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Holding back the forces of nature

Farmers repair flood-damaged fields with help from cost-share program

By Lori Sorenson

Jason Fick considers himself a conscientious farmer who takes care of his land. That's why he was so disappointed when last year's flooding washed topsoil from his fields into the ditch.

Fick said he knew some of his land was vulnerable to erosion, so he'd done some tiling and left some of the flood-prone areas untilled.

But those measures were no match for the June 2014 flooding.

The same rushing water that took out roads and bridges also sliced deep gullies through area cropland — even where established erosion control measures were in place.

And the timing couldn't have been worse. New crops were just emerging, and plants hadn't yet formed protective canopies over the rows.

Black dirt filled ditches all over Rock County, prompting Fick and other crop producers to rethink their



Lori Sorenson photos/1210 fick conservation project

Heavy dirt-moving equipment builds six basins on 40 to 50 acres of Jason Fick's land west of Luverne along County Road 5 to hold back floodwater and release it slowly during heavy rainfall events. This photograph was taken Nov. 2.

farming methods.

"I think what bothered me the most is that I take a lot of pride in taking care of the land," Fick said. "The idea is for us to leave it in better

shape than when we started."

Local ag officials estimate Rock County landowners suffered \$4 million in flood damage, so Doug Bos lobbied the state for help.

"FEMA covered infrastructure costs, like rebuilding roads and bridges, but there was no money for ag losses," said Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office.

He credited Luverne legislators Joe Schomacker and Bill Weber for their work in securing the Flood Relief Cost Share Program for southwest Minnesota.

"Rock County received \$1 out of every \$7 the state issued for flood relief," he said. "So this program has been very good to Rock County."

Projects engineered to USDA standards, state pays 90 percent

Fick was among the first to inquire about the program, and his project was completed this fall.

"I'm very happy with the way it turned out and I feel good about it," he said. "Anything you can do to improve soil and water quality is a good thing."

Six basins, engineered to meet USDA standards, were built on roughly 40 to 50 acres of Fick's cropland.

Each basin, averaging 500 feet long, has a capacity to hold 3 inches

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Grant expands preschool learning opportunities

By Mavis Fodness

Approval of a recent Early Learning Scholarship will expand and improve early childhood learning opportunities in the Luverne School District.

The \$37,500 scholarship through the Minnesota Department of Education expands the School Readiness and Discovery Time programs.

Some of the new services will begin as early as next month and others will be implemented for Fall 2016 classes.

"It is really awesome," said Karen Willers, Luverne Community Education director. "The grant meets one of our goals to increase options for families to best meet the needs of individual students."

Originally Willers' grant proposal requested \$70,000, with the district receiving a little more than half of the request last month.

"It was the most that anyone got," she said. "Only one out of every four proposals was funded."

Last week, Willers and her staff decided how the grant's original proposals would be implemented with the reduced funds.

The first change is to add days and weeks to the programming calendar.

School Readiness was able to offer a sliding-fee scale to qualifying families. Under the grant, the sliding-fee option will continue as classes expand from two to three days a week. Classes will also be offered three weeks longer than its current schedule.

The tuition-based Discovery Time will continue with choices of either two- or three-day-per-week sessions. The change brings both to 36 weeks each school year.

Under the grant, local families may now apply for tuition scholarships for both programs.

This option previously wasn't offered for Discovery Time families, who paid the entire tuition cost, which is currently \$1,035 per year for the three-day-per-week program.

The scholarships are based on family finances as well as the learning



Mavis Fodness photo/1217 Early Childhood

Discovery Time Preschool Teacher Angie Janiszkeski (standing) shows students how to use a plastic bag full of frosting to complete an outline on a cookie shaped as a gingerbread man.

City levy to go up 5 percent, salaries get 2-percent hike

By Lori Ehde

The city of Luverne conducted its annual truth in taxation hearing Dec. 8 prior to the City Council meeting in Luverne City Hall.

At the hearing, which no one from the public attended, City Administrator John Call presented information on the city's \$5.4 million budget.

"I will tell you it's a balanced budget," he said.

"We have adequate reserves, we're on firm financial footing, we have a AA-minus bond rating, and Luverne continues to have the lowest property taxes among cities our size in southwest Minnesota."

Council members formally approved the 2016 city tax levy at \$1.633,623, which is \$78,433 more than the current levy — an increase of 5.04 percent.

Call pointed out with the city's current expanding tax base, most homeowners in Luverne will see a decrease in city property taxes payable next year.

City staff to receive pay increases

As part of the Dec. 8 resolution approving the 2016 budget and capital improvement plan, the council also approved a 2-percent increase in the city's 2016 pay and classification plan, effective Jan. 1.

The contract ratified with the union allows a 2-percent increase in 2016, and at the Dec. 8 meeting, the council approved a 2-percent increase for non-union employees as well.

The following increases, which includes step and lane increases for some, were approved for 2016:

City Administrator John Call's salary from \$118,198 to \$120,570;

City Clerk Jessica Mead from \$57,428.80 to \$59,529;

Finance Director Barb Berg-horst from \$93,516 to \$96,304;

Accountant Candy Reese from \$67,620 to \$68,994;

Deputy finance clerk Robyn Wessels from \$57,428 to \$58,573;

EDA Director Holly Sammons from \$56,513.60 to \$58,573;

Building Official Chad McClure from \$52,790.40 to \$65,936. (McClure has achieved his Minnesota building official certification and now heads up the department since the previous building official retired);

City levy, salaries/see page 2A

Façade improvements return 'historic charm' to Main Street

By Lori Sorenson

Main Street Financial Services has become an example of what Luverne's Historic Façade Improvement program can do for businesses and the overall look of the community.

"We have a vision to restore the historical charm of buildings and structures on Main Street," said Holly Sammons, Luverne Economic Development Authority Director.

At the Dec. 7 EDA meeting, she updated the board on the progress of the program, which offers free technical assistance for architectural design services as well as financial assistance in the form of loans and grants.

"As a part of this program, owners can drastically reduce the cost of restoring a building to its historic appearance," Sammons said.

Thirty-five percent of the funding

assistance is provided as a low interest loan, 35 percent as a grant and 30 percent as owner contribution.

Sammons showed before and after photographs of Main Street Financial Services, which recently completed its façade improvements.

She also showed how the company logo was used on signage, stationery and business cards. "The brand integrity is emulated in everything

you see," Sammons said.

Main Street Financial owner Mike Cox said he's glad he participated in the program.

"All businesses are faced with the challenge of whether it makes economical sense to put money into the structure or façade of your building," Cox said.

Façade improvement/see page 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Carnegie extends holiday hours

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

Hinkly House open Thursday, Dec. 17

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

Rock County Children's Fair Thursday, Dec. 17

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

Winter band concert Dec. 17

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

Food ministry Dec. 17

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

Emily Lodine to sing at

Holy Trinity Christmas Concert Dec. 17

Holy Trinity Church invites the public to a Christmas concert starring Emily Lodine Overgaard at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Refreshments will be served at Hilger Commons after the concert.

Free Christmas Eve meal at UMC

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

Caregivers Support Group Dec. 29

The Caregivers Support Group will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, in the conference room at Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Society. A video relating to caregiving and dementia will be shown. Anyone dealing with caregiving and the available resources is encouraged to attend.

Fifth/sixth-grade basketball tourney

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

Community Ed

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

New residents — census information needed for preschool children: If you are new to the community, please call Community Education at 283-4724 with your family information for all children ages 0 up to kindergarten. The school district uses the information for planning purposes, mailing out flyers regarding school events, including the state-mandated preschool screening for all 3-year-old children living in Minnesota. If your child is 4 years old and has not been screened, please call 283-4724. The screening should be completed prior to kindergarten.

Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom: Families, daycares, and visitors are invited to play and learn in the Outdoor Classroom located on the southwest side of the Luverne school. This classroom is designed for preschoolers to learn by discovery and exploration. Enter under the arch on the path of engraved pavers. Additional pavers will be added each spring. For ordering information, call 283-4724. Times can be reserved for field trips to the classroom also.

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needs of the child(ren).

As a result of the grant, the programs targeting 3- to 5-year-olds will likely be re-named, Willers said, since both programs now offer the same curriculum and tuition assistance. She said she is leaning toward Discovery Time, since that program has been in existence the longest.

Both School Readiness and Discovery Time have been conducted in Luverne for more than two decades.

Currently, 122 children participate in pre-K classes. The grant now allows that enrollment to serve an additional 20 students.

The expansion is absorbed into current teaching staff schedules with only the hiring of an additional paraprofessional for the 3-year-old program.

The grant comes on the heels of funding increases to the pre-K education program after the state legislature's special session in the spring of 2015.

For Luverne that meant School Readiness funding nearly doubled from \$15,000 to \$28,000. Classes were able to expand from one day per week to two. The increased funding is expected from the state again for 2017, Willers said.

Besides adding to the number of classes available, the grant monies will also assist in the transportation of students to and from the classes conducted at the Luverne



Mavis Fodness photo/1217 Early Childhood

Luverne High School Junior Hanna Honerman stands on her toes for (from left) Mallorie Edstrom, Nick Hoogendoorn and Avalynn VanBelle to continue the string of monkeys. Honerman is a peer helper for the Discovery Time program.

Public School campus. These transportation details are still being worked out, but district

transportation and Heartland Express are being considered in the expanded budget.



Mavis Fodness/1217 Early Childhood

Lucy Bose uses thongs to pick out items hidden in the activity table.

Current 0- to 2-year-old early childhood offerings will not be affected by the expanded programming for 3- to 5-year-olds.

Willers said she still sees a need in the local community for faith-based pre-school classes as well as those provided by the federally funded Head Start program.

"They all offer things to meet the needs of families," she said. "And we definitely want to continue working together with these programs to meet those needs."

Parents interested in Early Learning Scholarships for the 2016-17 enrollment should contact Luverne Community Education, 283-4724, beginning in March 2016.



In the photograph at left, Early Childhood Teacher Rebecca Runnoe works with Krosby Sandbulte. In the photo at right, Tenlee Pick (left) and Mallorie Edstrom read a story about the gingerbread man during Discovery Time's Wednesday afternoon class. The class, now offered two days a week, will expand to three days per week after a \$37,500 state grant is fully implemented.



Mavis Fodness photo/1217 Early Childhood

City levy and salaries to increase/continued from page 1A

Public Works Supervisor John Stoffel from \$72,051.20 to \$74,443;

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Al Lais from \$78,540.80 to \$81,058;

Pool Manager Sam Honerman from \$60,216 to \$62,358;

Assistant Pool Manager Michelle DeKam from \$39,956.80 to \$40,747;

Liquor Store Manager Kenny Rolling from \$60,216 to \$62,358.

Budget amended for \$1.4 million in unanticipated expenses:

The council amended the city's 2015 budget to cover unbudgeted expenses that were incurred over the past year. These included:

- purchase of a used ladder truck for the fire department for \$550,000,

- South Highway 75 project and extension of Koehn Avenue in Industrial Park for \$646,800.

- maintenance of city-owned buildings — \$28,000 for garage door replacement and lighting at the ice arena and \$9,820 for tuck pointing at the Carnegie.

- legal fees for the cable franchise renewal at \$10,000.

- legal fees related to the Lincoln Street and Sharkee's blighted properties at \$15,000.

- purchase of blighted structure on Barck Street for \$22,500.

- blight removal on the Barck Street TIF project for \$30,000.

- Flag Park construction for \$30,000.

- acquisition of a lot in the Industrial Park for \$54,000.

According to the resolution, expenses included in the budget amendment do not cause total appropriations to exceed total estimated revenue and cash balances.

Call said it's unusual for the city to have \$1.4 million in unbudgeted expenses, but the explanation is logical.

For one thing, the city took advantage of an opportunity to purchase a used ladder truck this year at half the estimated budgeted amount for a new one in the five-year plan.

Also, the South Highway 75 improvements were delayed, pushing those expenses into 2015's budget.

In other business

Dec. 8, the City Council:

- approved fees, rates and charges for city services. The average residential utility bill will increase 3.51 percent.

- adopted a resolution committing fund balances and establishing a reserve policy for funds.

For example, 75 percent of the accumulated depreciation for enterprise funds, \$250,000 for property and casualty and \$150,000 for the workers compensation fund were set.

- approved the Luverne Loop Trail Master Plan that was presented at the Nov. 17 city meeting. The plan will guide trail development and will help make the project eligible for funding through state and federal grants and loans.



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of rain over 24 hours (what's considered to be a 10-year flood event) and slowly release the water.

The idea is to control flooding and prevent erosion that can occur with rushing water.

"It makes me sick to my stomach to see dirt in the ditch and gullies in the field," Fick said. "So I do feel good about what we did, and I'm hopeful it's a long-term fix."

Fick's basins are entirely farmable with the sidesloped gently to allow tillage. Steeper models may require grassy edges, similar to terraces.

In all, the project on Fick's ground west of Luverne cost \$42,800. Of that, the Flood Relief Cost Share Program covered 90 percent.

120 projects on waiting list; 'It all adds up ... I think we can make a difference'

"I applaud people like Jason who are proactive in addressing these problems," Bos said.

The idea behind public funding of private land improvements is to improve soil and water quality for everyone, according to Bos.

"It all adds up to less water coming into the Rock River all at one time," he said. "Slowing the water helps everyone downstream."

There are five main tributaries upstream from Luverne and three south of town that feed the Rock River, and Bos is working with landowners in this Rock River watershed to take similar measures like Fick did.

"If you duplicate this process across the landscape, it adds up," Bos said.

There are now 120 projects currently waiting for implementation under the cost share program, and Bos is urging more producers to apply.

Projects could include basins, terraces and waterway implementation (planting permanent vegetation in field valleys). "If we can get 40 projects like this done next year, I'll be really happy," he said, "but that will require help from Mother Nature, too."

Program offers nearly \$2.4 million to Rock County for conservation projects

The first phase of the Flood Relief Cost Share program provided \$167,000 to fix existing conservation practices in Rock County that were destroyed in flooding.

Phase 2 provides \$1.2 million for repairing existing and implementing new conservation practices (like Fick's) to prevent flood damage. This work will continue through December 2017.

Phase 3 could provide an additional \$1.2 million

for additional measures if Rock County receives more requests.

"Not all producers' ground is going to work the same, but if each farmer looks at their own individual problem areas, I think we can make a difference," Bos said.

'I want to be a producer who's willing to try to do better'

Fick said he's aware that the heavy equipment west of town generated interest in his project, but he said he doesn't consider himself a conservation spokesman.

"The project speaks for itself," Fick said. "I'm not going to say I do everything right, but I want to be a producer who's willing to try to do better."

One thing he's had success with is strip-till planting, and he encourages other farmers to try that option as an effective conservation tool.

The important consideration in protecting topsoil is that what works in one field might not be appropriate for another, depending on slope, drainage and the type of soil.

That's why no one wants to be forced into a one-size-fits-all solution to improving soil and water quality, Fick said, emphasizing that it starts with personal responsibility.

"As time goes on, people have to be willing to take the measures that need to be taken on their own property to alleviate the problems we're seeing," Fick said.

"Otherwise we're going to be forced into programs that aren't necessarily right for us."

Extreme weather becoming the norm; be prepared

Bos said he hopes producers take advantage of the state's cost share dollars, because climatologists warn extreme weather events may become the norm.

"The 2014 flood happened, and some farmers tried to fix it on their own, but then '15 came along, and did even worse damage — cutting down to the clay and bedrock in some areas," Bos said.

"Call it climate change or global warming — it is affecting us, these extreme rainfall events, and they're coming at a time of year when there's no crop canopy to absorb the water."

While conservation measures protect soil and water quality for everyone, Bos said it will ultimately affect a farmer's bottom line. "A farmer looks at productive capability of the soil," Bos said. "If you erode this and it's gone, you can't get the soil back."

To inquire about the Flood Relief Cost Share Program and other conservation measures at the Rock County Land Management Office, call 507-283-8862, ext. 4.



Jason Fick encourages area crop farmers to look into the cost share programs offered by through the Land Management Office. The phone number is 283-8862, ext. 4.



Santa and Mrs. Claus (played by Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort) make an appearance at Hardwick's Santa Day Saturday in the Arthur Moeller American Legion Post 478. Above, they help out with crafts during Santa's Workshop.

Here comes Santa Claus (and Mrs. Claus) in Hardwick for Santa Days at Legion Hall

Pictured at right, Dorothy Lass and her grandson, Ethan Lindsay, enjoy a Christmas cookie.

At far right, Santa and Mrs. Claus work with Angi Gangestad to try to coax a smile from her children, Reagan, 7, and Alexandra, 2, during a photo session during Hardwick Santa Day.



'Lord Grizzly' storyline recognized in 'Revenant' movie

By Lori Sorenson

Local fans of the late Luverne author Fred Manfred may want to take note of Hollywood's Jan. 8 release of "The Revenant."

