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Towns set plans for 2016 levies

Area towns' preliminary property tax levies range from zero to 10.1 percent

By Mavis Fodness

For Rock County communities outside of Luverne, preliminary property tax levies ranged from zero to 10.1 percent.

On Sept. 30 cities, counties, townships, school districts and special taxing districts in Minnesota must submit preliminary 2016 tax levy amounts to county auditors.

Each entity will certify their final percentages in December, the last opportunity for levy amounts to be lowered. Preliminary percentage amounts cannot be increased.

According to Rock County Auditor Ashley Kurtz, Beaver Creek submitted a request for a 10.1-percent levy increase from \$125,552 in 2015 to \$138,238 for taxes payable in 2016.

Beaver Creek's fire department will receive the majority of the \$12,686 increase, raising its allocation from \$7,129 in 2015 to \$22,160 in 2016.

"Our council always leaves the preliminary levy high until the November meeting," said city clerk/treasurer Jane Blank.

I don't anticipate that this year will be any different."

The overall \$272,429 budget for Beaver Creek has general fund expenditures of \$154,743, \$10,000 for fire equipment and \$15,000 each for street improvements and street equipment. Another \$1,000 is planned for the firemen's relief fund, \$6,501 for recreation and \$21,900 for debt service.

"In 2016, we will be retiring the debt for the municipal building and other than a fire truck loan, the city will be debt free."

Two communities are planning on raising their levies by 4 percent.

Hardwick will ask for an additional \$1,571 in taxes payable in 2016 for a total preliminary levy amount of \$40,829.

Currently, Hardwick estimates \$103,885 in expenditures in 2016 including \$69,771 for the general fund, \$4,160 for streets and \$20,040 for its fire department. The city also has a debt service amount of \$9,914. Magnolia will ask for an additional \$1,367 (a 4-percent increase) for a 2016 levy amount of \$35,535. Hills increased its levy to \$124,328

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Mavis Fodness photo/1008 Soybean Harvest

Harvest 2015 at full throttle

Lines like this one (left) at CHS Farmers Co-op Elevator in Luverne Friday were common last week as area farmers began bringing new-crop soybeans to elevators Monday, Sept. 28. Yields are looking promising, said Magnolia farmer Paul Doherty (above and below) as he combines a field north of Kanaranzi Friday afternoon. He indicated soybean yields were around 60 to 65 bushels per acre with moisture levels averaging about 10 percent.

According to Monday's Minnesota Crop Progress and Condition, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending Oct. 4, the most for this crop season. During that time, soybean harvest advanced from 35 percent complete to 69 percent in the state, 10 days ahead of last year and five days ahead of the five-year average. For corn, 91 percent of the state's crop is mature, two weeks ahead of schedule and eight days ahead of the five-year average. The corn crop is rated 89 percent good to excellent as grain harvest gets underway.



City Council approves new cable TV franchise in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members have granted a franchise to cable TV company Clarity Telecom, LLC, which is doing business as Vast Broadband.

The council approved an ordinance on the Tuesday, Sept. 22, meeting that outlines the conditions of the franchise agreement.

The Cable TV Board has reviewed the franchise with Clarity Telecom and recommended the city approve a new 10-year franchise with Clarity.

The council action was prompted by the end of the current franchise agreement.

City staff working with Brian Grogan, the city's franchise attorney, over the last few months have negotiated a

new contract with Clarity following a template of the previous agreement with updates.

He told City Council members that he felt comfortable with the deal, and said a primary concern — local, responsive customer service — has been addressed.

The new contract includes the following changes:

- 10-year contract instead of 15,
- new service requirements for extension of service,
- Vast will maintain a Twin Cities-based news, weather, and informational broadcast channel, unless prohibited by law,
- fees for violating franchise

Cable TV franchise/see page 3A

And then there were three

Highway 75 in Luverne changes from four lanes to two, plus turn lane

By Lori Sorenson

Motorists on Highway 75 in Luverne are adjusting to three lanes instead of four since the new system was striped last week.

The new lanes, which are in effect for the full two-mile stretch through Luverne, accommodate one lane of traffic from each direction with a wide turn lane in the middle.

Though it's long been a subject of controversy among local residents and businesses, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said the first week of the new system has been uneventful.

"We haven't had any incidents," Verbrugge said. "Most of the confusion was during construction; the problem hasn't been the driving lanes."

He said older drivers have said it's easier for them to navigate left turns, but Verbrugge said the system is designed to be safer for everyone.

"It's easier to cross two paths than four," he said, pointing out that this is especially true for pedestrians.

In fact the three lane discussion



Lori Sorenson photo/1008 lane striping

This was the scene in Luverne much of last week while crews applied stripes on Highway 75 to designate two driving lanes and one for turning.

in Luverne was born out of concern for students safely crossing Highway 75 near the school campus.

In 2012 plans were in place for

a pedestrian tunnel under Highway 75 until costs for that project nearly

Three lanes on 75/see page 5A

'Combat from behind the camera' Pearsall comes to Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Nationally acclaimed combat photographer Stacy Pearsall was in Luverne Friday to share her story about what combat is like from behind the camera.

While she was in town, the two-time winner of the Military Photographer of the Year award took portrait photographs of local veterans free of charge.

While her camera shuttered away, Pearsall made small talk with her subjects, mostly asking about their military service, and sometimes about their personal lives.

Some of the conversations were light and comical. Others touched on sore subjects, like post-traumatic stress and addiction.

"I'm so glad I did that," Del Nieuwboer, Kenneth, said about his photo session with Pearsall. "She is such a compassionate woman, and I know she's been through it, too."



Lori Sorenson photo/1008 pearsall

Stacy Pearsall photographs Luverne Veteran Paul Witte Thursday afternoon in the Herreid meeting room of the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building.

