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One more option for campground

Thirteen wooded acres of former Boy Scouts property on list of possibilities for campground site

By Lori Sorenson

The wooded property near the Luverne City Park has been purchased by private investors for a possible campground site.

The Luverne Country Club owned the former Boy Scouts land and sold it earlier this month for roughly \$36,000 to Billy Cowell and Mike Davis, with possible financial support by other investors.

Davis serves on the campground committee of local leaders and community volunteers who have been studying possible locations for a campground in Luverne.

"It's a really firm possibility," about recent committee discussions about that site as a campground.

Since it is outside of city limits, it would require a county zoning variance and approval from the Minnesota Department of Health, which regulates campgrounds.

Davis said the land is still just an idea for a campground, considering all the required approvals that would be involved.

"The campground committee has been working on this for a long time, and we're hoping to finally have a possibility for a site," he said.

The property, just over 13 acres, is located toward the south end of the wooded area between River Road and the railroad tracks. Dean Toftleland owns the piece north of the tracks.

The Boy Scouts once owned the entire piece, which is partially in the flood zone, and decades ago it was used for Boy Scouts camping activities.

Since then, however, the area has become overgrown, and Davis said some work has begun to clear the ground in order to plan for possible campground placement.

"We don't want to clear too much, because we'll want trees for the campground," he said.

Davis said the size of the property isn't big enough to make it a destination campground, but he said the committee has entertained the notion of splitting campsites between River Road and The Lake.

"We put it in Billy's name, and with The Lake property in my name, we could possibly have two campgrounds," he said.

Considering the future route of the Loop hiking and biking trail, the two sites could share that connection.

Davis said he also hopes to see action on the local canoe and kayak trail if a campground is established near the Rock River.

"Hopefully it will draw people

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Mavis Fodness photos/0825 Broadband Update

The hydro hammer attached to an excavator makes quick work of jackhammering through a rocky area on 140th Avenue west of the Blue Mounds State Park north of Luverne.

Broadband reaches halfway point

By Mavis Fodness

Halfway is where the Rock County Broadband Alliance Project stands this week as crews race to bury underground fiber before the ground freezes.

"The project is going well," said Andy Hulcher with Alliance Communications of Garretson, South Dakota. "Michels Construction and the subcontractors have done a great job."

Hulcher estimates fiber construction is about two weeks behind the projected timeline, primarily due to rainy weather conditions that have plagued the project since it began four months ago.

The project that encompasses 554 miles will bring fiber-to-the-premise broadband Internet to rural residents as well as residents in Beaver Creek, Jasper (Rock County side), Hardwick and Magnolia.

Construction consists of boring the main

Broadband reaches halfway/see page 5A



Michels Communications workers Tyler Gassner (left) and Chris Smith try to reach a depth of two feet Friday afternoon but have hit rock that needs to be removed before the broadband fiber can be buried.

Schools, towns to see contests at 2016 polls

Four local school boards have more candidates than available open seats; mayor races in Beaver Creek, and Hardwick

By Lori Sorenson

The filing period closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, for candidates interested in running for upcoming school board, small cities and some township elections.

Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz has received final information from those offices, and is finalizing candidates for the Nov. 8 General Election ballots.

School boards

In the Luverne School District, four people are seeking election to three open four-year seats on the board.

Incumbents Shelley Sandbulte and Colleen Deutsch filed, as did challengers Tim Jarchow and Kenny Rolling. Incumbent David Riphagen did not file for re-election.

In the Hills-Beaver Creek District, board members up for re-election this year are Amie Fick, James Kueter and Karin Moser.

Six people are seeking election to three open four-year terms on the board.

Fick and Moser filed for re-election to the board and are joined by four challengers, Blake Wysong, Beaver Creek; Tami Rauk, Beaver Creek; Kari Kueter and Tim Bosch, rural Hills.

In Adrian, four people are seeking election to three four-year seats on the board. Those seats are currently held by Mark Lonneman, David Bullerman and Lisa Kruger. Those three incumbents filed for re-election and are joined by challenger Keith Sieve.

Ellsworth also has three four-year seats that will be open for election. Current board members in those positions are Cliff Schilling, Jeff Boltjes and Mike Werner.

Boltjes filed for re-election and is joined by challengers Randy Buntjer, Rebecca Dreesen and Lindsay Jeniges.

Small cities

Candidates for mayor and council in small cities in Rock County had until Aug. 16 to file. (The city of Luverne's filing period closed May 31.)

In Steen, Mayor Mel Van Batavia and councilmen Marlin Elbers and Mark Kruger will be up for election. They all filed for re-election and have no challengers.

In Magnolia, Mayor Dennis

Local election contests/see 8A

Recount in District 3 County Commissioner race yields same results

By Lori Sorenson

Last week's recount in the tied county commissioner primary election revealed the same number of votes for each candidate — 67 for Ron Boyenga and 67 for Darrel Van Aartsen.

Greg Burger captured the most votes in the Aug. 9 primary in the District 3 commissioner race to advance to the general election in November.

During canvassing on Aug. 11, the two tied candidates drew from a deck of playing cards to determine who would advance. Boyenga drew an ace (aces were low) and Van Aartsen drew a queen, which made him the nominee.

Boyenga at that point had the option to request a recount at the county's expense, which he did, and that process on Aug. 16 yielded the



Lori Sorenson photo/0825 recount ballots

Ashley Kurtz (left), Megan Scholten (back) and Megan Nelson recount ballots Aug. 17 in the courthouse. Ron Boyenga (back) and Darrel Van Aartsen and LaDonna Van Aartsen observe.

same number of votes for each candidate.

This means Burger and Van Aartsen will have their names on the ballot as candidates for the District 3 Rock County Commissioner in the general election.

Following the Tuesday recount, Boyenga indicated he will launch a write-in campaign.

His name cannot appear on the ballots, but if he registers his name with the Rock County Auditor's Office, his votes can be listed online with official results.

Unregistered write-in votes are just counted together as one total under "write-ins."

The General Election is Nov. 8 and the Star Herald will provide candidate profile information ahead of that date. Information is also available at or at candidates.sos.state.mn.us



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the back room of Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

Green Earth Players annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Green Earth Players building at 401 W. Edgehill St., Luverne.

Luverne Area Moms meet monthly on the second Wednesday morning of each month. Mothers of young children interested in meeting with other moms are invited. Registration is required. Kick-off meeting is **Wednesday, Sept. 14**. Call Wanda Jarchow, 507-283-9664.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hwy. 15 closed for construction

Rock County Highway 15 (61st Street) will be closed 1 1/2 miles east of Kanaranzi for new bridge construction over Kanaranzi Creek. Construction began Aug. 9, and a signed detour will be in place during the 10 to 14 weeks of construction. Call Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

Donate books for Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are collecting books for their upcoming book sale event until Monday, Sept. 12, at the Rock County Library during normal business hours. Encyclopedias, textbooks and Reader's Digest will not be accepted.

Library book sale set for Sept. 15-17

Friends of the Library book sale will be from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. Books cost \$2 per bag. Friends of the Library can shop early from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. All books will be free during business hours from Sept. 26 through Oct. 1.

Community Ed offers bus to State Fair

Spend a day at the Minnesota State Fair on Aug. 29. Let Community Education do the driving and the parking, you just enjoy the experience. Cost of \$65 covers bus and fair ticket. Bus will have pickup spots in Luverne and Worthington. Call 283-4724 (office is closed on Fridays).

Luverne School District #2184 registration for 2016-17 school year

New residents to Luverne School District #2184 should come to respective school offices and register students for school year 2016-2017. The High School/Middle School Office is open for new students to register. Call 507-283-4491 to make an appointment for grades 6-12. The Elementary Office is now open for new students to register. Parents of elementary students grades K-5 can call 507-283-4497. School starts Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016.

Afternoon Escape movie Aug. 25

The Palace Theatre will show "Eddie the Eagle" as the Afternoon Escape movie at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. Admission is \$5. The event is sponsored by Hartquist Funeral Home and Sterling's Café and Grille.

Tuff Home Car Show planned for Aug. 30

The Tuff Memorial Home in Hills will sponsor its annual car show from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30.

This year will feature a family picnic with loaded hot-dogs, chips, cookies and beverage for a freewill donation. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of a new facility van. Root beer floats will also be available along with raffle tickets for a patriotic quilt donated by the Kirsch family.



Mavis Fodness photo/0825 Luverne sign four corners

Workers lower the new Luverne sign into place Friday at the corner of Highway 75 and Main Street in front of W-2 Quality Meats.

Four corners facelift moves to W-2 corner

By Lori Sorenson

Phase II of the "four corners facelift" project is underway on the northeast corner of Highway 75 and Main Street in Luverne.

Crews started last week in front of W-2 Quality Meats, digging up sidewalk and laying the groundwork for what will become an "entrance" to Luverne's downtown district.

"The goal is to grab the attention of drivers and say, 'This is a major intersection. Go east to Main Street,'" Holly Sammons said at a city meeting last year.

Sammons, director of Luverne's Economic Development Authority, has been working with design committee members of LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow) on the four corners elements that complement the Loop trail, The Lake and other areas of town.

"We saw that we could touch multiple projects with continuity and cohesion through the whole community," Sammons said.

The \$35,000 flag corner features large Sioux quartzite boulders, which the city acquired from Julia and Burdell Kruse property they purchased last year in July on the west edge of town.

The inventory of boulders in their "Rock County Prairie Stone" was part of the deal, and those red stones will be incorporated in the city's overall design plan.

"We found it to be the best use of our own resources to use these Sioux quartzite rocks," Sammons said. "That pretty much says 'Luverne' more than any other design feature."

She's been working with affected businesses on the other three corners — Remede, the Laundry Room



An architect's sketch shows what the intersection could look like once the four corners facelift work is complete.

and W-2 Quality Meats — to consider their aesthetic goals.

For the Laundry Room corner, grass and trees will be added at the corner and on the boulevards, with parking spots shifting closer to the building.

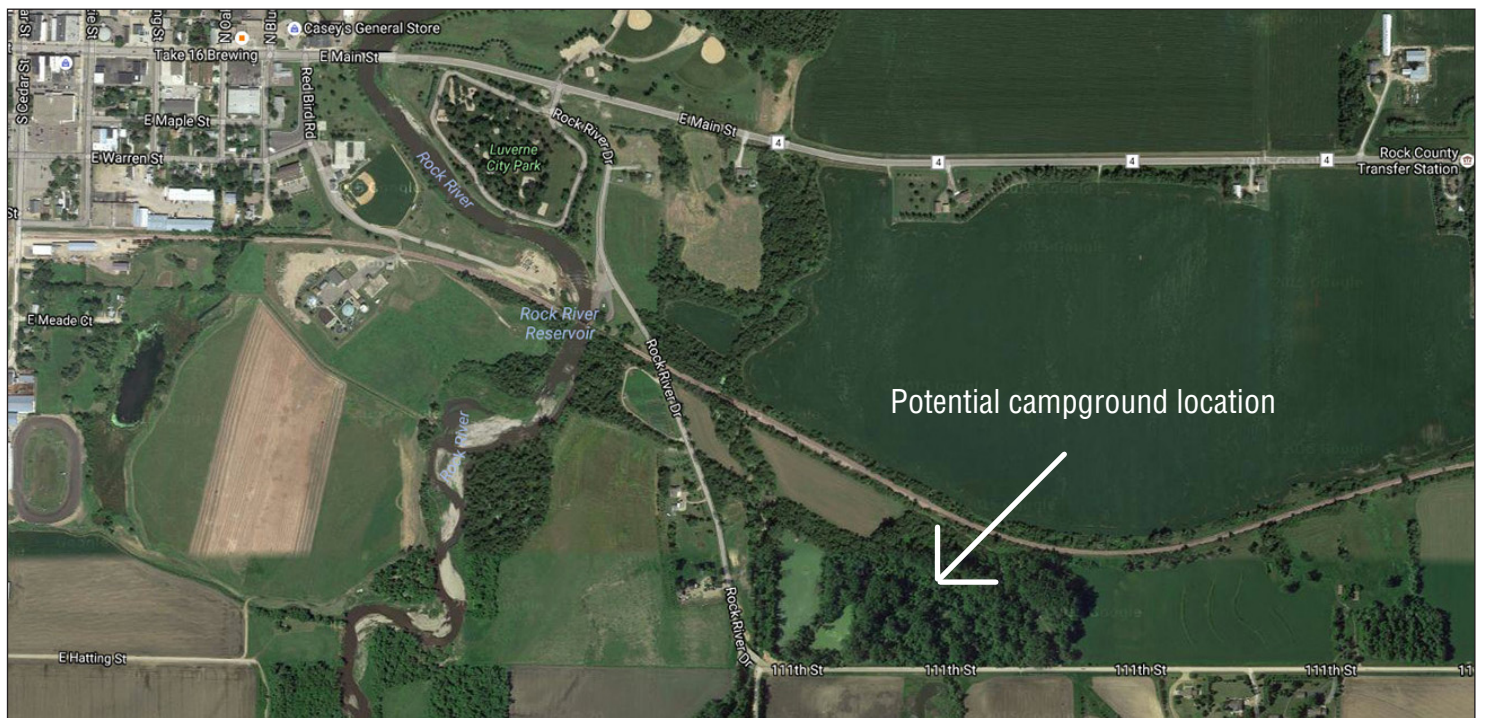
The Remede corner will have only small changes, since those parking spots in front of

the business are essential.

