributing members of our community.



Gene and Barb Ashby (right) received the LACF Spirit of Philanthropy award for their generosity and for inspiring others to philanthropic action. They're pictured with LACF director Emily Crabtree (on far left).



Main Street Financial Services is the LACF Outstanding Business of the Year for the culture of philanthropy it has nurtured within its organization. Pictured with LACF director Emily Crabtree (far left) are Nancy Van De Berg, Lynette Ossefoort, Teresa Hup, Mike Cox, Alexis Klarenbeek and Edna Buys and David Riphagen (back).

Funds running out for second grade swimming lessons/continued from page 1A

pool manager Sam Honerman. "For a lot of them it's their first time in the water."

The pool charges half the normal price because Honerman feels strongly that every child needs to learn basic water rules.

"Our main goal is to make sure everyone feels safe in the water," she said. "Everyone should at least feel comfortable making it to a ledge."

During last week's lessons, students were separated into three learning groups. Some students were overcoming fears of the water and learning basic swimming strokes while others were learning how to bob their way to the pool's edge. More advanced students were learning to float on their backs and dive safely into the water.

All the lessons are based on American Red Cross recommendations.

Payment for the lessons comes from the fundraising efforts of Parents Partners In Education (PPIE).

Even at half price, two-weeks of lessons run \$15 per student along with busing expenses.

PPIE has been covering the costs of the swim lessons since the early 2000s.

PPIE also sponsors other



Luverne Elementary second-grade students gather in three groups for swimming lessons Dec. 8 at Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center. Second-grader Will Bergman shares a laugh with instructor Sam Honerman as he successfully completes the swimming stroke. After the students completed lessons, Bergman took a plunge off the diving board during the free swim time.

learning activities such as author visits, the Respect Lunch and guest speakers.

The swim lessons are by far the group's most expensive activity.

PPIE President Anne Shelton said the group had to

turn to outside resources for the swim lessons since the group has not met targeted fundraising amounts for the past two years.

"This year the Red Arrow has given us a donation," Shelton said. "We are coming up

very short on funds and are nearing the point of cutting programs we sponsor yearly."

In 2015 PPIE changed from elementary students selling frozen foods to collecting monetary pledges for its "Cardinal Dash: Keeping

Cardinal Kids Running"

In two years the group raised just over \$20,000, an amount the group used to raise annually.

PPIE will conduct its 2017 Cardinal Dash: Keep Cardinal Kids Running this spring.



Mavis Fodness photos/1215 swim

Celebrate with friends & family

Dale Swenson's
80th birthday OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, December 17
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Senior Citizens Center

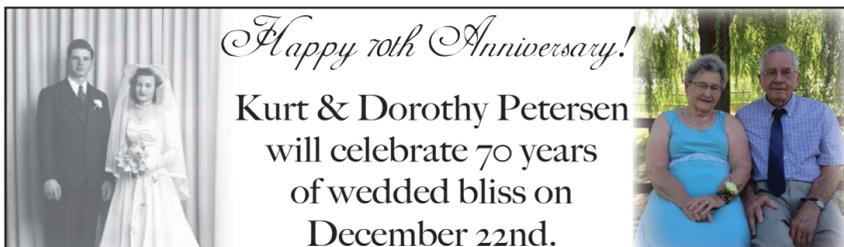
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Small town living brings out good stuff this time of year

Sometimes it's important to really notice and appreciate the world around you.

We all know that, but how often do we intentionally slow down or quiet down in order to really "take in" the good stuff?

I found myself doing that more this past weekend, and there's no doubt the Christmas season is the reason.

I guess it's easier to recognize and appreciate all the good stuff this time of year.

And there really is a lot of good stuff to notice in our little corner of the world.

Here are a few examples that I had the chance to take in last week.

Friday night I was among the several hundred people who packed the Luverne High School gym for the holiday choir concert.

It's safe to say that almost everyone in the gym that night truly enjoyed the traditional finale of the concert.

More than 230 students joined together (with battery-operated candles in hand and all the gym lights turned off) to sing the most beautiful renditions of "O Holy Night" that I've ever heard.

Believe me, I took in the moment as I enjoyed the sounds and meaning of that song and considered how special it is to live in a community that still values and shares music and traditions like this with our kids. That's good stuff.

The next day I was fortunate enough to sing in the choir for the community Christmas cantata at the Palace Theater.

While that experience alone was great, there was a moment between the performances that made me stop and appreciate the little town I live in.

A number of us were in the Luverne Area Foundation Office with the large windows looking



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

I waded and thought to myself, "Is there anything more small-town Minnesota than that?"

out over Main Street.

As the snow fell, Main Street and the Palace marquee were all aglow as people entered our 101-year-old historic theater for the evening show. The beautiful Sterling's building across the street was filled with customers.

Luverne's beautiful, small-town, snow-covered Main Street at Christmas time is definitely worth noticing.

The next morning I saw Cody and Nicole Henrichs walking to church while pulling their children on a sled across the newly fallen snow while Grace Lutheran's carillon played Christmas carols heard throughout the neighborhood.

I waded and thought to myself, "Is there anything more small-town Minnesota than that?"

When I take the time to really notice the world around me, I realize the world around me is full of good stuff.

I live in a beautiful, clean, safe community with a lot of people who value many of the same good things that I do and work hard to keep our community the way it is or make it even better.

I invite you to take the opportunity to really notice and enjoy the people, places and community around you this holiday season. It's probably really good stuff.

Support something smart for our community, something that really matters

Anonymous donor match for History Center expires at year-end

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Nearly 5 billion artifacts are held in public trust by more than 30,000 archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, scientific research collections and archaeological repositories in the United States.

This is an astounding reminder of the importance we place on preserving history in our communities.

But sadly, a third of these historical treasures will be lost over time due to lack of funding.

That's according to New York Times bestselling author Steve Berry, whose foundation, History Matters, supports historical preservation.

"Preserving our past establishes roots and community pride," he said. "It teaches, inspires, makes our communities more attractive and encourages travel and tourism."

If that sounds familiar, it's because we have the very same philosophy right here in Rock County.

Our Historical Society members and their fearless leader, Betty Mann, understand that things from our past are assets in a community,

and saving them is smart.

What sets us apart from many other historical societies, fortunately, is that we have generous souls who have provided funds to support our history-saving efforts.

Betty knows all too well how much hard work and how much money it takes to properly organize and preserve history. That's why tears come to her eyes when she adds up the money that's come in to the History Center — a project she calls her "dream come true."

But even though the doors are open, the History Center isn't paid for, and funds will be needed for ongoing maintenance and operation of the facility.

"The work is never done," Betty sighed last week. "Because history

goes on, you're never done."

We all have an opportunity to join in the final fundraising push for the History Center, and if we do it before the end of the year, our donations will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to:

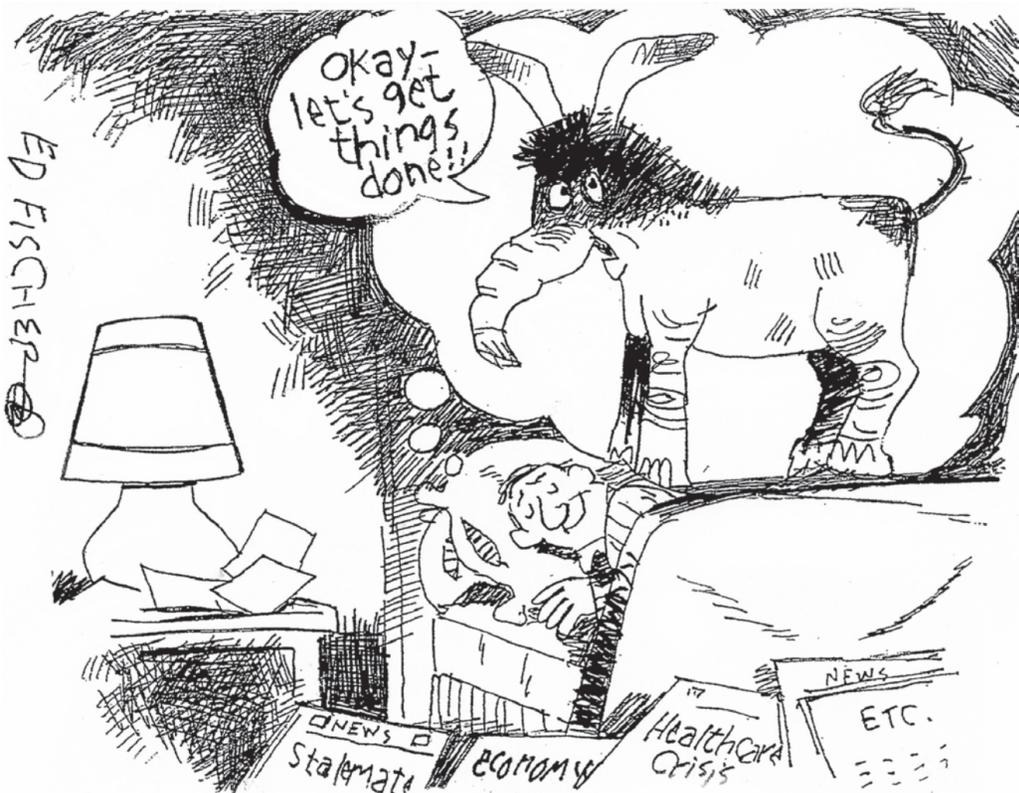
The Rock County Historical Society
312 E. Main St.
Luverne MN 56156.

Checks can be written to The History Center.

Why?

Because history matters.

As Betty says, "In order to know who we are and where we're going, we need to know who we were and where we've been."



State's DWI enforcement, rearview mirror stipulations make driving safer

Question: What are the legal ramifications if someone is arrested for DWI with a child in a vehicle?

Answer: If the child is less than 16 years of age and is greater than 36 months younger than the driver, the DWI violation would be enhanced to include Child Endangerment.

- First offense DWI under a 0.16: 90 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine.

- First offense DWI under a 0.16 with a child: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine.

- First offense DWI over a 0.16: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine.

- First offense DWI over a 0.16 with a child: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine and vehicle forfeiture.

- Subsequent DWI/DUI and impaired driving offenses will result in longer potential jail time, higher fines, longer driver's license suspensions, and harsher penalties.

For a complete list of the criminal and administrative penalties you may face for subsequent DWIs, please visit the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) website: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/laws/Pages/>



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

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Minnesota's enhanced DWI enforcement and education efforts have contributed to the continued reduction of alcohol-related deaths. Still, impaired driving remains a serious threat.

In the past five years (2011-2015), there were 462 drunk-driving-related deaths in Minnesota — 95 people were killed in drunk-driving-related crashes in 2015 alone. In addition, each year approximately 27,000 people are arrested in Minnesota for DWI with one in seven Minnesota drivers having a DWI on their record.

Help prevent impaired driving:

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation or stay at the location of the celebration.

- Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.

- Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

It is important to note that DWI laws apply to all vehicles including cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles,

snowmobiles, ATVs, riding lawn mowers and golf carts.

The Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths program brings area law enforcement, public health educators, engineers and emergency medical and trauma services together to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and severe injuries to zero in southeast Minnesota.