The film depicts the tale of legendary fur trapper and frontiersman Hugh Glass (played by Leonardo Di-

Caprio) who survived being mauled by a bear in 1823 in South Dakota.

His companions, who promised to stay with him, ultimately left him for dead, and the storyline follows Glass' 200-mile crawl across the wilderness with a broken leg and torn-up torso.

If it sounds familiar to Manfred readers, it's because that's the story the local author wrote in his 1954 novel, "Lord Grizzly."

He wrote a screenplay based on the novel in 1965, but it never made it to Hollywood movie screens.

Other writers have at-

tempted to reproduce the story in film, but the difficulty, critics say, lies in the fact that much of the story's drama unfolds in the character's head.

In "Lord Grizzly," Manfred's story resolves with the

'Lord Grizzly' / see page 5A



Main Street Financial Services is participating in Luverne's Historic Facade Improvement program downtown.

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"Knowing that all structures face deterioration in our climate you have to account for repairs, remodeling and updating in your budget. The consumer wants to do business with successful businesses so it is imperative you keep things up and budget for this."

Sammons said the idea behind the program is to support the revitalization of Main Street and downtown Luverne while restoring buildings as closely as possible to their historic appearance from 1878-1948.

"We, through Betty Mann and the Historical Society, had looked at a number of old photos to see if there was some 'historic' significance with the original structures," Cox said.

"We did not find any photos that clearly showed a lot of historic relevance except for the rounded top on the east building. We had our contrac-

tor remove some of the vertical siding to see what was under it and found some repairs and replaced windows, neither of which was of saving value."

Through the Historic Facade Improvement program, the city covers architectural costs for a professional design proposal to ensure projects align with the goal of a historic Main Street.

This is what appealed to Cox. "That additional benefit allows professionals to give you ideas and assistance to restoring or creating a look for your business that ties into our historic Main Street," he said.

Funding provided through the program can be used for facade materials, facade construction, awnings, signage and lighting.

Sammons said several local businesses are in the process of designing new

signage and logos and are working through the steps of the program.

"Overall, there's a lot of front end work, so that at first you don't see results," Sammons told the EDA Board. "Now we have one done — Main Street Financial. ... Until you see it, it's hard to visualize how the program works."

Other local businesses working on facade improvements and creative logo designs include Medi Spa, Salon 75, Restoration Alley, Brandenburg Gallery, Luverne Counseling and Luverne Street Music.

Some businesses, like

Sterling's, Herb 'n Legend and Fish 'n Clips, are installing projection signs to update their business fronts in line with the program's facade guidelines.



Lori Sorenson photo/0612 flood erosion

June 2014 heavy rainfall put a spotlight on water conservation successes and failures in Rock County. Rushing water carves deep gullies through newly planted corn and soybean fields, washing away black dirt and depositing it into nearby ditches. This photograph was taken in the ditch next to Jason Fick's field along County Road 5 west of Luverne. That field has now been equipped with holding basins to slow the flow of water and reduce soil erosion due to flooding.

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This holiday season avoid apostrophe catastrophes on greeting card signatures

Among the joys of the holiday season are Christmas greeting cards in the mailbox (at the end of the driveway — not an email inbox), on hard copy paper that can be posted on the refrigerator (not a fleeting Facebook post).



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Q: Why do people add apostrophes?

A: I have no idea.

Social media have somewhat diminished the anticipation of holiday snail mail since we now bump into each other online for brief updates on the goings-on in each other's lives.

But Christmas cards tell us these special people in our lives care enough to put our address on an envelope and sign their names to their greetings.

As grateful as I am for these precious greetings, I'd like to gently offer a suggestion for greeting card signatures.

Please don't put an apostrophe before the S in your family's name (Merry Christmas from the Sorensons) — unless of course, you intend to make it a possessive S (... from the Sorensons' house with the apostrophe after the S).

If your name ends with a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h (see h exceptions below), i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, t, u, v, w, y — simply add an S at the end of your name to make it plural. No apostrophe is needed.

If your name ends with s, x, z, ch or sh, add an ES at the end to make the signature plural. No apostrophe is needed.

Emphatic anti-apostrophe blogger Kate Brennan offers the following S FAQs:

Q: What if my last name ends in a Y?

A: Add an S. Do not add -IES or an apostrophe. Merry Christmas from the Murphys.

Q: What if my last name already ends in an S?

A: Add -ES. Do not add an apostrophe. Season's greetings from the Simmonses.

Q: What if the end of my last name normally functions as

an irregular noun?

A: It is not irregular when it is part of a last name. Happy holidays from the Hoffmans (not Hoffmen). Warm wishes from the Wolfs (not Wolves).

Q: What would adding an apostrophe do?

A: It would offend the wordos of the world make your last name possessive.

Q: Is there ever a reason to add an apostrophe?

A: Only if you want to make your last name possessive.

Q: Why do people add apostrophes?

A: I have no idea.

"If your goal is to make your last name possessive, then, by all means, use an apostrophe," Brannen writes in her blog. "If your goal is simply pluralization, however, forgo the apostrophe. In the spirit of the season, I beg you."

Only a word like me would care enough to share this information, and I do so at risk of being removed from people's Christmas card lists.

Please, dear readers, don't not send me a card because of an ill-placed apostrophe.

Unlike some wordos I know, an accidental apostrophe in my mailbox takes nothing away from the spirit of the message or the happy, smiling faces in the photographs.

Merry Christmas, everyone, whether you're a plural or possessive card signer.

True celebration of the holidays is about the sharing of one's time

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jane Wildung Lanphere, executive director, Luverne Area Chamber

enough time to spend with our family because we put so many other things first?

We know that Christmas is a time for giving and receiving, a time to remember others less fortunate than ourselves, peace in the world, a time for families to end their quarrels and come together, a time to celebrate those things that are most important to us.

So this holiday season, let's give a rich gift to ourselves and to our families. Let's reach out to the people of this community who can receive the most wonderful gift by simply spending some time with them.

Let's sit back and celebrate the reason for the season by heeding a few simple lessons:

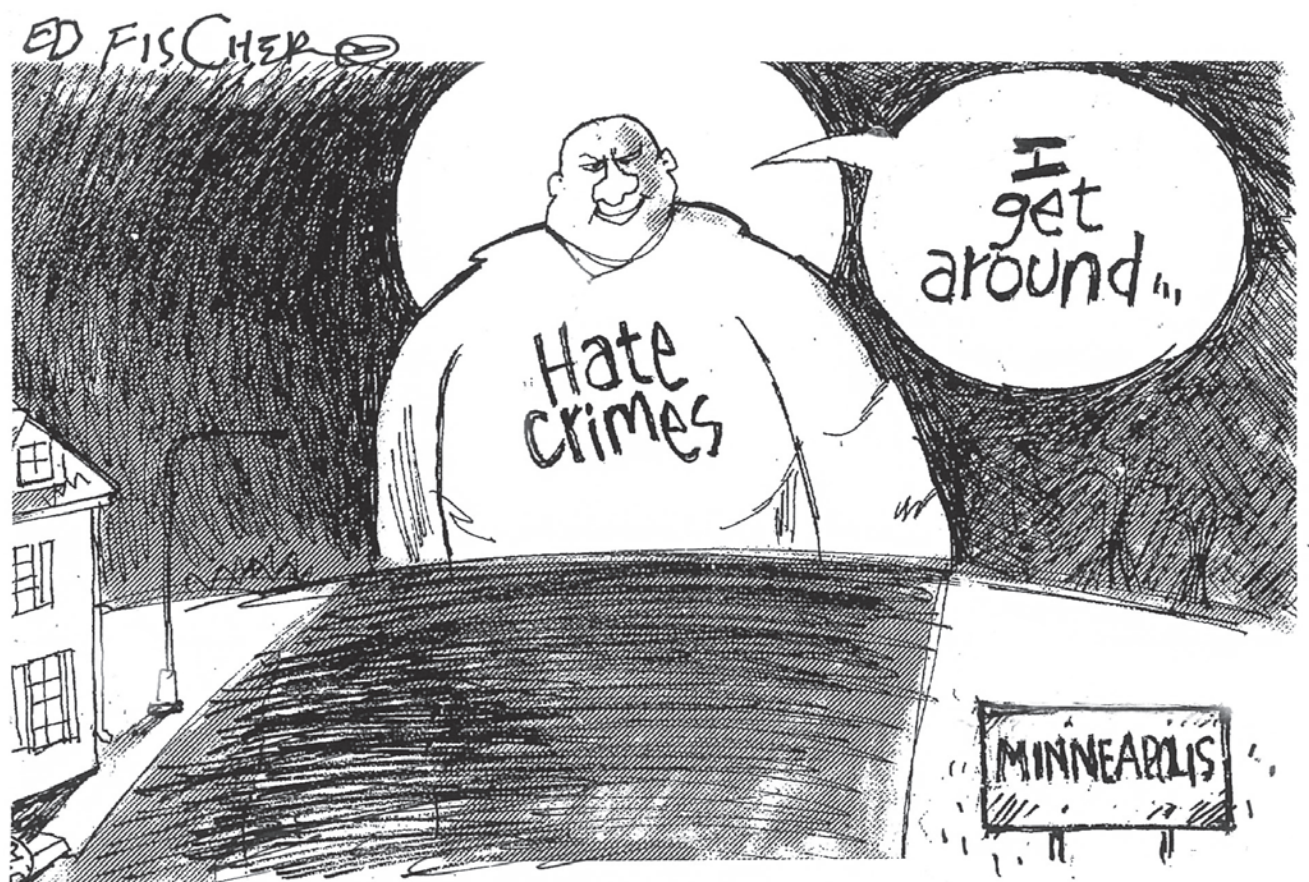
• Ask yourself when you last gave your time to someone you didn't know very well. Ask yourself how it felt, or if you have never done it, ask

yourself why. Then go out and make a new connection and bring joy to someone else.

• Spend time reflecting on how easy it is to give a dollar for a good cause. Give some thought to how much more difficult it is to give a minute of your time.

• Each day, when you wake up, no matter how difficult it might be for you, think of someone you know who might be in need of a minute of your time, and call them, or pay them a visit.

There are many sad and lonely people out there, wondering where the true spirit of Christmas is. The best gift you could give them is to show them. This is a gift for them and it will also be a gift for you. Spend a minute, hour or a day giving of yourself to someone who is lonely, and the thrill of Christmas will live in your heart from that time forward.



Wieneke: Memories of well-kept Victorian home at Lincoln, Hwy 75

To the Editor:

Memories:

Of my home at 219 West Lincoln Street at the corner of Lincoln and Highway 75 from 1950 to the early 1960s. It was a beautiful house. It had three fireplaces that did not work but were beautiful décor, and the home also had a built-in china cupboard, pocket doors and beautiful woodwork.

We were like one big family. There were mostly elderly widows who were residents when we first moved there.

Later on, there were several families that were very special to me, the Cletus and Leona Gackes, the Dale and Beverly Davises, the Chester and Mary Bendts and more.

When Hugh Maxwell owned the house, he remodeled and added an apartment in the basement and another in the attic. So then there were six families that lived there.

I lived with my parents, Harry and Dortha Rusche, on the main floor west apartment. They moved to Pipestone in the early '60s where

my dad's job with the Rock Island Railroad took him.

I was now working for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as a telephone operator. I moved upstairs to the east apartment, where I had several different roommates that also worked for Ma Bell.

Oh, what good memories I have of that home. It has hurt me to see it get so neglected over the years.

**Connie (Rusche) Wieneke
Luverne**

Gangstad: Flaws in visa program solved by change in representatives

To the Editor:

The recent terrorist attack in San Bernadino brought much-needed scrutiny to the flaws in our current visa program.

Lost in the discussion, however, has been the fact that we still don't have control of our borders, and if ISIS has figured out how to game the visa system, you can be sure they've figured out how to infiltrate our country through our porous borders.

It would be nice if we had a congressman who gets this. Unfortunately, our current congressman, Tim Walz, doesn't. He has not only failed to address this issue, he has even voted against proposals to deploy the National Guard to defend our borders. He's also in favor of granting amnesty to people who have overstayed their visas despite the fact that the San Bernadino shootings show that the current visa system is broken.

The number one job of the federal government is to protect American citizens from their enemies. It is obvious that Tim Walz doesn't get that. Since he doesn't seem to understand his most basic of duties, it is equally obvious that it's time to replace him with a congressman that does, and that person in my opinion is Jim Hagedorn.

**Mike Gangstad
Luverne**

Ver Meer: Appreciation of 'The Loop' vision

To the Editor:

Thank you for the recent coverage of "The Loop."

I humbly read the article and the attached document of the "Loop Trail Master Plan."

I am totally amazed at how far Holly Sammons and her team have come to make a vision reality.

WOW! What an asset this is going to be to the city of Luverne and the surrounding area.

Ronald Reagan said it best! "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

I just want to say thank you to all of you who are dedicating countless hours of your time and

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energy to bring this vision to reality.

I also want to thank them for spending all the time in meetings while I enjoy my twilight years riding my bike and running!

**Preston Ver Meer
Brandon, South Dakota
(Formerly Luverne and Hills resident)**

Frakes: Protests seen as a conundrum

To the Editor:

I have been reading about and watching these college student protests and have encountered a conundrum that probably only these students could solve.

How do you spell "do-fuss"?

Is it dofuss? Dofus? Dufus? Dufuss? Duphious? Dophus? Duphuss??? Help! Dophous? Dophous? Dewphuss? Duefuss? Deaufus?

**Bill Frakes
Luverne**

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 4
 •Complainant reported there are five drunk people leaving the bar on South Kniss.
 •Complainant reported four guys in the parking lot of bar on South Kniss. Complainant is unsure if they are fighting or messing around. Deputy checked and reported the guys were walking back to the motel and leaving their vehicle at the bar.
 •Complainant reported two guys in the parking lot of the motel lying on the ground and fighting. Deputy arrested one adult male and took him to jail.
 •City crew requested traffic control at North Kniss and West Dodge while they take a tree down.
 •Complainant from Hills reported he got a call from someone for a debt reduction offer. This is a scam.
 •Complainant reported a semitrailer parked on West Warren Street.
 •Complainant reported that he has spoken to a few snowmobile riders riding along the railroad tracks and notified them that they can't be doing that, per Minnesota Southern's insurance. It's mostly happening from Walnut to Freeman. Complainant requested a deputy talk with them about this.
 •Deputy was sent to a vehicle in the ditch on 221st Street and arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.
Dec. 5
 •Deputy arrested a female on a warrant out of Cottonwood County. Contacted Erwin's to tow vehicle. Subject posted bail and was given a court date and released.
 •Complainant reported someone stole a Christmas light from their yard.
 •Complainant reported someone stole a Christmas light from their yard also.
 •Complainant reported the owner of the building next to hers is vandalizing her property.
 •Complainant reported kids have been throwing snowballs at her car and house for about an hour.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on a resident who is making loud noises and howling.
Dec. 6
 •Reserved for ERU callout for warrant service.
Dec. 7
 •Complainant reported subject is making a lot of loud funny noises.
 •Complainant reported a white SUV in the bus zone at the school that has been there since yesterday. The vehicle has dealer plates. Deputy had the vehicle towed by G&S.

•Glen's Food and Gas reported a drive-off that occurred last night. Cost of gas was \$33.77.
 •South Dakota Game Fish and Parks requested a DNA sample from subject pursuant to a search warrant.
 •Complainant reported she was scammed and gave out all of her personal information to this company. Filed an identity theft report.
 •Complainant reported a vehicle dragging their emergency brake down the road and kicking up sparks on I-90 eastbound at MM 6.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on her father, who is sending strange texts.
Dec. 8
 •Complainant reported she believes she may be taken advantage of. Complainant makes payments to a company with a money order and three times they claim they have not received it and sent a person over to collect cash directly from complainant. Also contacted Family Services.
 •Complainant reported four vehicles on the off ramp on I-90 westbound, Exit 6, one with lights off and not quite on the shoulder.
Dec. 9
 •Deputy arrested subject for probation violation. He was taken to jail.
 •Complainant reported that this weekend the neighbor's dog, a red Irish setter, came out of the house and ran toward her granddaughter as if it was going to attack her. Complainant let her dog out and the setter chased it instead. There have been many complaints about this dog in Steen.
 •Complainant reported he owns the alfalfa field by the soccer fields and would like deputies to stop the snowmobilers from going on his property.
 •Local business brought in several checks that were forged.
 •Complainant reported a white extended cab pickup

served on Donaldson Street and just about hit his granddaughter.
 •Complainant reported a black or dark green small Toyota went through the crossing guard stop sign on West Dodge. They headed north on Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant requested a deputy be present for child exchange. Subject is making threats to her.
 •Deputy cited driver for careless driving and did a PBT test on driver.
 •Deputy reported people at the Interpretive Center that did not have a park sticker.
Dec. 10
 •Complainant reported her son lost his wallet. It is a brown fossil bi-fold with a zipper.
 •Complainant reported two items were stolen between last night and this afternoon. One was a large mailbox on a post and the other a blue plastic tote with newspaper written on it.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on subject.
 •Complainant dropped off some personal property that belongs to a client. It was placed in the sheriff's office.
 •Reserved for narcotic information.
 •Reserved for narcotic information.
 Complainant reported cars parked in a no parking zone on a one-way street at the school.
 •Complainant requested a deputy for an uncooperative patient.
 Complainant reported they were advised to call the sheriff's office about a problem at a business.
 In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 1 transport, 12 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 7 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, and issued 26 purchase/carry permits and 2 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photos/1217 crash

Motorist injured in Monday crash

Local emergency personnel responded to a one-vehicle crash on County Road 4 Monday morning 1 1/2 miles west of Luverne. According to the report from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 31-year-old Bradley Sowles, Luverne, suffered non-life threatening injuries when he lost control of his 2006 Chevy Impala at 9:50 a.m. The report states that he was traveling west on County Road 4 when he may have had a medical issue that caused him to drive into the eastbound ditch where he then crashed into a parked railcar on the railroad tracks. Also responding at the scene were the Rock County Ambulance, Luverne Fire Department and Minnesota State Patrol.