The W-2 corner will see the biggest changes, since LIFT considers the north-bound traffic from I-90 to have the best potential for downtown business.

In addition to generous green space and landscaping,

Four corners/see page 3A



This Google Maps image shows an aerial view of the city park, Rock River Road and the former Boy Scouts campground that Mike Davis and Billy Cowell, both of Luverne, recently purchased from the Luverne Country Club for a possible campground site.

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down Main Street and bring some money into town," he said. The Campground Committee has not yet made a formal recommendation on the site but has it on the short

list of possibilities.

Other areas that have been considered are Reese property east of the Luverne City Park (not for sale), city-owned property northeast

of the old power plant (too wet), and property owned by Warren Baker east of the fairgrounds (which would have to clear conservation stipulations).

City leaders have indicated they're not interested in a government-run or owned campground, but they have pledged city support and dirt-moving services.

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• Land Surveying

City explores options for community-owned energy garden

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne may soon be home to a community solar garden.

The city of Luverne has budgeted \$100,000 in 2017 to pursue plans for a possible city-owned solar garden.

"We are still very much in the preliminary stages," said Luverne City Administrator John Call.

"We don't really have a timeline yet and no site has been selected," he added.

A community solar garden is a collection of solar panels built and maintained at a location with good solar exposure by a sponsoring agency, in this case the city of Luverne.

Residents are able to invest in the project by purchasing the output from one or more solar panels.

By investing in the project, residents could receive a federal tax credit as well as a credit to their monthly utility bill.

"People may be interested in using more green energy, but adding solar panels at home is complicated and not practical in many cases," Call said.

By building a local solar garden, Call pointed out the city would be offering resi-

dents the opportunity to "be green" and save money in an easier way.

In addition to residents, Call said local businesses and industries may also find it beneficial to invest in the project.

The possible solar garden would be built to produce up to 20kw of energy and would be modeled after a municipal solar garden in Moorhead.

Call said that is relatively small compared to private industrial-sized solar projects seen other places.

Estimated costs budgeted for engineering, design and construction of the project were based on the costs of the Moorhead project.

According to Call, the next step in the project is to obtain more technical advice from Missouri River Energy Services, which Luverne is a member of.

"They are experts in the energy field and know how solar gardens work," he said.

Local businesses and residents will then likely be surveyed to gauge interest in the project before it moves forward.

"We're still studying and investigating at this point," Call said.

Highway 269 near Jasper closed through Aug. 28

Highway 269 near Jasper will be closed in both directions from Aug. 24 through Aug. 28 for BNSF traffic signal maintenance at the railroad crossing. The detour will take motorists north on 30th Avenue/County Road 13 and then east on 41st Street.

The project is anticipated to be complete and the road opened by the end of the day Aug. 28.

Music in the air



Hinkly House hosts summer night of music series Aug. 18

Trumpeters David Nelson (pictured at left) and Hans Bakken (pictured below) perform on the front porch of the Hinkly House Thursday night, Aug. 18, as part of the Hinkly House Summer Night of Music series.

The front lawn of the Victorian period home was filled with listeners in lawn chairs who enjoyed lemonade along with the music during what was a pleasant summer night outdoors.

The Hinkly House on North Freeman Avenue in Luverne is open for tours from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through the month of August.



Lori Sorenson photos/0825 trumpet music at hinkly house

Schutz, Davis win first Stein-Holding Contest

By Mavis Fodness

Twenty-seven people participated in the first Stein-Holding Contest during Saturday afternoon's Rock River Beerfest.

The contest featured a men's and a women's division with each challenged to hold, at shoulder height, a glass stein filled with beer weighing 5 1/2 pounds.

Each division was limited to 20 participants.

Sixteen participated in the men's division, with Josh Arndt, Mike Davis and Jason Schutz emerging as winners of the three preliminary rounds.

Davis was the overall winner of the men's division title with a time of 4 minutes, 6 seconds.

April Schutz won the women's division after defeating challenger Jen Wiebe with a time of 2 minutes, 21 seconds.

Eleven women competed in the two preliminary rounds.

Rock River Beerfest featured more than 120 profiles of craft beer and wine.

This was the event's third year.

Earning Best of Show honors in the Beerfest's Homebrew Contest was T.J. Tedrow with Morgan Duffy for the Bloody Mummer brew from the other worldly brews category.

Other awards were given in the following categories:



Chantel Connell photos/0825 Beer Stein Holding

Sherri Thompson, Lori Hallstrom, Jen Wiebe, Jill Johnson, Monica Cross and Jean Nelson-Anderson compete in the women's division round two grouping. Wiebe was declared the winner.

•Other worldly brews: first, John Leinen, Nora's Strong Ginger Ale; second, Adam Dosch, Caramel 60 Draft; and third, Paul Siefert, Ich Bin Eine Pineapple.

•Malt master: first, Mike Janssen, Lila; second, Cerveza, Jason Davenport with Matt Halstad and Tyler Jepperson; and third Adam Dosch, Vienna Rhubarb Ale.

•Hop master: first, T.J. Tedrow with Morgan Duffy, American IPA; second, Mike Janssen, Dave's Pale Ale; and third, Brian Stuedemann, Slurry 6x6.



Jason Schutz (left) and Mike Davis duke it out as organizer Rick Peterson encourages them to keep their steins up.

City puts Sunday liquor question on 2016 ballot

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne voters will have an opportunity this fall to answer the question of allowing on-sale liquor on Sundays.

Recent history shows a lack of support for the measure.

In 2004, 60 percent of Luverne voters said "no" to the question of allowing on-sale liquor on Sundays.

In 2008 Luverne voters again rejected Sunday liquor sales (requested then by Dave Halverson for Sharkee's) by a narrow margin of 1,232-1,180.

This year the question will again be posed on the general election ballot at the request of Brian Sterling of Sterling's Café & Grille.

According to state law, a city may issue a Sunday liquor license only if


authorized to do so by the voters.

At Tuesday's meeting City Council members voted to again put the question on the ballot.

Approving it does not mean the council approves of a Sunday liquor license. It just means voters will have a chance to say what their stance is on the Sunday liquor question.

The question on the Nov. 8 ballot will ask, "Shall the Luverne City Council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, bowling centers and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?"

If voters authorize the city to issue Sunday liquor licenses, the city can put its own restrictions on the terms of the licensure.



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Four corners facelift/ continued from page 2A

the W-2 corner will have a lighted sign and directional information for the downtown business district.

Property owners have agreed to grant permanent easements to the city, and in return they gain improved property that the city will maintain for them.

Sammons said the goal is for the boulevards to be complementary to the businesses, but not intrusive.

"We wanted something that tells people as they're driving by, 'The lights are on, someone's home, you're always welcome,'" she said.

Motorists from the north will see the W-2 corner signage as they're coming down

the hill, but Sammons said it's the I-90 traffic that LIFT focused on as potential retail spenders.

Sammons said there isn't a firm estimate on the cost of the W-2 corner improvements, but the sign alone costs

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Best thing about summer is resetting for fall (and, of course, sleeping in)

Like me, you felt it this past Friday and Saturday.

Some of you, like me, were energized by it and liked the feeling.

Others of you dreaded it. But we all noticed it.

The change of seasons was in the air last weekend. Temperatures in the sixties during the day and low fifties at night felt downright chilly. It felt like fall. It felt great.

Don't get me wrong, I like summer and have appreciated the beautiful weather we have enjoyed the last few months. There's nothing better than summer in Minnesota, some people say. Except maybe fall in Minnesota, I say.

I like pretty much everything about the fall season and look forward to its arrival every year.

More comfortable temperatures, the start of football season, the colors, the whole works.

Of course, it's the start of another new school year that I'm anticipating the most.

Sure, as a teacher, I do appreciate my summer schedule that has more freedom and down time.

While I think most people realize that most teachers don't really take "all summer off" from school work, there is no doubt I don't have to go to work every day in the summer and that's great.

But I think many non-teachers don't realize the best part of summer break, at least in my opinion.

It's not the days off or sleeping in. It's not vacation trips or even extra time with family and friends, although all that is wonderful.

For me, at least, the best part of summer break is actually the going back to school in the fall.

Or to be clear, the being ready to go back to school is what I appreciate most about having a summer break.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

In the next week or two, students, teachers, support staff and administrators get a fresh start. An exciting new beginning.

Many of us who were tired, grumpy and stressed out a couple months ago will be refreshed and excited to tackle another year.

Soon I'll experience my 32nd first day of school, either as a public school student, college student or teacher, and my 11th in Adrian.

Once again I'll be just as excited as I was the year before. I'll have a hard time getting to sleep the night before and I'll get up extra early that morning.

In many ways, it's like starting my career all over again every year. A fresh start filled with new opportunities. I will fix mistakes from last year and try new things for the first time.

Of course, students and parents also get the chance to push the reset button this fall. New classes, new clothes, different teachers and maybe some new friends. Perhaps a new attitude toward learning or a fresh effort at practice. No matter what, new opportunities are everywhere.

For that, I think we can all be thankful. Honestly, I can't imagine having a career that didn't include this natural reset opportunity each year. It's one of the best parts of being a teacher and I don't take it for granted.

So, next time you find yourself saying, "it must be nice to have summers off" to a teacher, you might consider what really is nice about our profession's most famous perk. To me, at least, the best part of summer break is being able to be excited to go back to school in the fall.

I have to be honest, though. The sleeping in is a pretty close second.

Improving Minnesota's water impact downstream starts here at home

More than 40 percent of Minnesota's waters are currently impaired or polluted

Standing beside Lake Itasca, where the Mississippi River begins its 2,350-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, Gov. Mark Dayton kicked off a "Year of Water Action" in Minnesota.

He urged businesses, the agricultural industry, outdoor enthusiasts, communities and families to take action to conserve and improve water quality.

Throughout the next 12 months, Dayton and his administration will visit school classrooms, water treatment facilities, research institutions and farms.

He'll encourage Minnesotans to learn more about the challenges facing our waters and empower individuals to take actions in their own lives to be part of the solution.

He called on Minnesotans to rethink how water impacts daily life and the lives of future generations; to use water efficiently and wisely in everyday activities; to learn more about how to protect and preserve water; to make informed consumer choices; and to talk to one another about water protection and preservation.

Dayton called on Minnesotans

to work together to find solutions to keep Minnesota's water clean and accessible to everyone.

Despite the state's abundance of lakes, rivers, groundwater and streams, more than 40 percent of Minnesota's waters are currently listed as impaired or polluted (according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency).

Damaging aquatic invasive species have infested more than 550 lakes statewide (according to the DNR).

The water treatment plants and clean drinking water systems that make Minnesotans' water safe to drink, cook with, and bathe in are also in serious disrepair.

Some communities still rely on pipes installed over 100 years ago for their drinking water. In fact, Minnesota is \$11 billion behind in just maintaining our aging water treatment and delivery systems over the next 20 years (according to the U.S. EPA).

And testing indicates that 60 percent of the wells in Central Minnesota may not provide safe drinking water (according to the MPCA).

While state and local governments can play an important role in protecting and conserving water quality, these public entities cannot do it alone.

It's up to Minnesota families and private industry to lead the way with most land privately owned and with private water usage comprising the majority of consumption in the state.

Local efforts of soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, civic groups and individual landowners are essential to protecting and conserving water quality.

The Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed at Itasca is a nearly 2,000-square-mile area where about 44 percent of the land in the watershed is privately owned.

Land and water use decisions here — as in watersheds across Minnesota — affect fish and wildlife health, the amount of sediment in shipping channels, and the quality of water flowing out of residential faucets.

To learn how to protect and preserve clean water in Minnesota, visit: <http://mn.gov/governor/issues/wateraction/>.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Stearns: Work together for the benefit of farming

To the Editor:

Maybe it's just me, but I think farmers are all kicking each other while they're down.

The family of a close personal friend of mine is struggling to keep their dairy afloat, and loan payments are sucking up their savings.

According to Minnesota Public Radio, the same thing is happening to farmers across Minnesota. Many farms face the same problems in Iowa, and I would imagine elsewhere as well.