Question: Do I need to have a mirror on the outside passenger side of the door on my pickup truck? It has one on the driver's side and a rear view on the windshield.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 2
 •Complainant reported a couple nights ago, maybe Tuesday, someone went into his garage in Steen. It woke him up when they shut the door.
 •Dispatcher received a 911 call with yelling on the phone. Parties are staying at different places for tonight.
 •Complainant requested a deputy check on the welfare of two young boys. Their mother is having mental health issues, and they are concerned about their safety.
 •Complainant brought in a trailer plate found on the bike path south of Blue Mound Avenue. Company was called, and they have already ordered a new plate. They asked that we just throw this one away.
 •Complainant reported that there is a black adult bike by the propane tanks at Glen's Food Center. It was brought to the Rock County Sheriff's Office bike impound.
 •Complainant reported a white semitrailer from Wheaton driving fast at location and passing unsafely. Vehicle continued north on Highway 23. Passed onto State Patrol.
 •Dispatch received elevator emergency button call for north elevator by the little gym. No voice on answer. Notified school.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy about custody issue.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding custody issue.
 •Complainant reported a strange man came onto her property and asked for gas, stating he was out. White male age 40-50 with weird drawl or accent, has a beard that is brown with some gray. Wearing a stocking cap and a dark brown winter Carhartt-type coat and jeans. Went north-bound on County Road 11.
Dec. 3
 •Complainant reported having information on a murder investigation. Upon further conversation with complainant, it was determined that it occurred in South Dakota years ago.
 •Complainant reported that she is with the Tracy Area Animal Rescue, and they were having a meet and greet at location, and a male wearing jeans and a plain jacket stole an eight-week-old

puppy. Chihuahua, rat terrier, Pomeranian mix. Value of the puppy is \$350.
Dec. 4
 •Deputies arrested man for second degree DWI and took him to jail.
 •Complainant reported people outside yelling. Deputy transported one adult female, one juvenile male. Gave a night at Super 8 to one female.
 •Complainant reported some smoke on the 300 block of West Lincoln Street. No fire that she could see. Contacted owners. They have a wood burner.
 •Reserved for predatory offender registration.
 •Deputy arrested subject for terroristic threats and a warrant out of Ramsey County.
 •Complainant reported his vehicle broke down at location. It is on the shoulder but needs a tow. Contacted G&S.
Dec. 5
 •Complainant reported that she heard a noise outside. When she looked out, she saw someone running, and they activated the neighbors' outside lights. It was too dark to get a description.
 •Complainant reported that he was with a vending company and has had several vending machines stolen. He knows who has them.
 •Complainant reported that there have been two kids' bikes sitting along the north side of Dollar General since Saturday.
 •Complainant reported 911 test calling would be originating from location. Two successful 911 calls were received.
 •Complainant reported an assault at Southwest Youth Services.
 •Complainant reported an assault at SYS in Magnolia.
 •Deputies arrested subject for probation violation.
Dec. 6
 •Patrol requested we check on a trooper who is out with a stalled vehicle and not answering radio. They called back, and everything is OK.
 •Deputy located an abandoned vehicle on County Road 4 east of 270th Avenue. It is off the roadway.
 •Complainant reported that she is being harassed by subject. Deputy advised complainant to get a restraining order.
 •Complainant reported

that he lost his wallet today downtown somewhere. The wallet contained his South Dakota driver's license and credit cards.
 •Deputy arrested subject on a Rock County civil warrant and took him to jail.
Dec. 7
 •Deputy completed door checks around town.
 •Complainant reported a truck that lost the trailer at location. Driver is working on hooking them back together.
 •Deputy reported he would be out on a motorist assist. Vehicle had overheated, and they were waiting for help. They have a cell phone to call if they need something.
 •Deputy reported trailer abandoned on Highway 75 north of Luverne with no registration. Nothing on file in Minnesota, South Dakota or Iowa.
 •Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on Highway 75 and 181st Street. Notified State Patrol.
 •Complainant requested deputy assist for backup on I-90 mile marker 25 west-bound.
 •Complainant reported items stolen out of her daughter's locker at the school.
Dec. 8
 •Complainant reported a hay bale had fallen from a truck near location. Complainant tried to get the driver's attention but was unable. Transferred to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported a man sitting at the I-90 west-bound ramp in Luverne.
 •Deputy arrested woman for Swift County warrant. Transported to Nobles County jail.
 •Complainant requested that a deputy speak to a young girl about being assaulted over the weekend.
 •Complainant requested information on what to give his wife who is low on sugar and is diabetic. Had him call the hospital.
 In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 deer accidents, 1 funeral escort, 7 traffic stops, 22 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 3 false 911 calls, 7 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, 3 money escorts, and issued 8 purchase/carry permits and 2 burn permits.



Submitted photo/1208 operation Christmas child

Paul and Jan Ruud and their granddaughter Kristin Ruud (left) and friend Elise Ferrell are pictured with a stack of Operation Christmas Child boxes that were donated to Samaritan's Purse for children in need around the world. In Rock County this fall, a total of 654 boxes were collected in addition to financial donations that combined to provide gifts for 11,000 children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child sends gifts to children around the world

Volunteers in Luverne and surrounding cities have collected enough shoeboxes and financial donations to reach more than 11,000 children in need through the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. "Thank you to all who gave a box or donated money toward shipping," said local volunteer Karen Bosch. This season's collection surpassed last year's gift donations to children in need worldwide. For many of these children, the shoebox gift delivered through this local project will be the first gift they will have ever received. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Local drop-off locations have closed for the season, but there is still time to pack a gift-filled shoebox online for children suffering from poverty, natural disaster, war, disease

and famine. Like online shopping, visitors can browse samaritanaspurse.org/occ to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish by uploading a photo and writing a note of encouragement to be included in the shoebox they build online. They can also follow their box to discover where in the world it will be delivered. Participants can give a \$25 gift card to a family member or friend so they can join in the excitement of Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoebox gift online. These shoeboxes — filled with school supplies, toys, hygiene items and notes of encouragement—are delivered to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries around the world. For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call or visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories.

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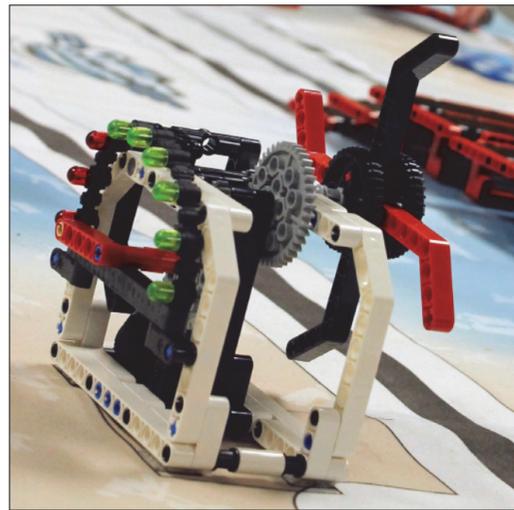
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Making connections

Luverne's LEGO team heads to state



By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public School's LEGO League team used professionalism to advance to the Minnesota FIRST LEGO League competition.

Calling themselves "Squid's Revenge," the six middle schoolers drew positive comments from the judges at the Dec. 3 regional event in Sioux Falls.

Adult advisers are Bill Thompson and Stacy Schepel.

"We did exceptional in the core values area and were awarded a trophy, which means that we displayed extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit," Schepel said.

"We also demonstrated 'gracious professionalism,' showing each other and other teams respect at all

times."

Team members are Matthew McClure, Logan Ommen, Parker Carbonneau, JT Remme, Xavier Carbonneau and Henry Ramstorf.

The team competed in the three LEGO League elements: a challenge, a real-world project and the robotics game.

Each element is based on a single theme.

This year's theme is Animal Allies.

According to the league website, teams are challenged to think of people and animals as allies in a quest to make life better for everyone.

Sometimes people help animals and sometimes animals help people. The team mission is to make human interactions with animals

'We also demonstrated 'gracious professionalism'

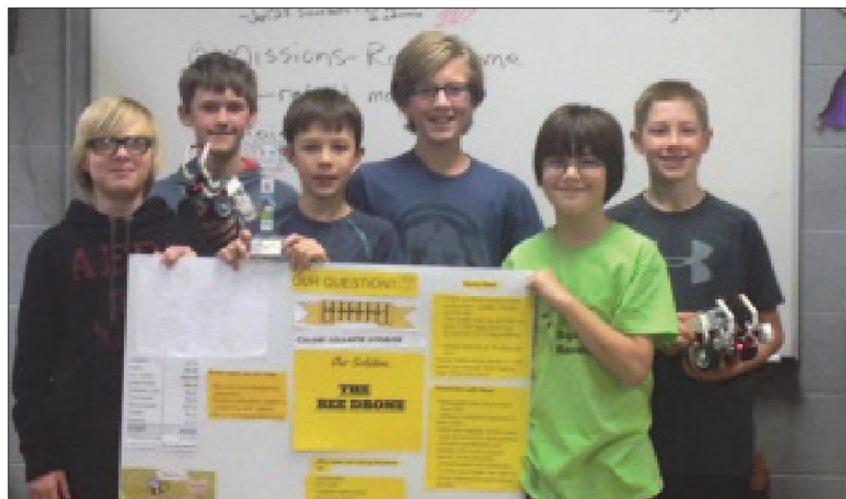
...
— Adviser Stacy Schepel

better — hopefully better for everyone.

Luverne's project focused on a "Bee Drone" that sprays antibiotics on bees to prevent colony collapse disorder.

The state tournament takes place in late January.

This is Luverne's second year offering LEGO League as an after-school activity. Students practice once a week from September through January.



Submitted Photo

Luverne School's LEGO team is called "Squid's Revenge" and its six members earned a trip to the state competition in January. Team members are (from left) Matthew McClure, Logan Ommen, Parker Carbonneau, JT Remme, Xavier Carbonneau and Henry Ramstorf.



Submitted Photo

Teammates Brandon Berghorst (left) and Burke Johnson (pictured above and at right) discuss programming changes for their robot during a trial mission at a recent practice session.

Rock County 4-H Robotics team to compete Saturday for state trip

The Rock County 4-H Robotics team will compete in the state Qualifier B LEGO robotics competition Saturday at Memorial Middle School in Sioux Falls.

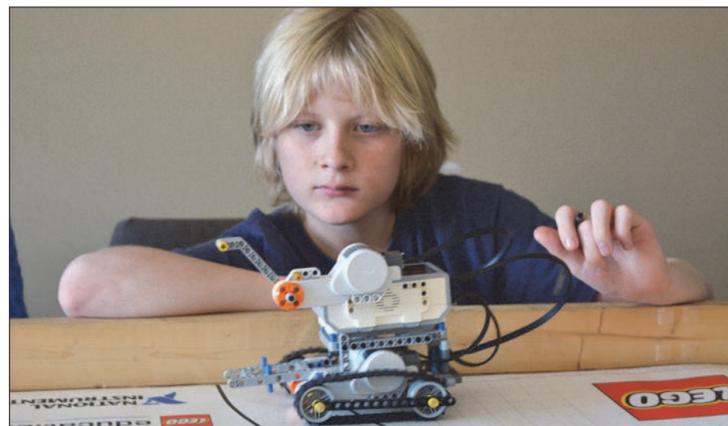
The contest will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spectators are welcome to attend.

Team members include Brandon Berghorst, Zoey Berghorst, Evan Bumgardner, Ian Bumgardner, Cassie Chesley, Burke Johnson, Quentin Johnson and Zoe Perkins. All participants are in grades 4 to 7.

Adult volunteer coaches are Randy Berghorst and Aaron Perkins.

This is the program's sixth year. "It is a great way to expose youth to math and science and gives them a practical application to those concepts when they play the robot game," Berghorst said. "I think our group benefits mainly from being on a team and learning how to work with others."

The robotic game is one of three First LEGO League competition components. Core values and a project centered on this year's



theme of Animal Allies are the others.

In the game each team programs their robot for a mission to earn points. Each mission is assigned a number of points based on the difficulty of the task.

Teams earning the most points qualify for the state competition

conducted in January for a possible trip to the national competition.

"One thing I really like about this event is that it has an atmosphere like a sporting event and it is really exciting for the kids," Berghorst added.

The 4-H team practices Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Rock County Extension Office.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Dec. 19: Hamburger, baked beans, cole slaw, bun, pudding.

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Pork loin, potatoes, creamed peas, dinner roll, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Gold'n Plump.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken chow mein, rice or chow mein noodles, Japanese vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Program: Site council meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 22: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday, Dec. 23: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, lettuce salad with dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread, apricots.

Program: 11:30 a.m. Monthly Birthday Party with Kitchen Band

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Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

1925: Santa arrives in Luverne tomorrow afternoon

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on Dec. 18, 1925:

KIDDIES TO SEE SANTA CLAUS HERE TOMORROW

Children from All sections of Rock county Invited to Attend Community Christmas Tree Party

CANDY AND FREE MOVIE SHOW TO BE PROVIDED

Santa Claus Due To Arrive In Luverne at 1:40 Tomorrow Afternoon; Wants Kiddies To Greet Him.

Rock county kiddies from every village and every nook and corner are invited to assemble in Luverne tomorrow afternoon, December 19th, for the big community Christmas tree party arranged for by the business and professional people of the city.