'Lord Grizzly'/continued from page 1A

character's quest for revenge that ultimately ends with forgiveness — a less-than-dramatic scenario for Hollywood scripts.
 And sadly, according to Manfred family members, the Luverne writer is never credited.
 Luverne's Fred Manfred Jr. told the Sioux Falls Argus Leader that he has no plans to see the DiCaprio film, mostly because DiCaprio's character pursues bloodthirsty revenge, rather than settling on forgiveness.
 "We're a little more enamored with Hugh Glass out here because he did the right thing in



The late Luverne author Fred Manfred is pictured in 1992.
 the long run," Manfred Jr. was quoted as saying in the Sunday Argus write-up.

"Whether it was a spiritual awakening or the way we grew up, we admire him for going through that crawl, finding the guys who left him behind and then ultimately deciding to let it go.
 "We need more of that in the world these days."
 While he was widely recognized as an accomplished writer, Manfred Sr. died at age 82 in 1994 without seeing "Lord Grizzly" successfully portrayed in film.
 His current-day fans will draw their own conclusions about "The Revenant," which opens nationally in theaters Jan. 8.

ROCK COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION FILING NOTICE

Filing for township supervisor for a three-year term and a treasurer for a two-year term. Filing will open on December 29, 2015 and closes January 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing with township clerks as follows:
 Beaver Creek, Clinton, Kanaranzi, Luverne, Magnolia, Mound, Springwater

Battle Plain filing at the Llyod Prins residence.

David Swanson, Secretary-Treasurer
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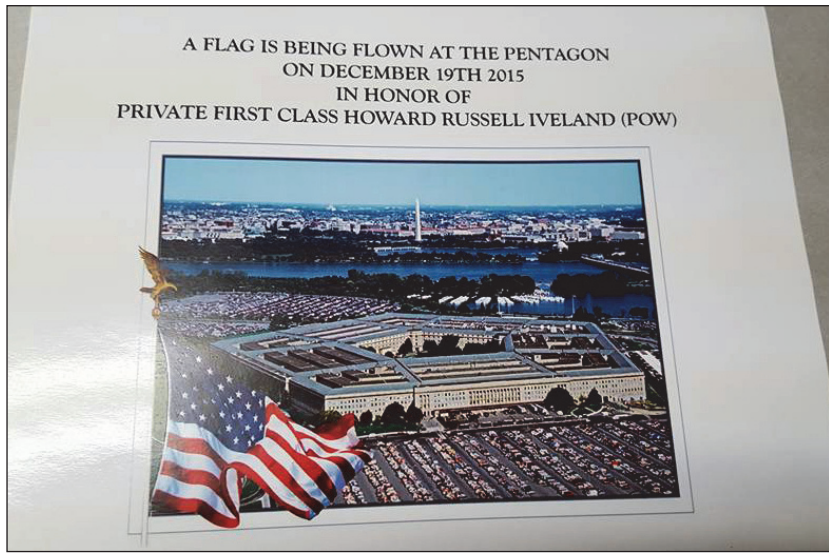
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Luverne native Ruth Brown received this special notification a flag will be flown Saturday in honor of her late father, Howard Iveland.

Saturday's flag at the U.S. Department of Defense honors late Luverne veteran

By Mavis Fodness

For decades, Dec. 19 had special significance to the late Howard Iveland.

Ruth Brown, one of eight Iveland children, recalls her dad waking up each Dec. 19 and raising the American flag in front of their Luverne home. He would then recite the number of years since he was in a World War II German prison camp.

Daughter Mary Jo Graphenteen added, "He was captured on Dec. 19, 1943 or '44 but that was the day we always celebrated when he was alive."

This Saturday, Dec. 19, an American flag will fly over the Pentagon in remembrance of Iveland. Once it has finished flying for the day, Brown will receive the flag.

It's Brown's recounting of her childhood experience and her story that resulted in Saturday's flag-flying event at the home of the U.S. Department of Defense in Arlington, Virginia.

"Dad's Story" is typed on an 8.5-by-11-inch piece of paper taped in Brown's Alamosa, Colorado, store window. Next to the paper is a picture of her dad in his private first class uniform.

"Growing up, my brothers and sisters (all eight of us) know what this day meant to Dad," Brown wrote. "It meant starvation and blood poisoning. It meant long, long marches while only eating once a day."

The story went on to ask readers to honor a veteran not only on Memorial or Veterans Day, but every day.

"It is only because of them that we all have the freedoms that we enjoy ... and take for grant every day," she wrote.

Brown continued to recognize each Dec. 19 by flying an American flag, a ritual she continued after 1986, the year her dad died at age 66.

"Not being able to take his Army boots off for over six months affected my dad's heart," Brown wrote. "Our father's internment in prison camp meant he would die an early death."

Brown's story on her dad and her experiences was read by Mark Trujillo, a childhood friend of her husband Larry's, who visited the couple recently from New Mexico.

"It touched me," Trujillo said.



Submitted photo

In Ruth Brown's Alamosa, Colorado, store window is a tribute to her late family members including "Dad's Story" and his picture that encourages others to fly a flag on Dec. 19 in honor of her dad and all veterans. Her mom, Betty, is also pictured.

He, too, grew up with a veteran father, and his childhood was full of memories of raising an American flag on Memorial or Veterans Day.

After reading Brown's story, "I wanted to help honor her father," Trujillo said.

Trujillo enlisted the help of his brother, who currently works in the Pentagon, and he lined up the flag-flying honor.

The Iveland family found out earlier this week of Trujillo's gift.

"We are pretty honored," Brown said.

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency organizes the flag-flying events. Their website is pfpa.mil.

1923: Mayor Hinkly orders report cards issued to drivers who violate laws

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on August 17, 1923:

CITY'S POLICEMEN ARE NOW CHECKING UP MOTORISTS

Mayor Hinkly Orders Prosecution of Motorists Who Flagrantly Disregard Traffic Regulations

Convinced that violation of traffic regulations in this city are becoming daily too frequent by many motorists, Mayor R. B. Hinkly has instructed police officers to



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

make a checking record of those guilty of violations, and thus make the city safer for both riders and pedestrians.

To carry out his purpose, the mayor has instructed Chief of Police Connell and Night Policeman Will Linville, to file

reports of any cases of speeding or violation of traffic rules which may come to their attention. They have been provided with printed cards by which these gentlemen will be aided in securing all the necessary information for the prosecu-

tion of the law-breakers.

These cards when filled out will contain the name of the person driving, the number and make of his car, the time of the violation of the law, the street on which the car is traveling, the rate of speed at which it is traveling, and also information in regard to whether the head and tail lights were burning, whether muffer was open, whether parking laws were violated, names of witnesses, and may other evidence which may be considered important.

Persons who find them-

selves confronted with more than one of these report cards may expect a summons to Judge N. R. Reynolds' court, for the mayor feels that where motorists apparently refuse to observe the law through frequent violations, prosecutions must be made.

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@iw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

The city of Luverne Public Works Department tore down the small house on the corner of Lincoln and Cedar streets in Luverne Tuesday morning. ... The project is part of an anticipated Luverne Fire Hall expansion.

20 years ago (1995)

By the end of the school board meeting last week, board members seemed to concentrate on expanding the existing high school-middle school to include space for all of the district's elementary students. ...

The district already owns properties to the south of the existing building, which makes that option attractive. Also the district could save money by sharing facilities, reducing expenses for utility expansion and development and by simplifying transportation.

50 years ago (1965)

J. C. Frakes, who has been in the contracting business in Luverne since 1930, has opened the J. C. Frakes Paint Store at 306 West Hatting St.

He and his son, Dallas, have sold their interest in the Luverne Cabinet and Millwork Company to their associate, Milt Abraham.

75 years ago (1940)

With construction of hundreds of airfields throughout the country as the coming No. 1 project in national defense for 1941, Luverne's possibilities of establishing an airport appear in an encouraging light, local aviation enthusiasts were informed Saturday upon the visit here of C. A. Bowers, of St. Paul, district airport engineer for the Civil Aeronautics Authority. ...

To pave the way for the receipt of federal appropriations, the principal task confronting local aviation enthusiasts is the acquisition of land for the airport site. A minimum of 80 acres is necessary to conform with the CAA requirements for a Class I airport, the smallest of the four types of fields listed by the Aeronautics Authority.

100 years ago (1915)

A special train of twenty-three carloads of live stock were shipped Tuesday from this place to the Chicago markets over the Rock Island. The shipment consisted of six cars of cattle and seventeen cars of sheep.

About all the small boys in this section, augmented by quite a number of old "boys" were at the Rock Island station Saturday afternoon to meet "Santa Claus," who arrived on the afternoon passenger for the express purpose of entertaining youth at the New Palace theatre.

CELEBRATIONS

Shower

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

Open Houses

A come and go retirement party for Greta VanderBrink will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Luverne Senior Center.

Warren Herreid will celebrate his 95th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, in the Minnesota Veterans Home dining room.

Card Shower

Bill DeBates will celebrate his 80th birthday Friday, Dec. 18. Greetings may be sent to him at 415 E. Lincoln St. Apt. 8, Luverne MN 56156.



Submitted photo

Thrivent Financial celebrates new office

Thrivent Financial celebrated a ribbon-cutting event Monday afternoon, Dec. 2, in its new office location at 311 West Gabrielson Road. Pictured are (from left) Holly Sammons (Luverne EDA director), Roger and Vicky Henderson (Thrivent members), Allison Bolger (Thrivent Agent), Sully Bolger (Thrivent member), Robert Bolger (Thrivent Agent), Adele Oien (Thrivent member), Flo and Bill Kannenberg (Thrivent members) and Laurie Ketterling (Chamber Board member).

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Dec. 21: Hamburger, baked beans, coleslaw, bun, ice cream.

Program: Music with Bruce Dysthe.

Tuesday, Dec. 22: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, bread, pudding.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, Dec. 23: Pork loin, potatoes, glazed

carrots, dinner roll, cake.

Thursday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve. Site closed.

Friday, Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! Site closed.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Larry Torgerson

Larry N. Torgerson, 71, of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, formerly of Waseca, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A committal service will take place at a later date.

Dingmann Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Luverne is assisting the family with arrangements. (1217 DN)

County 4-H'ers receive recognition with year-end awards

"Oh! The places you'll go in 4-H!" was the theme of the 2015 Awards and Recognition Night for Rock County 4-H Nov. 7 at the Luverne Elementary School commons.

About 165 members, parents, leaders and sponsors were on hand to congratulate the recipients.

The Rock County 4-H Ambassadors were the hosts of the program and were recognized for being "on call" for the county office and for providing youth leadership to many of our county 4-H programs.

The Ambies for the past year were Ryleigh Beers, Mary Christian, Moriah Flanagan, Caitlin Hartman, Grace Homer, Cole Hoogland, Makayla Huisman, Erica Lysne, Ethan Marshall, Shane Mueller, Thea Richards, Michaela Sandbulte, Jenna Schelhaas, Andrea Severtson, Kris Severtson, Mira Uithoven, Joanna Westphal and McKenna Westphal.

New officer team takes oath of office

The evening began with the installation of the newly elected Federation Officers. Each was given a Dr. Seuss book and a hat to help them along the "places they'll go" as officers.

Installed were president Ryleigh Beers; vice president Adam Fodness; treasurer Trevor Mente; secretary Moriah Flanagan; assistant secretary/reporter Andrew Raak; youth leaders Joshua Raak and Hannah Kruse; Extension committee representatives Dylan Mente and Michael Kinsinger; adult treasurer Candy Reese; adult representatives Kory Kruse, Denise Severtson, Teresa Kinsinger, Julie Hamann, Sonja Braucht, Kari Flanagan and Sherri Ladd.

Clubs honored for community work

4-H clubs were also recognized.

The Luverne Area Chamber sponsors awards for community club activities.

This year the County K-9s club won top honors for their activities which included a fundraiser and awareness night about Dravet syndrome, planting flowers, interacting

with nursing home residents, decorating a Christmas tree for the Carnegie Center, and shopping and donating to SHARE.

The Livewires Club took second place for their Community Pride project which included sponsoring a child in Haiti, making and donating clothing display stands for the exhibit building, painting and updating the photo backdrop in the fairgrounds show arena, and creating and donating thank you cards for all 4-H members to use to acknowledge award and auction sponsors.

This year, to share thanks and give back to the community, 4-H clubs were challenged to collect socks. The challenge kept to the evening's Dr. Seuss theme and his book, "Fox in Sox." Over 100 pairs of socks were collected and donated to the Rock County SHARE program.

The 4-H clubs also compete for awards based on the activities they do as a club.

They receive points for attendance, having project meetings, the percentage of members that do demonstrations and project talks, having recreation and other activities.

The first place Active Club Award was sponsored by Pizza Ranch and went to the Livewires.

Second place was sponsored by Hometown Shopko and was awarded to the Denver Go-Getters Club.

The Magnolia Juniors club was recognized for having the highest percentage of members complete their re-enrollment for the new 4-H year.

Youngest members receive recognition

Recognition was given to a large group of our youngest 4-H members.

The Cloverbuds are 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade.

Receiving awards were Emma Deelstra, Olivia Deelstra, Rachel Graves, Mazzi Moore, Ella Sammons and Talya Shanahan from BR; Dylan Braucht, Garret Cattnach, Ryker Johnson, Elaine and Marie Nath, Gemma and Marlee Nelson and Franklin Uithoven from K9s; Dayson and Kyton Fritz from DGG; Andrew

Abbreviations

For individual award recognition, the clubs' names are abbreviated:

- BMC: Blue Mound Climbers
- BR: Blue Ribbon
- K9s: County K9s
- DGG: Denver Go-getters Club
- LW: Livewires
- MJ: Magnolia Juniors
- SD: Springdell
- WW: Willing Workers

and Emma Deutsch, Levi Huisman, Janica and Makayla Oechsle, and Maria Rops from LW; Mallie Fick, Brianna Kinsinger, Austin Sandbulte, and Kailee Sandbulte from MJ; Jade Bertotti, Kendra Burkman, Klarissa Burkman, and Madison Lumpkin from SD; and Rebekah Swenson from WW.

Young members receive special accolades

Four-H members in their first and second years can compete for Clover Power awards by participating in club and county activities through the year.

Recipients included Krista Burkman from SD, Cassie Chesley, Ashlyn Johnson, Harrison Uithoven and Rydell Uithoven from K9s, Madyson Domeyer, Karly and Leah Kruse and Claire Popkes of LW, Caleb Raak of DGG, and Nathan Kinsinger of MJ.

Fifteen members earn special recognition

The Fantastic 15 Awards go to 15 members in grades three through six with the highest points for various activities such as participating in club activities, attending 4-H camp, exhibiting at county fair, filling out records and giving demonstrations.

The winners received awards sponsored by the Rock County Star Herald.

The Fantastic 15 awards were presented to Lanae and Sean Elbers, and Danette Leenderts BR, Cassie Chesley, Ashlyn Johnson, and Elisabeth and Katharine Kelm K9s, Caleb and Jacob Raak DGG; Karly and Leah Kruse and



Fifteen grade seven and older 4-H'ers receive Fab 15 awards. They are (front, left) Andrea Severtson, Moriah Flanagan, Hannah Kruse, Joni Vander Beek, Kristopher Severtson, (back row) Matthew Raak, Ryleigh Beers, Erica Lysne, Trevor Mente, Christian Kruse, Dylan Mente and Andrew Raak. Missing are Michael Kinsinger, McKenna Westphal and Joanna Westphal.