Row crops are at a low price, and that leads to excessive livestock production, which also lowers price. When it comes to pigs, there are more than the current market can handle, and I am unable to comment on the

world of beef cattle.

Crop yields are set to break records for another year, and I wonder: how do farmers expect to compensate for the low prices of their products? By tiling their land this fall so they can raise even more crops next year?

Or if the dollar loses value we can always rake in the benefits of increased exports to foreign markets I suppose.

I don't know the answers, but think people need to work together to find a way to farm their land that benefits themselves and their families instead of companies like Monsanto and Tyson Foods.

Joseph Stearns
Luverne

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Egland: Understand sidewalk rules to keep walkers, bikers safe

To the Editor:

I spent last week working in downtown Luverne and was amazed to see all the walking traffic. Whether it was the dad pushing a baby stroller, the postal worker, a day care provider taking her children on an adventure, customers heading to downtown stores or businesses, others heading to an appointment, a master walking his dog or people heading to a restaurant for lunch, I was happy to see so many people on Main Street downtown Luverne.

However, I was shocked at the number of bicycles that also zipped down Main Street on the sidewalks. A dangerous sight to say the least. Kudos to the city of Luverne workers for freshening up the symbols on the corners of the streets with new paint; however, the message is not reaching our bicyclists. The symbols indicate no rollerblading or bike riding on the sidewalks. I talked with John Call to see what the city ordinance stated ... I understand from our conversation that there is No Roller-skating, No Rollerblading and No Bicycling in the downtown business area. However, you can walk your bike through the downtown business area.

My intent here is to keep our downtown safe for everyone, pedestrians and bicyclists, by making the community aware of the potential problem, which can be easily solved by understanding the rules.

If you have any questions on the City Ordinance regarding this subject, please contact the city office.

Jean Egland
Luverne

Lanphere: Proud of Luverne's residents working together to 'make things happen'

To the Editor:

The Luverne Area Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau has successfully completed the 2016 Rock River Beerfest on Saturday, Aug. 20. With over 120 profiles of craft beer and wines, there were abundant flavors and tastes for everyone to enjoy.

The day might have seemed flawless to the people who attended the event at the Blue Mound Ice Arena, but that wouldn't have happened without a lot of hard work by event planners and volunteers.

Beerfest Committee members included Verlyn and Tamie Hoff, Bill and Judy Miller, Rollie Miller, Patti Olson, Mark Ommen, Jordan Papik, Rick Peterson and Tim Gust. Chamber staff members Lorna Bryan and Jane Lanphere were the driving force behind all the paperwork and other details to make the day run smoothly.

Businesses organizations, like the city of Luverne, Blue Mound Ice Arena, Rock County Fair Association, Crossroads Trailer, Blue Mound Liquor, Doll Distributing, Beverage Wholesalers,

Johnson Brothers, Jaycox, Big Top Tent Rental, Luverne Trolley and 30 beer and wine producers also played a role. Dave Van Batavia, as manager of the Ice Arena and as Public Works staff, made sure every need the committee had was met.

This year, Beerfest-goers enjoyed another great event spearheaded by the Rock County Star Herald's Rick Peterson and staff. This tremendous event was the "Stein Holding Contest." With special thanks to all the men and women who participated by seeing how long you could hold a five-plus-pound filled beer stein straight-armed shoulder high ... participation in this event is sure to grow as stein-holders vie for the trophy (which will be on display at Take 16 Brewing Company).

Thirty different beer-pouring stations require a huge number of volunteers.

The team spirit of volunteering is always something Luverne should be proud of and this event is no different. Thanks to all the wonderful men and women who said, "yes" when they were called upon to help out.

One of our pouring teams, Tony and Lindsey

Schomacker from Schomacker's Cleaning (and soon Schomacker's Appliance and Flooring), came up with another great idea to add to the day's activities. Wait until you find out the details next year! These are the things that will make this event grow.

People came from Sioux Falls, Rock Rapids, Watertown, Brookings, Yankton, Bloomington, Pipestone, Slayton, Worthington, South St. Paul and other locations in the region and state.

These people stayed in our hotels, camped at the state park, bought gas in town, ate in our restaurants and spent money at our shops before they came. This event, like so many others, makes Luverne a "destination." Every dollar they spent in Luverne brought \$7 to our local economy.

Finally, I just want to say how proud I am to live in Luverne. This is a town where people come together to make things happen and we are envied by cities and towns throughout the tri-state region.

Thanks to everyone who lives in Luverne ... where we "love the life!"

Larry Lanphere, Luverne
Rock River Beerfest Committee

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 12
 •Complainant reported that he found a bike that has been at location for about a week. It is blue and silver in color. Deputy picked it up and put it in our impound.
 •Complainant reported horrible living conditions and abuse going on.
 •Complainant requested a deputy be present when she goes to pick up child from grandmother. Child returned to parent.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a young girl in the neighborhood going through people's mailboxes. Parents were talked to, and they agreed to keep an eye on the kids while they're outside.
 •Deputy received a report of subject firing a BB gun off in city limits of Hills into trees.
Aug. 13
 •Complainant reported they will be gone for two weeks and would like a residence check.
 •Complainant requested welfare check on granddaughter. Deputy checked and everything is OK.
 •Complainant reported vehicle broke down at location and man is walking on I-90 mile marker 10.
 •Deputy arrested subject on warrant and took him to jail.
Aug. 14
 •Deputy administered Breathalyzer tests to two underage males. They were cited for consuming.
 •Deputy reported some vandalism on Barck Avenue.
 •Complainant reported his pickup was stolen overnight. Entered into National Crime Information Center.
 •Complainant reported a man and woman arguing at location. Verbal only. Female is going to stay with mother and male is leaving to go to WalMart. Male had a bloody nose but stated he fell chasing vehicle and refused medical treatment.
 •Deputy found a vehicle with a plate that does not match that vehicle. The plate comes back to a red Ford Windstar out of Worthington. Towed by G&S to our impound. Conditions of release are valid driver, insurance and vehicle registered correctly with new plates.
 •Complainant reported lawn mower and two heaters stolen on

West Mead Court.
 •Complainant requested welfare check on subject.
Aug. 15
 •Complainant reported child neglect.
 •Complainant reported they received a nonsufficient funds check in the amount of \$89.00.
 •Complainant reported they received a nonsufficient funds check in the amount of \$26.39.
 •Complainant reported a spill that was 99 percent contained. They cleaned up the rest.
 •Complainant reported illegal trash burning at location. Deputy reported that it was wood and wood laminate that was burning. Deputy advised subject that wood was OK, but anything else needs to go to the dump.
 •Complainant reported an open door at a business. Deputy secured the door and owner was contacted.
 •Complainant reported finding a fishing bag at the pond at the Veterans Home.
 •Complainant locked her keys in her car and cannot contact a locksmith.
 •Deputy conducted traffic stop at location for taillight. Deputy advised it will be motorist assist with vehicle trouble, and he will be escorting the vehicle to the Beaver Creek exit.
Aug. 16
 •Deputy arrested subject for DWI refusal. She was taken to the Nobles County jail.
 •Complainant reported he found something in the alley behind Sterling's. Item was part to cable TV hookup.
 •Complainant reported he lost his wallet possibly around the area of St. Catherine Church or on Main Street around Pizza Ranch on Sunday. The wallet is brown with Scooby Doo on it.
 •Complainant reported they had a flat tire. Transferred to State Patrol.
 •Complainant reported a pickup sitting in the turning lane at location. She was not sure if the subject inside was sleeping.
 •Sheriff reported someone flagged him down to help unlock a vehicle.
 •Complainant requested as-


sistance serving a felony warrant on subject. Subject was picked up and taken to Sioux Falls.
 •Deputy reported seeing subject enter vehicle and drive away from his residence in Luverne. Subject is cancelled - inimical to public safety - and will be charged.
 •Complainant reported seeing two males fighting outside of vehicle along County Highway 4 west of Luverne. Deputy stopped vehicle and all is OK.
 •Complainant reported vandalism to her vehicle.
 •Complainant reported that she wants to get personal items from her ex-husband's home and would like a deputy to assist her. Subject also stopped at Law Enforcement Center and said that none of complainant's family is allowed on his property. Both parties were told that a deputy would be in contact with them.
 •Complainant reported that subject is at her residence, and she wants him out. Subject was removed from the property and was warned for trespassing.
 •Complainant reported subject is trying to get into a car that is impounded at location. Deputies warned subjects to stay off the property or they will be arrested.
 •Complainant reported that he will be flying his drone and wanted the Rock County Sheriff's Office to be aware of his actions.
 •Deputies arrested subject for probation violation and took him to jail.
 •Deputies arrested two people, one for DWI and one for disorderly conduct. They were taken to jail.
Aug. 17
 •Complainant reported a domestic between her friend and his girlfriend.
 •Complainant reported that there was a very old two-door pickup, dark in color, driving very slow past her place and then backing up and going again and turned around. She said when they saw her out in the yard with her phone, they took off fast.
 •Complainant requested something in writing to get a title from another state on a vehicle.
 •Complainant reported she has a restraining order on her ex, and

he keeps violating it. Complainant would like a deputy to speak with him and not arrest him.
 •Complainant reported that a black car on East Fairway Drive keeps racing back and forth. There are a lot of little kids in the neighborhood. The car is a black car with white paint; possibly hand-painted job. Complainant is requesting extra patrol.
 •Complainant reported her child's grandmother choked him.
Aug. 18
 •Complainant reported a burglary by her ex. He is driving his mother's car, and he is suspended in Iowa. He broke her TV and took her phone. Subject was arrested and taken to jail.
 •Scott reported that a man left a lot of garbage in their lot. They got the license plate, and the man is also known to the complainant, who works for Eastern Farmers Co-op in Jasper.
 •Complainant reported a black Dodge pickup with little or no muffler has been racing up and down the road and almost hit her this morning on 90th Avenue.
 •Complainant reported she would like extra patrol on Barck Avenue. Vehicles are driving extra fast, and there are a lot of kids in the area.
 •Complainant reported child endangerment.
 •Complainant reported he is having issues with his girlfriend and wanted to speak with a deputy about it.
 •Complainant reported that there was an older style motorhome pulling a car on I-90 by exit westbound in the north ditch. He was driving very slowly in the ditch with the motorhome door open. Caller was not sure how they were going to get out of the ditch. Notified State Patrol.
 •Deputies arrested subject on a warrant out of North Dakota and took him to jail.
 In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 2 funeral escorts, 17 traffic stops, 17 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 2 false 911 calls, 1 driver's license check, 4 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 9 drug court tests, 3 money escorts, and issued 1 purchase/carry permit and 4 burn permits.


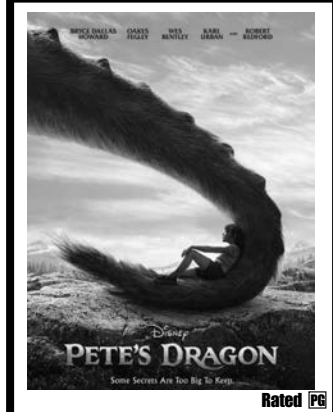
Broadband project reaches halfway point/ continued from page 1A

fiber ring plus fiber drops to individual premises.
 Crews return to connect the premises to the main line and set up the service in individual homes and businesses.
 Boring of the main line began April 11 in northwest Rock County because of the challenge of burying the fiber at least two feet in the ground.
 "The Jasper area presented some unique obstacles, and they had to modify construction a bit to accommodate for rock in that area," Hulcher said.
 Crews finished burying fiber in the Jasper area in July and have moved to the Hardwick area in late July.
 Hulcher estimated crews have finished 55 percent of the fiber-to-the-premise drops, and mainline crews are about 45 percent done.
 Crews have not started installing inside premises but have finished splicing drop connections to the mainline in the Beaver Creek area.
 Attention has now turned to splicing in the Jasper area.
 To catch up on the project's timeline, crews have been working weekends.
 "If the weather cooperates we might be able to complete burying all remaining areas before the ground freezes," Hulcher said. "It could be close."
 According to stipulations from the state of Minnesota, Alliance has until June 2017 to complete all installations.
 The Rock County Broadband Alliance received a \$5 million grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.
 Rock County contributed \$1 million to the project with Alliance providing the rest of the monies for the \$14 million project.
 Rock County Broadband Alliance is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alliance.

Dining & Entertainment



Luverne Christian School Society
Pork Loins Supper
 Wed. Sept. 8
 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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Mavis Fodness Photos/0825 Beginning Band

Above: Henry Hartquist works to keep from puffing his cheeks.

Left: Angie Swenson (center) begins her third year as teacher of Luverne Public School's beginning band program, which wrapped up a two-week run Friday. On Aug. 17 Swenson was instructing incoming fifth-graders Roselynn Hartshorn and Henry Hartquist.