Three thousand bags of candy, nuts and popcorn balls are now being prepared and will be distributed by Santa Claus at the Christmas tree beginning sharply at 2 p. m., to all boys and girls, 12 years old and under who assemble around the tree at the hour stated. It is planned that the supply shall be ample for all within the age limit. But to make this doubly sure, it is



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County Historical Society

urged by the committee in charge that all older children wait until the kiddies for whom the party is especially prepared are provided with bags before trying to participate in the gift packages. This request, it is said, also applies to a lot of boys and girls of adult age, for in years past it has sometimes been quite difficult for the distributors to tell by the action of outstretched hands just how old the owners of the hands were. As a result, grown-ups carried off bags and bags. The free movie show is for children 12 years old and under, only, as the capacity of the theatre will not permit the admission of older children or adults and still give the younger children the chance to attend.

Santa Claus, according to his announced schedule, will arrive in Luverne over the Rock Island at 1:40 p. m., and all the children are invited to be at the station to meet him, and escort him to the Christmas tree.

The big community Christmas

tree was erected last week at the intersection of Main and Cedar streets, and has since been prettily lighted with colored electric light bulbs.

The kiddies' party is being arranged for under the auspices of the Luverne Commercial club, with the following committee in charge of the affair: Mayor John Connell, E. L. Leicher, F. A. Leicher, Harper Shaffer, James Horne, D. W. Backer, Paul Myers, Wm. Mitchell and E. M. Hawes.

A purse of \$400 was raised by subscriptions circulated among the business and professional people of the city, to defray the expenses of the party.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

Twins, a boy, Henry Nicholaus, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, 19 inches long, and a girl, Lydia LaVonne, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, 19.25 inches long, were born Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls to **Nick and Jessica Mead**, Luverne. The twins join two brothers, Oliver, 7, and Gavin, 4. Grandparents are Carl Heikes, Ellsworth, Debbie Heikes, Worthington, and Mike and Lori Mead, Luverne. Great-grandparents are Darrell and Shirley Houselog, Holland, Dennis Mead, Luverne, and Darlene Becker, Maple Grove.

Card Showers

Marcus (Mike) and Viola Uithoven will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 18. Greetings may be sent to them at 3403 E. Main Site #2406 Mesa, AZ 85213-8695.

Annie Kramer will celebrate her 95th birthday on Friday, Dec. 16. Greetings may be sent to her at 3008 Aspen Blvd E #404, Brandon, SD 57005.

Kurt and Dorothy Petersen will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Dec. 22. Greetings may be sent to them at 603 Phyleon Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Open Houses

Dale Swenson will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Luverne Senior Citizens Center. Greetings may be sent to him at 704 N. Spring, Luverne, MN 56156.



Lori Sorenson photos/1215 children's fair

Santa, balloons, birdseed and more
Master Gardener Tim Olsen (left) shows Grady DeBoer how to make a hanging birdfeeder with seeds Monday night at the Rock County Children's Fair in the Luverne Elementary School Commons. Pictured at right is Grady's grandma, Carol Goehle.

The Rock County Early Childhood Initiative sponsored the free holiday activity for families and children featuring visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus (Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort), prizes, balloons and introductions to several local Early Childhood programs available to families.

Pictured below is 3-year-old Clara Sandager, who is clearly reluctant to accept gifts from strangers (balloon artist Bob Anderson). Pictured with her are her sister, 6-year-old Bridget Sandager and her grandmother, Karen Sandager.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•The Star Herald this week received an e-mail from Sgt. Thomas J. Schilling, a National Guard member with the Luverne-Pipestone unit deployed in Scania, Iraq. He wrote to say that he'd received a care package from Luverne that contained a letter from a student that touched him and his fellow guardsmen overseas. ... "I shared this letter with a couple of my friends and they went to tears."

25 years ago (1991)

•The expansion of the Rock County Community Pool will require some changes in membership rates. Before the \$60,000 to \$70,000 expansion, one fee was charged for the pool and the makeshift exercise room in the lobby. After Sunday's open house, members can choose either a pool membership or an exercise membership at the previous rates, or they can pay a \$100 increase for a family or a \$75 increase for an individual and have both, according to pool manager Darrel Huiskes.

50 years ago (1966)

•The Community Hospital's new \$32,000 X-Ray machine was used for the first time last Friday, according to Joe McFadden, hospital administrator. Representatives of the General Electric Company were here to "check it out," and to see that everything was in operating order. According to McFadden, the X-Ray machine enables the Community Hospital here to offer X-ray services that are on par with those offered by the larger hospitals in the bigger cities.

75 years ago (1941)

•Mystery still prevailed yesterday, according to Sheriff Neil Roberts, as to the identity of the party which stole a car Wednesday from the Oscar Erickson farm, a mile and one half from the South Dakota border, and left it, wrecked, along the roadside, a mile southwest of the farm. ... The car was badly smashed, but no windows were broken and no blood was found as evidence that the driver was injured.

100 years ago (1916)

•Two special train loads of live stock consigned by one Rock county feeder were shipped Monday over the Rock Island to the Chicago markets. Wm. E. Loose made the shipment, which consisted of twenty cars of sheep and twelve cars of cattle. It is estimated that there were approximately 2,000 head of sheep and 275 head of cattle in the two train loads. ... Those who accompanied the shipment were Mr. Loose, Carl Schmuck, Howard Boden, Arthur Benson, John Schneekloth, John Wiese, Eilert Walvatne, Chris Logemann, Jas. McKeon, Ira Heisel, Ed. Sodemann, Ole Gisle, Wm. Wiggins, John Madison, W.L. Stralov.

OBITUARIES

Virginia Schei

Virginia Violet Schei, 97, of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at the Adrian Cemetery.

Virginia Vogt was born on July 20, 1919, to Henry and Mary (Campbell) Vogt in rural Nobles County. She spent her childhood on the family farm near Magnolia. In her younger years she enjoyed playing softball with the neighbor girls. She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1937. She then attended Paul's Beauty School in Minneapolis and graduated in 1938.

She married Alfred Schei on Feb. 8, 1939, at the Lutheran parsonage in Adrian. The couple farmed near Adrian until moving to their farm in Rock County in 1944. When Alfred died in February of 1956, Virginia and their son, Dennis, continued the farm operation. In 1967 Virginia started working as an office assistant at Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company in Luverne and worked there until her retirement in 1986. In December of 2001, Virginia moved to an apartment in Luverne. In February of 2012 she became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Virginia was a member

of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where she was active with Bible Study Circle, Grace Lutheran Church Women, and Day of Doing. She was also active in the Rock County Extension Club. She enjoyed playing cards with friends and family and in card marathons. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States.

Virginia is survived by her children, Darnelle Mammen, New Ulm, and Darla (Paul) Aukes, Luverne; a daughter-in-law, Janice Schei, Luverne; her siblings, June Nath and Ruth Ashby, both of Luverne; her grandchildren, Kris (Brad) Polzien, Jon (Monica) Mammen, Sara (Mark) Altman, Eric (Jenny) Mammen, Jane (Dale) Berg, Marti (Brad) Thompson, Molly (Preston) Heinz and Melissa (Chris) Brown; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; her son, Dennis; her son-in-law, Harlan Mammen; her brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Ann Vogt; her sister and brother-in-law, Edna and Lester Wieck; her sister Dorothy Smeins; and her brothers-in-law, Howard Ashby and Bill Nath.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1215 F)



Donna Peterson

Donna Mae Peterson, 71, The couple then moved to Vergas, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 at Sanford Health in Fargo, North Dakota.

A funeral was Saturday, Dec. 10, at Furey Funeral Home Chapel in Vergas.

Donna Mae Olson was born May 11, 1945, to Alf and Doris (Burk) Olson in Adrian. She grew up in Magnolia, graduated from Magnolia High School in 1963. During her younger years, Donna enjoyed playing on a town league fast-pitch softball team.

Following her graduation, Donna moved to Minneapolis, where she worked for the IDS Insurance Company and later at NSP, where she did keyboarding and data entry. She married Roger Peterson on Sept. 23, 1967, in Richfield, where they made their home. The couple enjoyed playing co-ed volleyball and softball.

The couple moved to Bakersfield, California, where they purchased a convenience store that they owned and operated for about 13 years.



Donna worked at a mink ranch for a couple of years until taking a job managing Heisler's Country Store where she worked until retirement.

The couple enjoyed fishing on Lake Sybil and canning the produce from their garden. Donna was also an avid Minnesota Vikings and Twins fan.

Donna is survived by her husband, Roger; her siblings, Ronnie (Johnnie) Olson, Henning, Larry (Pat) Olson, Wilmot, South Dakota, and Marilyn Bergman, Luverne; a brother-in-law, Chuck Kussman, Dayton; and many nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Joe Ray; a brother-in-law, Leon Bergman; a sister-in-law, Carol Kussman; and a nephew, Bruce Olson.

Arrangements were by Furey Funeral Home of Frazee, www.fureyfh.com. (1215 F)

Daryl Dammer

Daryl Dammer, 66, Rushmore, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at his home in Rushmore.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Adrian Funeral Home in Adrian with interment at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Rushmore.

Daryl Dammer was born Feb. 24, 1950, to Sievert and Jessie (Janssen) Dammer. He grew up on the family farm northwest of Rushmore. He attended school at Adrian through the 10th grade and completed high school at Worthington.

Daryl married Donna Croat in 1971, and they had six children together. They later divorced. He married Charlotte Green on March 16, 2001.

He was employed at Armour Packing House many years and then did construction work for four years. He returned to the packing house in Worthington after it was taken over by Swift and worked in the maintenance department. He retired in 2014 after a combined 42 years at the packing house. In addition to his regular job, Daryl did carpentry work and metal roofing projects.

Daryl was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rushmore and Eagles Club in Worthington. He also served on the Rushmore Fire Department for a few years.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, playing cards and loved spending time with his grandchildren. Daryl was known for

a fabulous garden and the variety of produce he grew.

Daryl is survived by his wife, Charlotte; three children, Lynette Wenzel of Rushmore, Tamara (Kevin) Stude of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Amy Dammer of Rushmore; five grandchildren, Taylor

Wenzel, Tori Wenzel (Kyle Perry), Noah Stude, Antonio Dammer and Kiley Dammer; one great-grandchild, Brayden Perry; three sisters, Janice (John) Bents of Lincoln, Nebraska, Nancy (Jerry) Krull of Rushmore, Bonnie (Rodger) Breuer of Sioux City, Iowa, his in-laws, Verne (Janet) Green of Gregory, South Dakota, Roger (Marti) Green of Owatonna, Elnora Hemesath (Duane Eink) of Ossian, Iowa, Wayne Green of Luverne, Jerald (Evelyn) Green of Adrian, Bernard (Beth) Green of Bemidji, Orvin Green of Adrian, Denise Sprecher of Luverne, Reva Green of Luverne, Roxanne Green (Terry Reisdorfer) of Luverne, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Steven Dammer in 1975 and Thomas Dammer in 1977; one daughter, Stacy Dammer in 1975; three brothers, Johnny, Verlyn and Allen Dammer, and a sister-in-law, Darla Green.

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Nellie Van Santen

Nellie Van Santen, 89, Wienstroer, Olathe, Kansas, Luverne, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Nellie Van Hemert was born July 24, 1927, to Arend and Maria (de Waard) Van Hemert in the Netherlands. She was baptized in August of 1927 at the Maasland Christian Reformed Church in the Netherlands. She attended eight years of grade school in Maasland. After that she went to vocational school, followed by tailor school so she could assist her father in the tailor shop.

On Jan. 26, 1949, Nellie married Peter Van Santen at the Maasland Christian Reformed Church. In February 1949, Nellie and Peter immigrated to America where the couple began farming near Hawarden, Iowa. When they began farming independently, they relocated to Alcester, South Dakota, then Lake Park, Iowa, and finally settled on a farm near Luverne in 1969. Nellie spent her entire life as a devoted wife and mother. In May of 2011, Nellie moved into Poplar Creek Assisted Living and transitioned to the Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home in August of 2016.

Nellie recently became a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She was involved in the women's ladies aid and the Christian School Circle and was involved in a women's knitting club. Nellie loved to sew, knit, crochet, do needlework, counted cross stitch, read and sing.