In three combat tours, Pearsall has earned some of the highest medals for heroism in battle, including the Bronze Star Medal and Air Force Commendation with Valor for heroic actions under fire.

She now suffers seizures from a neck wound she incurred in

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the township hall.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Luverne Senior Dining for lunch and entertainment by the Dancing Divas. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 7 to 283-9846.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

VFW Auxiliary 2757 will meet at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Rock County VFW 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Herreid Military Museum in Luverne. Call Buck Underwood at 449-0632.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the post home.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

One Warm Coat Project

The Rock County One Warm Coat Project is collecting clean, reusable coats (children's coats especially). Coats may be brought to ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street in Luverne Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m. through Oct. 31. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October. Contact Wanda Jarchow at 283-9664 or Lisa Dinger (school) at 283-4497.

Library offers Fall Story Hour events

Story Hour is open to pre-school children ages 4-5. Story Hour will be from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday until Nov. 19. Register your child by calling 449-5040.

Laptime Story Hour is open to ages birth-3 with an adult. No registration is required. Laptime Story Hour will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday through Nov. 20.

Fire Prevention Week events

•The fire hall open house will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. There will be kitchen fire safety and Jaws of Life demonstrations in addition to refreshments.

•Firefighters will assist the public in changing smoke detector batteries Oct. 12. Call City Hall, 449-2388.

4-H Open House

Rock County 4-H will host an Open House/Enrollment Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Community Meeting Room next to the Extension Office at 2 Roundwind Road, Luverne (Health and Human Services Building). All youth in grades K-13 are invited to join any one of the seven clubs in Rock County. Call the Extension Office with any questions at 507-283-1302. Pizza will be served throughout the evening.

Habitat Oktoberfest fundraiser Oct. 10

The SW Minnesota Habitat for Humanity will host an Oktoberfest fundraiser with live music, a rib feed and great beer from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Take 16 Brewery on Main Street in Luverne. Inside seating will be available.

St. Catherine shredding Oct. 10

St. Catherine Church of Luverne Carmelites will again sponsor a Dakota Shred It truck at the corner of Highway 75 and Main at the Laundry Room parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. The truck is capable of shredding large volumes of paper. No need to remove paperclips and staples. A freewill donation will be accepted.

CoffeeBreak to begin Oct. 13

CoffeeBreak will meet at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday beginning Tuesday, Oct. 13, through April 2, at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church (605 N. Estey St.). The Book of Isaiah will be the Bible study.

A get-acquainted kickoff and registration will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6. There is no cost, and all faiths are welcome. StoryHour, a time of play and Bible stories, will be available for children ages 2 through kindergarten, and a nursery is available for the littlest ones.

Call 283-3674 and ask for Cheryl with questions or for a ride.

Rock County Courthouse beefs up security

By Mavis Fodness

Installation of bulletproof glass at the county's court administration office is the latest in several security upgrades to the Rock County Courthouse this year.

The updates stem from a grant received by the Minnesota Judicial Branch to conduct courthouse security training in various regions across the state.

"These training sessions were not offered in response to any specific incident," said state court administration spokesman Beau Berentson in an email. "Though, as we've learned through tragedy, we know Minnesota is not immune to courthouse violence."

The training sessions, provided by the National Center for State Courts, were designed to prepare both court and county officials for different emergency situations, according to Berentson. Focus of the trainings was on safety and security issues of the greatest concern, namely active shooters and hostage situations.

From this training, local court personnel in the Fifth Judicial District have come back to their home counties and evaluated their local courtrooms and administration offices.

In Rock County the court administrator's office requested \$30,000 to \$35,000 in security upgrades to the Luverne location.

By state statute, counties are responsible for the maintenance and operation of the courthouse facilities. The unbudgeted upgrades for Rock County will be paid for from county reserves.

"People visit their local courthouses to access their justice system and handle official government matters within their county," Berentson explained.

"They should have the con-



Mavis Fodness photo/1001 Courthouse Security

Todd Shank (left) and Allan Kruse with Heartland Glass, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, lift the new counter and bulletproof glass frame into place Sept. 22 at the court administrator's office in the Rock County Courthouse. Luverne contractor Okie Honken (right) had already built two signature tables on each side of the window.

fidence that their courthouse is safe and secure — as should the employees and officials who work and serve in the courthouse."

The largest of the security expenditures was the three panes of 1 5/8-inch-thick bulletproof glass installed Sept. 22.

The installation included a new metal frame with a small slot stamped into the counter where paperwork is slid under the glass. Speakers were installed through the glass for easier communication.

Earlier this year panic buttons were installed in various offices within the courthouse including the basement commissioners' room.

Wiring for the interior closed-circuit camera upgrade to high definition was also completed.

Dropped from the list of security improvements was the request for exterior camer-



Mavis Fodness photo/1001 Courthouse Security

Allen Kruse concentrates on installing one of two speakers in the 1 5/8-inch bulletproof glass with co-worker Todd Shank.

as, county administrator Kyle Oldre told commissioners at their July 7 meeting.

Other requested changes included the locking of unoccupied rooms within the courthouse along with daily

inspections of each floor of the courthouse.

"We need to do some drills either active shooter, bomb scare or fire drill," Oldre said.

No drills schedule has been established.

Board approves LEGO League program

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Middle School will join the First LEGO League in offering an additional after-school opportunity for students.

School board members approved the additional offering at their regular monthly meeting Sept. 24.

"We would like to get underway by Oct. 13 and meet once a week for practice," said Middle/High School Principal Ryan Johnson.

Start-up cost for Luverne's LEGO League program is \$1,600 with estimated yearly expenditures of \$1,101.