Claire Popkes LW, Justin Mente and Hunter Sandbulte MJ and Krista Burkman SD.

Seasoned members' involvement also revered

As 4-H members get older, they expand their involvement in 4-H to include leadership activities.

The youth in grade seven and older compete for the Fab 15 Awards sponsored by Exchange State Bank and Eastern Farmers Co-op.

The Fab 15 winners included Ryleigh Beers of BMC, Joanna Westphal and McKenna Westphal of BR, Erica Lysne of the K-9s, Andrew and Matthew Raak, Andrea and Kristoffer Severtson, and Joni Vander Beek of DGG, Hannah Kruse of LW, Michael Kinsinger, Christian Kruse, Dylan and Trevor Mente of MJ and Moriah Flanagan of SD.

Scholarships given to graduating seniors

Many other youth and adults were recognized as well.

Scholarship recipients were Caitlin Hartman, sponsored by Glen's Food Center; Andrea Severtson, sponsored by the Schei Memorial and the Reisch Fund; and Maddy Klamm, Casey Klosterbuer, Ethan Marshall and Joanna Westphal, sponsored by the Reisch 4-H Fund.

Three 4-H'ers singled out with achievement awards

Project achievement awards were presented to three deserving young people.

Achievement awards are "once in a lifetime" awards given to 4-H members who have done significant work over many years in one project area and have shared their knowledge with others.

An achievement award in the area of Consumer Education was sponsored by Main Street Financial and awarded to Ryleigh Beers, member of BMC and daughter of Brad and Jane Beers of rural Luverne.

A Child and Family Development Achievement Award, sponsored by the Rock County Early Childhood Initiative, was given to Erica Lysne, daughter of Laura Earl, Luverne.

The Rock Veterinary Clinic sponsored an Exploring Animals Achievement award

for Shane Mueller, a member of SD and the son of Ed and Julie Mueller of rural Garretson.

Golla family awards two current 4-H'ers

The George A. Golla award is presented by the Golla family each year to someone who has demonstrated an extraordinary display of 4-H qualities and has incorporated the 4-H values into their goals and their life.

After reflecting on those qualities, and the way they have given back to others and their communities, two awards were presented to Jenna Schelhaas and Mira Uithoven.



Schelhaas



Uithoven

Beers recognized as outstanding youth leader

The ultimate youth leader award of the evening is the Outstanding Youth Leader award, which is sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

This year's recipient, based on keeping 4-H a priority

in her life, providing leadership to younger members, and being a wonderful role model was Ryleigh Beers of the BMC club.



Beers

Nine graduate from 4-H

Graduating members were Mary Christian, SD; Cole Hoogland, DGG; Maddy Klamm, SD; Erica Lysne, K9s; Ethan Marshall, K9s; Shane Mueller, SD; Matthew Raak, DGG; Trenton Rops, LW; and Maddie Stegenga, WW.

Adult volunteers also thanked for service

A number of adult volunteers were honored for their years of service and contributions to Rock County 4-H as well.



Earning Fantastic 15 awards at the 2015 Rock County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet were (front, left) Katharine Kelm, Elisabeth Kelm, Claire Popkes, Lanae Elbers, Leah Kruse, Karly Kruse, Ashlyn Johnson, Krista Burkman, Danette Leenderts, (back row) Sean Ehlers, Justin Mente, Jacob Raak, Hunter Sandbulte and Caleb Raak. Missing is Cassie Chesley.

Individual 4-H project disks also handed out

Project disk awards were also presented to individual 4-H members at the annual Rock County 4-H Achievement and Recognition program Nov. 7.

These disks are given in each of the project areas based on the project records that the youth complete and submit for judging. A group of adult and youth leaders gathered in October to select the top records in each project area. Those top record winners are:

Animal Science Project Areas

Beef: Karly Kruse, LW; Leah Kruse, LW; Dylan Mente, MJ; Trevor Mente, MJ; Austin Ossefoort, MJ; Dalton Popkes, LW.

Dairy: Jacob Raak, DGG; Matthew Raak, DGG.

Goats: Christian Kruse, MJ; Moriah Flanagan, SD.

Horse: Moriah Flanagan, SD; Cody Saker, MJ; Sawyer Saker, MJ; McKenna Westphal, BR.

Pets: Kaley Flanagan, SD; Morgan Gonnerman, WW; Ashlyn Johnson, K9s.

Poultry: Shane Mueller, SD.

Rabbit: Christian Kruse, MJ; Dennie Sandbulte, MJ.

Sheep: Michael Kinsinger, MJ; Nathan Kinsinger, MJ; Dylan Mente, MJ; Jacob Stroth, K9s.

Swine: Will Stegenga, WW; Harrison Uithoven, K9; Mira Uithoven, K9s.

General Project Areas

Aerospace: Ethan Braucht, K9.

Child and Family Development: Claire Popkes, LW; Kaley Flanagan, SD.

Clothing and Textiles: Cassandra Chesley, K9s; Alexis

Ferrell-Johnson, K9s; Brianna Jonas, MJ; Claire Popkes, LW; Dennie Sandbulte, MJ; Grace Sandbulte, MJ; Sarah Stegenga WW.

Communication Contest: Matthew Raak, DGG.

Crafts and Fine Arts: Cassandra Chesley, K9s; Alexandra Hartman, BR; Caitlin Hartman, BR; Ashlyn Johnson, K9s; Nathan Kinsinger, MJ; Hannah Kruse, LW; Erica Lysne, K9s; Dylan Mente, MJ; Trevor Mente, MJ; Austin Ossefoort, MJ; Mira Uithoven, K9s.

Crop Science: Dalton Popkes, LW.

Exploring the Environment: Ryleigh Beers, BMC.

Exploring Animals: Shane Mueller, SD.

Fishing Sports: Olivia Huisman, LW.

Flower Gardening: Alex Hartman, BR; Caitlin Hartman, BR.

Food and Nutrition: Alexa Chesley, K9s; Cassandra Chesley, K9s; Morgan Gonnerman, WW; Justin Mente, MJ; Sarah Stegenga, WW; Will Stegenga, WW.

Geology: Josie Scholten, BR.

Health: Ryleigh Beers, BMC.

Home Environment: Elise Ferrell-Johnson, K9s; Sarah Stegenga, WW.

Indoor Gardening: Mary-Frances Ladd, BR.

Needle Arts: Alexa Chesley, K9s.

Performing Arts: Alexandra Hartman, BR; Hannah Kruse, LW; Josie Scholten, BR.

Photography: Krista Burkman, SD; Alexandra Hartman,

BR; Caitlin Hartman, BR; Karly Kruse, LW; Justin Mente, MJ; Trevor Mente, MJ; Shane Mueller, SD; Megan Popkes, LW; Caleb Raak, DGG; Jacob Raak, DGG.

Plant and Soil Science: Moriah Flanagan, SD.

Quilting: Hannah Kruse, LW; Leah Kruse, LW; Megan Popkes, LW.

Self-Determined: Ryleigh Beers, BMC; Caleb Raak, DGG; Josie Scholten, BR.

Shooting Sports/Wildlife: Justin Mente, MJ; Cody Saker, MJ.

Shop/Wood Science: Dylan Mente, MJ; Shane Mueller, SD.

Tractor: Shane Mueller, SD; Will Stegenga, WW.

Vet Science: Hannah Kruse, LW; Shane Mueller, SD.

Video: Burke Johnson, K9s.

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Luverne Middle School and High School students presented their combined Winter Concert Friday night in the Luverne High School gym. Seana Graber is the choral director for the students in grades 6-12, and the concert was accompanied by Dolly Talbert, Janine Papik and Emma Verbrugge. Pictured above, the high school choir sings "Baby Born in Bethlehem," by Victor C. Johnson. Pictured below, left, the sixth-grade choir sings "Give a Little Love at Christmas," by Donnelly and Strid, and below right, the ninth-grade girls' choir sings "While the Snow Lay Sleeping," by J. Parker and H. Sorenson. The final number involved all four choirs who, holding battery-powered candles, surrounded a darkened gymnasium with their voices for "Oh Holy Night."

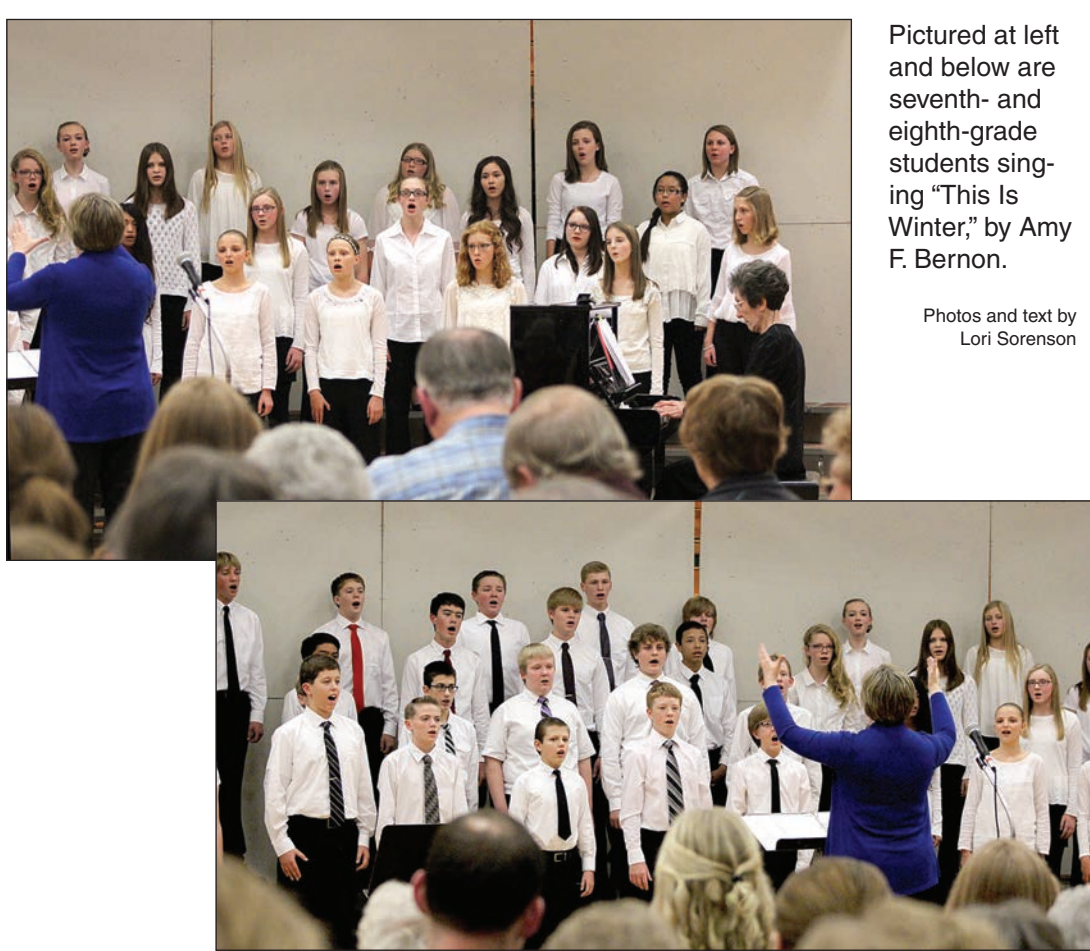


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Pictured at left and below are seventh- and eighth-grade students singing "This Is Winter," by Amy F. Bernon.

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson



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Mary Jane Brown Home resident Dorothy Williamson (left) shares a laugh with Jenna Schelhaas during one of Schelhaas' Sunday night Senior Book Club sessions in Luverne.

Luverne student's creation of Senior Book Club leads to life-changing experience

By Mavis Fodness

A trip to Washington, D.C., for last summer's national Family, Career and Community Leaders of America conference inspired Jenna Schelhaas, a current senior at Luverne High School, to start a project that would make a positive impact on someone's life.

What the 18-year-old didn't know was how developing the Senior Book Club would affect her.

For the past three months, Schelhaas spends her Sunday evenings at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne reading short stories and leading discussions with as many as eight residents.

The book club is a direct result of the FCCLA's community service program.

"It's a good way to give back to the community," she said. "A lot of people see giving to the community as giving money, but some people just want your time."

A series of personal experiences led to Schelhaas' development of the club.

One experience occurred in elementary school as a young Schelhaas learned to read.

"I have always really struggled with reading especially reading out loud," she said.

One-on-one work with instructors improved Schelhaas' reading abilities, but the introduction to "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" in fourth grade and later the Percy Jackson and the Olympian series in sixth grade turned Schelhaas into an



Mavis Fodness photo/1217 Jenna Schelhaas

Luverne High School Senior Jenna Schelhaas (center) encourages all participants at her Senior Book Club to share personal experiences before reading a short story. Pictured from left are Gladys Hemme, Nina Eernisse, Dorothy Williamson, Schelhaas, Janice Sandbulte and Barb Bot.

avid reader of fantasy and science fiction books outside the classroom.

"The books are so great," she said. "I read the first one in two days. After that I just kind of took off."

As a high schooler, Schelhaas

saw a slice of life at an assisted living center during her grandmother's brief stay. The regular visits revealed her grandmother had nothing in common with the other residents and often spent time alone.

"She just sat in her room and watched TV," Schelhaas said.

The final spark to the Senior Book Club's start came after the trip to our nation's capital. Schelhaas began working with Kathy Hansen, MJB's activities director.

Schelhaas explained to Hansen her search for a FCCLA project went beyond fundraising.

"I wanted to actively build a relationship with someone over a continuous amount of time," she said.

Through Hansen, Schelhaas learned as people age, eyesight diminishes along with their ability to focus and remember a book's storyline. Many MJB residents are avid book lovers like Schelhaas, but age has limited their ability to read books on their own. Schelhaas turned to short stories for her weekly book club sessions.

She often reads chapters from the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Her members easily relate to the real-life stories and their talks have involved the former dancehall in Hardwick, growing up in the 1940s and piano playing.

"I have gained a lot of life lessons from them by talking to them about things that they like — things that I should try," Schelhaas said.

Schelhaas plans to lead the Senior Book Club sessions weekly until May 2016, when she graduates from high school. In the meantime, she's seeking someone to take over reading for residents before she leaves her Hardwick home for college.

She cautions that the Senior Book Club can be life-changing.

"It's a personal experience with someone that is not only going to change just their lives, it's going to change your life at the same time," Schelhaas said.

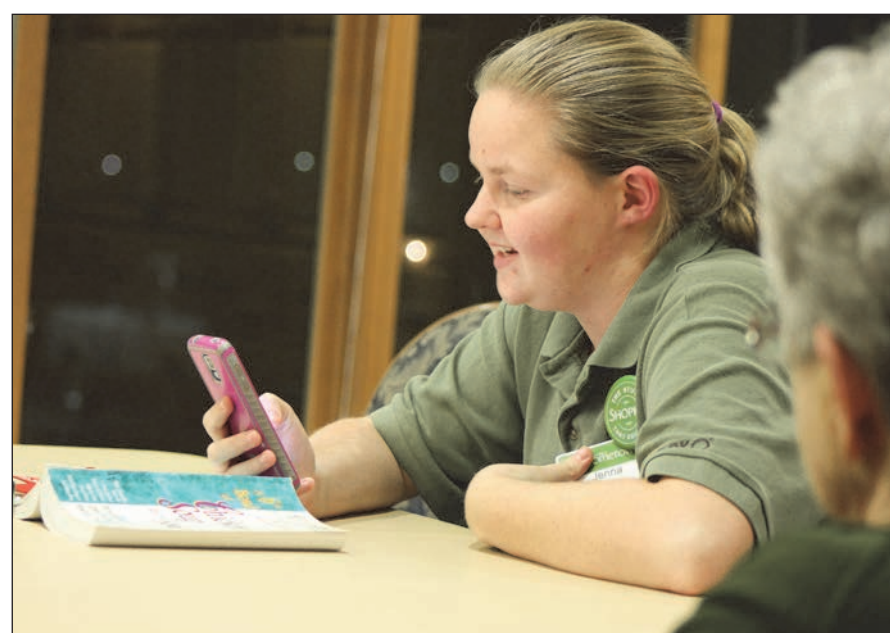
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Right: Using her smart phone (right), Jenna Schelhaas looks up information during a Sunday evening Senior Book Club discussion. The book club takes place at the Mary Jane Brown Home, and while anyone can attend, it is mainly attended by MJB residents.

Left: Jenna Schelhaas reads a short story from "A Sixth Bowl of Chicken Soup" during one of her Sunday night Senior Book Club sessions.

Mavis Fodness photos/1217 Jenna Schelhaas





Star Herald file photo

Luverne junior Solomon Nielsen went 3-0 to win the 160-pound title at Saturday's wrestling tournament in Jackson.

Nielsen captures title at JCC tournament

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School junior captured an individual title at the Jackson County Central Pizza Ranch Wrestling Invitational Saturday.