Nellie is survived by 10 children, Marian Schneekloth, Luverne, Marlene (John)

Marge Briese, Hartford, South Dakota, Jim (Marilyn) Van Santen, Luverne, Linda Vis, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Steven (Carla) Van Santen, Luverne, Doug (Kathy) Van Santen, Brandon, Carolyn (Tim) Diedrich, Luverne, Rick (Carrie) Van Santen, Luverne,

and Lori (Gary) Serum, Champlin; 34 grandchildren, Cory Schneekloth, Brian (Sheryl) Schneekloth, Wesley (Crystal) Schneekloth, Perry (Kara Jo) Schneekloth, Nicole Schneekloth, Gretchen (Christopher) Luzze, Sara (Jason) Knag, Megan (Chad) Anderson, Brigitte (Brett) Votava, Mindy (BJ) Olson, Jeff (Alanna) Van Santen, Melissa (Brian) Fick, Travis (Ronna) Van Santen, Shawn (Karmen) Vis, Jeremy (Leann) Vis, Michael Vis, Alex (Sarah) Vis, Amy (Nick) Domagala, Shantel Van Santen, Taylor Van Santen (Hannah Swier), Shelby Van Santen, Brittney Van Santen (JJ Miller), Justin Van Santen (Sydney Taylor), Amber (Matt) Lais, Cassie (Aric) Uithoven, Mitch Diedrich, Ashley Diedrich, Joey Diedrich, Brad (Donni) Van Santen, Derek (Morgan) Van Santen, Austin Van Santen, Jacob Van Santen, Morgan Mathiesen (Tommy Youngquist), Brock Mathiesen; 42 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ria (Ary) Van Hartingsveldt, Rozenberg, the Netherlands.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter; an infant daughter, Betty Jean; a son, Arvin Jay; five brothers, John, Arend, Alex, Thom and Kees; three sisters, Jo, Nel, and Gerda; a son-in-law, Steven Schneekloth; and her parents, Arend and Maria.

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Gevo expands isobutanol market for automobiles; distributes blended gasoline through Musket Corp chain

By Lori Sorenson

Gevo continues to expand markets for its isobutanol biofuel and recently secured a deal for on-road vehicles.

The company's distribution partner, Musket Corp., will ship isobutanol-blended gasoline to regional rest stop chain Buc-ee's for use in their Houston stores.

This marks the first time that Gevo's isobutanol, produced in Luverne, is specifically targeted toward on-road vehicles.

Previously, Gevo and its partners have focused on specialty markets such as marinas and off-road engines.

According to Gevo CEO Patrick Gruber, this announcement won't immediately affect production in Luverne.

"We are currently range-bound in terms of production levels by the current configuration of the plant," he said.

"The plant has four

fermenters, and at present, one is used for isobutanol production, while the three others are used for ethanol production."

Under this configuration Gruber said by the end of 2016 the plant will likely have the capability to be at a production run rate equivalent to 1.5 million gallons per year.

He said this entry into larger markets will help underpin the ultimate switching of the entire plant over to isobutanol in the future.

"Having markets ready to take larger volumes of isobutanol, or its derivative hydrocarbons like jet fuel or isoocatane, makes timing and the financing of this conversion much more straightforward," Gruber said.

Buc-ee's, a 37-store regional chain of rest stops in Texas, is the first company to sell the 12.5-percent isobutanol blend, marketed as a high-performance ethanol-free gasoline.

The on-road gasoline market represents a much larger market opportunity for isobutanol than specialty segments. Selling into the on-road market also counterbalances the seasonal nature of some of the specialty markets like marinas.

"Isobutanol-blended fuel is a new paradigm for biofuels because it combines high performance and sustainability," Gruber said.

"We've established this in the aviation and boating markets and are now bringing it to on-road transportation."

About Gevo

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Luverne senior Jesse Reed reaches for a puck in front of Redwood Valley's net during Thursday's boys' hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Reed scored one goal and charted one assist during a 5-0 win.

Haugen, Nielsen shine at JCC mat tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team mixed it up at a pair of events during the second week of the season.

The Cardinals split matches at the Windom-Mountain Lake Area Triangular in Welcome Thursday. Luverne placed fifth at the Jackson County Central Tournament Saturday.

Luverne wrestles at an invitational Saturday in Spencer, Iowa.

JCC tourney

Two Cardinals captured individual titles and Luverne placed fifth as a team during Saturday's tournament in Jackson.

Luverne turned in a 114-point performance to finish fifth in a 12-team field that was led by Eagan (204 points).

Jake Haugen and Solomon Nielsen provided the highlights of the event for LHS by capturing the 160- and 170-pound titles respectively.

Haugen recorded pins over Eagan's Mason West (1:19) and W-MLA's Jeff Wright (1:30) before an 8-3 win against Wabasha-Kellogg's Cooper Holtorf in the semifinals.

Haugen topped Harrisburg's Nick Schirado 9-6 in the title match.

Nielsen posted technical fall victories against Sioux City East's Drew Walters and Eagan's Alex Wick before rolling to a 14-5 major decision over Eagan's Drew Allred in the championship match.

Luverne's Hunter Baker (2-1) and Will Natte (3-1) placed third at 106 and 145.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns went 2-2 to finish fourth at 126, Zach Luke placed fifth with a 1-2 mark at 220 and Jeremiah Dooyema finished sixth at 152 with a 1-2 mark.

Riley Baker (1-2 at 132), Zach Bradley (0-2 at 113) and

Jed Dooyema (0-2 at 138) went without placing.

W-MLA triangular

The Cardinals split matches during a Big South Conference triangular in Mountain Lake Thursday.

Worthington topped the Cardinals 48-25, but Luverne upended Windom-Mountain Lake Area 39-38 to finish the event with a 1-1 mark.

Hunter Baker, Jeremiah Dooyema, Haugen and Nielsen won both of their matches at the triangular.

Baker registered pins against Worthington's Damon Schutz (15 seconds) and W-MLA's Micah Holmberg (30 seconds), while Dooyema pinned Worthington's Frank Rogers in 2:22 before notching a 9-3 victory over W-MLA's Jesse Jepsen.

Both Haugen and Nielsen drew forfeits from W-MLA.

Haugen pinned Worthington's Mason Byrne in 3:02, while Nielsen rolled to a 15-3 major decision over Worthington's Vince Riley.

Oeltjenbruns, Riley Baker, Natte and Luke went 1-1 for the Cards.

Jonathan Diaz went 0-1, while Bradley, Dalton DeSollar, Jed Dooyema and Carter Baumberger went 0-2.

Match wrap-ups
Worthington 48, LHS 25
106 (L) H. Baker pins Schutz.
113 (W) Artiga pins Bradley.
120 (W) Lais by forfeit.
126 (W) Prunty pins Oeltjenbruns.
132 (L) R. Baker 8-2 Magana.
138 (W) Pavelko 3-2 Jd. Dooyema.
145 (W) Anderson pins DeSollar.
152 (W) Donkersloot 4-2 Natte.
160 (L) Jr. Dooyema pins Rogers.
170 (L) Haugen pins Byrne.
182 (W) Neuberger pins Baumberger.
195 (L) Nielsen 15-3 Riley.
220 (W) Kempema pins Luke.
285 (W) Putnam by forfeit.

LHS 39, W-MLA 38
106 (L) H. Baker pins Holmberg.
113 (W) Willaby pins Bradley.

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Five-win run ends Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

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

The Cardinals extended their winning streak to five games with a three-goal win in Marshall Dec. 6 and a five-goal home victory over Redwood Valley Thursday.

Luverne fell from hockey's unbeaten ranks when it lost a three-goal home decision to Waseca Saturday.

The 5-1 Cards play St. Paul Academy in St. Paul Saturday.

Waseca 6, Luverne 3

The Cardinals took their first setback of the season when they entertained the Blue Jays at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Saturday.

The Cardinals outshot Waseca by a 37-16 margin, but the Blue Jays never trailed in the contest and won handily by

netting three unanswered goals in the final 12 minutes of play.

Luverne trailed 3-2 entering the final stanza before Declan Beers knotted the score at three 1:41 into the stanza.

Nick Rolling regained the lead for Waseca with 11:58 remaining and Peter Meyer made it 5-3 49 seconds later.

Rolling scored again with 7:46 left to play to lock up Waseca's three-goal conquest.

Jackson Priebe gave the Blue Jays a one-goal cushion 5:04 into the contest, but the Cards knotted the score with a goal from Chris Jelken with 5:17 remaining in the opening stanza.

Spencer Heitkamp scored for Waseca just before time expired in the first period to give the Blue Jays a 2-1 edge.

Luverne's Nick Harder tied the score at two with an unassisted tally 2:17 into the second period, but Meyer answered

16 seconds later for Waseca to give the Blue Jays a 3-2 lead they would take into the final stanza.

Daniel Tofteland yielded five goals in net for the Cardinals before giving way to Kaden Ericson in the third period.

Waseca scored once against Ericson.

Beers, Jesse Reed and Tyler Reisdorfer recorded one assist each for the Cards.

Luverne 5, RWV 0

The Cardinals came up on the winning end of a five-goal decision when they entertained Redwood Valley for a key BSC clash Thursday.

Both LHS and RWV entered the game with 3-0 league marks, but the home-standing Cardinals remained unbeaten by blanking the visitors.

Luverne, which received goals from five different players, benefited from a four-

assist effort from Kasyn Kruse and a shutout performance in goal by Ericson.

Ericson stopped all eight shots he faced for the Cards, who sported a 34-8 advantage in shots on goal of the game.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw in the first period before LHS netted five unanswered goals in the final two stanzas.

Jelken opened the scoring 5:45 into the second period before Coy Gonnerman made it a 2-0 game with 3:33 remaining in the stanza.

Reisdorfer capped a three-goal second period with a power-play tally at the 1:52 mark.

Ben Serie and J Reed iced the game for LHS by recording goals 25 seconds apart in the final five minutes of play.

Kruse received assists for Luverne's first and final three

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H-BC senior Avery Van Roekel delivers a pass to an open teammate in front of Luverne's Sierra Schmuck in Hills Monday.

Patriots nip Cardinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne girls' basketball teams locked horns in a tightly contested game Monday in Hills.

Both teams sported leads in the game's second half, but it was the Patriots who came out on the winning end of a 56-55 decision.

The Patriots took a 33-29 lead into the game's second half and quickly extended the

advantage to eight points (37-29) when Avery Van Roekel sank a pair of free throws 45 seconds into the stanza.

Luverne responded to the challenge by putting together an 11-2 run ending with a field goal from Hailey Remme that gave the Cards a one-point lead (40-39) with 13:18 left to play.

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Girls split conference hockey clashes

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team split a pair of Big South Conference games at home last week.

Marshall handed the Cardinals a one-goal setback Dec. 6. Luverne bounced back to post a four-goal victory over Waseca Saturday.

The 4-2-1 Cardinals host Mankato East Saturday.

Luverne 4, Waseca 0

The Cards upped their BSC record to 3-2-1 with Saturday's four-goal victory over the Blue Jays at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Senior Mariah Aukes sparked the offense by registering a hat trick, and Emilie Bartels produced a shutout in goal to highlight the victory for LHS.

Aukes opened the scoring for the Cards during the second period and added a pair of third-period goals to complete her hat trick.

Bartels handled all 32 shots she faced in goal for an LHS team that came up on the short end of a 32-27 tally in shots on goal.

After the teams skated to a scoreless draw in the first period, Aukes gave the Cardinals a 1-0 lead at the 8:20 mark of the second period.

Crabtree made it 2-0 2:20 later when she lifted a backhand shot into the net to cap the scoring in the second period.

Aukes iced the win for LHS when she scored her first goal of the third period 2:53 into the stanza.

Aukes capped the scoring 22 seconds later with an unassisted tally.

Crabtree led the Cards with two assists in the game, while Adayla Rouzer and Regan Feit chipped in one assist each.



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Luverne senior Mariah Aukes recorded a hat trick to lead the Cardinal girls' hockey team to a 4-0 victory over the Waseca Blue Jays at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Saturday.

Marshall 1, LHS 0

The Cardinals dropped their second conference clash of the season when they entertained the Tigers at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Dec. 6.

Visiting Marshall controlled play by outshooting LHS 31-15, and the Tigers produced the

game's lone goal late in the second period.

The game was scoreless when LHS was whistled for an interference penalty with 42 seconds left in the second stanza.