CELEBRATIONS

Birth

A boy, Kasen Samuel, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20 inches long, was born to **Derek and Brittney Ryan**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Friday, Aug. 12, 2016. He joins two siblings, Beau, 6, and Mollie, 4. Grandparents are Warren and Mary Olson, Hills, and Ken and Diane Ryan, Greeley, Nebraska. Great-grandparents are Fritz and Elaine Foltz, Greeley, and Eleanor Ryan, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Open Houses

Lester and Leora Baus-tian will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at their farm located at 1370 60th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156. They request no gifts.

A come-and-go bridal shower for **Lexy Burmeister**, bride-to-be of **Ben Aukes**, will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Luverne City Park.

Dick Smook will celebrate his birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at St. Catherine Doyle Hall in Luverne. Greetings may be sent to 309 W. Harrison St., Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Aug. 29: Stuffed baked potato with ham, cheese and broccoli, bread, pudding. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Aug. 30: Pork chops, mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, bread, rosy applesauce.

Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Continental Western employees.

Wednesday, Aug 31: Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Oven crispy chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, cake.

Program: Pastor of the month Kristi Franken of Magnolia United Methodist Church.

Friday, Sept. 2: Salmon, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, fruit cobbler.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

Tootin' their own horns

Beginning band students get early start to school

By Mavis Fodness

Incoming Luverne fifth-graders Roselynn Hartshorn and Henry Hartquist chose two non-conventional band instruments to begin lessons with last week.

Most first-year students choose flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone or trombone, but these two had their own ideas.

Hartshorn chose the French horn based on a try at the brass instrument from a family member. Hartquist chose the tuba.

"I thought it sounded fun to do," Hartquist said. "I like the sound."

The pair began lessons along with about 40 other beginning band students. For these first 10 lessons, however, attendance is not mandatory.

"It is really a benefit for students to have some experience with their instruments and already make practicing a priority from the very start," said third-year instructor Angie Swenson.

"These summer band les-



Roselynn Hartshorn concentrates on reaching the correct pitch during her third band lesson last week on the French horn.

sons really set the students up for more success during the school year."

For the most part, beginning students are allowed to play instruments of their choosing, she said.

Percussion is the only instrument where interested students had to demonstrate proficiency in keyboard, reading music and rhythm.

"The strongest three to four students were chosen for percussion," Swenson said.

During the school year Swenson continues as the fifth-grade band instructor along with her duties as the high school German teacher.

Swenson majored in instrumental music education and German while studying at Augustana University in Sioux Falls.

"It really is the best of both worlds for me," she said.

Her oldest band students are now seventh-graders.

"It's fun to watch them develop as musicians as they continue their band instruction," she said.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

Local theater buffs are in for a treat next month when the Luverne Area Community Foundation teams up with the Green Earth Players to stage a murder mystery on the prairie. ...

The plot of "Murder at the Midnight Hour" invites guests (the audience) to attend a New Year's Eve midnight wedding of Jewel Hogget and Roger Windsor.

The wedding turns out to be a deadly way to ring in the new year as audience members get involved with figuring out who among them is the killer.

25 years ago (1991)

Scott DeBates was simply curious when he applied for the job of respiratory therapist on Saipan, the capital of the North Mariana Islands, located about 1,350 miles south of Japan.

But when the 1986 Luverne High School graduate got word he was chosen from more than 50 applicants, he didn't hesitate in accepting.

According to Scott's mother Shirley, he called her one night with the news. "I couldn't even talk," she said. He graduated from Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D., and left for his first job on Saipan.

50 years ago (1966)

A 1964 Chevrolet pickup owned by Harry (Oakie) Williams of R-1, Magnolia burned up only a few yards from the firehall Wednesday morning when the engine of the vehicle burst into flames as it was parked at the curb of the Magnolia main street. Williams had gone into a store to purchase

cigarettes after parking at the curb a short time before. When he came out the pickup engine was burning.

Magnolia firemen answered the alarm and had the flames out in a short time, however the pickup engine and inside of the vehicle was burned.

75 years ago (1941)

Before so very long persons entering Rock county from Iowa over Highway No. 75 will be greeted at the Minnesota state line by a monumental sign similar to the one pictured above which now stands beside Highway No. 16, just inside Minnesota on the South Dakota line east of Valley Springs. Although the design of the one being erected on the Iowa line is the same as the above, Kenneth Warten, of Minneapolis, who is in charge of the work for the state highway department, says that more attractive material used and a better looking job obtained.

100 years ago (1916)

E.M. Hawes, junior member of the firm of Hawes & Son, had a narrow escape from a serious if not fatal injury last Friday when a roof overloaded with brick gave way and the mass of debris fell to the first floor of the building. Mr. Hawes was so almost directly under the mass that part of it grazed his back, inflicting painful but not serious injury. A number of workmen engaged in the alteration work had left the place but a few minutes before the roof fell, and had they been at work at the time they also would have met with serious injury.

1924: Former teacher recalls first class

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on December 19, 1924:

C.E. OLDER, PIONEER, PAYS TRIBUTE TO C.O. HAWES

Recalls That He Was the Last of Several Young Men Who Went to His School in 1871-72.

"It is with profound regret and sorrow that I hear of the death of C. O. Hawes, who had been a personal friend for more than half a century." C. E. Older, formerly of Luverne and a pioneer resident of Rock county, writes from Los Angeles, Calif.: "Charley Hawes was the youngest student of a class I taught in the winter of 1871-72 in Luverne, the first school in Rock County.

"He is the last one, the others have all 'passed on' before. Ed. McKenzie, Pat Kelley and Lew Daniels, they had all been in the army, government employ



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

(mail carrier), or logging on the Wisconsin river, and wanted to 'pick up a little,' as they had been out of school so long. Our school was kept in a room 10x10 ft., in the northeast corner of the Haweshouse on the hill, near which E. A. Brown's office now stands.

"Mr. Hawes had built a new house, and rented this one to Mr. Daniels, who kept what travelers came along. All the boys boarded there except Charley, and we slept in the chamber on the floor with buffalo robes above and below us.

"When a blizzard came up, which was quite often that winter, we moved down to the school room

for three days and as the storm was over, we shoveled the snow through the chamber window for it was filled to the peak of the roof. These were days to try men's souls. Mr. Abbott was nearly frozen to death that winter, and a Norwegian residing above the Mounds lost his life and was found north of Adrian a week later."

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 manmade@iu.net.

OBITUARIES

William McCormick

William Charles "Bill" McCormick, 90, Luverne, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital.



A funeral was Tuesday, Aug. 23, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Luverne.

Bill McCormick was born Feb. 16, 1926, to Daniel and Tressa (Meisenhelder) McCormick in Murray County. He was baptized Feb. 28, 1926, at St. Columba Catholic Church in Iona. His family moved to Rock County in 1932. Bill attended school in Luverne. He confirmed his faith on July 8, 1939, at St. Catherine Catholic Church. Prior to graduation he was drafted into the United States Air Force where he served our country in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Bill returned home to Luverne and graduated with the class of 1947. He began his career as a highway engineer with the Rock County Highway Department in 1950.

Bill married Patricia Jones on July 24, 1958, at St. Catherine Catholic Church.

The couple made their home in Luverne. Bill retired

from his engineering career in 1986 but returned to work a short time later as a surveyor for the county until 1998.

Bill was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and was a member of the Military Order of the Cootie, which is a subsidiary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Throughout the years he enjoyed his work with the county and was an avid reader and Civil War historian. For 24 years he and Pat enjoyed annual trips to the wine country of Northern California.

He is survived by his wife, Pat McCormick, Luverne; three sons, Thomas McCormick and Peter (Kara) McCormick, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Matthew (Chris) McCormick, Rapid City, South Dakota; and four grandchildren, Meghan McCormick; Courtney McCormick, Connor McCormick, and Shannon McCormick.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Thomas.

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

(0825 F)

Edwin Smith

Edwin Allen Smith, 70, Allen, Texas, died Friday, Aug. 19, 2016, at McKinney Medical Center.

Edwin Smith was born March 31, 1946, to Marvin and Nellie (Boeve) Smith. He married Peggy Winter on Sept. 4, 1971, in Adrian. He worked as a professional civil engineer in Minnesota, Colorado and Texas.

Edwin is survived by

his wife, Peggy; three sons, Grady (Renee) Smith and their children McKenzie, Jacob, Matthew and Jillian, Darin (Melissa McConnell) Smith and their children Alexis and Kadin, and Riley (Kelley) Smith; his mother, Nellie Smith; a sister, Marilyn (Bruce) Oye; and two brothers, Gary (Susan) Smith and Larry (Lori) Smith.

(0825 F)

Robert Miller

Robert D. "Bob" Miller, 73, Luverne, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW will be at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Robert Miller was born Nov. 26, 1942, to Darrell and Esther (Horstman) Miller in Cherokee, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus, Iowa. Bob graduated from Marcus High School and later attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, as a pre-vet student.

He was drafted into the United States Army and served as a medical lab technician in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. After the service, Bob went to auctioneering school and farmed with his father. In 1968 he took a job with John Morrell & Co. as a hog buyer. For the past twenty years he bought cattle. He traveled to sales in Texas, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Bob married Cheryl Kramer on Oct. 12, 1968, at

the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. After their marriage the couple lived in Magnolia. In 1972 they moved to a farm north of Magnolia for twenty years before moving to a farm south of Rushmore. In 2011 they moved to Luverne. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

Bob's lifetime dream was to be a cattle buyer. He loved the thrill of buying a million dollars' worth of cattle in a day. All of the long days and nights on the road took a toll on Bob's body, especially sitting in a car for 80,000 miles a year. Bob met many good ranch people, and he loved their way of life.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cheryl Miller, Magnolia; two sons, Brett Miller, Magnolia, and Michael (Laura) Miller, Lakeville; six grandchildren, Andrew, Seth, Gabbi, Kate, Jenna and Myles; two brothers, Brad Miller, St. Louis, Missouri, and Brian (LuAnn) Miller, Marcus, Iowa; two sisters-in-law, Darlys Miller, Marcus, Iowa, and Dorral Guzman, Donna, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Alan Kramer, Kenneth, and Kevin (Shelly) Kramer, Marshall; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Matthew Miller; and a brother, Bill Miller.

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

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Arvid Erickson

Arvid A. Erickson, 97, Granite Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016, at the Granite Falls Manor.



A funeral and burial were Friday, Aug. 19, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Granite Falls.

Arvid Erickson was born July 2, 1919, to Axel and Annabelle (Underhill) Erickson near Paynesville. He grew up in the Paynesville area. In his adult life he converted to the Catholic faith and was an active member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Granite Falls.

On March 11, 1942, Arvid enlisted in the U.S. Army. He married Gladys McFarland on Oct. 21, 1942. He served as a World War II medic in the 407th Medical Battalion stationed in the South Pacific. He helped build a hospital for General MacArthur's headquarters in New Guinea and was present during MacArthur's famous return landing in the Philippines.

Arvid authored an autobiography based on his military experience. He was an active member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also organized his Army unit's reunions, and among his favorite memories was a trip to the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. Arvid earned his GED

at the age of 65. He was the recipient of the Good Guy Award for his caring ways and making a positive difference in so many people's lives.

Arvid enjoyed inventing solutions to mechanical problems and creating woodworking, holiday figure displays, gag gifts, embroidery and other items. He was an accomplished harmonica player and was proud of his Swedish heritage. He enjoyed Ole & Lena Days in Granite Falls, fishing, golfing, gardening and going on digs with his metal detector. He also liked to spend time at Prairie's Edge Casino and share stories with his many friends during morning coffee.

He is survived by his children, Nancy Erickson (Mike Andre), Bellevue, Washington, Mary (Keith) Bergo, Montevideo, Jane Erickson, Granite Falls, Jeff (Dan) O'Brien, Minneapolis, and Tom (Tammy) Erickson, Princeton; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gladys; and five siblings; John, George, Bernard, Carol and Ladorna.

Arrangements were by Wing-Bain Funeral Home of Granite Falls, www.wingbain.com.

(0825 F)

James Thode

James Eldon "Jim" Thode, 59, Pipestone, died Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A funeral service was Friday, Aug. 19, 2016, at First Lutheran Church in Pipestone. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

James Thode was born to Feb. 8, 1957, to Clarence and Evelyn (Swenson) Thode in Luverne. He was raised on a farm in Denver Township of Rock County, and he attended school in Luverne.

After his graduation from Luverne High School in 1975, he completed his education at Minnesota West Technical College in Pipestone. At that time, he started farming with his father. He also worked at A.R. Wood Manufacturing in Luverne for a number of years.

On Sept. 3, 1983, he married Gayl Willey at First Presbyterian Church in Pipestone. Following their marriage, they lived in Jasper, and Jim worked at Tri-State Silo in Jasper until it closed. Kermit Skorr took over, and he worked with him. In 1989 he began working at Bayliner Marine in Pipestone. He worked there until 1993 when he became a dedicated full-time farmer with the establishment of Bacon Valley Farms.