Solomon Nelson won three consecutive matches to claim the 160-pound championship at the tournament.

Nielsen pinned United South Central's Jonas Gonzalez in 3:51 and posted a 9-3 victory over Wabasso's Mitchell Fulton to reach the finals.

The LHS standout posted a 3-0 win over Minneota's Leo Buysee in the championship match.

With Nielsen leading the way, Luverne placed seventh in a 15-team field with 98.5 points.

Minneota won the team championship with 226.5 points.

Luverne's Tucker Oeltjenbruns and Jakob Olson turned in second-place efforts at the tournament.

Competing at 113, Oeltjenbruns pinned Adrian's Beau Bullerman at 5:43 of the semifinals before dropping a 3-0 decision to Minneota's Teddy Pesch in the finals.

Olson went 3-1 to place second at 190.

Olson posted an 11-9 win over Sioux City East's Blake Harris, he pinned Adrian's Landon Rogers in 2:48 and notched an 8-2 win over Wabasso's Devan Liebel to reach the title tilt.

JCC's Keegan Moore pinned Olson in 45 seconds during the championship match.

Adam Fodness placed fifth with a 4-1 record at 145 pounds, while Will Natte and Jake Haugen went 3-2 to place sixth at 132 and 145. Zach Luke placed eighth at 182 with a 1-3 mark.

Hunter Baker (106), Tom Brown (138) and Brandon Claussen (170) went 0-2 at the tournament.

The Cardinals wrestle at a tournament in Spencer, Iowa, Saturday.

H-BC tops LHS in two overtimes

By John Rittenhouse

The 2015 version of the annual Rock County battle between the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne girls' basketball teams was settled in double overtime Monday in Luverne.

H-BC, which erased deficits at the end of regulation play and the first overtime to extend play, outscored LHS 11-6 in the second extra session to secure a 74-69 victory.

The Patriots appeared to be in trouble late in the second half when Luverne's Morgan Haugen sank one free throw with 2:27 remaining to give the Cardinals a 52-45 advantage.

H-BC, however, countered with an 11-4 run ending with a three-point shot from Grace Bundesen to knot the score at 56 with 42 seconds left.

The Cardinals regained the lead (58-56) when Sierra Schmuck drained a field goal with 20 seconds remaining, but H-BC's Avery Van Roekel hit a shot with 4.8 seconds left to tie the score at 58 and force overtime.

Luverne sported a pair of two-point advantages and led by three (63-60) when Haugen drained a pair of charity shots with 19 seconds left.

H-BC's Sidney Fick erased the deficit when she canned a three-point with six seconds remaining to knot the score at 63 and force a second overtime.

The Patriots received field goals from Kourtney Rozeboom and Fick in the first 47 seconds of the second overtime to open a 67-63 lead.

Haugen trimmed the difference to two points (67-65) with a field goal, but H-BC outscored the Cards 7-4 the rest of the night to seal a five-point win.

The game's first half was equally competitive, with Luverne leading by as many as four points and H-BC leading by as many as five points.



John Rittenhouse photo/1217 hl gb 2

Luverne's Morgan Haugen releases a shot in the paint in front of H-BC's Grace Bundesen during Monday's game in Luverne. Haugen netted 28 points in a double overtime loss.

The Patriots led 28-24 at the intermission.

Fick (22 points), Van Roekel (16 points, eight rebounds and three assists) and Grace Bundesen (15 points, nine rebounds and five assists) led H-BC to victory.

Madison Spath recorded three assists for the 3-2 Patriots. Haugen (28 points, four

assists and three steals), Nicole Kneip (18 points and five rebounds) and Schmuck (15 points) led LHS statistically.

Hailey Remme and Bailey Jacobsma collected six and five rebounds respectively for the 1-3 Cardinals.

Box score
H-BC
Tilstra 0 1 0-0, Spath 0 1 1-2, Kolbrek

1 2 0-2, Lingen 1 0 0-0, Fick 7 2 2-4, Bundesen 5 1 2-3, Van Roekel 5 0 6-12, Rozeboom 1 0 0-0.

Luverne
VerStegg 0 0 0-0, Schmuck 2 2 5-6, Remme 3 0 1-2, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0, Hustoft 0 0 0-0, Rogers 0 0 1-2, Kneip 8 0 2-4, Haugen 8 1 9-17, 28.

Team statistics
H-BC: 28 of 53 field goals (54 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 32 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
Luverne: 24 of 56 field goals (43 percent), 18 of 33 free throws (55 percent), 21 rebounds, five turnovers.

Girls bounce back from losses with overtime victory

By John Rittenhouse

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

The Cardinals lost a two-goal game in Albert Lea Dec. 8 before falling by seven goals to New Ulm in Luverne Thursday.

LHS bounced back from the losses to edge Waseca by one goal in Luverne Saturday.

The 8-2 Cardinals host Worthington Friday.

LHS 4, Waseca 3

The Cardinals avoided dropping three consecutive contests when they nipped the Blue Jays by one goal in overtime Saturday in Luverne.

LHS trailed by two goals (3-1) with 14:07 left in the third period, but the Cards rallied to knot the score at three before the period was complete and won the game with 4:20 remaining in overtime.

Waseca's Jayde Peterson netted her second goal of the game 2:53 into the third period to give the Blue Jays a 3-1 advantage.

Luverne's Madisyn Dingmann trimmed the difference to one goal (3-2) with 8:43 remaining and Madison Crabtree tied the score at three with 4:05 left to play.

Dingmann settled the issue when she scored her second goal of the game with 4:20 left in overtime.

Pederson opened the scoring at the 13:21 mark of the first period, but the Cards tied the game when Makayla Sterrett netted a goal with



John Rittenhouse photo/1217 lgh 5

Luverne senior Madisyn Dingmann lifts the puck in front of Waseca's Regan Krampitz during Saturday's hockey game in Luverne. Dingmann scored in overtime to give LHS a 4-3 win.

2:07 remaining in the opening stanza.

Waseca's Anna Hoehn scored the lone goal of the third period.

Kennedy Gonnerman made 25 saves in goal for an LHS squad that sported a 34-28 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Sterrett and Mariah Aukes registered two assists and Dingmann added another for the winners.

NU 8, Luverne 1

The Cardinals dropped their

first conference game of the season when they entertained the Eagles at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

The game was up for grabs with New Ulm sporting a 2-1 edge after two periods of play, but the Eagles erupted for six goals in a span of 11:24 during the third period to win the game by seven goals.

Brooke Schugel, who registered a hat trick for the Eagles, scored the lone goal of the first period and Brittney Denn upped the lead to 2-0 at the 2:46 mark of the second

period.

Dingmann trimmed the difference to one (2-1) when she scored after being set up by Sterrett with 3:05 remaining in the second stanza.

Schugel, Jackie Cowing, Mackenzie Depew and Dani Weiss iced the game for New Ulm by netting one goal each in a span of 4:10 during the third period to give the Eagles a 6-1 lead with 9:25 remaining in the game.

Schugel capped her hat trick by netting a power-play tally at the 6:09 mark before Caleigh

Heck completed the scoring with 2:11 left to play.

New Ulm sported a 47-14 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Emilie Bartels played two-plus periods in goal for LHS before giving way to Gonnerman in the third period.

AL 3, Luverne 2

Luverne's run of seven wins to start the season came to an end Dec. 8 with a one-goal loss in Albert Lea.

The Tigers lost an eight-goal decision to the Cardinals in Luverne Nov. 10, but they gained their revenge by netting one goal in every period of the rematch.

Maddy Carstens gave the hosts a 1-0 lead at the 9:39 mark of the first period before Dingmann knotted the score at one for Luverne with 1:58 remaining in the opening stanza.

Carly Serie set up Dingmann's tally.

AL regained the lead when Hannah Savelkoul scored at the 2:51 mark of the second period before an unassisted tally by Maddy Herrera 7:49 into the third period left the Tigers sporting a 3-1 cushion.

Luverne trimmed the difference to one (3-2) when Crabtree netted a power-play goal after being set up by Madi Oye with 1:35 remaining.

The Cardinals, however, couldn't knot the score in the final 95 seconds.

Bartels made 24 saves in goal for the Cards, who sported a 28-27 edge in shots on goal.

Boys win big in Redwood

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team upped its record to 5-2 with an impressive road win in Redwood Falls Saturday.

Luverne scored at least two goals in every period of the game and outshot Redwood Valley 70-35 during a 9-4 victory.

Jaxon Nelson, Chaz Smedsrud and Nick Harder netted two goals each to highlight the victory, while Nick Behrend turned in a three-assist effort.

Nelson gave the Cardinals a 1-0 lead 50 seconds into the game before RWV's Kaleb Johnson scored consecutive goals to give the hosts a 2-1 edge with 6:30 remaining in the opening stanza.

Smedsrud knotted the score at two with a short-handed tally with 2:18 left in the stanza, which set the stage for an explosive second period for LHS.

Harder ignited a four-goal run at the 10:20 mark of the second stanza.

Spencer Swier, Nelson and Declan Beers scored goals in the final 9:32 of the period to give the Cards a 6-2 cushion.

RWV trimmed the difference to three goals (6-3) when Dallas Coons scored 23 seconds into the third period, but Harder (an unassisted tally), Kasyn Kruse and Smedsrud (a power-play tally) netted one goal each to give the Cards a 9-3 advantage with 4:31 left to play.

RWV's Coons capped the scoring in the game with 2:12 remaining.

Kaden Ericson made 31 saves in net for Luverne.

Nelson, Smedsrud and Harder charted two assists each for the Cards, while Chris Jelken and Kruse kicked in one assist each.

Luverne hosts Worthington Friday.

Gymnasts place second at Snowflake Invitational Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal gymnastics team turned in a second-place performance at the Snowflake Invitational in Windom Saturday.

Luverne compiled 127.475 points, placing second to Redwood Valley (130.55) in a

five-team field.

Windom (122.675), Pipestone (114.25) and St. James (104.225) capped the field.

Madison Schandelmeier led the Cardinals to their second-place finish by winning the bars title (8.4) and placing

fourth in the all-around standings (32.5).

Bergin Flom placed third on the bars (7.55) and tied for fourth place on the vault with an 8.85 tally.

Erin Sietsema placed third on the vault with an 8.875.

Redwood Valley's Hannah

Stevenson won the beam (9.2), floor (9.225) and all-around titles (34.925) and shared first place with Windom's Mareah Carlson on the vault (9.0).

The 4-1 Cardinals compete in Hendricks Dec. 22.

Individual results
Vault: Sietsema, 8.875; Flom, 8.85;

Schandelmeier, 8.825; Samantha Pierce, 8.55; Shelbie Nath, 8.1. Bars: Schandelmeier, 8.4; Flom, 7.55; Sietsema, 7.3; Meghan Witte, 7.1; Nath, 6.85. Beam: Pierce, 7.825; Nath, 7.2; Schandelmeier, 7.2; Madigan Flom, 7.0; B. Flom, 6.55. Floor: Nath, 8.375; Pierce, 8.2; B. Flom, 8.15; Schandelmeier, 8.025; Witte, 7.375.

EHS graduate chooses England over Canada

When I contacted Trevor Gruis a couple of weeks ago, his basketball future was in limbo.



Grus, a standout center at Ellsworth High School before graduating in 2010 and moving on to complete a four-year career at the University of South Dakota, had a decision to make.

He was uncertain where he wanted to continue his professional basketball career.

Grus could have rejoined the Jamtland Basket, a team based in Sweden that competes in the Euro-League.

After all, he averaged 13 points and six rebounds per game for Jamtland last season.

Grus loved his experience in Sweden and called his teammates a great bunch of guys.

The Basket, however, didn't find a lot of success on the court as a team last winter, which prompted the 6-9 center to explore other options available to him.

Grus did receive some offers from other teams after returning home to southwest Minnesota last spring, but he opted not to sign any contracts in hopes of getting a better deal.

For a while, it seemed like the better deal wouldn't materialize.

Grus kept busy by helping out on the family farm since returning home in March, but playing professional basketball was still on his mind.

He pushed himself by training at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls to remain in playing shape, just in case he did receive an opportunity to extend his professional career.

In an indirect way, that opportunity came on Nov. 29.

That was the day Grus learned he had been selected by the Moncton Miracles during the 10th round of the Canadian Basketball League draft.

When I contacted Grus a couple of days later, he did admit to being drafted by the CBL squad, but was weighing another option

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

at the time.

A few days after the Canadian draft, Grus received an offer to join Leicester Riders Basketball Club in England.

A couple of days after that, he informed me that he decided to accept the offer from the Riders.

"I always wanted to go back to Europe all along," Grus said.

"Until I got the offer from Leicester, I was thinking that I would be playing in Canada. For contractual and monetary reasons, and the fact that playing in England was more appealing to me, I decided to accept the offer. I could drive eight hours and see Canada any time I wanted to. Getting a chance to see a new country and play basketball there seems to be a better opportunity to me."

His decision to play ball in England led to instant action for Grus.

The British Basketball League, a 12-squad league consisting of teams from England and Scotland, is one-quarter of the way through the 2015-16 season.

Grus left the United States last week and was expected to play for the Riders in their game last Friday night.

"We'll see how good a shape I'm in because I'll basically be getting off the plane and stepping on the court," he said.

Being pressed into competition with little time to become acclimated to his new surroundings might be challenging for Grus, but I think he'll be just fine in time.

After all, the former EHS standout is receiving an opportunity to play professional basketball on foreign soil for the second consecutive year.

Trevor Grus is living his dream.

"I'm just excited about the opportunity to play competitive basketball again," he concluded.

Cardinal basketball boys fall twice at home

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped a pair of home games last week.

Worthington handed LHS an eight-point setback Dec. 8 and Martin County West upended the Cardinals by 12 points Saturday.

The 3-4 Cardinals play in Hills Monday.

MCW 60, Luverne 48

A big second half by the Mavericks proved to be the difference during Saturday's game in Luverne.

The game was up for grabs when the teams battled to a draw at 25 during the first half.

MCW, however, outscored the Cardinals 35-23 in the second half to prevail by 12 points.

Cole Bosch and Nick Overgaard led the Cardinals in scoring with 13 points.

Quinton Siebenahler turned in an 11-point, eight-rebound, four-steal effort for the hosts, while Erik Wohnoutka dished out nine assists.

Box score
Overgaard 1 3 2-2 13, Muller 1 0 0-0 3, Wohnoutka 0 2 0-0 6, Claussen 0 0 0-0 0, Curtis 0 0 2-6 2, Siebenahler 4 0 3-5 11, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 1 2 5-6 13, Haugom 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 14 of 44 field goals (32 percent), 12 of 19 free throws (63 percent), 22 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
MCW: 24 of 51 field goals (47 percent), nine of 11 free throws (82 percent), 21 rebounds, 13 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/1217 lbb 8

Luverne senior Erik Wohnoutka scored 16 points, passed for 12 assists and recorded five steals during a Dec. 8 Big South Conference home game against Worthington.

secure an eight-point victory.

The Cardinals led 36-34 at the intermission and opened the second half with a 6-0 run ending with a field goal from Layne Curtis that left LHS sporting a 42-34 advantage at the 16:02 mark.

Luverne led by six (52-46) when Wohnoutka drained a

three-point shot at 11:13, but the Trojans took over as the half progressed.

After trimming the difference to three points at two different occasions (the last being 58-55), Worthington went on a 13-0 run to open a 65-58 lead with 4:28 left to play.

A three-point play from

Curtis trimmed the difference to four points (65-61) with 3:17 remaining, but the Trojans countered with an 8-4 surge to ice the victory.

After sporting 5-4 and 8-2 edges in the early stages of the first half, Luverne fell behind

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WHS 73, Luverne 65

The Cardinals squandered an opportunity to post their first Big South Conference win of the season when they entertained the Trojans Dec. 8.

LHS led by as many as nine points in the first half and sported an eight-point lead with 16 minutes left to play, but the Trojans used an extended run in the final 11 minutes to

turned in productive nights for Ellsworth.

Kramer (six rebounds), Bobby Walkowak (five rebounds and four assists) and Leuthold (four assists) also made contributions to Ellsworth's cause.

Jaguars, Flying Dutchmen knock off Panthers

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team dropped a pair of games late last week.

The Panthers fell by 12 points at Edgerton Public School Thursday before dropping a 21-point home decision to Renville County West Saturday.

Ellsworth, 2-4 overall, plays Murray County Central in Slayton Friday.

RCW 63, Ellsworth 42

Visiting RCW handed the Panthers their second consecutive setback when the teams squared off in Ellsworth Saturday.

The Jaguars raced to a 31-18 lead in the game's first half and outscored the Panthers 32-24

in the second half to win by 21 points.

Trei Hinrichs led the Panthers with 14 points and Malik Herman snared 17 rebounds.