Besides the cost of an adviser (\$736), the next highest cost is a start-up robotics set. Each set costs \$499.

The Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association will sponsor the initial LEGO robot.

"The Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers As-



Mavis Fodness photo/School LEGO League

Lucas Peters (right) with the Rock County Soybean Growers Association presents graphic arts teacher Bill Thompson and school social worker Stacy Schepel with a start-up kit for the new after-school LEGO League beginning this month.

sociation saw this as an opportunity to support local educational efforts and share with students the many ways they can be involved in agri-

culture besides being a farmer," said Lucas Peters, association president.

"This new offering should test and teach students cre-

ative engineering and robotic skills. All of the skills will be needed in the agricultural industry in the future," he added.

As members of the First LEGO League (FLL), Luverne can send one team of 9- to 14-year-old students to compete at the regional level. Teams can have a maximum of 10 members.

In FLL the competitions involve three areas: the robotics game, a real-world project and the league's core values.

This year's real world project centers on trash and finding ways to lessen or improve the way people handle the trash they make.

"We have 10 kids interested in Year 1 of our LEGO league," said adviser Bill Thompson.

He said he already has sponsors interested in purchasing additional LEGO sets

Lego League/see page 8A



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combat. "She made you feel important," Nieuwboer said. "Like you're somebody."

During his photo session with Pearsall, both the camera operator and subject shared tears when Nieuwboer answered questions about his service in Vietnam.

"I wasn't on the front lines, but there was a lot of killing going on both sides," he said. "It kind of gets to a person. I saw some things and did some things you have to do."

He said he was haunted for years by one young soldier so badly traumatized that he was asking for his mommy.

"You feel so helpless. There was just not a lot that you could do. It was just so hard," Nieuwboer said. "I always wondered what happened to that kid."

And, he said, it didn't help that the political atmosphere at home made returning soldiers feel like bad people.

In his short photo session with Pearsall, Nieuwboer talked about these things, and she promised to stay in touch.

"I have a lot of respect for her and for what she's doing," he said.

Pearsall started the Veterans Portrait Project in 2008 while she rehabilitated from combat injuries she sustained in Iraq.

Spending hours in VA hospital waiting rooms surrounded by veterans from every generation and branch of service, Pearsall said she was compelled to thank them the only way she knew how — through photography.

She's traveled to over 40 cities with the Veterans Portrait Project and has documented more than 3,000 veterans so far.

In Luverne Thursday, she said the process is as rewarding for her as it is for the veterans.

"It was a way to get a camera back in my hands," she said.

Her local visit was sponsored by Remember Rally, a non-profit organization started by Diane Sherwood to raise money for soldiers and rescue workers affected by the chemicals of 9-11 and combat.

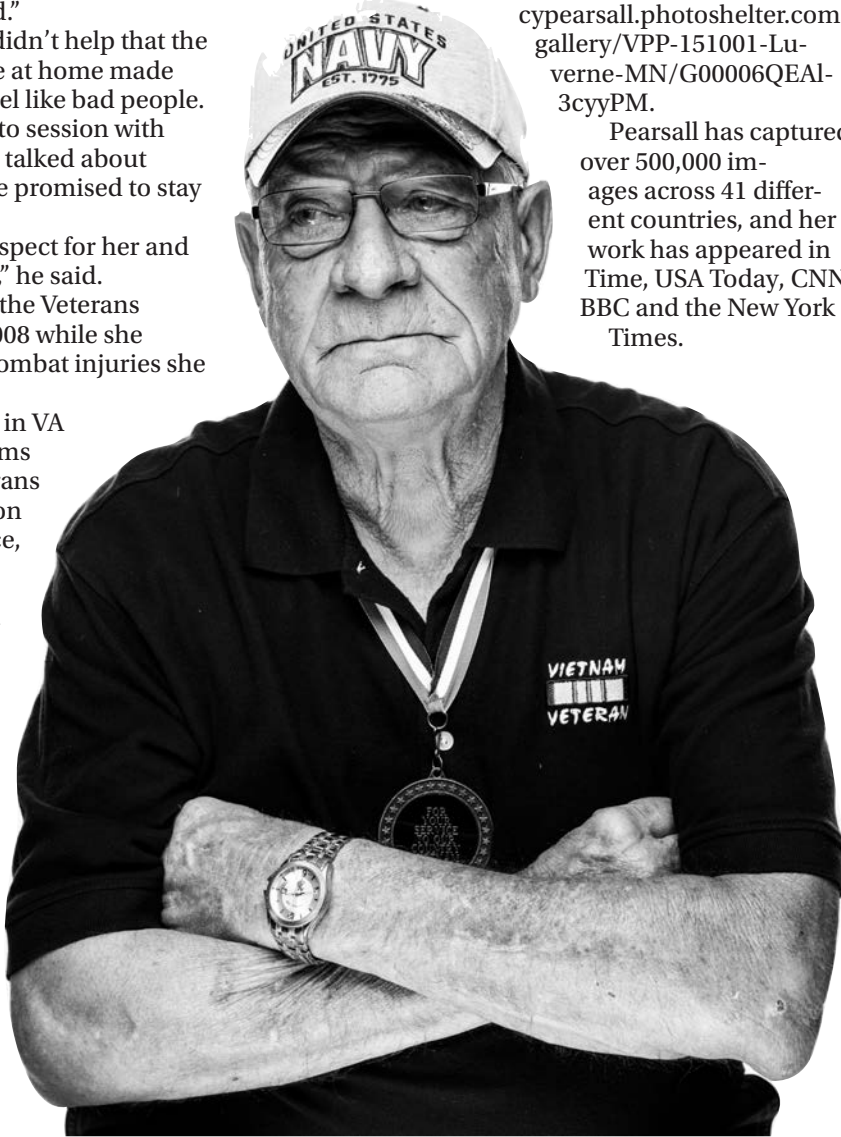
Sherwood, Luverne, said Pearsall left a profound impression on many of the subjects she photographed.