Jim was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne in March 1957 and was confirmed there in October 1973. While living in Pipestone, he

was a member of First Lutheran Church. He was also a Farm Bureau member and a member of the Texas Longhorn Association.

He enjoyed bowling and fishing. He collected farm toys, and he had recently started collecting two-cylinder John Deere tractors. He enjoyed spending time having fun with his family and friends. He was dedicated to taking care of his land, his livestock and his garden.

He is survived by his wife, Gayl Thode, Pipestone; his children, Michael (Jennifer) Thode, Mark Thode, Laura Thode, and Krista (special friend Tylan) Thode, all of Pipestone; and Josh Hellwinkel, whom he thought of as his third son; his grandson, Connor; his mother, Evelyn Thode, Luverne; his siblings, Gerald (Mary) Thode, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Pam Schmidt, Tea, South Dakota, Joyce (Larry Mulvihill) Thode, Luverne, and Brian (Rita) Thode, Jasper; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; his parents-in-law, Kenneth and Jylan Willey; his brothers-in-law Johnny Schmidt and Alan Willey; and his nephew, Mathew Thode.

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

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Sanford receives excellence award

Sanford Luverne Clinic was recently recognized with a 2016 Minnesota Bridges to Excellence Award for delivering exceptional quality outcomes for patients with diabetes, vascular disease and depression.

The Minnesota Bridges to Excellence program is a health care purchaser-led pay for performance program that recognizes improvements in patient care in clinics across the state.

The program, operated by the Minnesota Health Action Group, honored 276 Minnesota and border state clinics this year that have improved patient outcomes by at least 10 percentage points in the last year.

Sanford Luverne Clinic was selected for the excellence award through its transformation of the model of treatment for diabetes, vascular disease and depression management, including an expanded care coordination team.

The care team includes a physician, nurse, RN health coach, behavioral health triage therapist, dietitian, care coordination assistant and most importantly the patient.

Regular patient follow-up communication is vital to the improved health of the patient, and the care coordination assistant works closely with providers, staff and patients to ensure that lab tests routinely coincide with office visits.

"We have been able to provide patients diagnosed with diabetes, vascular disease and depression greater care coordination services, building on the excellent care available at Sanford Luverne and improving the integrated care in response to Luverne area health needs," said Laurie Jensen, director of clinic operations at Sanford Luverne Clinic.

"This team approach demonstrates our understanding that the improvement of patient outcomes equals the improvement of their quality of life."

Established by the Minnesota Health Action Group in 2006, the Minnesota Bridges to Excellence program uses publicly reported outcomes data to identify clinics that meet or exceed optimal care standards for a specified percentage of patients with diabetes and vascular disease.

SCHOOL NEWS

Graduates awarded A.R. Wood scholarships

Six Luverne High School 2016 graduates are recipients of scholarships awarded by the A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust.

The award recipients include Jenna Schelhaas, Tatiana Gust, Jacob Jarchow, Brianna Jonason, Nicole Kneip and Chase Wiederhoeft.

The total amount awarded was \$7,700. The A.R. Wood Scholarship Trust is administered by First Bank and Trust, 110 N. Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104.

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.

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Small game hunter survey results released

About the same number of small game hunters took to the field in 2015 compared to the year before. By species, the number of pheasant hunters was up slightly, with duck hunters stable and grouse hunters down slightly, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources annual small game survey.

In 2015 the number of pheasant hunters was 63,350, representing an increase of 10 percent from 2014.

An estimated 76,243 peo-

ple hunted ducks, essentially the same as last year.

Ruffed grouse hunter numbers were estimated at 79,058, a decrease of 5 percent from 2014.

Statewide estimates show small game hunters harvested about 243,176 pheasants (up 59 percent), 663,811 ducks (down 5 percent), and 267,997 ruffed grouse (down 11 percent) in 2015 with margins of error in the results of between 9 and 14 percent.

With the exception of

pheasant, individual hunter success rates were comparable to 2014. Pheasant hunters harvested an average of 3.8 pheasants in 2015, which was 41 percent higher than 2014 when 2.7 pheasants were taken per hunter. Duck hunters harvested an average of 8.7 ducks in 2015 compared to 9.3 in 2014. Woodcock hunters harvested 3 birds per hunter, compared to 2.7 in 2014. Ruffed grouse hunters harvested an average of 3.4 grouse in 2015, compared to 3.6 in 2014.

School boards, rural towns to see contests in General Election/continued from page 1A

Madison and council members Robert Somnis and Mary Smook all filed for re-election. Jeffery T. DeGroot also filed for council.

In **Kenneth**, Mayor Del Gangestad and councilman David Groen filed for re-election, and Paul Tweet filed for the seat that will be vacated by Nora Halverson who did not file.

In **Jasper**, Mayor Mike Baustian is running uncontested for re-election and council seats held by Lisa Rodman and Karen Damman are open for election. Damman filed for re-election, and Marty Hilfers and Kim Lape are also seeking election to the Jasper council.

There is no race in the city of **Hills**, where Mayor Keith Elbers and councilman Brian Sandblute filed for re-election. Ross Metzger filed for the seat held by Brad Berkhof, who did not file for re-election.

In **Hardwick**, there's a race for mayor between incumbent Janyce Baustian and

challenger Willy Baker.

Councilwomen Carey Teunissen and Crystal Swenson did not file for re-election, and Lowell Schelhaas and Richard Hubbling filed for those two open four-year seats. Tom Haas filed for the two-year seat.

In **Beaver Creek**, there's a race for mayor between incumbent Jamie Dysthe and challenger Cathy Schroeder.

When Mayor Carolyn DeBoer passed away Sept. 16, 2015, councilman Dysthe was appointed mayor, and Josh Boomgaarden was appointed to Dysthe's council seat.

No one filed for that open seat, but Alan Harnack is running unopposed for re-election to another four-year term.

Townships

Battle Plain Township clerk Mark Vander Pol and supervisor Greg Talsma are running unopposed for re-election.

Denver Township clerk Richard Hubbling and chairman Kyle Hemme are up for election. Hemme filed for re-election, but no one filed to fill the clerk seat.

Vienna Township clerk Doug Eeten and supervisor Larry Tweet filed for re-election. Brian Jonas also filed for supervisor.

Rose Dell Township clerk Wayne Uilk and supervisor Elroy Deschepper are up for election in November, but no one filed for those seats.

Martin Township supervisor David Swanson's seat is open. No one filed for that seat or for township clerk.

The Rock County townships of Springwater, Mound, Magnolia, Luverne, Beaver Creek, Clinton and Kanaranzi held elections in March.

Information is available at the Rock County Auditor, 283-5060, or at candidates.sos.state.mn.us

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Kenneth's Dick Remme shows off his 1940 Pontiac Silver Streak, which once belonged to his grandfather, John Birkeland.

Veterans Home classic car show brings out auto enthusiasts for hot dogs, root beer and fun

Story and photos
by Lori Sorenson

Dick Remme was as proud as punch Thursday night when he took his 1940 Pontiac Silver Streak to the classic car show at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

The white-wall tires were spotless and the black paint and chrome trim were polished to a mirror finish.

And Remme was grinning from ear to ear.

"It was my grandfather's car," he said.

The automobile was originally bought at Schoon Motors, the dealership that once operated in the middle of Luverne (where Glen's Food Center is now located).

Remme's grandpa, John Birkeland, farmed nine miles northeast of Luverne, so the Pontiac didn't have far to travel to Remme's farm near Kenneth.

Of course, by the time Remme acquired it, the old car needed some attention, so he contacted Tom Loring of Expert Autobody and Restoration in Adrian.

Loring was a former student in Adrian where Remme once taught industrial arts, so it meant something to Remme to have someone he knew do the restoration work.

Six years ago, the Pontiac project was done, and Remme said he now enjoys showing it off whenever and wherever he can.

Thursday's event at the Veterans Home provided another such opportunity for Remme and dozens of other classic car enthusiasts to show off their pride and joy.

The circular parking lot in front of the facility served as the perfect venue for the vehicles to gleam in the late afternoon summer sun.

Musicians Tommy Binford and Jeanie Adams performed in the shade under their band name, "Fishing for Olives," and volunteers served up hotdogs and root beer floats under the front entry canopy.

According to activities supervisor Shirley Connor, the annual car show is organized as a community



Above: David Kanten, Fulda, (left) discusses his 1946 Farmall B with Luverne's Dick Herman. **Above, right:** Musicians Tommy Binford and Jeanie Adams perform in the shade under their band name, "Fishing for Olives." **At right:** Veterans Home resident Tom Wiborg wheels through the parking lot taking in the sights and sounds of Thursday night's event. **Below, right:** Volunteers (from back to front) Brenda Van Peurse, Dianne Ossenfort and Audrey Aanenson serve up hotdogs, chips and root beer floats. **Below, far right:** Marty Lonneman (left) visits with Vietnam Veteran David Kanten from Fulda.

outreach activity.

"Our veterans love the cars, tractors and motorcycles," Connor said. "We started offering food and root beer floats a few years ago."

She said there isn't a specific count of the people there, but she said volunteers grilled about 400 hotdogs and there were no leftovers.

"I love seeing our residents interacting with the car owners," Connor said.

"Guys love to stand around and talk about their cars. It's fun to see."

The Veterans Home Classic Car Show is always on the third Thursday in August. Thursday's event marked the eighth year of the show.



Fertilize annuals, stop feeding shrubs and trees, as September brings on fall weather

Hard as it is to believe and still harder to accept, next week will be Labor Day and that is the end of summer. I enjoy autumn but still regret summer's exit ... so on we go from here.



I want you to stop feeding any shrubs, roses or trees for this season. We want the growth that is there to mature, and fertilizing at this time will encourage new growth which will have a hard time surviving winter. However, continue feeding your annuals in planters and hanging baskets. The cooler days and nights will encourage the brightest color of

the season and the fertilizer will keep that color coming strong.

I'm hoping for a substantial rainfall soon because this is also a great time for weed control in lawns. Weed sprays work best when the weeds are actively growing. When the soil is dry, that active growth even slows down for the weeds. If your lawn is

irrigated, go ahead with the spray application but be sure not to irrigate for 24 hours after the application or you will eliminate the effect of the spray. One of the benefits of fall application is that this spray will control most of the perennial weeds that start as seedlings in the fall and become major players in the spring.

Day lily clumps that have not been producing many flowers are likely getting too thick and will benefit from being divided now. Getting that done this time of year gives the plants time to get re-established before winter, and they will be ready and able to put on a good show for next year. That dividing and thinning chore for most perennials can be done in the next couple of weeks. Later than that, it is best to wait until spring, but waiting until then, you will not expect much of a flower display until the next year.

The vegetable garden is looking pretty sorry but still producing quantities of fresh produce. Remember to keep the beans picked and they will produce until frost stops the program. If you have kept ahead of

the cabbage looper worms in your broccoli, you can expect some great secondary head development as the temperatures cool. If you are growing Brussels sprouts, wait with harvest until we have frost ... it makes the flavor sweet. Cucumbers also keep producing if you keep picking, but that depends on how faithful you have been watering during this hot, dry summer.

We posted some before and after pictures on Luverne Flowers Facebook page of how to add fall accents to your outdoor planters without having to replant ... easier than you would imagine!

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowersgb@iw.net.

KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

Good yields (not record setting) are projected for state's corn, soybean crops

By Kent Thiesse

Even though we are getting fairly late into the growing season, some crop challenges remain.

The very wet and warm growing season in much of the Midwest has been very favorable for the development of corn and soybean diseases. Some of these diseases that occur before plants reach maturity can cause plants to die down earlier than normal, which can ultimately reduce yields. Root-rot diseases also occur more frequently when crops are continually in saturated soil conditions. This can lead to more frequent lodging, as crops reach maturity.

Another issue in portions of Minnesota and surrounding states has been the numerous severe storms that have occurred in August with strong winds, hail, and very high rainfall amounts. These storms can lead to late season crop yield loss, in addition to yield losses from late planting and drown-out damage earlier in the growing season. The severe storms have also caused property damage to houses, buildings, and grain bins on farms and in rural communities at some locations.

As of July 31, USDA rated the condition of the nation's corn crop at 76 percent good-to-excellent, with 72 percent of the U.S. soybean crop at that high rating. The July 31 crop



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ratings in 2016 were the highest for corn since 2014, and for soybeans since 1994. These were the crop ratings that were used for the important Aug. 12 USDA Crop Report, which projected record national yields for both corn and soybeans. As of Aug. 15, USDA still had the U.S. corn crop rated at 74 percent good-to-excellent,

and the 2016 soybean crop at 72 percent good-to-excellent, which compares to 72 percent for corn and 63 percent for soybeans in mid-August in 2015.