The Tigers cashed in on the opportunity when junior

Courtney Mauch registered a power-play goal after being set up by sophomore Sydney Mauch with 10 seconds left in the period.

Bartels stopped 30 of the 31 shots she faced in goal for Luverne.

Adrian's Strand coaches All-Stars in U.S. Bank Stadium

The first Minnesota Football Showcase played at U.S. Bank Stadium Dec. 3 included a local representative.



Randy Strand, the veteran head coach of the Adrian Dragons, served as an assistant coach for the South All-Star Team.

The South All-Stars came out on the winning end of a 15-7 decision over the North All-Stars.

Strand, who served as an assistant coach under Eden Prairie mentor Mike Grant, said it was a five-day experience he will never forget.

"I had a great time. It was just an awesome experience," he said.

"This was the first time this game was played in December rather than in June of the following year. That means a lot of the Division 1 recruits got to play in the game. In past years either their colleges didn't want them to play in an all-star game or they were already getting ready to practice for their college teams. A lot of the players were bigger and faster athletes than I've ever seen before."

Strand didn't land a coaching position by accident.

Since this was the first time the game was played two weeks after the Prep Bowl, the event organizers wanted veteran coaches to be in charge of the teams.

Strand, who has 236 career wins and took his teams to the state championship four times, met the criteria for those reasons and another.

"I also was an assistant coach at the all-star game in 1999," he said.

"Back then, the game was played between the Metro and Outstate All-Stars. It was played at Macalister College."

Needless to say, getting the chance to coach in U.S. Bank Stadium a few months after it opened for business was a perk Strand couldn't refuse.

"It's an impressive venue. There's no doubt about that," he said.

"Lisa (Strand's wife) and I went to the stadium

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

about an hour and a half early so we walked around to see the place. I also got some passes to bring my family members on the field 30 minutes after the game."

Ultimately, the all-star experience was a business trip for Strand.

He reported for duty as Grant's defensive backs coach on Nov. 29.

The South All-Stars participated in twice-a-day, two-hour practice sessions during the four days leading up to the contest and spent one evening after practice watching the Vikings-Cowboys game at a children's hospital.

"That was an eye-opening experience for the kids," Strand said.

"We served pizza to everyone there (patients, parents and employees) and spent some time with them. It was a pretty neat deal and it makes you realize how lucky you really are."

Luck, however, didn't have anything to do with Strand landing a position on Grant's coaching staff.

The AHS coach knows the game of football, and his defensive backs played a key role in the South's Showcase victory.

The South defense picked off three passes in the game and one of them turned an 8-7 edge into a 15-7 cushion when Edina's Brock Boltmann returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown with 6:25 left to play.

"I can't take any credit for that. The credit goes to the kids," Strand said.

"In fact, I can't take credit for being there at all. People give me credit for the success we've had at Adrian over the years, but none of it would have happened without the great group of assistant coaches I've had over the years. They are the ones who helped get me there."

Dragons remain perfect with win at EHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team ran its record to 3-0 in Ellsworth Friday.

Taking on the Panthers in a Red Rock Conference contest, the visiting Dragons opened a 22-point lead in the first half and prevailed 72-51 at game's end.

The Dragons opened the game with a 9-0 run capped by a layup by Jacob Stamer 2:40 into the contest.

Ellsworth trimmed the difference to six points (9-3) when Grant Jansma buried a three-point shot at the 14:23 mark, but Adrian countered with a 17-7 run ending with a field goal from Tristian White at 7:54 to make it a 26-10 tally.

Adrian's lead swelled to 19 points (32-13) when Stamer drained a three at 6:27, but Ellsworth answered by going on a 9-2 run ending with a field goal from Noah Kruse with 2:16 remaining to make it a 12-point (34-22) difference.

The Dragons regained control of the contest by putting together an 11-0 surge to open a 23-point (45-22) cushion when Mitchell Lonneman hit a field goal with 14 seconds remaining before settling with a 45-23 lead at the intermission.

Ellsworth's Nathan Wallenberg canned a 3-pointer 56 seconds into the second half to make it a 45-26 game before Adrian extended the lead to 23 points (49-26) when Ryan Wieneke converted a layup at 14:48.

An 8-0 spurt by the Panthers ending with Jared Leuthold sinking one free throw trimmed the difference to 15 points (49-34) at 12:44, but that proved to be as close as EHS would come to catching the Dragons.

Adrian extended its lead to 25 points (68-43) when Stamer buried a field goal with 5:41 left to play, and the Dragons never led by less than 17 points the rest of the night.

Mitchell Lonneman (19 points), Stamer (13 points, six



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Adrian senior Zach Hendel beats Ellsworth's Brandon Kramer to the basket during Friday's basketball game in Ellsworth. Hendel netted 12 points in Adrian's 72-51 win.

rebounds and four assists), Nate Lonneman (12 points) and Zach Hendel (12 points) played solid games for Adrian.

Ryan Wieneke and Frank Serrao charted four and three assists respectively for the winners.

Wallenberg tossed in 15 points for the 0-2 Panthers.

Jared Leuthold (six rebounds, three steals and four

assists), Zach Buntjer (six rebounds) and Brandon Kramer (six rebounds and three steals) turned in productive nights for EHS.

Box score

Adrian Stamer 3 2 1-1 13, Serrao 0 1 0-0 3, Bierman 1 0 0-1 2, White 1 0 0-0 2, Wieneke 1 1 0-0 5, Ross 0 0 0-0 0, Henning 0 0 0-0 0, N.Lonneman 6 0 0-0 12, Hendel 5 0 2-2 12, Veld 0 0 0-0 0, Werkman 1 0 0-2 2, M.Lonneman 9 0 1-7 19, Swank 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 1 0 0-2 2.

Ellsworth Wallenberg 0 5 0-0 15, Leuthold 2 0 1-2 5, N.Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, Curtis 0 0 2-2 2, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, K.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Wallinga 0 0 0-0 0, T.Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 1 2 0-0 8, S.Kramer 0 0 0-0 0, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, B.Kramer 3 0 3-5 9, Buntjer 2 0 2-2 6.

Team statistics Adrian: 32 of 64 field goals (50 percent), four of 14 free throws (29 percent), 28 rebounds, 14 turnovers. Ellsworth: 18 of 61 field goals (30 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 27 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

Adrian wins twice in Parkston

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team competed at two events in a three-day span last week.

The Dragons won 2-1 at the Parkston, South Dakota, Quadrangular Thursday before mixing it up at the Jackson County Central Tournament Saturday.

Adrian hosts an invitational Friday.

JCC tourney

The Dragons turned in an eighth-place performance as a team during Saturday's tournament in Jackson.

Adrian compiled 78 points to place eighth in a 12-team field that was led by Eagan (204 points).

Scot Edwards turned in Adrian's top effort by placing third at heavyweight with a 3-1 record.

Edwards pinned three opponents and was pinned once.

Logan Taylor (1-2 at 106), Marshall Taylor (1-2 at 145), Dylan Gyberg (2-2 at 195) and Mitchell Wagner (2-2 at 220) all placed fourth for AHS.

Preston Nelson and Chandler Combs went 1-2 without placing, while Beau Bullerman and Logan Sherer went 0-2.

Parkston quadrangular

The Dragons experienced a winning outing Thursday when they competed at a quadrangular in Parkston, South Dakota.

Adrian topped the host team (28-15) and Tri-Valley (42-18) during the event.

Canton saddled the Dragons with a 63-12 setback.

Nelson drew three forfeits during the evening, while Logan Taylor and Edwards went 2-0.

Chandler Combs and Marshall Taylor went 2-1 for the quad, while Brandon Combs, Sherer and Beau Bullerman put together 1-1 nights.

Isaac Bullerman and Gyberg lost their lone matches, while Taylor Hix, Rebekah Walton and Wagner went 0-3.

Match wrap-ups Adrian 28, Parkston 25 106 (A) L.Taylor 13-5 Weber. 113 (P) Murtha 10-2 Hix.

120 (P) Mahoney 4-2 B.Combs. 126 (A) Nelson by forfeit. 132 (P) Berg pins Sherer. 138 (A) C.Combs by forfeit. 145 (A-P) open. 152 (A) M.Taylor by forfeit. 160 (A) B.Bullerman by forfeit. 170 (A-P) open. 182 (P) Neugebauer pins Walton. 195 (A-P) open. 220 (P) Reichert pins Wagner. 285 (A-P) open.

Canton 63, Adrian 12 106 (C) Peterston pins I.Bullerman. 113 (C) Trowbridge pins Hix. 120 (A) Nelson by forfeit. 126 (C) Hanisch by forfeit. 132 (C) Peterson 9-0 C.Combs. 138 (C) Cline by forfeit. 145 (A) M.Taylor pins Laubach. 152 (C) Scheidt by forfeit. 160 (C) Laubach 15-1 B.Bullerman. 170 (C) Seibel by forfeit. 182 (C) Rutten pins Walton. 195 (C) Stork 6-1 Gyberg. 220 (C) Smith 11-0 Wagner. 285 (A) Edwards pins Miller.

Adrian 42, Tri-Valley 18 106 (A) L.Taylor pins Norgaard. 113 (A) B.Combs Glasford. 120 (T) Lamer pins Hix. 126 (A) Nelson by forfeit. 132 (L) Sherer pins Rombough. 138 (A) C.Combs pins Wollman. 145 (A) M.Taylor pins Breirkruetz. 152 (A-T) open. 160 (A-T) open. 170 (A-T) open. 182 (T) Nehlich pins Walton. 195 (A-T) open. 220 (T) Herberger pins Wagner. 285 (A) Edwards pins Blackford.

Geff Fitzer aces hole

By John Rittenhouse

A Rock County resident recorded a hole-in-one in Arizona Dec. 7.

Geff Fitzer, a rural Luverne man, registered the first ace of his career at the Encanterra Country Club in the San Tan Valley area.

Fitzer and his wife, Jackie, were playing an 18-hole round at the club along with another couple from Arizona.

Fitzer pulled out a 7-wood to attack the challenge on the course's par-3 11th hole, which he estimates was playing at 166 yards that day.

After his tee shot cleared the bunker located in front of the green and landed on the putting surface, Fitzer missed what happened next.

"I reached down to pick up me tee. Then the guy I was playing with said the ball disappeared," he recalled.

The ball disappeared into the cup.

"It just goes to show that freaky accidents happen," Fitzer concluded.

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120 (W) Ekstrom by forfeit. 126 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Sammons. 132 (W) Spinks 5-3 R.Baker. 138 (W) Borsgard t.f. Jd.Dooyema. 145 (L) Natte pins Samdal. 152 (W) Tade pins DeSollar.

160 (L) Jr.Dooyema 9-3 Jepsen. 170 (L) Haugen by forfeit. 182 (W) Wright pins Baumberger. 195 (L) Nielsen by forfeit. 220 (W) Carlton pins Diaz. 285 (W) Mutz by forfeit.



Jesse Reed

Sport: Hockey
Position: Forward
Parents: Scott and Wanda Reed
Favorite Subject: Personal Training
Extra Curricular Activities: Lifting weights
Future Plans: College or junior hockey



Makayla Huisman

Sport: Hockey
Position: Defense
Parents: Brant and Jen Huisman
Favorite Subject: Veterinary Science
Extra Curricular Activities: Hockey, Figure Skating, Softball, 4-H, Peer Helping
Future Plans: Go to the University of Minnesota for animal science and later attend their school of veterinary medicine



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DECEMBER 6 SPORTS REPLAY

Adrian boys post rare win at SWC

The Adrian boys' basketball team posted a big early-season victory when they secured a 59-47 win over Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

The Dragons opened a 33-21 advantage in the first half and matched SWC's scoring output of 26 points in the second half to prevail by 12 points.

Zach Hendel (20 points), Mitchell Lonneman (13 points and 10 rebounds), Jacob Stamer (four steals and five assists), Frank Serrao (three assists), Zach Bierman (four steals) and Ryan Wieneke (six rebounds) carried the Dragons to victory.

Patriots break through against Edgerton

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team snapped a two-game slide to open the season by securing a 70-53 home win over Edgerton.

H-BC rolled to a 36-20 lead in the first half and used a 34-33 scoring edge in the second half to prevail by 17 points.