"It's just so important for them to share their stories," Sherwood said.

"I think it has done so much for every single veteran here."

Results of the Luverne photo session can be viewed at <http://stacypearsall.photoshelter.com/gallery/VPP-151001-Luverne-MN/G00006QEAL-3cyyPM>.

Pearsall has captured over 500,000 images across 41 different countries, and her work has appeared in Time, USA Today, CNN, BBC and the New York Times.



Lori Sorenson photo/1008 pearsall veteran photographs

Combat photographer Stacy Pearsall takes a selfie with Jack Lauer, Brandon, who told her he was drafted in the Navy the day of his graduation in 1943. He was one of 20 veterans Pearsall photographed Thursday, Oct. 1, in Luverne for her Veterans Portrait Project.

Beginning the second weekend in October, her work will be on display at

the Carnegie Cultural Center through the end of October in conjunction with the

veterans exhibit.

While in Luverne last week, Pearsall also shared her story about the hardships of combat and about what it's like to be a woman and a photographer who documented some of the most dangerous battles in recent U.S. war history.

She spoke to students in area high schools — Luverne, Adrian, Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth — Friday morning. Friday night she presented her story to the public in the historic Palace Theatre.

Sherwood said it's a compelling message for everyone.

"Not only do her images tell the story of the soldiers she's documented, but they also tell her own tale of friendships she made and tragically lost," Sherwood said.



Photo by ProductionFor

"I'm so glad I did that," Del Nieuwboer, Kenneth, said about his photo session with Stacy Pearsall Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building. "She is such a compassionate woman, and I know she's been through it, too." He's pictured above in an exchange that moved both of them to tears. At left is one of Pearsall's portraits of Nieuwboer that appears on her Veterans Portrait Project website.

Luverne District residents to vote on referendum renewal this fall

The Luverne School District will place a question on the ballot in November to extend an existing referendum for 10 years.

The \$763.34 per pupil referendum will continue to bring in \$837,886 per year and

allow the district to operate with current state programs and services for students for the next decade.

Luverne Public Schools offer comprehensive pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 programming and will con-

tinue providing quality education through proper staffing and programming levels. The district will continue updating as needed in all areas as educational trends evolve.

The district is seeking the referendum renewal to contin-

ue an existing referendum that is scheduled to expire. Passage of this referendum extends an existing operating referendum at the same amount per pupil as in the previous years.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-

homestead), the taxes for the proposed renewal referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only.

There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of other agricultural lands and

buildings.

Voting will take place in the Luverne High School gymnasium on Nov. 3 with polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Call Superintendent Craig Oftedahl at 507-283-8088 with questions.

Local English man takes oath of citizenship

By Mavis Fodness

After more than a decade of making the United States his primary residence, Luverne's Miles Brown recently decided to make it his permanent choice by becoming a U.S. citizen.

Last week, surrounded by family members, Brown and 337 others took an oath of allegiance at naturalization ceremonies Monday, Sept. 28, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park.

"I think it was cool," he said. "Very emotional."

Brown stood next to a Japanese woman and an Iranian immigrant as they listened to a listing of where all the attendees were from.

He admitted he has never heard of some of the countries, but he knows they will be living a better life in the U.S., one that he has been enjoying with his wife, Mary, and their five children, Brenna, Zoe, Tom, Zach and Liam.

That growing family had put the naturalization process on the back burner for Brown until six months ago when he decided to go forward with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's naturalization process.

He began the process by paying the filing fee and completing the required paperwork. Then came the personal interviews and the passing of English and civic tests.

The 40-minute ceremony to receive a certificate of nationalization completed Brown's path to citizenship.



Submitted photo

Miles Brown officially became a U.S. citizen on Sept. 28 with his family in attendance. Pictured in the front row are (from left) Liam, Zach, (back) wife Mary, Brenna and Tom. Daughter Zoe, who is studying in England this fall, is not pictured. At right, Miles Brown holds his certificate of naturalization.

At the ceremony he also registered to vote.

"To me, if you're going to live somewhere, you need to be a part of the country," Brown said.

"I am very glad I got it done."

He celebrated with his family at a nearby pub by ordering a meal reminiscent of his native England — fish and chips.

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agreement,

- new PEG fees of \$.95 per customer — to be used by the city for the formation of a city-operated access channel; the PEG fees will not start until a new franchise agreement is in effect with MediaCom (estimated Jan. 1, 2017),

- capital equipment grant of \$2,500 for the access channel,

- franchise fees will be paid quarterly,
- new insurance requirements for Vast.

The ordinance was approved unanimously.

"Congratulations," Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian told the cable representatives at the meeting. "Welcome to Luverne."

In October 2014 Clarity Telecom purchased WOW, which purchased Knology in 2012.

Clarity has operated cable and telecommunications businesses for more than 20 years and is headquartered in Sikeston, Missouri.

There are still only two cable providers in Luverne, the new Vast (Clarity) and the existing Mediacom.

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Turning old farm buildings into flat spots is bittersweet

Anyone driving by the old Juhl place on County Road 8 last week saw an unusual sight — an old granary being pushed slowly across the yard by a bulldozer.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

She put up a good fight, she did. The building was so well made the second story remained completely intact — right up to the time the excavator shoved her into the burn pit and began smashing her.

I felt a little guilty watching the show. Being a descendant from frugal, sensible people, wasting things is not what we do. A guy could have dismantled the old building board by board, nail by nail, and (maybe) had a nice pile of old wood and some sheets of tin in a few months' time.