Based on the Aug. 12 USDA Report, the 2016 U.S. corn yield is estimated at 175.1 bushels per acre, which was an increase of 7 bushels per

acre from the July estimate, and 4.1 bushels per acre above the previous record corn yield in 2014. The 2016 U.S. soybean yield is now estimated at 48 bushels per acre.

Minnesota's 2016 corn yield is estimated at 184 bushels per acre, which would be the second highest in history, trailing only last year's state

average yield of 188 bushels per acre. Minnesota's soybean yield for this year is projected at 47 bushels per acre, which only trails the 2015 record average yield of 50 bushels per acre. Iowa is estimated to have record yields in 2016 for both corn and soybeans, with the corn yield estimated at 197 bushels per acre and the state soybean yield at 57 bushels per acre.

Some private crop experts are questioning whether these lofty 2016 corn and soybean yields, both nationally and in some individual states, can reach these high expectations. As was pointed out earlier, there have been some late season weather and crop disease challenges in portions of the Upper Midwest, while some other areas of the Corn Belt turned quite dry in August.

Apparently the grain traders at the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) somewhat agree with this analogy. There was an expectation that corn and soybeans futures prices would drop sharply following the projected record crop yields in the Aug. 12 USDA Crop Report, and the much higher ending stocks that were forecast for the 2016-17 crop marketing year. However, CBOT grain futures basically traded in "sideways" manner following the Aug. 12 reports, which would seem to indicate that the grain trade is somewhat skeptical of the

forecasted high yields.

History has shown that the final U.S. corn and soybean yields can vary considerably from the mid-August USDA Report to the final yield results, which are usually released in January, following the completion of harvest. USDA uses plant population counts, crop conditions, crop maturity, ear counts, kernel rows, pod counts, etc., as of Aug. 1 to make the U.S. crop yield estimates for the mid-August Crop Report.

Since 1990, the average variation in the U.S. corn yield from August USDA Report to the final yield the following January has been over 5.5 bushels per acre. In 15 years the final yield was higher than the August yield, and in 10 years it was lower, with one year being the same. The average variation in the final U.S. soybean yield from the August Report has been close to 2 bushels per acre. Very similar to corn, the August yield was too low in 16 years, and too high in 10 years. It will be interesting to see how 2016 final yields compare to the Aug. 12 USDA Report.

Thiesse is vice president of MinnStar Bank in Lake Crystal and was a former Extension educator in Rock County.

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End-of-summer extra DWI enforcement seeks to end life-changing injuries and fatalities

More than 300 law enforcement agencies statewide will take drunk drivers off the road as part of the extra DWI enforcement campaign Aug. 19 — Sept. 5. The idea is to get drivers to plan ahead as summer winds down.

In the last five years, August was the worst month for DWI offenders, averaging 2,509 arrests, followed by March (2,399) and July (2,354). On average, drunk driving will be a contributing factor in one fatality, and alcohol will be involved in two life-changing injuries during the Labor Day holiday period.

Encouraging downward trend in DWI arrests
Minnesotans can stop themselves and others from

getting behind the wheel impaired. An increasing number of motorists are making smart choices behind the wheel with DWI arrests declining by 40 percent in the last 10 years.

"Nothing beats hanging out with friends and family during a Minnesota summer, but it's a problem when we think we're okay to drive after having a few drinks," said Donna Berger, Office of Traffic Safety director. "Celebrate over Labor Day weekend but have a plan for yourself and others before anybody gets behind the wheel. Friends don't let friends drink and drive."

The toll of drunk driving
Each year, an average of 253 life-changing injuries involve alcohol-related crashes.

In the last five years (2011-2015), 17 percent of all fatal crashes in Minnesota during the Labor Day holiday period were drunk-driving-related.

In the same five-year span, there were 462 drunk-driving-related traffic deaths in Minnesota.

DWI consequences
A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands of dollars in costs and possible jail time. Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a driver's

license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

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

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

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

FARM SERVICE NEWS

Important dates:

- Sept. 1: 2016 MPP premium payment deadline; 2017 NAP Fall-Seeded Annual Crops sales deadline; 2017 NAP Value Loss Crops sales deadline; 2017 NAP Controlled Environment Crops sales deadline.
- Sept. 5: FSA Office closed for Labor Day.
- Sept. 15: CRP Managed Harvesting and Grazing ends — remove all livestock and bales.
- Sept. 25: CRP Managed Harvesting and Grazing reporting deadline.
- Sept. 30: 2016 Expiring CRP reenrollment deadline; 2017 NAP Perennial Forage Crops sales deadline; 2017 NAP Select Fruits and Vegetables sales deadline; 2017 NAP Wild Rice sales deadline; 2016 Value Loss and Controlled Environment Crop Acreage certification deadline; 2017 MPP-Dairy enrollment deadline.
- Ongoing - Continuous CRP sign-up

LDPs and current crop prices

With lower crop prices, many producers are inquiring about Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and when they are likely to come into play again.

LDPs provide interim financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains,


soybeans, wool and honey to help producers meet cashflow needs after harvest, without having to sell the product when market prices are typically at their harvest-time lows.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a Marketing Assistance Loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP if such a payment is available. To be considered eligible for an LDP, producers must have a CCC-633EZ, Page 1 form on file at the FSA Office before losing beneficial interest in the crop. A producer is considered to have beneficial interest if they have both, title to and control of, the commodity. Pages 2, 3 or 4 of the form must be submitted when payment is requested.

FSA is currently accepting requests for 2016 LDPs for wool and unshorn pelts. Requests for all other eligible commodities will be accepted as soon as the crop is harvested.







The FSA Office will accept LDP requests for 2016 barley, oats, wheat and honey crops through to the March 31, 2017, deadline; and through to May 31, 2017, for corn and soybeans.

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Tennis team opens season with triangular split

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal tennis team made its 2016 debut by hosting a triangular meet Saturday.

United South Central notched a five-point win over LHS in the first match of the day. The Cardinals defeated Lac qui Parle Valley by five points in the finale.

The 1-1 Cardinals play at the Worthington Tournament Saturday.

Luverne 6, LQPV 1

The Cardinals ended the day with a split after topping LQPV by five points in the final match of the day.

Luverne won all four singles matches and took two of three doubles tests during the victory.

"We played much better in the second match," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"We were more relaxed and seemed to play like we are capable of playing. Our singles players did a much better job of creating opportunities and finishing the points. Our doubles teams also did a much better job of being aggressive at the net and putting away some shots that they should have finished in the first match."

Samantha Pierce, Carissa Cunningham and Riley Severtson posted straight-set

victories in the first three singles slots.

Pierce handed Molly Hacker 6-3 and 6-2 setbacks, while Cunningham prevailed by the same tallies against Ashtyn Oie.

Severtson came out on the winning end of a 7-5, 6-1 decision against Karie Berberg.

Luverne's Amelia Jarchow topped Bree Kallhoff 5-7, 7-6 (10-3 in the tiebreaker), 10-8 in the super-tiebreaker.

Luverne's Natasha Thone and Emilie Bartels secured 6-3 and 6-4 wins against Anna Hacker and Jessica Sigdahl at second doubles, while Ainslie Robinson and Elise Jarchow bested Rachel Halverson and Addi Oie by 7-5 and 6-4 tallies at No. 3.

LQPV's win came from the first doubles team consisting of Courtney Hanson and Karissa Jahn, which upended Sierra Wieneke and Kayla Rud by 6-2 and 7-5 scores.

USC 6, Luverne 1

The Cardinals dropped their first match of the season when they squared off against United South Central in the opening match of the day.

USC won all four singles contest and went 2-1 in doubles to earn a five-point victory.

"This was our first match of the year and it came against a team that had three matches



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Luverne's Samantha Pierce split a pair of matches at first singles during Saturday's tennis triangular in Luverne.

under its belt," Antoine said. "You could tell our team was a little nervous and played tentatively."

Luverne's lone win came from Robinson and Elise Jarchow, who secured 7-5 and

6-0 victories against Trinity Seedorf and Alyson Swanson at third doubles.

USC's Kalei Cory and Haylay Olson downed Wieneke and Rud by 6-3 and 7-6 scores at first doubles, while Madison

Loeering and Daylyn Huper saddled Thone and Bartels with a pair of 6-1 setbacks at No. 2.

USC won all four singles matches in straight sets. Emma Barned (6-1, 6-0 over

Pierce at No. 1), Carly Weber (6-0, 6-0 over Cunningham at No. 2), Leah Meyer (7-6, 6-4 over Severtson at No. 3) and Delaney Weber (6-1, 6-0 over Amelia Jarchow at No. 4) posted singles wins for USC.

Ellsworth basketball greats gather to support teammate

It was 10 years ago when the Ellsworth boys' basketball program put together an impressive run that may never be duplicated in our corner of the state.



From 2006-09, the Panthers made four consecutive appearances at the Minnesota State Class A Basketball Tournament that yielded two state championships and a pair of runner-up performances.

Needless to say, it was the best of basketball times at EHS.

A number of members of the teams that initiated that amazing run are returning to the school on Sunday night.

They will be playing an exhibition basketball game that evening, but their efforts will be directed at a more noble purpose than capturing another trophy.

They'll be stepping on the court to raise funds for a former teammate and friend who currently is fighting the battle of his life.

Josh Nolte may not have been the most prominent member of Ellsworth's 2006-07 team, which captured the first of two consecutive state titles during the school's historic run.

Nolte was a guard and an all-conference performer for a team that left the scoring load to be carried by guys like Cody Schilling and Aaron Van Der Stoep.

"Josh was a starting guard on that team, but he and I were not the go-to guys," said Travis Chapa, a senior classmate of Nolte's

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

during the 2006-07 season. "We were role players, and Josh filled his role very well."

The role Nolte played for his team hasn't been forgotten by his teammates, even though he now resides in the Mankato area.

In fact, he is the reason why they will be banding together again to play a fundraising game against the KELOLAND Television Almost Stars starting a 6 p.m. Sunday.

Nolte, you see, was diagnosed with brain cancer in early June.

In order to help out their friend, Nolte's former teammates will show up in force in an attempt to raise money through freewill donations at the door on game night.

Freewill donations also will be accepted for the ice cream social that will take place after the game.

"We're trying to make this night all about Josh," Chapa said.

"We want to raise as much money as we can for Josh and his fiancée. We want to do what we can to help them out."

Chapa and his wife, Amy, along with 2006-07 team member Wayne Jansma and his wife, Alicia, have taken it upon themselves to organize this fundraiser.

Chapa said it didn't take much effort to get Nolte's former teammates to commit to the cause.

Along with Chapa and Jansma, Weston DeBerg, Nick Deutsch,

Bryan Kramer, Ben Herman, Schilling, Brandon Gruis, Ryan Kix and Jordan Hinrichs indicated they wanted to take part in the fundraiser.

Nolte's younger brothers, Tom, Nick and Tim, will be playing in the game as well.

"We basically have guys who played with Josh in the past showing up," Chapa said.

"His brothers are going to play, too. Nick Deutsch is coming all the way from Florida to play, so you can tell this means something to these guys."

Chapa said we wasn't surprised how receptive Nolte's former teammates were when they were asked to take part in the fundraiser.

"Ellsworth is a small town and seven of the guys who will be playing in the game are from our (graduating) class," he said.

"That means we grew up and went all the way through school together with Josh. Basketball was a big part of our lives, and it brought us together almost every day all year round. It's kind of a brotherhood thing, and some of us will have a lot of catching up to do over the weekend."

Chapa said Josh Nolte is excited about the opportunity to be around his former teammates as well.

"He told me he wants to play a little bit. I don't know if he was just having a good day when he said that. We'll just have to wait to see how he is feeling on that day."



John Rittenhouse photo/0825 pride

Matthew Ziegler (front, left) won three events and the overall title during the Cardinal Pride competition Aug. 15. Declan Beers (front, middle), Kasyn Kruse (front, right), Tanner Wiese (back, left), Logan Stratton (back, middle) and Jeremiah Dooyema (back, right) won events as well.

Sophomore wins Cardinal Pride title

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School sophomore turned in a commanding performance during the Cardinal Pride competition staged Aug. 15.

Matthew Ziegler won three of the eight event championships and took the overall crown by compiling 1,798.5 points.

Ziegler also placed fourth or better in two individual events to solidify his impressive outing.

The annual eight-event competition, which is staged on the first day of football practice at Luverne High School, prompts the players to be in top physical condition prior to the start of the season.

Ziegler answered the challenge in style.

The young competitor won the cleans (264 pounds), jump rope (194 jumps in 60 seconds) and the bench press (285 pounds) events.

Along with his event victories, Ziegler placed second in the power press (253 pounds) and fourth in the squats (385 pounds).