Bandon Kramer added eight rebounds to Ellsworth's cause, while Jared Leuthold registered five assists.

Box score
Kramer 0 1 0-0 3, Leuthold 3 0 0-2 6, Walkowak 1 1 2-3 7, Hinrichs 2 3 1-1 14, Herman 2 0 0-2 4, Kramer 3 0 2-2 8.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 20 of 66 field goals (30 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 33 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Edgerton 64, Ellsworth 52

The Panthers fell behind early and couldn't recover when they challenged the

Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Thursday.

Edgerton gained a quick lead in the first half and remained in front by five points (25-20) when the opening stanza was complete.

The Flying Dutchmen proceeded to outscore the Panthers 39-32 in the second half to clinch a 12-point victory.

Hinrichs (20 points) and Herman (14 points, 12 rebounds and three assists)

turned in productive nights for Ellsworth.

Kramer (six rebounds), Bobby Walkowak (five rebounds and four assists) and Leuthold (four assists) also made contributions to Ellsworth's cause.

Box score
Leuthold 0 1 3-4 6, Walkowak 2 0 0-0 4, Hinrichs 1 6 0-0 20, Herman 6 0 2-4 14, Kramer 2 0 1-2 5, Kruse 0 1 0-0 3.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 19 of 45 field goals (42 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 34 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

Patriot boys post first victory before falling Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split a pair of home games late last week.

The Patriots notched their first victory by dismantling Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday. West Lyon saddled H-BC with a 19-point setback Saturday.

H-BC, 1-4 overall, hosts Mountain Lake Area Friday.

West Lyon 74, H-BC 55

The Patriots were unable to register consecutive home wins when they entertained the Lions Saturday in Hills.

WL raced to a 34-24 lead in the first half before outscoring the hosts 40-31 in the second half to prevail by 19 points.

Cooper Vaughn led H-BC with 14 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

Zach Scholten (nine rebounds), Josh Kueter (six rebounds), Isaiah Vis (three steals), Jed Burgers (three assists) and Stuart Plimpton (three assists) also turned in productive games for H-BC.

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

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 62 field goals (31 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 41 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
WL: 24 of 54 field goals (44 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 31 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

H-BC 78, HL-O 47

The Patriot boys posted their first win of the season

in resounding fashion when they throttled the Wildcats by 31 points in Hills Thursday.

H-BC raced to a 38-25 lead in the game's first half and outscored the Wildcats 40-22

in the second half to win their first game of the season by 31 points.

Scholten led the Patriots to victory by scoring 26 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Plimpton added 10 points and three steals to the winning cause, while Josh Kueter chipped in 10 points and six

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Edgerton makes short work of Ellsworth girls

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls were unable to register their first win of the basketball season when they challenged the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Friday.

Ellsworth slipped into an early hole and couldn't climb out of it as the Flying Dutchmen rolled to a 75-43 victory.

Edgerton scored 12 consecutive points in the first 3:51 of the game before Ellsworth's Sierra Smith converted a field goal at the 13:53 mark to make it a 10-point (12-2) difference.

The Flying Dutchmen scored the next nine points to make it a 21-2 game before Ellsworth went on an 8-2 run ending with a field goal from Megan Popkes at 10:11 to trim the difference to 13 points (23-10).

Edgerton answered the challenge by reeling off 16 consecutive points to up its lead to 29 (39-10).

The hosts led by as many as 31 points (43-12) as the half progressed before sporting a 43-16 cushion at the intermission.

Ellsworth's Ashlyn Meester scored the first two points of the second half to make it a 25-point game (43-18) before Edgerton went on a 13-4 run to open a 56-22 advantage with 12:13 remaining.

A field goal by Smith sliced Ellsworth's lead to 26 points (58-32) with 8:45 left to play.

Edgerton, however, outscored the Panthers 17-11 the rest of the night and led by as many as 36 points before settling with a 32-point victory.

Popkes led the Panthers with 16 points, 10 rebounds and three assists.

Hannah Kramer pulled down five rebounds for the 0-4 Panthers, who host Hills-Beaver Creek Thursday.

Box score
Kramer 1 2 0-0 8, L.Chapa 0 0 2-2 2, Mulder 1 0 0-0 2, K.Chapa 0 0 1-2 1, Meester 1 0 0-0 2, D.Dreesen 1 1 1-2 6, Popkes 4 1 5-6 16, M.Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 15 of 40 field goals (38 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 25 rebounds, 17 turnovers.



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Ellsworth's Devin Dreesen fires a shot over Edgerton's Elizabeth Buckridge during Friday's basketball game in Edgerton. The Panthers slipped to 0-4 after falling by 32 points.

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14-9 at the 13:24 mark.

The Cardinals answered the challenge by putting together an 18-4 run ending with Siebenahler sinking a pair of charity shots at 8:05 that left the hosts sporting a 27-18 lead.

Worthington fought back to knot the score at 32 and 34 late in the half, but Wohnoutka hit a field goal with 38 seconds remaining that gave the Cards a 36-34 edge.

Curtis (18 points), Wohnoutka (16 points, 12 assists and five steals) and Siebenahler (14 points, seven rebounds and four assists) led LHS statistically.

Mitchell Muller added five steals to the effort.



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Mitchell Muller glides through the lane in front of Worthington's Zach Boever during a boys' basketball game in Luverne Dec. 8.

Team statistics
Luverne: 23 of 64 field goals (36 percent), 14 of 22 free throws (64 percent), 27 rebounds, six turnovers.

Worthington: 25 of 49 field goals (51 percent), 20 of 24 free throws (83 percent), 29 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

Box score
Overgaard 3 1 0-0 9, Muller 0 0 0-0 0, Wohnoutka 3 2 4-6 16, Curtis 7 0 4-7 18, Siebenahler 5 0 4-6 14, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 0 2 2-3 8.

MLA downs AHS girls

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team dropped its third consecutive game Friday in Mountain Lake.

Taking on the Mountain Lake Area Wolverines on their home floor, the Dragons fell behind 28-19 in the first half.

AHS rallied to outscore MLA 22-18 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Dragons from taking a 46-41 setback.

Jodi Bents led the 1-3 Dragons with a 13-point, eight-rebound, three-assist effort.

Hannah Bullerman (eight rebounds and four assists), Brooke Grussing (six rebounds), Lexi Slater (nine rebounds) and Kaitlyn Christians (three assists) also played well for AHS.

Adrian hosts Wabasso Friday.

Box score
H.Bullerman 2 1 1-3 8, R.Hokeness 0 0 0-0, J.Hokeness 1 0 0-1 2, Tweet 0 0 0-0, Bents 2 3 0-0 13, Christians 1 2 0-0 8, Grussing 1 0 0-0 2, Sjogren 0 0 0-0, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 3 0 0-1 6, P.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Adrian: 17 of 47 field goals (36 percent), one of five free throws (20 percent), 37 rebounds, 24 turnovers.
MLA: 14 of 43 field goals (33 percent), 15 of 25 free throws (60 percent), 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

Adrian wrestlers dominate home quadrangular Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team turned in good showings at a pair of events last week.

The Dragons won three matches during the Adrian Quadrangular Thursday and placed third as a team during Saturday's Jackson County Central Pizza Ranch Invitational.

The Dragons wrestle in Pipestone Friday.

The Dragons opened the home portion of their 2015-16 schedule by sweeping the South Dakota competition on hand for a quadrangular Thursday.

Adrian defeated Parkston 45-6 before posting wins over Tri-Valley (51-12) and Canton (45-28).

Canton and T-V entered the quadrangular ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in their classes in South Dakota.

Two Dragons posted perfect 3-0 records during the quadrangular.

Gavin Engelkes pinned Parkston's Tucker Bigge (1:06), T-V's Brady Johnson (32 seconds) and Canton's Payton Smith (1:36) at heavyweight.

Skylar Hieronimus registered pins against Parkston's Tyler Holzbauer (46 seconds) and T-V's Dylan Eldeen (49 seconds) before nipping Canton's Schaeden Scheidt 5-4 at the 132- and 138-pound weight classes.

Adrian's Greg Kern, Michael Preuss, Hunter Heitkamp and Landon Rogers went 2-0 during the evening, while Alex Fuerstenberg, Logan Nelson, Matthew Slater and Dylan Gyberg notched winning 2-1 records.

Ryan Elias and Logan Rogers went 1-1, Chandler Combs went 1-2 and Beau Bullerman went 0-2 for the Dragons.

Match wrap-ups
AHS 45, Parkston 6
106 (A) Combs 12-7 Weber.
113 (A-P) open.
120 (A) Fuerstenberg by forfeit.
126 (A-P) open.
132 (A-P) open.
138 (A) Hieronimus pins Holzbauer.
145 (A) Nelson pins Martinez.
152 (P) Bietz 5-1 Lg.Rogers.
160 (P) Bietz 6-5 Slater.
170 (A) Preuss by forfeit.
182 (A) Heitkamp pins Nuegeberg.
195 (A-P) open.
220 (A) Gyberg pins Schoenfelder.
285 (A) Engelkes pins Bigge.

Adrian 51, T-V 12
106 (T) Klennert pins Combs.
113 (T) Lamer pins Bullerman.
120 (A) Fuerstenberg pins Rombough.
126 (A) Kern pins Wollman.
132 (A) Hieronimus pins Eldeen.
138 (A) Elias 5-3 Ramstad.
145 (A) Nelson pins Farr.
152 (A-T) open.
160 (A) Slater pins Van Asselt.
170 (A-T) open.
182 (A) Ld.Rogers pins Nehlich.
195 (A-T) open.
220 (A) Gyberg pins Heiberger.
285 (A) Engelkes pins Johnson.

AHS 45, Canton 28
106 (C) Cline pins Combs.
113 (C) Peterson pins Bullerman.
120 (C) Hanisch 13-11 Fuerstenberg.
126 (A) Kern pins Dominisee.
132 (A) Hieronimus 5-4 Scheidt.
138 (C) Sutura 4-2 Elias.
145 (C) Lemer 10-2 Nelson.
152 (A) Lg.Rogers pins Laubach.
160 (A) Preuss pins Seibel.
170 (A) Slater pins Laubach.
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E-Gals, Lions best H-BC girls in Hills

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team went 0-2 during a weekend set in Hills. Southwest Christian topped the Patriots by eight points Friday and West Lyon upended the Patriots by eight points Saturday. The losses left H-BC with a 2-2 record.

West Lyon 68, H-BC 60

The Patriots couldn't protect a halftime edge when they entertained the Lions in Hills Saturday.

H-BC matched blows with the Lions during a first half of play that ended with the Patriots sporting a 29-28 edge.

The second half belonged to the Lions, who turned a 40-31 scoring advantage into an eight-point victory.

Sidney Fick (17 points, five rebounds, six assists and three

steals), Grace Bundesen (17 points and six rebounds) and Avery Van Roekel (12 points) turned in solid efforts for H-BC. Paige Tilstra chipped in four assists for the Patriots.

Box score
Tilstra 0 1 0-0 3, Spath 0 1 1-3 4, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 0 0 0-0 0, Fick 6 1 2-5 17, Bundesen 6 0 5-6 17, Van Roekel 3 0 6-7 12, Rozeboom 3 0 1-2 7.

Team statistics
H-BC: 21 of 59 field goals (36 percent), 15 of 23 free throws (65 percent), 31 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
WL: 24 of 66 field goals (36 percent), 12 of 21 free throws (57 percent), 36 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

SWC 70, H-BC 62

The Patriot girls received their first loss of the season when they took on the E-Gals in Hills Friday.

The visiting E-Gals opened an eight-point lead in the first half and withstood any challenges H-BC had to offer in the second half to secure a

70-62 win. SWC sported a 27-19 advantage at the end of the first half.

Both teams picked up their play offensively in the second half, but the E-Gals matched H-BC's 43-point output to prevail by eight points.

Van Roekel (23 points and nine rebounds) and Fick (19 points, five rebounds and three steals) led the Patriots statistically.

Bundenesen collected five caroms and Madison Spath charted five assists for H-BC.

Box score
Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 2 0-0 6, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 0 0 0-0 0, Fick 7 0 5-5 19, Bundesen 1 0 5-8 7, Van Roekel 9 0 5-7 23, Rozeboom 3 0 1-2 7.

Team statistics
H-BC: 22 of 50 field goals (44 percent), 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent), 29 rebounds, 23 turnovers.
SWC: 23 of 56 field goals (41 percent), 23 of 33 free throws (70 percent), 28 rebounds, eight turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/1217 lgb 1

Luverne senior guard Bailey Jacobsma loses control of the ball under the pressure of Southwest Christian's Brooklyn DeKam during Thursday's girls' basketball game in Luverne.

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rebounds. Drew Forshey (six rebounds), Vaughn (10 steals and six assists), Trenton Bass (seven assists and six steals) and Isaiah Vis (three steals)

also made key contributions during the win.

Box score
Vaughn 3 0 2-4 8, Burgers 1 0 0-2 2, Vis 1 0 0-3 2, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 4 0 2-4 10, Bass 0 2 1-2 7, Kueter 5 0 0-2 10, Scholten 9 1 5-7 26, Dr. Forshey 3 0

2-3 8, Dy. Forshey 2 0 1-4 5.

Team statistics
H-BC: 31 of 68 field goals (46 percent), 13 of 31 free throws (42 percent), 41 rebounds, 22 turnovers.
HL-O: 18 of 68 field goals (26 percent), nine of 23 free throws (39 percent), 30 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Southwest Christian spoils Luverne's home debut Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team opened the home portion of its 2015-16 schedule by hosting Southwest Christian Thursday.

SWC, projected to be one of the Red Rock Conference's top teams, played like it on Luverne's court.

The E-Gals outscored LHS in both halves of the game to secure a 51-30 victory.

WC scored the first four points of the game as a part of a 10-3 run in the first 4:57 of the contest.

The teams matched points

for a better part of the next eight minutes before the E-Gals used a 9-4 spurt to turn what was a 19-10 lead into a 28-14 advantage at the intermission.

Luverne's Nicole Kneip converted a three-point play at the 17:28 mark of the second half to make it a 28-17 game, but that proved to be as close as the Cardinals would come to catching the E-Gals.

SWC outscored LHS 23-13 the rest of the night and led by as many as 24 points before settling with a 21-point victory.

Morgan Haugen led the

Cards in scoring with 15 points.

Kneip collected seven rebounds and registered five steals for the Cardinals, while Sierra Schmuck grabbed six rebounds.

Box score
VerSteg 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 0 0 2-4 2, Remme 1 0 0-2 2, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, Kneip 3 0 2-4 8, Jacobsma 0 0 2-2 2, Bosch 0 0 1-2 1, Haugen 5 0 5-8 15, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: nine of 34 field goals (26 percent), seven of 22 free throws (32 percent), 33 rebounds, 24 turnovers.
SWC: 21 of 44 field goals (48 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 20 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

DECEMBER 10 SPORTS REPLAY

Patriot girls upend Adrian

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team posted a 62-42 Red Rock Conference victory in Adrian.

The visiting Patriots opened a 26-18 lead in the first half before outscoring the Dragons 36-24 in the final 18 minutes of play to secure a 20-point victory.

Avery Van Roekel (14 points and five steals), Sidney Fick (13 points), Mekayla Kolbrek (10 points and five rebounds) and Grace Bundesen (10 points and four steals) led the Patriots to victory.

Jasmine Lingen (five rebounds and three steals) and Kourtney Rozeboom (six rebounds) also made key contributions for H-BC.

Jodi Bents turned in a 12-point, six-rebound effort for the Dragons.

Brooke Grussing and Lexi Slater collected six and five rebounds respectively for Adrian, while Kaitlyn Christians charted three assists.

Wildcats overwhelm Ellsworth girls

The Heron Lake-Okabena girls' basketball team rolled to a 74-26 victory in Ellsworth. The Wildcats opened a 40-13 victory in the first half and outscored the Panthers 34-14 in the second half to ice their 47-point victory.

Hannah Kramer and Devin Dreesen netted seven points each to lead Ellsworth, and Kramer charted a team-high four steals.

Megan Popkes led the Panthers with seven rebounds.

Eagles roll over Adrian's boys in Edgerton

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team dropped its third consecutive game when the Dragons challenged Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

Red Rock Conference power SWC protected its home court well by outscoring the Dragons in both halves of the contest.

The Eagles led 31-22 after 18

minutes of play before using a 39-22 scoring advantage in the second half to complete a 70-44 victory.

Mitchell Lonneman led Adrian with 17 points and six rebounds.

Ryan Wieneke recorded a six-assist effort for the 2-3 Dragons.

Adrian plays Wabasso at the Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Tournament Thursday.

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Saturday, Dec. 19: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program Practice for grades 1-6. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:45 a.m. 3 yr. olds-sixth grade Christmas Program Practice; 7-12 Catechism Classes. 6:30 p.m. Christmas program. Monday, Dec. 21: 9 a.m. PERK UP — Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. CoffeeBreak/Story Hour. Wednesday, Dec. 23: 7:30 p.m. Youth group. Friday, Dec. 25: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day service.