Zach Scholten (19 points, 19 rebounds, six steals and four assists), Preston Wilhelmi (32 points and three steals), Isaiah Vis (eight rebounds and five assists), Jed Burgers (four assists and Trenton Bass (seven rebounds and four assists) led the Patriots to victory.

Raiders saddle Panther girls with setback

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team came up on the short end of a 66-45 decision when the Panthers entertained Fulda in Ellsworth.

The visiting Raiders rolled to a 38-20 halftime advantage and outscored the Panthers 28-25 in the second half to ice a 21-point conquest.

Devin Dreesen (18 points and four steals), Hannah Kramer (10 points, 11 rebounds and five assists) and Ashlyn Meester (four steals) produced positive statistics for EHS.

Girls bow to MCW Mavericks

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team dropped its third consecutive game Saturday in Sherburn.

Taking on Martin County West on the Mavericks' home floor, the Cardinals came up on the short end of a 52-27 decision.

The cold-shooting Cards, who converted 24 percent of their field goals in the contest, fell behind 25-12 in the first half.

MCW went on to outscore LHS 27-15 in the second half to prevail by 25 points at game's end.

Mackenzie Petersen and Kami Sawtelle netted five points each to lead the Cards in scoring.

Zayna Hustoft, Rachel Oftedahl and Jadyn Anderson grabbed four rebounds each.

Box score
VerSteege 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 2 0 0-2 4, Remme 0 1 0-0 3, Oye 0 0 2-4 2, Anderson 0 1 0-0 3, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Sawtelle 1 0 3-3 5, Oftedahl 0 0 1-2 1, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 0 0 0-0 0, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 2 0 1-1 5, Hadler 1 0 0-0 2, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: nine of 38 field goals (24 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 22 rebounds, eight turnovers. MCW: 18 of 39 field goals (46 percent), 14 of 24 free throws (58 percent), 27 rebounds, four turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/1214 lhb 4

Luverne's Declan Beers fights for the puck during Thursday's home win over Redwood Valley.

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goals.

Andrew Reisch, Jelken and Reed registered one assist each.

LHS 3, Marshall 0

The Cardinals recorded their fourth consecutive victory when they downed the Tigers in Marshall Dec. 6.

Tofteland registered a 17-

save shutout in goal and Kruse turned in a two-goal, one-assist effort to highlight the victory.

Tofteland stopped all 17 shots he faced in the game for the Cards, who nearly doubled Marshall's output in shots on goal with 32.

After the teams skated to a scoreless draw in the first pe-

riod, Kruse ignited the offense by netting a pair of unassisted tallies in the first 10:22 of the second period to give LHS a 2-0 lead.

Serie capped the scoring with a power-play tally four minutes into the third period.

Kruse received an assist for the final goal.

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LHS led by one again (45-44) when Joci Oye buried a three-point shot with 8:46 remaining, but it proved to be the last lead the Cardinals would sport in the game.

The score was tied at 50 when H-BC scored four consecutive points to open a 54-50 cushion when Grace Bundesen turned an offensive rebound into a field goal at the 2:19 mark, but LHS didn't give up the fight.

Luverne trimmed the difference to one point at three different occasions in the game's final 1:08, but the Cardinals were unable to convert potential game-tying free throws twice in the final six seconds of the game.

The game's first half was equally competitive.

H-BC scored the game's first three points only to fall behind by one (6-5) when Luverne's Jadyn Anderson canned a three-point shot.

The Patriots answered the challenge by going on a 10-2 run ending with a three-point play by Sidney Fick at 11:58 that gave H-BC a 15-8 advantage.

Luverne sliced the difference to one point (18-17) when a 9-3 surge ended with Remme converting a field goal at the 8:38 mark.

H-BC countered with an 8-1 spurt to gain an eight-point (26-18) lead when Van Roekel canned a field goal with 6:20 remaining in the stanza.

Luverne trimmed the difference to three points (30-27) late in the half and trailed by four (33-29) at the intermission.

Fick (19 points and eight rebounds), Van Roekel (13 points) and Bundesen (12 points, 13 rebounds and four steals) played strong games for H-BC.

Jasmine Lingen nabbed five

rebounds for the 2-2 Patriots, who host Edgerton Thursday.

Oye (17 points) and Remme (13 points and six rebounds) led LHS statistically.

Sierra Schmuck (five assists and three steals) and Mackenzie Petersen (five assists) turned in productive nights for the 1-4 Cardinals, who host Redwood Valley Friday.

Box score
Luverne
Schmuck 2 0 5-9 9, Remme 6 0 1-3 13, Oye 1 4 3-4 17, Anderson 2 1 1-3 8, Sawtelle 0 0 0-0 0, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 2 1 0-0 7, Hustoft 0 0 1-2 1.
H-BC
Tilstra 1 0 1-4 3, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 2 0 0-0 4, Fick 4 2 5-7 19, Bundesen 5 0 2-2 12, Van Roekel 4 0 5-8 13, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Rozeboom 2 0 1-2 5.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 41 field goals (46 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 21 rebounds, 13 turnovers. H-BC: 20 of 62 field goals (32 percent), 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent), 37 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Luverne boys secure first victory in Sherburn Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team picked up its first victory during the second week of the regular season.

After losing a 28-point game in Worthington Dec. 6, the Cardinals came out on the winning end of a 14-point decision against Martin County West in Sherburn Saturday.

The 1-2 Cards host Redwood Valley Friday.

Luverne 62, MCW 48

The Cardinals turned a hot game of shooting the ball into a 14-point victory Saturday in Sherburn.

Luverne canned 60 percent of its field goals and outscored the Mavericks in both halves of the contest.

LHS hit nine three-point shots in the first half to help build a 36-24 lead at the in-

termission.

The Cardinals went on to outscore MCW 26-24 in the second half to clinch the victory.

Layne Curtis (19 points), Cole Claussen (17 points, seven rebounds and four steals) and Brayden Jacobsma (13 points) led the Cards to victory.

Mark Robinson added four assists to the winning cause and Andrew Bierman chipped in four steals.

dropping a 28-point decision in Worthington Dec. 6.

LHS remained in contention when it trailed by eight points (27-19) at halftime.

Worthington, however, outscored the Cardinals 43-23 in the second half to complete a convincing victory.

Claussen tossed in 13 points to lead the Cards in scoring.

Curtis netted 10 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

Box score
Robinson 1 1 0-0 5, Lundgren 0 0 1-2 1, Bierman 0 0 0-1 0, Rahm 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 5 0 3-3 13, Curtis 3 1 1-2 10, Jacobsma 1 0 2-2 4, Siebenahler 1 0 1-2 3, Wagner 1 0 4-4 6, Eitrem 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 14 of 49 field goals (29 percent), 12 of 16 free throws (75 percent), 24 rebounds, eight turnovers. Worthington: 30 of 63 field goals (48 percent), five of eight free throws (63 percent), 34 rebounds, five turnovers.

Dutchmen, Wildcats upend Panthers

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped a pair of Red Rock Conference games on the road.

The Panthers came up on the short end of a 14-point decision when they took on Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday in Okabena. EHS lost a 47-point game at Edgerton Public School Monday.

Ellsworth, 1-4 overall, hosts Hendricks Friday.

Edgerton 66, EHS 19

A rough night offensively for the Panthers led to a 47-point setback when they challenged the Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Monday.

Ellsworth, which was limited to four field goals in the game, fell behind 35-6 in the

game's first half.

The Flying Dutchmen went on to outscore the Panthers 31-13 in the second half to win handily.

Sierra Smith led the Panthers in scoring with nine points, while Ashlyn Meester and Kallie Chapa registered five and four assists respectively.

Box score
L.Chapa 0 0 1-2 1, Meester 0 0 2-2 2, Dreesen 1 0 5-6 7, Smith 3 0 3-4 9.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: four of 34 field goals (12 percent), 11 of 14 free throws (79 percent), 16 rebounds, 31 turnovers.

HL-O 68, Ellsworth 54

The Panthers came up on the short end of a 14-point decision when they took on the Wildcats in Okabena Thursday.

HL-O opened a nine-point lead (36-27) in the game's first half and outscored the Panthers 32-27 in the second half to ice the victory.

Ellsworth, which canned 81 percent of its free throws in the game, received a 21-point effort from Smith.

Devin Dreesen tossed in 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Panthers, while Hannah Kramer collected five caroms and Meester recorded five steals.

Box score
Kramer 1 1 0-0 5, L.Chapa 0 0 2-2 2, M.Dreesen 0 0 2-2 2, K.Chapa 2 1 2-2 9, Meester 1 0 3-4 5, D.Dreesen 2 0 6-8 10, Smith 4 1 10-13 21.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 13 of 37 field goals (35 percent), 25 of 31 free throws (81 percent), 25 rebounds, 28 turnovers.



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Gymnasts compete twice

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team went 2-2 when it participated in a pair of events on the road last week.

The Cardinals took their first loss of the season when they challenged Martin County Area in Welcome Dec. 6.

Luverne placed second at a four-team invitational in Windom Saturday.

The 3-2 Cardinals host Pipestone Tuesday.

Windom invite

The Cardinals topped two of the three teams at Saturday's four-squad invitational in Windom.

LHS turned in a 125.875 tally as a team, besting both Windom-Mountain Lake Area (117.725) and St. James (104.575) in the standings.

Led by Hannah Stevenson, Redwood Valley walked away with the team title by compiling 129.775 points.

Stevenson won the all-around (34.85), bars (8.35), beam (8.9) and floor (8.825) titles.

Luverne's Samantha Pierce, who placed third on the beam with an 8.05 effort, captured the vault championship with a 9.0.

Cardinal Madison Schandelmeier placed second on the vault (8.95), tied for second on the bars (7.8) and finished third in the all-around (31.425) standings.

Meghan Witte placed third on the floor with an 8.5 effort for LHS, while Bergin Flom finished fourth in the all-around competition with 30.35 points.

Individual scores

Vault: Pierce, 9.0; Schandelmeier, 8.95; B.Flom, 8.65; Courtney Siebenahler, 8.475; Shelbie Nath, 8.35.
 Bars: Schandelmeier, 7.8; Witte, 7.3; Siebenahler, 7.15; B.Flom, 7.125; Nath, 6.525.
 Beam: Pierce, 8.05; Schandelmeier, 7.275; Siebenahler, 6.8; Flom, 6.65; Nath, 6.45.
 Floor: Witte, 8.5; Nath, 8.175; Pierce, 8.05; B.Flom, 7.925; Schandelmeier, 7.4.

MCA 133.45, Luverne 129.975

The Cardinals took their first setback of the season when they came up on the short end of a three-plus point decision to Martin County Area in Welcome Dec. 6.

A standout night by Bryanna Peterson led the Magic to victory.

Peterson won the all-around (36.375), bars (9.55), beam (8.675) and floor (9.425) titles for the hosts.

Luverne's Schandelmeier won the vault crown with an 8.9 tally.

Schandelmeier shared third place with teammate Flom on the bars (7.7s), placed fourth on the beam (8.325) and finished second all-around (33.175).

Cardinal Nath finished second on the floor with an 8.9.

Luverne's Siebenahler placed third on the beam (8.35), floor (8.825) and all-around (33.15), while Pierce tied for third place on the vault (8.575).

Individual scores

Vault: Schandelmeier, 8.9; Pierce, 8.575; Siebenahler, 8.5; B.Flom, 8.5; Nath, 8.3.
 Bars: Schandelmeier, 7.7; B.Flom, 7.7; Meghan Witte, 7.5; Siebenahler, 7.475; Nath, 7.125.
 Beam: Siebenahler, 8.35; Schandelmeier, 8.325; Pierce, 7.65; Nath, 6.75; B.Flom 6.125.
 Floor: Nath, 8.9; Siebenahler 8.825; Schandelmeier, 8.25, B.Flom, 8.075; Pierce, 7.9.



John Rittenhouse photo/1215 al gb 15

Adrian junior guard Hannah Bullerman spots the target before releasing a shot in front of Luverne senior Hailey Remme during a Dec. 6 girls' basketball game in Luverne. The Dragons posted a 44-37 victory over the Cardinals.

Dragons girls down Cardinals in Luverne

By John Rittenhouse

Two girls' basketball teams seeking their second wins of the season met in Luverne Dec. 6.