Or a guy could call the bulldozer people and be done in a day.

The granary was not the only shed on the old Juhl place that met its demise last week. The old shop, the old horse barn, the old hog barn, the trees in the old fence line — all gone and replaced by one of my favorite things — a flat spot.

I'll admit there were a few nostalgic moments. My husband and I saved the two-by-twelve boards that made up the floor of the hayloft in the old horse shed. As we pulled up the floorboards, I couldn't help but think of the fun our kids and their friends had playing there. Never mind the hours and hours our youngest daughter spent in that building with her horses.

Even the old tree line had a few fun memories. Our son once built a tree fort in the renegade

poplar tree that grew out of the lilac hedge. My husband believes some of his long-lost tools were probably still at the base of that tree when the dozer pushed it over.

The hog shed that we called "the Hamp barn" actually began its life in Luverne — right about where I live now on the very north end of town. Grandpa Edmonds (who was frugal and not inclined to call the bulldozer people) moved the shed to the country in the 1970s where it lived a happy life — until now.

When we were newlyweds, my husband and I would "sit with a sow" in the Hamp barn and watch the rats dance across the edges of the pens. Good times.

In its later life, the Hamp barn was home to chickens, rabbits and runt pigs rescued from the finisher. In its very late life, the Hamp barn roof began to peel off. Trees started to grow out of the rain-soaked, rotting hay bales in the loft. Volunteer trees grew in front of the doors, making it impossible to open them. Broken windows allowed birds to nest inside.

It was bittersweet watching the sheds go one by one. The grandkids won't play in the hayloft like their parents did ...

But that's OK. Time — like a granary being pushed by a bulldozer — moves slowly forward. Next spring, green alfalfa sprouts will emerge from the flat spots.

And life on the farm goes on.

This week is National Fire Prevention Week: 'Hear the beep where you sleep'

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, has named the theme of this year's campaign, Oct. 4-10, 2015, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

"Working smoke alarms can make the difference between life and death in a fire," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of outreach and advocacy.

"This year's Fire Prevention Week message reinforces the importance of having smoke alarms in key locations where they can make that difference."

According to NFPA, the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half when there are working smoke alarms. While research shows that most U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Large homes may require

more alarms.

Test your smoke alarms every month, and replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

The newly released NFPA report "Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires" reveals data from 2009-2013 that underscores the importance of working smoke alarms. Information includes:

- An average of 940 deaths per year occurred in homes with no smoke alarms, while an additional 510 occurred in homes with smoke alarms that failed to operate. This accounts for 59 percent of all home fire deaths.

- The death rate in homes without alarms or without working ones was 1.18 deaths per 100 reported fires, compared to only 0.53 in homes with working devices.

- Alarms operated correctly

87 percent of the time in reported fires large enough to activate them. Power source problems are the leading cause of smoke alarm failures. Hardwired devices were more likely to operate than those that were battery-powered.

- The lowest death rate was seen in homes that contained both hardwired smoke alarms and sprinklers.

- When homes did have working smoke alarms, victims were more likely to have been located in the place of origin, to be 65 or older, to have a physical disability or to have tried to fight the fire themselves.

NFPA's Fire Prevention Week website offers smoke alarm information and resources for parents and teachers, and for fire departments working to implement a Fire Prevention Week campaign in their communities

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL



Great job, Luverne school, on serving fresh fruit, veggies, milk

To start off, I must say that I am impressed by the quality of our school's meals. Last week I had lunch with my boys at the school. Fresh fruit, veggies and milk were gleefully ingested by children all around me. Great job, Luverne school! Go Cards!



HEALTHY BYTES

By Mary Brown, RN, Luverne

also show them what to show the world, and how to show it. It's really a team effort. However, through my years of parenting, I've noticed that my children often save their less stellar performances for me. Gee thanks. No, actually, thank you, kids. Really.

You see, children will often try different behaviors on for size — whether this is related to the manner in which they address their parents, the clothes they wear, or the foods that they eat. Case in point — the child who raises his or her hand to speak in class and eats vegetables without so much as a grumble in school versus that same child interrupting at the dinner table at home and making noise about the choice of vegetable served at home. I'm certain I'm not alone in noticing this.

A couple of thoughts spring from this. First, school lunches are improving all the time, and the kids seem to be satisfied when they are done eating them. That was heartening to see. Second, hold the line at home folks. Your child is capable of eating vegetables. If they grumble, they will still likely eat the veggies. It seems they do in school!

As for the kids showing me their worst from time to time, remember, Mom is familiar, and, well, Mom is Mom. I'm pretty sure that sometimes my kid is looking for that boundary to be set, that consistency to be maintained. Boundaries make kids feel safe and secure, especially when maintained by the people they know and love best. That's you, Mom and Dad. Hang in there!

By the way, if you're having trouble getting the kids to eat their veggies, one trick is to serve the supper vegetable before supper, when the kids are circling like vultures complaining of starvation! Try setting out the green beans on the table, and watch them disappear!

Brown is registered nurse with an interest in health promotion and fitness. She can be reached at unionjack524@gmail.com.

License plates replaced every seven years for safety reasons

By Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Why are "new" license plates issued every seven years?

Answer: Minnesota State Statute 168.12 states, "Plates issued for passenger automobiles must be issued for a seven-year period. All plates issued under this paragraph must be replaced if they are seven years old or older at the time of registration renewal or will become so during the registration period."