First Baptist Church

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

Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 17: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 18: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 7 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Tuesday, Dec. 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Wednesday, Dec. 23: No Awana. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 17: Noon Lydia Circle potluck at Grace. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth circle at Dianna Spath. Friday, Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Telecast Ch. 3 (VAST). Saturday, Dec. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 20: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School deliver gifts; Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. 5-7 p.m. Live Nativity. Monday, Dec. 21: 4 p.m. Telecast Ch. 3 (VAST). 5:45 p.m. Echoes. Tuesday, Dec. 22: Circles. 9 a.m. Staff meeting 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane ?Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, Dec. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Study. No Confirmation. Thursday, Dec. 24: Noon Church office closes. 3 p.m. Christmas Eve service. 5 p.m. Musical prelude. 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Friday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. Radio Broadcast of Christmas Eve service. 10 a.m. Christmas Day worship. 6:30 p.m. Telecast Channel 3.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 17: 5 p.m. Service on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 19: Sunday School Christmas practice. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. No Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 4 p.m. Children's Christmas program. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship. Friday, Dec. 25: 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day worship.

American Reformed Church

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

Friday, Dec. 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior Department Christmas program. Tuesday, Dec. 22: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 23: No Midweek. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

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

First Assembly of God Church

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

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

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

United Methodist Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 17: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11 a.m. Come As You Are service. No Bait of Satan Bible Study. No A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 21: Newsletter Deadline. No Living Beyond Yourself Bible Study. Wednesday, Dec. 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. No F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry or Confirmation. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Candlelight Worship. 7 p.m. Free Community Christmas Eve meal. 11 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Communion.

First Presbyterian Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 17: 5 p.m. Music Staff meeting. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Christmas program. Senior High dinner. Wednesday, Dec. 23: No activities. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve services

St. John Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Dec. 17: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Saturday, Dec. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Christmas music by Ron and Jane Cote. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal; Adult Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal. 4 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service. Monday, Dec. 21: Newsletter deadline. 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Dec. 22: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Wednesday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. No Bible Study. No evening activities. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Friday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. Christmas Day worship with Communion.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 17: 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV-Luverne. Friday, Dec. 18: 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV-Luverne. Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Monday, Dec. 21: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 23: No Confirmation. Thursday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m. Zion worship airs on Channel 3. 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Sunday School program. Friday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. Christmas Day worship service; choir sings.

First Lutheran Church

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School program. Wednesday, Dec. 23: 7 p.m. choir practice. Thursday, Dec. 24: 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School program. 10 a.m. Sunday School luncheon and goodies. Thursday, Dec. 24: 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Worship service with Sunday School program. 5:30 p.m. Adrian and Magnolia Christmas gathering at Adrian United Methodist Church. Tuesday, Dec. 22: No Bible Study. Thursday, Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion at United Methodist Church in Adrian.

Steen Reformed Church

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

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

Choose long journey

A tourist and a pilgrim are two distinctly different mind-sets.



We have all been tourists. We have identified certain places to visit, consulted guide books and purchased maps. We have packed our suitcases, making certain to include our cameras and video recorders. By car or bus or train or plane or ship, we have traveled with the objective of seeing "the sites." Castles, waterfalls, museums, specialty restaurants, waterparks, and "local color" festivals are on our lists. At the end of the vacation, we return home tired, a little poorer, and very thankful to be back.

Few of us have been pilgrims. We usually associate such people with a distinct purpose to travel to some holy place. Muslims are supposed to make at least one pilgrimage to Mecca. In early American history, we learn about the Pilgrims who came to America to escape religious persecution and to found a different society. This second sense is really the most basic idea of a pilgrim. He is a wanderer, not satisfied with life as it is, seeking a different country.

In days gone by, Christians identified themselves as pilgrims, and we still occasionally sing pilgrim songs, especially if we like country. "Pilgrims for Jesus in a low land of sin, hoping that we at last the life crown may win, serving the Master thru the morning are we: sunset is coming, but the

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**By Pastor Dick Lauger,
First Baptist Church**

sunrise we'll see."

We understand the concept from scripture. Peter wrote to "the strangers" and urged them to "pass the time of their sojourning here in fear." Christians, as strangers and pilgrims, are to abstain from fleshly lusts," (1 Peter 1:17; 2:11). We are on a journey that takes us through this world, its values and pleasures, all the while focusing on a different place.

I wonder if the mindset of society hasn't won out, transforming us from pilgrims to tourists. Instead of persevering on the pilgrim trail to the celestial city, do we instead take brief vacations to see the sights and then return to our "normal" life? Our excursions are for the most part enjoyable — a concert here, a retreat there, camp, an Alaskan cruise with some big name Christian celebrity. We take a few pictures, buy a CD and a sweatshirt, listen to a tape, and even shed a tear or two. But we are glad to get back home. Many churches cater to the tourist, planning the worship services and other programs for their entertainment value. The staff become the tour guides or travel agents.

A tour is a vastly different experience than a pilgrimage. May we always know the difference. May we always choose, deliberately, the longer journey with heaven as our destination.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills

Sunday, Dec. 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program at Bethlehem. Meal served by Board of Education follows program. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Monday, Dec. 21: Newsletter deadline. Tuesday, Dec. 22: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Quilting. No Confirmation or Youth Night. Thursday, Dec. 24: 2 p.m. Christmas Eve service at Tuff Chapel. 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service with Communion at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Hills United Reformed Church

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

hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 7

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 2, 2008
MORTGAGOR: Daniel L. Wendland and Jennifer D. Wendland, husband and wife.
MORTGAGEE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 3, 2008 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 169736.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated September 2, 2008 Recorded September 3, 2008, as Document No. 169737.

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

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Minnwest Mortgage Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 603 East Park Street North, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1371.100
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 3 in Block 2 in Thompson's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 29, 2015

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 7

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100425240010209283

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

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 309 S Donaldson St, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY I.D.: 20-0662-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM on January 7, 2016

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 19, 2015
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,
as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF16,
Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF16 Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee

Canadian Pacific Plaza,
120 South Sixth Street, Suite 2050
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Phone: 952-232-0052
Our File No. 15MN00066-1

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6 in Block 1 of The Sybesma Subdivision, Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 212 PINE DRIVE, LUVERNE, MN 56156

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$132,621.48

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR (LENDER): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20.2030.000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE ID NUMBER (MERS NUMBER): None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 21, 2016 at 10:00 am

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

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

Dated: November 18, 2015

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.

By: /s/
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Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq.
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(11-25, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24, 12-31)

Notice of Application for Livestock Feedlot Permit

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Norm Sjaarda, will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to modify an existing feedlot of 840 animal units.

The proposed feedlot is located in the SW1/4 of Section 10 of Martin Township, T101N, R46W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The feedlot will close existing total confinement swine buildings with a capacity of 240 animal units. A new open lot with runoff controls will be constructed with a capacity of 240 animal units. The manure generated by beef cattle is stored in manure packs. The final animal unit capacity is 840 animal units after the modification. The feedlot is owned by Norm Sjaarda.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

Published at the request of Norm Sjaarda

(12-17)

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2016 MINNESOTA CITY SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this Report is to provide summary 2016 budget information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. 471.6965. This budget is a summary document only; the complete budget may be examined at the Luverne City Office, 305 E. Luverne. The council approved this budget on December 8, 2015

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	2015 Budget	2016 Budget
Revenues		
Property Taxes	1,514,990	1,598,623
Tax Increments	31,000	33,000
All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	420,000	440,000
Special Assessments	-	-
Licenses And Permits	52,705	85,600
Federal Grants	-	-
State General Purpose Aid (LGA, Market Value credits)	1,373,641	1,379,639
State Categorical Aid (State Fire Aid)	47,756	56,163
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	-	-
Charges For Services	643,355	656,993
Fines and Forfeits	-	-
Interest On Investments	36,950	61,801
Miscellaneous Revenues	101,105	84,080
TOTAL REVENUES	4,221,502	4,395,899
Proceeds From bond Sales	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	979,500	1,088,350
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	5,201,002	5,484,249
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)		
General Government (board, administration, etc.)	561,760	595,855
Public Safety	1,252,413	1,248,815
Public Works (Streets and Airport)	976,040	992,850
Sanitation	-	-
Health	-	-
Culture and Recreation	899,200	938,050
Conservation of Natural Resources	69,500	69,200
Economic Development	-	-
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	94,267	89,650
Total Current Expenditures	3,853,180	3,934,420
Debt Service - Principal	401,556	402,556
Interest and Fiscal Charges	52,744	41,936
Streets & Highways Construction	-	-
Capital Outlay	388,500	454,750
Transfers To Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	602,500	653,350
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	5,298,480	5,487,012
Fund Balance		
General Fund - Beginning Balance (January 1)	2,688,041	2,590,563
General Fund - Ending Balance - (December 31)	2,590,563	2,587,800
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(97,478)	(2,763)
Other Items		
Total property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,555,190	1,633,623
Net Unrealized Gain or (Loss) from Investments for 2014	-	(125,289)

(12-17)

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(12.6-12.24)

Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for a long-term substitute teacher in mathematics for eight weeks beginning approximately February 9. Submit letter of application and resume to Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent, Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE

(12.6-12.17)

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Del Domagala
(12.17-12.20)

The family of Larry Hellwinckel would like to say thank you for all the kind words, prayers, food and memorials. Thank you to Pastor Mumme and Beth for all your support during our time of need, to the ladies in the kitchen for all your hard work, Dr. Ceynowa for the years of care and support, Hartquist for doing such a great job at guiding us all through a difficult time and Hospice for being so kind and supportive. God's blessings to you all.

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Karen and Arlyn Sneller and family
Kristy and Mike Willers and family
Kim and Ron Ramert and family
Lisa and Rod Rosin and family
Kelly and Tom Dohmann and family
(12.13-12.24)

EMPLOYMENT

CARDS OF THANKS

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

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(12.10-12.13)

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Mrs. Lucinda Rofshus' second-graders pen letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

This year I have been really good by being a nice girl. Please bring me an Anna dress (from "Frozen") because I will look so pretty.

Love, Kate Rolling

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping with my brother. Please bring my brother a new Lego set and a new skid loader because we want to help him.

Love, Jocelyn Altman

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by being good to my parents. Please bring a rocket mask to my mom because she loves Guardians of the Galaxy.

Love, Sophia Gutkoski

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by not bragging at gym. Please bring my mom a new bedspread because my mom really wants one.

Love, Rhiannon Bartels

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year



Students in Lucinda Rofshus' second-grade class are (front, from left) Vitaly Anderson, Sophia Gutkoski, Kate Rolling, Landen Frey, (middle) Mia Moyer, Alexis Hultgren, Aaliyah Xaysongkham, Jocelyn Altman, Rhiannon Bartels, Kianna Woods, Montana Scholten, Addyson Mann, (back) Damien Ahrendt, Jace Rozeboom, Parker Wicks, Jaxon Lais, Gavin Hoven, Zander Carbonneau and Franklin Uithoven.

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Love, Zander Fountain

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by feeding our guinea pig. Please bring Emery a play set because I think she will like it.

Love, Jude Hoven

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my brother Mitchell a Kansas City shirt number 11 (his name is Alex Smith) because he likes the Kansas City Chiefs.

Love, Blake Sauer

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my Dad a new toolbox because he lost all his stuff.

Love, Sarsan Mohamad

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by



Students in Kelly Bergan's second-grade class are (front, from left) Blake Sauer, Caleb Thom, Xochitl Limones, Anna Banck, Ayah Alinzi, (middle row) Sarsan Mohamad, Elijah Henrichs, Emma Saarloos, Jayden Dass, Leigha Ehlers, Jude Hoven, Dayson Fritz, Katelynn Van Belle, Noah Goettig, (back) James Hoffenkamp, Zander Fountain, Morgan Kracht, Greta McClure, Landyn Lais, and Kasey Buss.

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Mrs. Refskus' second grade/continued from page 2C

by helping out a lot. Please bring Mike a Ferrari because Ferraris are awesome.

Love, Zander Carbonneau

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my school work. Please bring my brother Camden a Chrome computer because his teacher's broke.

Love, Gavin Hoven

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by listening to the teacher. Please bring my Kamden a game because we want a new game.

Love, Vitaly Anderson

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping kids. Please bring my brother a PS game because he wants one very bad.

Love, Jace Rozeboom

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom clean my room. Please bring my mom a new pot because her old pot broke.

Love, Landen Frey

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by putting my clothes away. Please bring my mom a foot rest chair

because she would love it and she doesn't have one.

Love, Addyson Mann

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by being nice. Please bring my grandpa a new phone because his old one is broke.

Love, Aalyiah Xaysongkham

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by playing with my brother. Please bring my dad a grill because he really wants one.

Love, Parker Wicks

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my mom a necklace because she really wants one.

Love, Kianna Woods

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my brother. Please bring my brother Harry a new video game.

Love, Franklin Uithoven

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my dad clean my room. Please bring my dad more tools because his old wood hammer broke.

Love, Landen Frey

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping pick up stuff in the classroom. Please bring my sister some shoes and my mom a hair dryer because they are nice.

Love, Jaxon Lais

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by cleaning my room. Please bring my baby sister blocks with ABCs because she has to learn her ABCs.

Love, Mia Moyer

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom watch the kids. Please bring my brother a Lego set because he thinks they are really cool.

Love, Montana Scholten

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my mom a hair dryer because her other one is broken.

Love, Alexis Hultgren

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my dog a dental bone because her breath reeks.

Love, Damien Ahrendt

Mrs. Bergan/continued from page 3C

doing my chores. Please bring my mom and aunt a necklace because I want them to have another one.

Love, Jayden Dass

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by being nice to my cousin. Please bring Cayden a new toolbox because his old one broke.

Love, Landyn Lais

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by feeding the cat. Please bring my step dad new arrows because he probably needs more.

Love, Caleb Thom

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by cleaning my room. Please bring Noah a snowmobile because we can ride on a hill.

Love, Noah Goettig

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my mom a coffee cup because she lost her old one.

Love, Anna Banck

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year

by listening to my dad. Please bring Lexy an Ipad mini because we fight over our Ipad.

Love, Elijah Henrichs

Dear Santa

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring Reece a beanie baby because she doesn't have very many.

Love, Morgan Kracht

Dear Santa

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my aunt a stuffed animal because she is having a baby.

Love, Emma Saarloos

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by being nice to my mom. Please bring my mom a coffee mug because she has to keep using my Grandma's.

Love, Leigha Ehlers

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my dad a tool box because he lost half of it.

Love, James Hoffenkamp

Bergan/see page 6C

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Mrs. Laura Louwagie's second-graders pen letters to Santa

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I have been good this year by being nice. Please bring my sister a snow globe because my sister likes snow.

Love, Traytan Sayavong

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my mom a necklace because she will like it.

Love, Lucy Smith

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by scooping the driveway. Please bring Mrs. Louwagie a new car because she needs to drive to school.