The Luverne Cardinals and Adrian Dragons, a pair of teams sporting 1-1 records into the game, squared off in a non-conference clash.

Visiting Adrian outscored the Cardinals by seven points in the first half and never surrendered the lead in the second half in what ended as a 44-37 victory for the Dragons.

AHS scored the first six points of the game and led 8-1 when Paige Bullerman converted a field goal at the 12:57 mark of the first half.

Luverne trimmed the difference to three points (8-5) when

Sierra Schmuck buried a pair of free throws at 10:31, but the Dragons countered with a 6-1 surge to open a 14-5 advantage when Lexi Slater recorded a field goal with 6:46 remaining in the first half.

The Cards trailed by five (14-9) when Rachel Oftedahl canned a pair of charity shots at 4:56 and trailed by seven (18-11) at the intermission when Oftedahl recorded a field goal in the final seconds.

Luverne's Hailey Remme drained a field goal 47 seconds into the second half to make it an 18-13 game, but the Dragons gradually padded their lead over the next nine minutes and led by 12 (35-23) when Alexia Kemper canned a three-point shot with 8:45

left to play.

Luverne's Jady Anderson turned a steal into a layup to make it a five-point game (37-32) and the Cards trailed by five (39-34) when Joci Oye converted a field goal with 2:01 remaining.

Adrian, however, sank seven free throws in the game's final 2:30 to secure a seven-point victory.

Moriah Bullerman led the Dragons with 14 points, while Miah Kunkel and Paige Bullerman snared seven rebounds each.

Kaitlyn Christians added six rebounds and four steals to the winning cause, while Hannah Bullerman chipped in four assists.

Remme led LHS with nine

points and seven rebounds.

Zayna Hustoft and Oftedahl collected six and five rebounds respectively, while Oye charted four steals.

Box score

Adrian
 Kemper 0 1 0-1 3, H.Bullerman 1 0 4-6 6, M.Bullerman 6 0 2-3 14, Kunkel 1 0 0-5 2, Christians 2 0 0-0 4, Jeffers 0 0 3-4 3, Slater 2 0 0-0 4, Hendebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P.Bullerman 3 0 2-2 8.
 Luverne
 VerSteeg 1 0 0-0 2, Schmuck 0 0 3-4 3, Remme 2 0 5-10 9, Oye 2 0 0-0 4, Anderson 2 0 0-0 4, Sawtelle 0 0 0-2 0, Bosch 0 1 0-0 3, Oftedahl 1 0 3-4 5, Petersen 3 0 1-2 7, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Adrian: 16 of 43 field goals (37 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 37 rebounds, 20 turnovers.
 Luverne: 12 of 46 field goals (26 percent), 12 of 20 free throws (60 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

BOWLING NEWS

Monday Night League 12-05

Games won: Luverne Lanes, 4; Rock Vet Clinic, 0.

High Scratch Game: Pat Weerheim, 158; JR Weis, 155; David Weis, 140.

High Scratch Series: Pat Weerheim, 461; JR Weis, 441; David Weis, 365.

Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 513.

Team High Scratch Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 1482.

Team High Handicap Game: Luverne Lanes, 713.

Team High Handicap Series: Luverne Lanes, 2094.

Thursday Night Bowling League 12-08

Games won: Mark's Electric,

4; Billy Goats, 3; Kruser's Bruisers, 2; PD's Bar Flies, 2; The Troublemakers, 1.

High Scratch Game: Billy Debates, 201; Chris Nelson, 191; Dave Nelson, 189.

High Scratch Series: Jeff Runia, 523; Dave Nelson, 520; Chris Nelson, 504.

Team High Scratch Game: Billy Goats, 649; The Troublemakers, 642; Mark's Electric, 590.

Team High Scratch Series: The Troublemakers, 1851; Billy Goats, 1845; PD's Bar Flies, 1660.

Team High Handicap Game: Billy Goats, 823; Mark's Electric, 820; Kruser's Bruisers, 801.

Team High Handicap Series: Billy Goats, 2367; PD's Bar Flies, 2326; Mark's Electric, 2319.

Adrian posts conference win over Wolverines Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team upped its Red Rock Conference record to 2-0 after defeating Mountain Lake Area 38-26 in Adrian Friday.

The Dragons got off to a good

start by building a 10-point (20-10) lead in the first half.

When AHS outscored the Wolverines 18-16 in the second half, its 12-point victory was complete.

Kaitlyn Christians turned in

a big game featuring 17 points, eight rebounds and four steals for the winners.

Hannah Bullerman charted six steals and Moriah Bullerman passed for four assists for the 3-1 Dragons, who play

Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

Box score

Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, H.Bullerman 1 1 0-1 5, M.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Bundesen 6 1 3-5 18, Van Roekel 4 0 3-4 11, Rozeboom 4 0 0-0 8, Gehrke 1 1 0-0 5.

E-Gals rough up Patriots in Edgerton Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team took its first Red Rock Conference setback of the season Thursday in Edgerton.

H-BC squared off against Southwest Christian in a key, early-season league game

that fell in favor of the home-standing E-Gals by an 88-59 tally.

SWC led 38-23 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Patriots 50-36 in the second half to complete a 29-point win.

Grace Bundesen (18 points and seven rebounds), Avery

Van Roekel (11 points, six rebounds and four assists) and Sidney Fick (11 points) turned in productive nights for the Patriots.

Kourtney Rozeboom collected 10 caroms and Jasmine Lingen registered three assists for H-BC.

Tilstra 1 0 0-0 2, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Kolbrek 1 0 0-0 2, Fick 4 1 0-3 11, Lingen 1 0 0-0 2, Bundesen 6 1 3-5 18, Van Roekel 4 0 3-4 11, Rozeboom 4 0 0-0 8, Gehrke 1 1 0-0 5.

Team statistics

H-BC: 25 of 60 field goals (42 percent), six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 30 rebounds, 20 turnovers.
 SWC: 36 of 78 field goals (46 percent), 10 of 15 free throws (67 percent), 37 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Minnesota Department of Education		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FY 2016 AND FY 2017				ED-00110-39
GENERAL INFORMATION: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.								
District Name: HILL BEAVER CREEK ISD							District Number: 671	
FUND	FY 2016 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	FY 2016 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2016 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2016 ACTUAL FUND BALANCES	FY 2017 BUDGET REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2017 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2017 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES	
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 669,277	\$ 332,625	\$ 350,380	\$ 651,522	\$ 320,299	\$ 320,243	\$ 651,578	
General Fund/Other	\$ 772,906	\$ 3,738,856	\$ 3,056,496	\$ 1,455,266	\$ 3,856,989	\$ 3,724,283	\$ 1,587,972	
Food Service Fund	\$ (9,082)	\$ 189,757	\$ 162,219	\$ 18,456	\$ 158,000	\$ 166,653	\$ 9,803	
Community Service Fund	\$ 27,444	\$ 98,999	\$ 73,214	\$ 53,229	\$ 98,964	\$ 112,294	\$ 39,899	
Building Construction Fund	\$ 8,663	\$ 6	\$ 8,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 50,339	\$ 792,959	\$ 751,924	\$ 91,374	\$ 793,211	\$ 755,438	\$ 129,147	
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,519,547	\$ 5,153,202	\$ 4,402,902	\$ 2,269,847	\$ 5,227,463	\$ 5,078,911	\$ 2,418,399	
LONG-TERM DEBT				CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 123B.81				
Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$ 10,550,000				AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5% OF EXPENDITURES 06/30/2016			\$ -
Plus: New Issues	\$ -				COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2016			
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 350,000				TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			\$ 3,092,050.00
Outstanding June 30, 2016	\$ 10,200,000				FY 2016 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTED EXTENDED ADM			361.81
SHORT-TERM DEBT					FY 2016 OPERATING COST PER ADM			\$ 8,546.06
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ -							
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	\$ -							
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Comments:								

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

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Saturday, Dec. 17: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 18: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. St. Catherine Christmas Play. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 8 p.m. St. Mary Knights of Columbus. Thursday, Dec. 22: 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home.

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

Sunday, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Dec. 19: 9 a.m. PERK UP. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

Thursday, Dec. 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 7 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 22: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at the Oaks. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Dec. 16: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 17: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 18: 8:15 a.m. Worship and Radio Broadcast. 9:30 a.m. Deliver Giving Tree gifts; Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. 5-7 p.m. Live nativity outside; soup supper inside.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorpalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 15: 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, Dec. 17: Sunday School Christmas practice. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Dec. 21: No Catechism classes. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Children's Christmas Service.

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

Friday, Dec. 16: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, Dec. 17: 9-10:30 a.m. Christmas Program practice. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Christmas Program. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 21: No Midweek. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

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

Thursday, Dec. 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf. Saturday, Dec. 17: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 11 a.m. Come as you are Service. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 19: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, Dec. 22: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fccluverne.com50

Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Rehearsal and Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Christmas Program with dinner to follow. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at the Oaks. 5 p.m. Caroling. Monday, Dec. 19: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 6 p.m. Confirmation; bells. 6:30 p.m. Middle School Fellowship. 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
Thursday, Dec. 15: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Saturday, Dec. 17: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Christmas rehearsal; Adult Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Monday, Dec. 19: Newsletter deadline. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 1 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. 7 p.m. Little Lambs Christmas Service. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Last day of Little Lambs until Jan. 4. 5 p.m. Chancel Guild. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; KFC/Catechism; High School Bible Study.

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.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 15: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 16: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Dec. 19: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 21: Newsletter deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. Choir practice (time to be determined.) Thursday, Dec. 22: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Friday, Dec. 16: 1:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Sunday School Program. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 21: No Confirmation.

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

Friday, Dec. 16: 1:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 18: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Program. Wednesday, Dec. 21: No Confirmation.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

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
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 6:30-7:15 p.m. Confirmation in Adrian.

Concert stirs memories of cookie prayers

The Luverne School Christmas Concert last Friday was remarkable for its beauty, elegance and meaning. The top two moments for me were the sixth-grade choir and the combined choir segments. I was sitting in the midst of many small children who were very well behaved but were getting restless toward the end. When the combined choir sang the last song, "O Holy Night," the hall went dark and the candles were lit. The kids in total silence gazed at the singers holding the candles and singing. The spirit of Christmas grabbed their hearts. Mine, too.

The highlight of the concert was the sixth-grade choir singing, "Sugar Cookies," a delightful piece about preparing and sharing frosted sugar cookies in the Christmas Cookie Jar. The singers reminded me how I used to pray Christmas cookies. Like this: the star cookie has five points for the five members of my family — Mom, Dad, three kids: Jim, Dave, Tom. As I ate each point in the cookie, I'd pray for God to bless each one in the Jennings family. With the Santa-shaped cookie, I'd start with his feet because I liked the Bible verse, "Blessed are the feet of one who brings Good News." I wanted to have Santa feet. And Santa

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By Father Tom Jennings, St. Catherine Catholic Church

hands to hold others in warmth and comfort. And Santa's heart to love. I'd pray about that as I ate the Santa cookie. For the Christmas tree cookie I'd start eating at the top where the star would be, praying to be light in darkness. I'd end at the trunk and root of the tree, praying that I'd be anchored and rooted in Jesus. When it came to Christmas bell cookies, I prayed that I'd bring beautiful sounds for the world to hear. That's how I did Christmas Cookie Prayers.

My adult world has lots of distractions and I'm very grateful that the sixth-grade choir last Friday night brought me back to a way of praying I learned as a child. I still like it.

There are many more Christmas concerts on the calendar. I'll be there as much as possible. I'll let the children and youth teach me the real meaning of Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all. I'll be praying for you as I eat Christmas cookies.