The replacement is in part due to the safety reflectorization required for the plate. It's required that Minnesota license plates be readable from 110 feet and be visible from a vehicle equipped with normal headlights at 1,500 feet. The reflective materials in the plate sheeting degrade over time and are warranted for five years, but seven-year replacements are less interruptive. Minnesota's

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challenging environment stresses the plate's sheeting and reflectorization and those in rural areas are subjected to additional strains. The replacement also helps reduce registration tax avoidance.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. He may also be reached at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us or on his Twitter feed at MSPPIO_SOUTH.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 25

- Complainant called and asked if someone lost some tires because they are on his boulevard. We had an incident yesterday where a semi went by the school and lost a tire and it flew into the church parking lot and kept going. Probably the same one. No one got any information on the semi.

- Complainant reported that a vehicle on N. Estey Street has not moved and is filled with junk. Contacted the owner and told her to get it out of there or it will be towed.

- Complainant reported she is being harassed.

- Complainant reported a domestic situation that involved the whole family.

- Complainant requested to speak with someone with questions about an HRO.

- Reserved for canine sniff.

- Complainant requested a deputy come and check on some hitchhikers by Expressway.

- Complainant reported a counterfeit bill.

- Complainant reported they are sending in a driver's evaluation on subject.

- Complainant reported a possible criminal sexual conduct.

- Complainant reported another possible criminal sexual conduct.

- Hills Fire Department will be out at the game.

- Complainant reported a white van parked between some garages and two people are loading boxes into the van. Complainant thinks it looks suspicious.

Sept. 26

- Complainant reported the house at the end of her block has people outside yelling and screaming.

- Complainant reported her landlord is trying to get into her house. Called back and said he put his hands on her and his wife called her a bitch.

- Complainant reported an SUV with New York plates went past his traffic stop by Adrian at a high rate of speed.

- Complainant reported a theft. Turned out to be a civil matter and family and child issue.

- Complainant reported a white four door Buick with South Dakota plates just ran a stop arm.

- Complainant reported she is getting harassing text from subject. Deputy told her they are not threatening and she should block the texts.

Sept. 27

- Complainant reported a loud party outside on N. Spring Street.

- Complainant reported subject is drunk and has a shotgun out and there is someone else in the house.

- Complainant reported issues with a neighbor coming over. Both parties were advised if he comes over again, he will be charged with trespassing.

- Complainant reported someone stole her debit card out of her garage when she was out mowing the lawn.

- Complainant reported a house that's in foreclosure has lights on. Deputy checked and house is secure and locked. There may be a short in the house.

- Deputy took subject to his residence and left his vehicle on the shoulder of the road on County Rd. 6. It is out of the way.

Sept. 28

- Complainant brought in something that he found in his daughter's house that he would like checked out.

- Complainant reported he witnessed a possible violation of an Order for Protection.

- Complainant reported someone walking on the street yelling racial slurs at others nearby.

- Complainant reported garbage thrown on their property where they farm. Complainant advised it has happened several times.

- Reserved for POR registration.

- Complainant reported an electronic check that was put through her bank account that was not authorized.

- Complainant reported a car sitting in the cemetery with a man in it. Complainant wasn't sure if the man was dead or alive but was not going to check. Deputy reported that everything was OK.

- Dispatcher received a 911 call from someone who said it was a wrong number and hung up. Sent deputy to make sure everything was OK.

- Complainant reported someone stole half of his prescription medication.

- Complainant reported they had a callout to Windom for a barricaded subject.

Sept. 29

- Complainant requested to speak with someone about a family matter and living conditions.

- Complainant turned himself in on a Washington County warrant. He was taken to jail.

- Complainant requested to speak with someone about a family matter and living conditions.

- Complainant found two different license plates and a set of keys. They are at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

- Complainant reported a dispute about a child custody issue.

- Complainant reported his nephew is being harassed.

- Complainant reported a white Ford explorer with Minnesota plates going back and forth over the centerline and fog line doing between 40-65 mph on Hwy. 75 from Trosky south. Deputy stopped vehicle and said driver was just tired.

Sept. 30

- Complainant reported custody issues.

- Complainant reported they will be replacing culverts on 211th St. between 110th and 120th avenues. Road will be closed today.

- Complainant reported road will be closed for two days on County Rd. 15 and 110th Ave.

- Complainant reported subject is posting untrue things about her on Facebook.

- Dispatcher received a 911 hang-up call. Number turned out to be a fax number.

Oct. 1

- Complainant reported a silver Buick traveling westbound on I-90 crossing the center and fog lines and was speeding. Patrol reported subject almost hit an overpass.

- Deputy reported that he found an open door with lights on in the garage. Deputy spoke with owners and doors were taken care of.

- Complainant reported threats and harassment.

- Lifeline reported button activation. Dispatch contacted Poplar Creek to find subject. All was well with her and she wasn't in the room.

- Complainant reported semis waiting to load corn are partially blocking the road at County Roads 5 and 6.

- Complainant requested a deputy for the parade in Hills on Friday afternoon to do traffic control at County Rd. 6 and 2nd Ave.

- Complainant requested a welfare check on subject, as there are some concerns. Deputy spoke with subject and everything was fine.

- Complainant reported they were doing a lockdown drill.

- Complainant reported he lost a brown wallet with his driver's license, debit card, school activity pass and some cash.

- Complainant requested deputy arrest subject for pretrial offense. Subject was taken to jail.

- Complainant reported subject moved out a month ago and took some of his stuff. Civil issue.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 funeral escort, 10 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 6 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 1 fingerprint request, 1 gas drive-off, 7 log/alarm sheets, 8 drug court tests, and issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 3 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/1008 lane striping

The photograph above, which shows four driving lanes of traffic on Highway 75 in Luverne, was taken in July of 2014, and the one below, which shows two driving lanes and a center turn lane, was taken last week. Both were taken one block north of the stoplights facing south.



Three lanes on Highway 75/continued from 1A

doubled and planners questioned whether pedestrians would all use one crossing location anyway.