Six other Cardinals won individual events during the competition.

Junior Kasyn Kruse, who

placed second in the overall standings with 1,761.1 points, took top honors in the shuttle run with a time of 4.39.

Kruse also placed third in the bench press (250 pounds), third in the power press (246 pounds), third in the jump rope (168 jumps in 60 seconds) and fifth in the cleans (222 pounds).

Senior Jeremiah Dooyema, who placed fourth overall with 1,607.6 points, won the 400-meter dash in 60 seconds.

Dooyema also placed second in the shuttle run (4.46 seconds), fourth in the vertical jump (28 inches) and fifth in the power press (227 pounds) and the squats (370 pounds).

Senior Logan Stratton, who placed fifth overall with 1,354 points, won the power press with a 259-pound effort.

Stratton also placed second in the cleans (241 pounds), fourth in the bench press (248 pounds) and fifth in the jump rope (164 jumps in 60 seconds).

Senior Tanner Wiese took top honors in the vertical jump with a 33-inch effort.

Junior Declan Beers, who placed ninth in the over-

all standings with 1,336.1 points, won the squats with a 408-pound performance.

Here is a look at the top 10 overall finishers and the top five finishers in each individual event during the Cardinal Pride competition.

Overall points (total pounds): Ziegler, 1,798.5; Kruse, 1,761.1; Solomon Nielsen, 1,638.1; Jr. Dooyema, 1,607.6; Will Natte, 1,374.4; Layne Curtis, 1,357.85; Stratton, 1,354.2; Cyris Halverson, 1,345; Beers, 1,336.1; Daniel Tofeland, 1,302.

Cleans (total pounds): Ziegler, 264; Stratton, 241; Nielsen, 240; Tofeland, 225; Kruse, 222.

Squats (total pounds): Beers, 408; Jon Diaz, 402; Nielsen, 400; Ziegler, 385; Jr. Dooyema, 370.

Power press (total pounds): Stratton, 259; Nielsen, 253; Kruse, 246; Nielsen, 231; Jr. Dooyema, 227.

Bench press (total pounds): Ziegler, 285; Nielsen, 253; Kruse, 250; Stratton, 248; Jr. Dooyema, 240.

400-meter dash (total seconds): Jr. Dooyema, 60; Jed Dooyema, 61; Jayden Renken, 62; Andrew Reisch, 64; Cyris Halverson, 64.

Shuttle run (total seconds): Kruse, 4.39; Jr. Dooyema, 4.46; Jake Haugen, 4.47; Reisch, 4.45; Nielsen, 4.6.

Jump rope (jumps in 60 seconds): Ziegler, 194; Natte, 177; Kruse, 168; Curtis, 167; Stratton, 164.

Vertical jump (total inches): Wiese, 33; Reisch, 29; Renken, 28.5; Jd. Dooyema, 28; Chris Jelken, 27.9.

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Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

First Baptist Church
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Dick Lauger, Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 25: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 26: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 7 p.m. Summer Youth Program. Thursday, Sept. 1: Noon senior focus pot luck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Aug. 25: 7:30 a.m. Book Study. 9:30 a.m. Naomi and Rachel circles. 2 p.m. Sarah circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 6 p.m. Executive Ministry meeting. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth circle at Shirley Harrison. Friday, Aug. 26: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 28: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KQAD. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 29: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 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, Aug. 31: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 9 a.m. Assemble Grace Notes.

Bethany Lutheran Church
Thursday, Aug. 25: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek.

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Friday, Aug. 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 7 p.m. Praise Team; Teacher training.

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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.

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

Thursday, Aug. 25: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. Saturday, Aug. 27: Nelson/Vaksdal wedding. 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard; Adult Sunday School. Monday, Aug. 29: 8 p.m. AA Women's meeting in the Upper Room. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Thursday, Sept. 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpclu-
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Sunday, Aug. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
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Saturday, Aug. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Monday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Fulda. 7 p.m. Elders meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 31: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; Youth Board meeting. 8 p.m. Acolyte training.

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

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igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

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Being content

"Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment." 1 Timothy 6:6



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

Sometimes we think life would be better "if only..." If only we made more money. If only we were more attractive. If only we were more talented. If only we hadn't made so many mistakes in the past.

The Bible encourages us to be content. Part of contentment is acceptance — acceptance of ourselves and the lives we've been given. Sometimes we can be pretty hard on ourselves, wondering if we are "good

enough." We need to let God recalibrate our thinking. First we need to trust in Him and believe that He lovingly made us and wants what is best for us. Then, when we've got the basics right, life is a whole new adventure.

Thank you, Lord, for the lives that you have given us. Teach us how to trust that you will lead us and guide us in wonderful ways for our good and your glory. Amen.

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211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

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112 N. Main St., Hills
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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 25, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$132,795.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Frank Smith and Autumn Smith, husband and wife as joint tenants
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Stearns Lending, LLC its successors and/or assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: July 29, 2014 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 184324
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: Stearns Lending, LLC
Dated: May 27, 2016
Recorded: July 11, 2016 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 188713
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Residential Mortgage Servicer: LoanCare Servicing Center, Inc.
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 1745 State Highway 23, Jasper, MN 56144-4065
Tax Parcel ID Number: 11-0077-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That certain tract or parcel of land in the Northeast Corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 103 North, Range 47 West, of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 2,639.34 feet North and 81.55 feet West of the Southeast Corner of Section 11, Township 103 North, Range 47 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 888.95 feet, thence South a distance of 495.05 feet, thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds East a distance of 786.95 feet, thence South 64 degrees 16 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 116.89 feet to the West right-of-way line of State Highway #23, thence on said right-of-way North 0 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West a distance of 545.05 feet to the point of beginning.

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$131,964.94
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 08, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 08, 2017, or the next business day if March 08, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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DATED: May 18, 2016
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Stearns Lending, LLC

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 22

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Recorded: 08/05/2004
Rock County Recorder Document No. 159468
Assigned To: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Dated: 08/04/2004
Recorded: 08/05/2004
Rock County Recorder Document No. 159469
Transaction Agent: N/A
Transaction Agent Mortgage ID No: N/A
Lender or Broker: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgage Originator: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 8 in Block 8 in Blue Mound First Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0473-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

1107 N LINDALE ST
LIVERNE, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$71,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$64,629.84

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: September 22, 2016, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, City of Luverne

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 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is March 22, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM 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: July 26, 2016
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee

PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
By: Jonathan R. Cuskey, Michael V. Schleisman
Attorneys for:
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee
55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800
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651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-28, 09-01, 09-08)

Chovancek probate

**DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE NO.: 67-PR-16-225**
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
**Adeline Chovancek,
Decedent**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 26, 2016, at 3:30 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated July 15, 2015, and for the appointment of Karen DeCort, whose address is 39w980 Prairie Street, Aurora, IL 60506, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 10, 2016

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Carol Bertrand, Deputy
Court Administrator

THOMASON, SWANSON & ZAHN, PLLC.

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Trent R. Wilcox, Attorney ID #0392771
Matthew L. Enger, Attorney ID #0396804
120 N. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 87
Park Rapids, MN 56470
(218) 732-7236

(08-28, 09-01)

Ficks apply for livestock feedlot permit

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4**

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Daniel, Morris and Arden Fick have made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to modify a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 6 in Clinton Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of a total confinement building to house 500 head of finishing cattle. The proposed expansion will be a total confinement building addition to house 490 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the cattle barn will be stored in a poured concrete pit. Total animal units will be 990Da.

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

(08-25)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 7

**Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse June 7, 2016**

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

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 07, 2016, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote. The agenda was also modified reflect the cancellation of the 9:00AM appointment of Patti Overgaard.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the May 17, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

- Resolution No. 22-16, JPA Amendments of the SWMN Regional Emergency Communication Board
- Resolution No. 23-16, signature authority for the Rock County Sheriff to access Minnesota Government Access (MGA) accounts for Electronic Court Records and Documents
- Resolution No. 24-16, Appointments of Frank Engels, Brent Feikema, Janice Moen to the LPRW Board of Commissioners

The County Board was reminded of the Board of Equalization meeting scheduled for June 21st at 7:00PM; motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to change the June 21 County Board meeting time to 5:00PM, with the Road Tour to begin at 2:00PM, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an NRCS/FSA building update; new construction for 5,500 sq.ft. building to include the Land Management Office has an estimated cost of \$1.4 million which does not include a land acquisition. Purchase (\$311,000) and Class A property renovation (\$645,000) to a portion of the existing building is estimated at \$956,000. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board that neither option was feasible and to let the NRCS/FSA agencies move forward with their building project without the Rock County Land Management Office.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims with an addition; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to pay the claims, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:	
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	5,861.50
CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, INC	4,995.59
DEMCO INC	2,689.45
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	6,602.50
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	6,950.50
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,134.33
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	9,568.60
M & L ELECTRIC LLC	6,949.26

MASTER BLASTER	4,463.06
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	8,571.55
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	16,373.50
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	4,078.83
SANFORD HEALTH	2,350.00
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	2,018.37
TITAN MACHINERY-SIOUX FALLS	6,400.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,284.80
TRUCK UTILITIES	2,141.00
WAHLTEK INC	2,069.00
105 payments less than \$2,000	39,870.51
	139,372.35

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflect a partial payment to the school districts from the May 15th tax collection, the final disbursements of the first half tax collection will be June 24th; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to accept the Fund Balance report.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator led a discussion regarding local bank and investment options for Rock County accounts; currently, Rock County conducts financial transactions with all (3) local banks and was recently notified by one of the financial institutions of increased services charges. Upon a recommendation by the Auditor/Treasurer and the Administrator, to appointment the Investment Committee to conduct an RFP process to all local banks for all banking services, motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. The County Attorney will develop the RFP document.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented information regarding increased fees from Millennium for recycling materials; the fee increase is due to glass materials and the overall decrease of other recyclable materials. It was determined to schedule a County Board Retreat to discuss other options for recycling; that date is to be determined.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval for final contract payment of \$21,241.55 to Prahm Construction for SP-067-611-007, a bridge replacement (L2130) on CSAH 11 over the Little Beaver Creek; motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer inquired about the status of implementing a Wheelage Tax in Rock County which would potentially generate \$90,000 - \$100,000 in revenue for road construction/repairs; he stated if Rock County were to implement the Wheelage Tax effective January 1, 2017, the county would need to notify the state of the implementation by August 1, 2016. The item was tabled until the July 5th meeting.

The Engineer also informed the County Board of his decision to delay the tandem truck purchase scheduled for 2016 to ensure adequate funds are available for the purchase; he intends to order the truck in December of 2016 with a delivery date in 2017.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to approve Resolution No. 25-16, LPRW JPA for Priority 2 Improvement Project Approving Issuance of \$9,890,000 in GO Bonds, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution 26-16, accepting the offer of USDA to purchase a \$2,448,000 GO Water Revenue Bond of 2016 and providing for its issuance, declared carried on a voice vote. This replaces the temporary financing for the RCRW expansion and improvement project.

The County Board was informed about the County Program Aid (CPA) legislation; funding was increased however the proposed formula did not change. The Administrator presented an update regarding getting treated water to the Blue Mound State Park; options are still being explored however, all options are very limited and difficult.

Commissioner Items: all Commissioners attended the AMC District VIII meeting scheduled on June 2nd in Worthington.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Library, Governors Broadband Task Force; also met with Blandin representative to discuss the broadband project and grant opportunities after the fiber connect is complete.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: SWHHS, Southern Prairie Community Care and conducted a 6-month review of the new A.C.E Coordinator Norma Brands.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he has been in receipt of four complaints and zero complaints regarding the fiber project.

The County Board had a discussion regarding the August meeting dates of August 2 and August 16; it was determined to change the August 2nd meeting date to August 4th.