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program with lunch served following program. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Monday, Dec. 19: Newsletter deadline. Tuesday, Dec. 20: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 21: 9 a.m. Quilting. No Confirmation or Youth Night.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 12

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: April 6, 2005
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): David L. Olson and Rosanne Olson, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: New Century Mortgage Corporation
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: New Century Mortgage Corporation
SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 11, 2005, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 161378
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 7, in Block 5, in Charles O. Hawes' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 317 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0748-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$117,817.26
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 12, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156
to pay the debt 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 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on June 12, 2017, or the next business day if June 12, 2017 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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: October 13, 2016

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed

Pass-Through Certificates

Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for December 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM, has been postponed to January 13, 2017, at 10:00 AM, and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by July 13, 2017. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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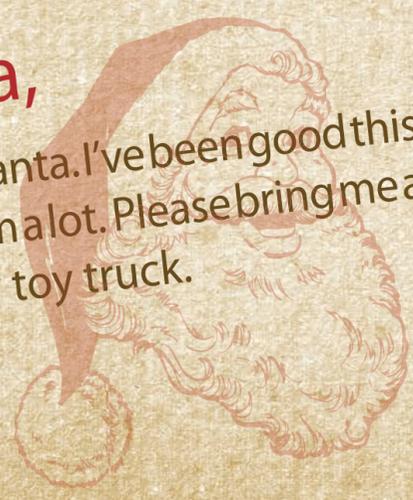
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Kelly Bergan's second-graders write to Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to the teacher. Please bring Lucas a tractor because he likes them.
Love,
Marty Fick

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring Ingrid Squinky Do Drops because she has been wanting them.
Love,
Lauren Stegenga

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my parents. Please bring my dad some new tools because some of his got stolen.
Love,
Lestor Morales

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing what my daycare lady says. Please bring my sister Alex a learning letters book because I want to be nice.
Love,
Reagan Gangestad

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my mom and dad. Please bring my grandpa a new loader tractor because his other one was in a fire.
Love,
Lucas Madison

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by being good. Please bring my dad a toolbox because I think that my dad would want one.
Love,
Daemon Olson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by not fighting with my brother. Please bring my brother Ross an Under Armour sweatshirt because he wants to have a nice sweatshirt.
Love,
Will Bergman

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please

bring my mom a new lamp because it broke.
Love,
Anna Reisdorfer

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by taking out the recycling. Please bring my little sister Kali a Paw Patrol Set because she likes them.
Love,
Nevaeh Groen

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my mom. Please bring my mom a car because she works a lot.
Love,
Dallas Hultgren

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by letting my sister Emma play with my toys. Please bring Emma a big Beanie Boo because she loves them.
Love,
Kassidy Saarloos

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my sister Connie with her homework. Please

bring Connie a Shopkin because she wants all of them.
Love,
Nathan Rogers

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by not whining. Please bring my Dad a Play Station VR because I think he would like one.
Love,
Duncan Benjamin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by not fighting with my brother. Please bring my dad a new wallet because his is too small.
Love,
Josh Stroh

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my Grandpa a new hunting knife because he needs a new one.
Love,
Hudson Hough

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing what my mom and dad say. Please bring my sister Mallorie a Hatchimals because she is really wanting one.
Love,
Macie Edstrom

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my mom and dad. Please bring my brother Brecken play tractors because he really likes them.
Love,
Aubrey Van Belle

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring Rayann a tablet because she broke hers.
Love,
Sophia Remme

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I have been good this year by not being mean. Please bring my sister Summer a new baking set because she wants one.
Love,
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Lori Nath's students:

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by being good to my parents. Please bring me a new phone because mine is broken.
Love,
Leah Moeller

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom clean the dishes. Please bring me an Xbox because I have a game that is made for an Xbox.
Love,
Colton Haubrich

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping people. Please bring my brother a toy because he would like it.
Love,
Reegan Gabrielson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping others. Please bring me an Xbox 360 because I am trying

Nath Letters/see page 7

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I have been good this year by picking up my room. Please bring my friend Hudson a trampoline because he needs to jump for a little while.

Love,
Cole Buss

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping with chores. Please bring my sister Sophia a beanbag because she really wants one.

Love,
Sylvia Eisma

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by cleaning my house. Please bring my sister Sage a cat because she has a fake cat and she loves it.

Love,
Mariah Knorr

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing chores. Please bring my sister Caitlin an American Girl Doll because she is begging for one.

Love,
Kylie Kindt

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my sister Ingrid a Barbie house because she really wants one.

Love,
Charlie Mostad

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by bringing out the garbage. Please bring my dog Mya a chew toy because then she won't chew on me.

Love,
Andrew Deutsch

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom take care of my brothers. Please bring my brother Riley a Batman set because he likes Batman.

Love,
Haily Steele

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by straightening the desks at school. Please bring my friend Colton a

shooting tarp because I want Colton to have fun in the summer.

Love,
Maddox Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping with my brothers Taejaun and Owen. Please bring my brother Owen medical supplies because he needs it.

Love,
Shawndra LeVeque

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping Mrs. Sohl make sure people wash their hands. Please bring my cousin Carter a tractor because he likes to play farm.

Love,
Collin Knips

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing the chicken chores. Please bring my brother Ty a Kindle because he wants one.

Love,
Brody Kopp

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom do chores. Please bring my sister Gemma a hamster because she has wanted one for a long time.

Love,
Marlee Nelson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom fold towels and doing dishes. Please bring my mom a new van because my mom's van is really old.

Love,
Asher Barron

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom do chores. Please bring my teacher a new car because she has to bring her son to school.

Love,
Ashton Pick

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by trying my best. Please bring my dad a

snowplow because pretty soon there's going to be a lot of snow.

Love,
Dylan Hoff

Dear Santa

I have been good this year by helping with dishes. Please bring my dad a lawnmower because it does not work so good.

Love,
Elizabeth Cogdill

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom wash dishes. Please bring my brother Coulter a Star Wars Lego set because he likes Star Wars.

Love,
Coy Thone

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my friend. Please bring my brother Chase a snowboard because he really wants a snowboard.

Love,
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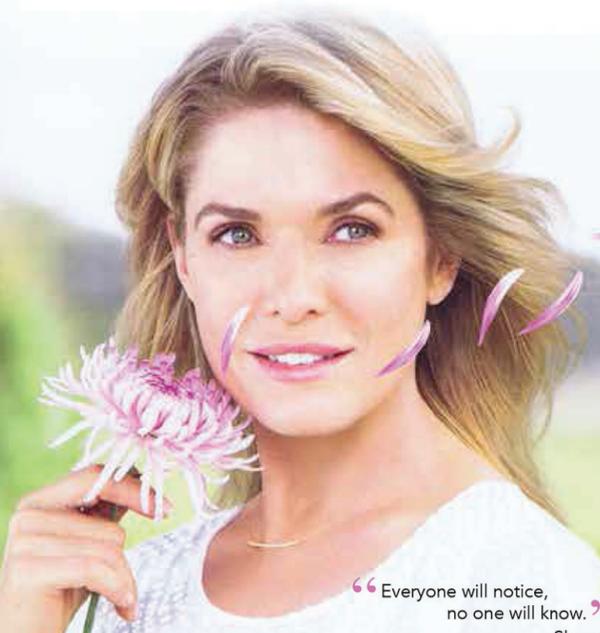
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Kristin Schomacker's students write to Santa

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Love,
Cynthia Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by being kind, helping, and working hard. Please bring me an easy bake oven because I was good.

Love,
Rylee Kurtz

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by cleaning mom's dishes. Please bring me a new Lego set and a trampoline because I have been good.

Love,
Nathanael Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year being honest. Please bring me a Fast and the Furious Tokyo drift remote control car because I really like to collect Fast and Furious.

Love, Keagan Jessen

Schomacker/see page 8



Kristin Schomacker's second-graders are (front, from left) Marcus Papik, James Peters, Braydan Overgaard, Jesus Cavazos, Nathanael Hernandez, Benjamin Hartquist, Aydon Kopp, Keagan Jessen, (back) Hazel Sailor, Khloe Visker, Isabella Steensma, McKenzie Krohe, Allyssa Evers, Rylee Kurtz, Cynthia Velasquez, Hannah Cowell, Ava Moyer and Kylee Owen.

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5BD 1BA
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4BD 4BA
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1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup dried cranberries
6 oz. white baking chocolate, coarsely chopped

Directions
Preheat oven to 350°. In a large microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter until melted; stir in brown sugar. Cool slightly. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon; stir into butter mixture. Stir in cranberries and chopped chocolate (batter will be thick). Spread into a greased 13x9-in. pan. Bake until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean (do not over-bake), 18-21 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack. For frosting, beat cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and, if desired, orange peel until smooth. Gradually beat in half of the melted white chocolate; spread over blondies. Sprinkle with cranberries; drizzle with remaining melted chocolate. Cut into triangles. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Yield: 3 dozen.

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Love,
Katie Enninga

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my brother. Please bring Jack a toy because he has been good.

Love,
Matthew Gangestad

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping others. Please bring my mom new earrings because my mom put a roof over my head.

Love, Liam Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping others. Please bring me a big farm truck that is black because I have been nice.

Love,
Nathan Chanthavong



Lori Nath's second-graders are (front, from left) Karlee Mulvihill-Turner, Nathan Chanthavong, Liam Brown, Dylan Braucht, Paige Kubesh, Katie Enninga, (second row) Reegan Gabrielson, Matthew Gangestad, Colton Haubrich, Tenley Behr, Harlie DeKam, James Wendlandt, Syanne Nava-Dagel, (back) Luka Smith, Leah Moeller, Logan Willi, Kelby Schomacker, Wed Kadhim and Kailee Sandbulke.

Nath Letters/see page 8

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Schomacker Letters/ from p. 6

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by cleaning the house and feeding the dogs. Please bring me a hover board and a pair of Diggs gloves because I like them things.

Love,
Aydon Kopp

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my mom clean up the toy room. Please bring me a Furby that can sing because I have been really good and I helped my mom.

Love,
Khloe Visker

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my brother, being kind and being responsible. Please bring me a unicorn because I'VE BEEN NICE ALL YEAR!!!!

Love,
Hazel Sailor

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by cleaning. Please bring me a Shopkin house and an iPod American Girl doll because I love their hair.

Love,
Allyssa Evers

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping do the dishes. Please bring me an American Girl because I gave my sister some sand.

Love,
Hannah Cowell

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by showing kindness. Please bring me a phone so I can text people like my friends.

Love,
McKenzie Krohe

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by giving hugs. Please bring me a Xbox One and Overwatch because I have been a good boy.

Love,
Braydan Overgaard

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my parents. Please bring me a trampoline and a Phlat ball because I have been a good boy.

Love,
Jesus Cavazos

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping a lady with yard work. Please

bring me a Phlat ball because I've been really nice.

Love,
Ben Hartquist

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping people. Please bring me a trampoline because it is fun for me to bounce on.

Love,
James Peters

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by being nice to my friends. Please bring me a Barbie house because I was good.

Love,
Ava Moyer

Nath Letters/ from page 7

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by listening and helping. Please bring me a motorcycle because I deserve it for being nice.

Love, Logan Willi

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring me a tablet because I have been very good this year.

Love, Harlie DeKam

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by sharing with my friends. Please bring me a toy because I was good for sharing my toys.

Love,
Luka Smith

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my friends. Please bring my mom a dress because I love her and she loves me.

Love,
Kailee Sandbulte

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping put on Band-aids. Please bring Zoey a new phone because her other one is broke.

Love,
Paige Kubesh

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my mom a necklace because my mom likes them.

Love,
James Wendlandt

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by writing nicely.

Please bring my sister a Baby Alive because she is nice.

Love,
Wed Kadhim

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by being kind. Please bring me a Minecraft story mode and by mom new boots because she is nice to me.

Love,
Syanne Nava-Dagel

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping others. Please bring me a new American Girl doll because I have been good this year.

Love,
Tenley Behr

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by helping my mom with laundry. Please bring me a Barbie car and Beanie Boos because I helped my mom.

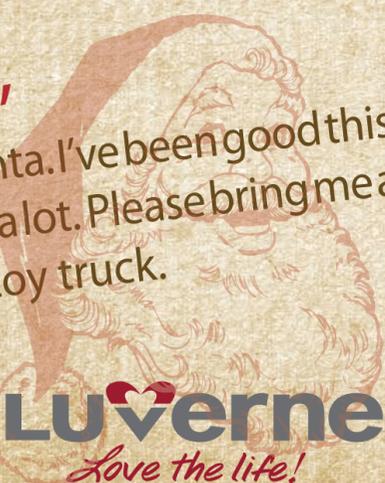
Love,
Karlee Mulvihill-Turner

Dear Santa, I have been good this year by respecting my teacher. Please bring Ethan a new iPhone because I want him to be happy.

Love,
Dylan Braucht

Dear Santa,

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