In addition to pedestrian flashing lights, the Minnesota Department of Transportation recommended streamlining vehicles into two lanes.

At the time, state engineers met with resistance from local drivers who said they'd be bottle-necked behind slow traffic and have long waits to enter Highway 75 at intersections.

They pointed out there will still be the same number of vehicles on the highway, but the number of crashes will be reduced.

From 2003 to 2012, there were 88 crashes on South Highway 75 in Luverne.

Of those, the majority have been rear-end type collisions caused by a motorist stopping in a lane to negotiate a turn when traffic approaching from

the rear doesn't notice the vehicle is stopped.

Other common crashes are sideswipe crashes, which typically occur when motorists make lane changes to avoid a turning car in front of them — only to hit a car that's in the lane they're moving into.

"A driver needs to quickly change lanes to accommodate an unanticipated turn," said MNDOT engineer Scott Thompson at a March 2013 meeting in Luverne.

"They're trying to judge four lanes of traffic, and they're misjudging the gap."

Given the previous crash history on South Highway 75 in Luverne, Thompson said the three-lane setup could mean 28 fewer crashes over the next 10 years, or three fewer crashes per year.

On North Highway 75, where there were 66 crashes in the past 10 years, the three-

lane configuration could mean 21 fewer crashes, or two per year in the next 10 years.

"Studies show a significant reduction in crashes, by 30 percent and in some instances as high as 60 to 80 percent," Thompson said.

He said there's a "traffic calming" effect when lanes change from four to three.

"It changes the traffic environment in that motorists tend to slow down in respect to what feels like a narrower roadway," Thompson said. "It's still 48 feet."

Given the recent discussion on social media, public opinion of the three lanes is still negative, many complaining of slower travel times.

Verbrugge however, pointed out that all this is likely more perception than reality.

"Luverne's only two miles by two miles; how long can it take," he said Monday.

Preliminary levies/continued from page 1A

for a 1.1-percent increase in action taken earlier this month.

With no levy increase requested by Kenneth, \$13,500 is the preliminary designated

amount for general fund expenditures, Kurtz said.

For communities with a population of less than 500, state statute doesn't require

their councils to conduct Truth in Taxation hearings, Kurtz added.

Hills will conduct its hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.

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Derby attracts more than 40 fishing participants

The Luverne Optimists Fishing Derby was Sept. 20 at the Veterans Home pond in Luverne attracting more than 40 participants along with their parents and chaperones. The event featured prizes, raffles and hot dogs and juice. Winners included Ashlyn Johnson, Lucas Brockberg, Karson Phillips, Wesley Ykema, Riley Anderson, Emma Lusty and Maly Fick.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A son, Rhett Anthony, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, 21 inches long, was born Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Anthony and Abbe Kolar, Sioux Falls. Grandparents are Jon and Patty Kolar of Tracy and Gene and Margie Homan of White River, South Dakota.

Great-grandparents are Nina Pulver and Robert and Geneva Kolar, Walnut Grove.

Card showers

LeRoy and Verla Fick will celebrate their 50th anniversary Friday, Oct. 16. Greetings may be sent to 1034 110th Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Oct. 12: Cabbage roll casserole, green beans, peaches, bread, pudding.

Program: Columbus Day; 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Pork steak, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, scalloped apples.

Program: \$2 Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Meatloaf, potatoes, creamed corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Program: 1 p.m. make cards with Alyce.

Thursday, Oct. 15: Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread, poke cake.

Program: 5 p.m. NLCC Food Mission.

Friday, Oct. 16: Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit, cheesecake.

Program: 12:15 p.m. Site Council.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2005)

Rock County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the bond for the Law Enforcement Center of \$1.75 million at 4.3 percent interest.

20 years ago (1995)

Bruce Baartman, Luverne, is the new technology coordinator for the Luverne School District. He started work Sept. 25. While his temporary office looks like a warehouse for computer supplies right now, he's already busy.

Crews from Ed Tech are working nights to install cable and connections for the computer network in the Luverne Middle School/High School building by Nov. 1.

50 years ago (1965)

A scarlet arrow will be the symbol of the Luverne Community Fund and the slogan of the drive for funds will be "Help the Red Arrow Hit the Mark." The Red Arrow was selected for the official emblem because it is symbolic of this Sioux country.

The community campaign for 11 different agencies is scheduled to start in Luverne October 28 or 29, according to Ray Frick, general chairman.

The committee on budget and agency relations, headed by Dick Creeger, has set up a goal of \$9,500 for Luverne's first campaign.

75 years ago (1940)

Farmers and city dwellers alike from the entire county are expected to be on hand Tuesday to witness the agriculture classic of the year — the county corn husking contest.

Among those who will try for the county title and for the opportunity to compete against other county winners for the district title in Martin county on October 22 are Glenn Leech, Alvin Priesz, Alfred Wahlert, Kenneth Shade, and Henry Smith of Luverne; Paul Metzger, of Hills; Herbert Ross, Sherman; Fritz De Groot, Magnolia, and Merten Peterson, of Hardwick.

100 years ago (1915)

An extremely moderate scale of prices will be in effect at the New Palace theatre during the engagement of Milton Schuster and "The Graces of Musical Comedy," under the direction of Col. J. L. Davis, on October 9 and 10. A little trick played by Manager Jochim on the company resulted in a much lower price scale.



Submitted photo

Class of 1945 celebrates 70th

The Luverne High School Class of 1945 celebrated its 70th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 19, with a noon luncheon at Sterling's Café & Grille on Main Street in Luverne. Pictured are (front row, from left) Mary Ann (Berning) Slagel, Dorothy (Kemerling) Petersen, Mabel (Tofteland) Overgaard, Arlyn Hemme, (back) Neva (Baustian) Clausen, Shirley (Skoland) Ford, Eunice (Groth) Witry and John Krogmann. Following the luncheon, classmates took a trolley tour of Luverne to see all of the changes in the community. On Sunday they attended the 100th Birthday Celebration of the Palace Theatre, which included a silent movie, tours of the theatre and birthday cake.