With no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

(8-25)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 21

**Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.
Rock County Courthouse June 21, 2016**

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

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 21, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the June 07, 2016 County minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Pattie Overgaard, Rock County resident, requested a tax penalty abatement on parcel number 20-0494-000 for \$13.70 and parcels 20-1318-000, 20-1316-000, 20-1316-100, 20-0198-000 totaling \$12.08; Overgaard stated that payment was made, however, the Auditor/Treasurer's office has no record of the transaction. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to deny the tax penalty request, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director introduced new employee Michael Walgrave, LMO Engineering Technician. The County Board welcomed Mr. Walgrave and wished him well in serving Rock County.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Buffalo Regional Drug Taskforce (BRDT) Commander Nate Grimmiums, and MN Statewide Gang and Drug Coordinator Brian Marquart gave a program presentation and membership requirements of the BRDT. Membership in 2017 will be \$3.50 per capita (33,586) plus an officer (\$70,000) dedicated to BRDT functions only; Rock County would be eligible to receive \$46,000 in grant funds from the BRDT. Currently, the BRDT is drafting the 2017 grant, which has a deadline of August 15, 2016. After considerable discussion, the BRDT membership issue was assigned to the Personnel Committee of the County Board and the Budget Committee to determine the financial impact.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$450.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to pay the claims and per diems, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:	
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,354.75
CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP	7,402.41
DLT SOLUTIONS	3,139.11
EXPRESSWAY-LIVERNE	4,650.33
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	5,045.83
H T C Inc	2,678.95
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	8,735.41
LIVERNE/CITY OF	7,375.25
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	17,582.00
MVTL LABORATORIES INC	2,005.50
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	2,252.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,789.16
STONEBROOKE	11,582.33
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	3,073.80
102 payment less than \$2,000	42,032.33
Total	122,699.16

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; the Auditor/Treasurer stated that the settlement from the first tax collection would be paid out on June 24th. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Williamson, to accept and approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that the temporary financing for the Rock County Rural Water project has been closed out and new long term financing was secured at 2.25% with a 40-year term.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to authorize the Administrator and the Engineer to submit a bid to the Hills-Beaver Creek school district for surplus playground equipment; if awarded the bid the equipment will replace playground equipment at the county park located in Kanaranzi.

The County Board was informed of an employee resignation from Mark Hovland,

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Deputy Assessor in the Land Records Office. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to accept the resignation with regrets and authorized the Administrator to fill the vacant position, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented a draft document of a Memorandum of Understanding with Western Community Action for transit services; action was tabled until July 5th to allow the County Attorney to review the document.

Commissioner Items:

Williamson stated that he attended a Southwestern Mental Health meeting, Extension Committee meeting and a Rural Water meeting.

Hoime stated that he attended an Extension Committee meeting.

Boyenga stated that he attended a Southern Prairie Community Care meeting and stated that the Program Director Mary Fisher had resigned.

Thompson stated that she had attended a Southwest Health and Human Services meeting, Chief Elected Officials (PIC) meeting and that Tyler LeBrun will serve a Rock County's representative on the Private Industry Council Board.

Reisch stated that he had attended a Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting where they are drafting a "Dig It Once" initiative; also attended a Plum Creek Library meeting and Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council meeting.

The Administrator stated that a Commissioner's Tour is coming to Rock County on September 7th; more information will be forthcoming.

With no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

(8-25)

Rock County Commissioners meet July 5

Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.
July 5, 2016

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

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve the July 5, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the June 21, 2016 County Board minutes and 2016 Board of Equalization meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr Rock County Engineer, led a discussion regarding Wheelage Tax with the possibility of implementation. Wheelage Tax allows counties to collect \$10 per licensed registered vehicle with the money dedicated to Road and Bridge account. It is estimated the tax will generate \$90,000 per year. After discussion motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson to adopt Resolution No. 27-16, implementing a Wheelage Tax effective 1 January 2017, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator discussed the draft agreement with Western Area Community Action to provide administrative services for transit until 1 January 2017 when a permanent agreement would replace the temporary agreement. The effective date of the agreement would be effective 1 August 2016. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve the agreement contingent on review and approval of the County Attorney, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented claims and \$1,500 in per diems; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch to approve the claims and per diems as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:

FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,305.47
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	17,220.24
RUPP CONSTRUCTION CO INC	2,866.56
TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	4,000.00
66 Payments less than 2,000	\$19,869.76
TOTAL	\$49,262.03

Ms. Kurtz also presented fund balances, motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson to accept the claims, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator then discussed the impact of the recent retirement by staff in the Land Records Office, it was explained that the retirement may impact the assessments for some of our contract cities. The County Board directed the Administrator and Land Records Director to communicate with the cities the staff changes and that the county is working on training staff to meet the Department of Revenue requirements by 2018.

The County Budget Committee reported it had met with the Sheriff regarding his request for additional staff; the Budget Committee directed the Administrator and Auditor/Treasurer to work with the Sheriff to collect additional information for a future presentation.

Commissioner Boyenga informed the County Board he had attended the Southwest Health and Human Services meeting and that they are working toward a 0% increase for their 2017 request to counties.

Commissioner Thompson discussed the Blue Mound State Park update stating that the state has made the decision not to replace the dam; also that there will be follow-up meeting with the DNR to help determine future plans at the park.

With no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

(08-25)

Lorenzen probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. _____

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT

Estate of
Gerald John Lorenzen
Decedent

It is ordered and Notice is given that on September 12, 2016 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated June 15, 2016. Under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will") and for the appointment of Douglas Lorenzen whose address is 475 221st Street, Jasper, MN 56144 and Roger Lorenzen whose address is 1642 NE Hilltop Lane, Madras, OR 97741 as personal representatives of the Estate in an Unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501.B.41, subd. 5.

(COURT SEAL)

/s/Terry S. Vajrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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(0825, 0901)

EMPLOYMENT

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(8.7-8.25)

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(8.21-9.8)

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(8.18-9.4)

EMPLOYMENT

Full-Time Help Wanted in Meat Department, cutting meat, wrapping, making sausage, and other duties. Call Chad or Verlyn at V&M Locker, Leota to apply 507-443-5372.
(8.25-8.28)

Adrian Public School is currently hiring for a Long Term Substitute for a Second Grade Teacher beginning approximately October 3 through January 2nd, 2017. Interested applicants, please send letter of application, resume, current letters of recommendation, a copy of MN teaching license, and a completed district application to Mr. Roger Graff, Superintendent of Schools, which can be found on our district website at www.isd511.net.
(8.18-9.4)

New Prairie Insulation of Beaver Creek has a full-time Insulation Installer position available. Monday through Friday, health insurance, vacation, holiday, bonus opportunities. Will train. Call Dean at 605-376-3006 or 507-673-2548.
(tc)

EMPLOYMENT

Nursing Assistant: Parkview Manor has openings for part-time nursing aides with benefits to include: health insurance, public retirement plan, and holiday pay. New wages \$11.90/ hr. or more with experience. \$2000 scholarships available for students. Will provide training or pay for experience. Contact Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2388.
(tc)

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(tc)

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MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN SUPERVISOR POSITION

The Luverne Housing and Redevelopment Authority is accepting applications until 3 p.m. Friday, August 26, 2016, for a full-time maintenance/custodial position at the Blue Mound Tower. Individual must be able to work independently and efficiently; must be task orientated, and have a strong, positive work ethic. High School Diploma or GED required

Applicants must have a valid driver's license.
Criminal background check will be required.

Applications are available at Blue Mound Tower Business Office
216 N. McKenzie Street, Luverne, MN 56156
or by calling 507-283-4922.

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Hills-Beaver Creek School District
301 N. Summit Avenue - PO Box 547
Hills, Minnesota 56138
Website: www.hbc Patriots.com
Email: t.holthaus@isd671.net
Telephone: (507)962-3240 Ext. 13

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Apply To: Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email t.holthaus@isd671.net—Please send letter of application and fill out district application for consideration. Application located on the district website www.hbc Patriots.com.
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August 9, 2016

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The family of Randy J. Krell would like to thank you for your outpouring support through your comforting words, cards, phone calls, memorials, food and prayers in the loss of our father, son and brother. Your love and kindness are much appreciated.

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(8.25-8.28)

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your prayers, acts of kindness and support during this time of loss. A special thank you to the first responders, Rock County Ambulance crew as well as the Sanford doctors and nurses. We would also like to thank Dingmann Funeral Home staff, Pastor Cole McCormick, Pastor Ron Nichols and the women of Grace Lutheran who served the luncheon. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful and caring community.

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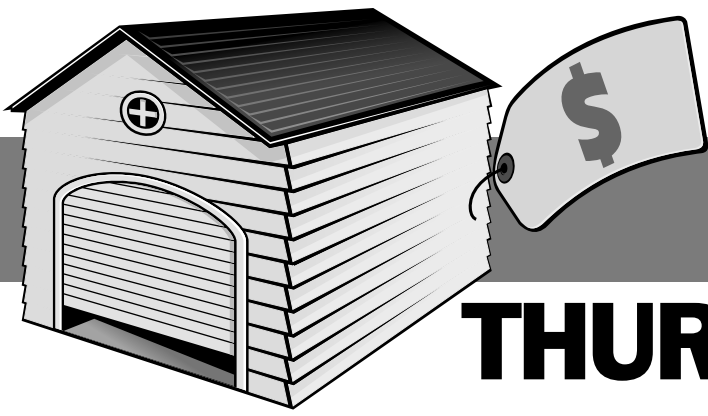


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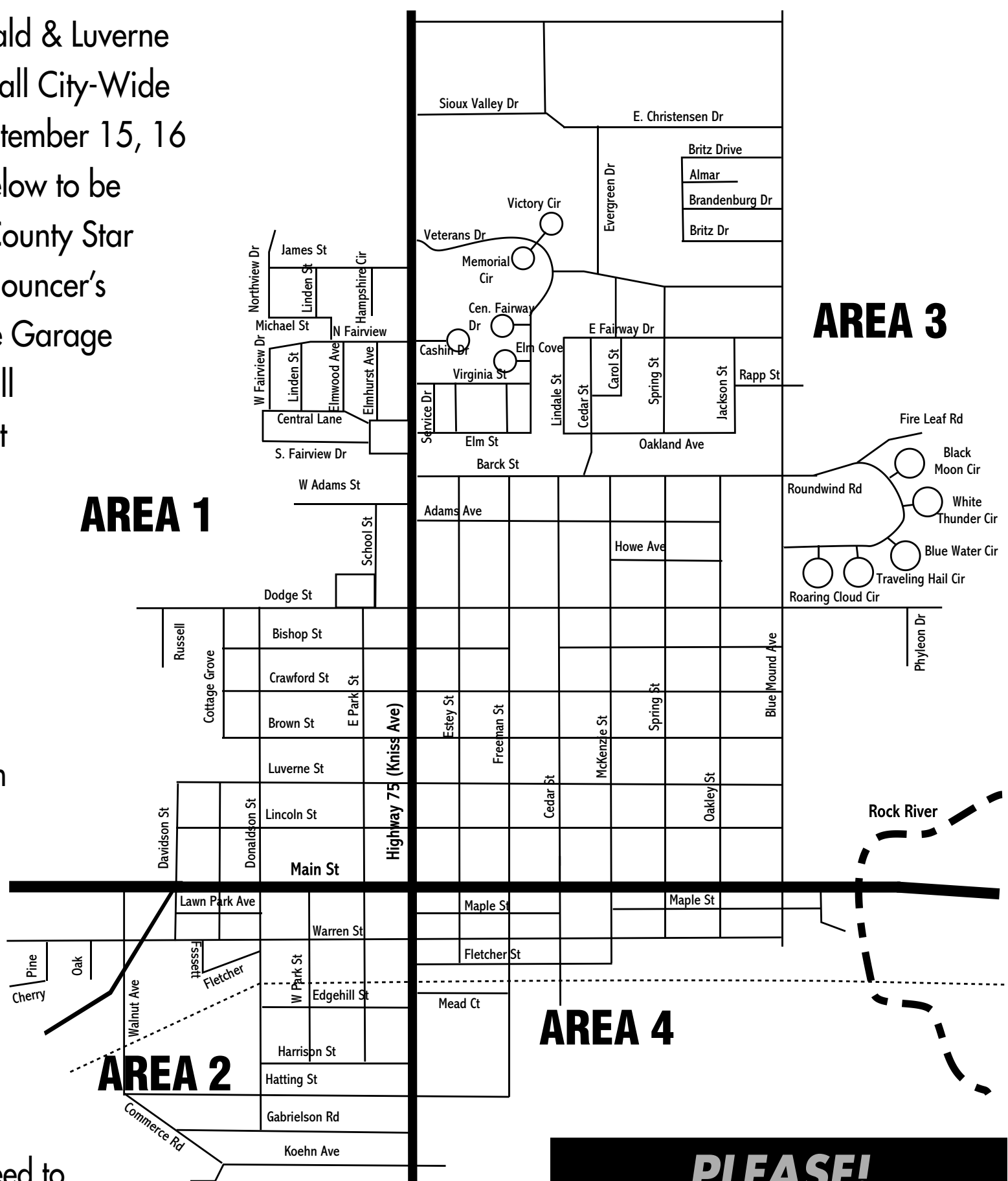
LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 15, 16 & 17. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the *Rock County Star Herald* and *Luverne Announcer* with a Garage Sale header & September 15, 16 & 17 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



**PLEASE!
LIST THE AREA
YOUR ADDRESS
FALLS IN!**

Dividing lines are Hwy. 75 (Kniss Ave.) & Main Street - see map

***** NOTE: An additional \$4 will be charged for an additional address placed in an ad. Limit 2 addresses per coupon. *****

Your ad will look like this:
000 Any Street
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