Love, Brady Palaschak

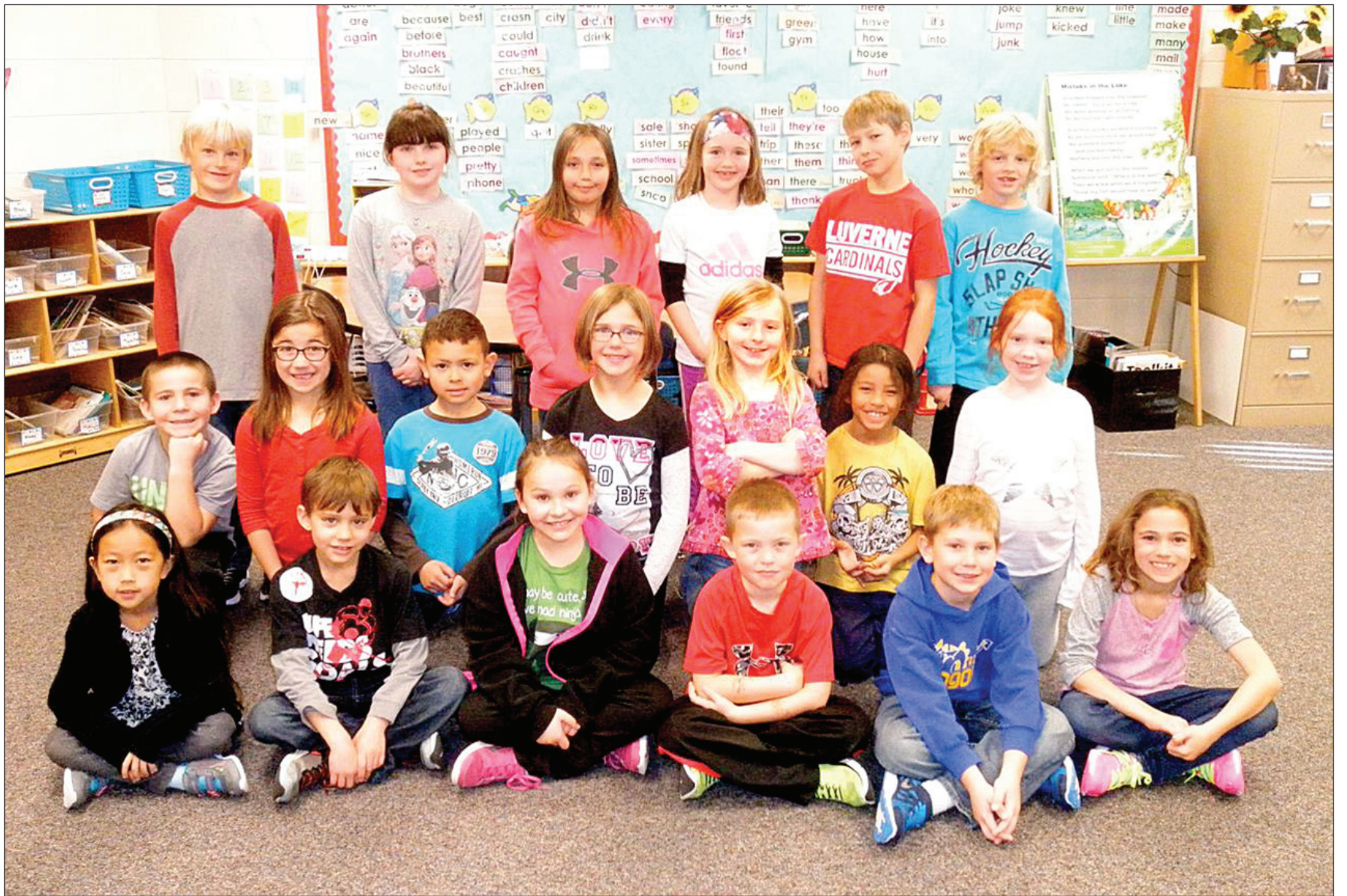
Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by listening. Please bring Seth an iPad because he's a nice helper.

Love, Jordyn Reisch

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by listening to my dad. Please bring my brother Rylin a bag of Cheetos because if he does not



Students in Laura Louwagie's second-grade class include (front, from left) Scarlett Xiong, Jace Tofteland, Jordyn Reisch, Xander Remme, Brady Palaschak, Jaina Fountain, (middle row) Myalz Wright, Makayla Oechsle, David Ellefson, Bergen Ask, Jessika Tunnissen, Traytan Sayavong, Hannah Kempema, (back) Connor Bose, Madeline Thomas, Lucy Smith, Gabriella Nath-Huls, Brody Goemmel, Maddux Domagala.

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get them he is annoying.

Love, Brody Goembel

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom clean the house. Please bring my mom a car because she needs one.

Love, Madeline Thomas

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom cook. Please bring my mom a locket with my picture in it so she can remember me when I'm at school.

Love, Scarlett Xiong

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by listening to my dad. Please bring Sophia the stuffed animal "Rio" because she is my best friend.

Love, Jaina Fountain

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by cleaning. Please bring my brother Nick an iPod because then he can play Choo Choo the train game.

Love, Connor Bose

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by

helping. Please bring Lucy a My Little Pony because she loves them.

Love, Makayla Oechsle

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by turning in my homework. Please bring my sister a Shopkins set because she has been good.

Love, Gabriella Nath-Huls

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my dad work on the car. Please bring Xander a hockey stick because we like hockey a lot.

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I have been good this year by shoveling snow. Please bring mom and dad a truck because they have a lot of stuff to move.

Love, Myalz Wright

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I have been good this year by listening to my mom. Please bring my brother a Paw Patrol Buddy because he loves Paw Patrol.

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I have been good this year by listen-

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Love, Bergen Ask

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I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my dad a new screwdriver because then he won't yell when his old one breaks.

Love, Maddux Domagala

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by cleaning the house. Please bring my cousin Anika an American Girl Doll because she is nice.

Love, Jessika Tunnissen

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I have been good this year by emptying the dishwasher. Please bring my sister Ahna a Minnie Mouse House because she is nice.

Love, Jace Totteland

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I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my sister Grace a new Barbie because she only has one.

Love, Hannah Kempema

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Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my mom a new winter coat because she doesn't have one.

Love, Katelynn VanBelle

Dear Santa:

I have been good this year by cleaning up. Please bring my cousin a Play station because he really wants one.

Love, Kasey Buss

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my dad a toolbox because he lost his old one.

Love, Xochitl Limones

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing laundry. Please bring my mom a necklace because she doesn't have one.

Love, Ayah Alinzi

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my chores. Please bring my dad some tools because he can't fix anything.

Love, Dayson Fritz

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my brother. Please bring my brother a remote control truck because he has been wanting one.

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Love, Noah Abrahamson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by brushing my teeth. Please bring my brother a Thomas set because he really likes Thomas.
Love, Jaydon Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping. Please bring Addy an iPad because she is really nice.
Love, Lilly Donth

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my grandma. Please bring my friend Dawson a Pikachu EX because he is a good friend.
Love, Blake Swenson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my dad an iPad because he wants one really bad.
Love, Avery Tebben



Students in Kristin Schomacker's second-grade class include (front, from left) Ashlie Gonzalez, Shyanne Hoag, Zoey Smeins, Ella Schmuck, Lilly Donth, Adelyn Rodriguez, Izzy Benson, Ella Hoogendoorn, Avery Tebben, (back) Casey Hoiland, Dawson Holtz, Farsan Mohamad, Jaydon Johnson, Blake Swenson, Nicholas Mann, Levi Huisman, Austin Sandbulte, Aaron Kindt and Noah Abrahamson.

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I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my mom a pool because she is the best mom in the world.

Love, Caleb Kracht

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my cousin a math book because he loves math.

Love, Lucas Brockberg

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by listening to my mom. Please bring my dad some hunting stuff because my dad has been helping me out.

Love, Kylee Desjarlais

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by helping my dad get the cows. Please bring my mom a necklace because I love her.

Love, Josh Hansen

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my dad Lego Dimensions because

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Students in Lori Nath's second-grade class include (front, from left) Joshua Hansen, Allie Kracht, James DeBates, Caleb Kracht, Logan Mann, (middle row) Kylee Desjarlais, Nisha Cope, Jasmine Williams, Julia Beyer, Rayden Johnson, Fox Forrest, Lucas Brockberg, (back) Samuel Hinz, Madison Schepel, Ava Sieve, Brooke Vos, Zeke Frahm, Tyler Hodge and Rebecca Hoogland.



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Mrs. Diane Vandenhoeck's H-BC second-graders pen letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

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Love, Quintice Susie

Dear Santa,

May I have an Xbox 360 because I've been really good to my family. Can you get my friend, Henry, a new Wii because his is broken.

From your best friend, Donavan Mess

Dear Santa,

I want an I-Pad mini. You should give it to me because I have been helpful and nice to my brothers. I think you should get my mom a new Kindle. She needs a new spare one because we play on it a lot.

From your friend, Mya Erickson



Students in Diane Vandenhoeck's H-BC second-grade class include (front, from left) Mya Erickson, Abbie Harris, Ethan Meinerts, Hadley Vanderburg, Quintice Susie, Tessa Clark-Crawford, Elliott Morris, Sarah Prohl, (back) Jayden Kueter, Jack Kruger, Talya Shanahan, Abby Hageman, Nate Van Maanen, Ziggy Nelson, Donavan Mess, Bode Kruger and (not pictured) Evan Gruis.

Vandenhoeck/continued on I2C

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Mrs. Schomacker's second-grade/from page 7C

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Love,
Zoey Smeins

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing what my mom said to. Please bring Zoey a twelve pack of Shopkins because I want her to be happy! She does not have any.
Love,
Shyanne Hoag

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping people. Please bring Nick football stuff because Nick likes to play football.
Love,
Ella Hoogendoorn

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by being a good listener. Please bring my teacher a book because she is nice.
Love,
Farsan Mohamad

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my sister. Please

bring Anna Bank a mood ring because she likes rings.
Love,
Ella Schmuck

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my dad. Please bring my dad a Packer's ticket because he's been nice to me.
Love,
Nicholas Mann

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring Dawson Pokemon cards because he's nice to me.
Love,
Casey Hoiland

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring Xochitl a gift because she's been nice to me.
Love,
Adelyn Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my grandma. Please bring poor people money because they need money to buy stuff.
Love,
Dawson Holtz

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping others. Please bring my dad a waffle maker because he wants one.
Love,
Austin Sandbulte

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my dad. Please bring Carter a Nerf gun because he likes them.
Love,
Aaron Kindt

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my dad. Please bring my friend Nicholas a remote control race car because he's been a nice friend.
Love,
Levi Huisman

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by giving a letter to my aunt. Please bring my aunt a picture of me because she might miss me.
Love,
Ashlie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping. Please bring Zoey a Shopkins because she really wants one.
Love,
Izzy Benson

Mrs. Nath's second-grade/from 8C

he's been getting me lots of toys.
Love, Tyler Hodge

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my mom. Please bring my mom a crystal because she is the best mom in the world.
Love, Fox Forrest

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening. Please bring Lily a giant singing Elsa doll because she loves Elsa dolls that sing the whole song.
Love, Nisha Cope

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom and dad. Please bring Ryan an Xbox because he is nice to me.
Love, Brooke Vos

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year because I help my dad. Please bring my dad a robot because he works a lot to feed the cows and because he works hard.
Love,
Rayden Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by

setting the table. Please bring my mom a necklace because she is a nice and caring mom.
Love, Rebecca Hoogland

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my parents. Please bring my mom a laptop because her other laptop is broken.
Love, Logan Mann

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by making dinner. Please bring my mom a necklace because she helps me make dinner.
Love, Allie Kracht

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by cleaning for my mom. Please bring my mom a ring because I love her so much.
Love, Jasmine Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my mom a stuffed animal because she is great.
Love, James DeBates

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3 chicken bouillon cubes
2 cans creamed corn
2 cups uncooked egg noodles
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In a dutch oven or soup pot, sauté onions, celery and carrots in olive oil until vegetable are tender. Add water, chicken bouillon, roasted chicken and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; and simmer uncovered. Stir in creamed corn, noodles and butter; cook 10 minutes longer or until noodles are tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Or in a time crunch.... In a dutch oven or soup pot, combine the water, raw chicken (cubed), onion, celery, carrots and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 min or until chicken is no longer pink and vegetables are tender. Stir in the corn, noodles and butter; cook 10 mins longer or until noodles are tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Yields: 16 servings

Mr. Halden Van Wyke's H-BC second-graders pen letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a Frozen boy Kristoff and Han's doll. I did dishes. Can you bring my little brother two trucks?

Love, Caidence Ellis

Dear Mom and Dad,

I should get presents because I've been good! I want my dad to get a Tyrann Mathieu jersey.

Love, Micah Bush

Dear Santa,

I should get a gift because I've been nice to my family. I want an American girl doll for Christmas. You should give Joslyn a phone.

Love, Ally Birger

Dear Mom and Dad,

I want an iPad for Christmas. I have been good because I've listened. I think my dad should get a drill.

Love, Gavin Voss

Dear Mom and Dad,

I should get a present because I've been pretty good this year. I want a pair of football gloves. For Christmas my little brother wants a Lego set.

Love, Jamin Metzger



Students in Halden Van Wyke's H-BC second-grade class include (front, from left) Gavin Voss, Callum Bartels, Gavin Leuthold, Tucker Holwell, Clayton Kellenberger, Claire Knobloch, Hadley Spath, Abby Olson, Caidence Ellis, (back) Henre Merson, Rachel Graves, Jamin Metzger, Micah Bush, Teagan Rainford, Ella Sammons, Isabel Wysong and Ally Birger.

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Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa. I've been good this year. I help my mom a lot. Please bring me a new toy truck.

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Mr. Van Wyke's H-BC second-grade/from 11C

Dear Mom and Dad,
I should get some fishing lures. My mom should get a lamp. I should get a gift because I've been nice to my little brother.
Love, Clayton Kellenberger

Dear Santa,
I should get a gift because I have been good at school. I want a new Wii game. I want to give my mom and dad a gift.
Love, Gavyn Leuthold

Dear Santa,
You should give my dad a hat for Christmas. I should get a gift because I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Christmas elf hat.
Love, Hadley Spath

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want an X-box for Christmas. I want my mom to get a new phone.
Love, Tucker Holwell

Dear Santa,
I should get a gift because I've been good. I want a Lego set for Christmas. I should get my cousin a toy truck.
Love, Jacob Tiesler

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a bouncy ball. I would like Elijah to get a toy tractor. I should get a gift because I have been good.
Love, Rachel Graves

Dear Santa,
I should get a present because I do my chores. The present that I want is chapter

books. My brother should get some cowboy boots.
Love, Claire Knobloch

Dear Santa,
I should get a new bed because I have a good grade. I want an Olaf blanket. You should get my cousin Devin a pair of shoes.
Love, Abby Olson

Dear Santa,
I have been nice to my sisters. I want a Fin Fun Mermaid Tail and for Shayla a 20 pack of Shopkins.
Love, Teagan Rainford

Dear Santa,
I should get a gift because I am working on behaving. I want a real life Mr. Potato Head. I want my family to get a hug.
Love, Henre Merson

Dear Santa,
I want a new phone case for an iPhone four. I should help my mom clean and my dad too. I will give my brothers' an X-box fur because my brothers want it.
Love, Isabel Wysong

Dear Santa,
I should get a gift because I've been good this year. I want to get some Shopkins for Christmas! You should get Claire some Skopkins too!
Love, Ella Sammons

Dear Mom and Dad,
I should get a gift because I help wash dishes. I want Madden 16. I think Micah should get a Giant's hat.
Love, Callum Bartels

Mrs. Vandenhoeck's H-BC second-grade class/from page 9C

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar for Christmas. I have been really good this year. I want you to give gifts to the homeless Kids so they can feel the joy at Christmas time.
From your dear friend, Abby Hageman

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Legos because I have been very, very good. I want them to keep me busy. A person who I think should have them is my brother if I can't have them.
Love, Jack Kruger

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an I-Pad because I have been good. Please bring my parents a new TV. They will be so happy!
Love, Abigail Harris

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an American Girl doll. I think I should get it because I will stay out of trouble. Please give my friend, Tessa, a lot of Shopkins for Christmas. Thanks!
Love, Talya Shanahan

Dear Santa,
I want Minecraft Legos. I deserve them because I have been good all year. You should get Ninja Turtle Legos for Will, my best friend,

because he has also been good.
Love, Evan Gruis

Dear Santa,
I want a pet dog because I have been good in school. I think my friend, Evan, should get a PS4.
Love, Ziggy Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a Phineas, Ferb, Candice and their friends stuffed animals. I have been Kind of good. Please bring my sister a Pete's Dragon stuffed animal because she is in love with that movie.
Love, Your friend Sarah Prohl

Dear Santa,
I want Shopkins. I have been good, Kind of, because my brother drives me crazy! I think I have been good to Josh. I want my brother Josh to get an air soft gun.
Love, Jayden Kueter

Dear Santa,
I want a helicopter. I am very good. I want my friend to have a really fast RC car cause he was good.
Love, Ethan Meinerts

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy! I want a bow and arrow! My dad should get popcorn because he loves popcorn and he was good this year!
Love, Bode Kruger

Dear Santa,
Can I have an I-pad? I think I need it to learn times. I want you to bring something to Melanie and Leslie because they moved and I think they deserve it. Thank you, Santa.
From your dear friend, Hadley Vanderburg

Dear Santa,
Please get me a Hot Wheel car garage for Christmas. I think I should get it because I have been good and I have a lot of toy cars. I think my dad should get a skateboard because he has been nice to me.
Love, Elliott Morris

Dear Santa,
I would like an Xbox for Christmas. I should have it because I have been very good. My dad wants Craftsman tools for Christmas so please give him that.
From, Nate Van Maanen

Dear Santa,
I want a new makeup kit and an American Girl doll for Christmas because my mom is painting my and my sister's room for our present. I want my sister to get train toys for Christmas.
Love, Tessa Clark

Mrs. Nath's second-grade/from page 10C

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing my homework. Please bring my dad a Vikings jersey because he has played football with me a lot.
Love, Samuel Hinz

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by listening to my parents. Please bring my dad golf balls because

he loves to golf.
Love, Julia Beyer

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my family. Please bring Adie a pen because she writes a lot.
Love, Ava Sieve

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by helping my mom. Please bring my

mom a Ninja blender because she always helps me.
Love, Zeke Frahm

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year by doing well in math. Please bring my mom a phone case because she needs a new one.
Love, Madison Schepel

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