1965: Community Fund campaign surpasses original goal by more than \$4,100

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on November 25, 1965:

COMMUNITY FUND GIFTS, PLEDGES EXCEED \$13,000

Luverne's first annual Community Fund campaign came to a glorious, smashing triumph of a climax this week.

Cash in the bank from the campaign totaled \$10,850.

Pledges to be paid during the coming year total \$2,817.70.

This makes a total of \$13,667.70 raised by the campaign solicitors who didn't leave a stone unturned in a united effort to make the Community Fund drive a success.

The quota set by the budget committee for the fund had

been \$9,500.

Looking back at the results as against the original hopes officials of the Community Fund admitted that they might have been much too timid in setting a goal for the first drive.

Because it was the first campaign and because the time allotted for the Community Fund drive was impossibly short and on unbelievably short notice, it was thought better to set a smaller quota than a more realistic quota.

Underestimated Response

"We underestimated the potential response," said Dr. Robert Keitel who headed the campaign division of the Community Fund.

"And we also underestimated the approval of Luverne residents who showed by their gifts they heartily endorse the fund idea of giving once and giving for all."

The canvassing organizations who have been included in the Community Fund this year all had conducted financial drives here the past five years.

No doubt there will be a number of other organizations who will want to be included in the 1966 Community Fund campaign. The U.S.O. would be a typical example because of the expanded need for the U.S.O. because of the Viet Nam situation.

Great credit was given to the women who did such

wonderful work in the campaign. The women's division, which handled the residential canvassing, were responsible for a \$4,071 total in gifts.

Mrs. Les Murphy was co-chairman of the fund drive with Dr. Keitel, and Don Dennis serving as assistant to Keitel and Mrs. Chester Holm and Mrs. Milo Kontz serving as co-chairwomen of the women's division.

More Agencies Next Year

Ray Frick, who headed the Community Fund organization, said that the fund this year had made provision for 11 organizations.

"There will be more who now will want to participate," he said.

"There will be other organizations who will conduct direct mail campaigns, many of them worthy indeed, and individuals will have to use their own judgment on those organizations."

But--- the smashing response to the Community Fund drive is evidence that people who have been solicited for many a drive in the past and donors who have wearied of multiple appeals want a Community Fund for Luverne.

"We had wonderful support from the workers and we had a wonderful response from the citizens of Luverne," said Frick. "The women did a terrific job. It was wonderful all the way thru and everyone



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

can be really proud of the outcome."

'Tanks of Thanks' given

Cenex stations offer free fuel to those who "go the extra mile" through the Tanks for Thanks program, and Glen's Food and Gas employees recently recognized and rewarded people who they thought go above and beyond in their hometown. One of those was Greg Lingen for his Garden of Hope and Luverne High School's Peer Helpers. Pictured at the Tanks of Thanks recognition at Glen's Food and Gas are (front, from left) Heather Steensma, store manager; Shirley Akkerman, store cashier; Glen Gust, owner; Peggy Lippert, Harms Oil representative; and recipients Ed Salzer, Diana Tomlinson, Mariah Aukes, Shirley Conner, Betty Mann and Greg Lingen; (back) Mark Sweetman, Harms Oil representative; recipients George Bonnema, John Sohl, Derek Krueger, Erik Wahnoutka, Carly Serie, Susan Thompson and Tommy Norman; Sherri Thompson of Glen's and Elaine Harms, Peer Helpers adviser.





Submitted photo

Class of 1965 celebrates 50 years

The Luverne High School Class of 1965 gathered for a 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne. Pictured are (front, from left) Bob Bertrand, Larry Stoterau, Alon Hemme, Bryce Davis, Tom Thomas, Kathy (Molitor) Deuschle, Jerry Deuschle, Bob Nelson, Joe Kafka, Susan (Jacobson) Jones, Charlene (VanIperen) Hovland, Becky (Hammann) Husen, Rod Walgrave, Tom Kozney, Diana (Chapin) Ouverson, (second row) Lon Remme, Loree (Untiedt) Davis, Janet (Boone) Jessen, Jeanne (Boone) Bowron, Linda (Janssen) Koranda, Sharon (Leslie) Gilman, Louise (Janssen) Parent, Carlene (Jessen) Boll, Jayona (Collins) Bowman, Jeanne (Viland) Ellsworth, Ginny (Fikse) Tilstra, Shirley (Johnson) Olney, Ethel (Wilcox) Nelson, Judy (Anderson) Thone, Nancy Hengeveld, (third row) Curt Laudon, Karen (Christensen) Kullnat, Randy Eide, Linda (Mann) Berghorst, Gail (Mann) Goembel, Randa (Smith) Gangestad, Ginny (Oye) Peters, Larry Boll, Becky (Birkeland) Herreid, Jackie (Mulder) Gertz, Maxine (Kiebach) Johnson, Marlene (Johansen) Nelson, Mary (Peterson) Ritchie and Chuck Lippi.

OBITUARIES

Sharon Maras

Sharon Helen Maras, 69, Superior, Iowa, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, at the Spencer hospital in Spencer, Iowa.

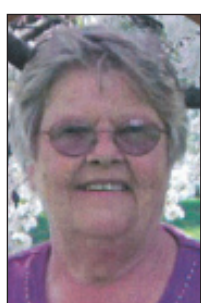
A funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at Faith Lutheran Church in Orange City, Iowa.

Sharon Swenson was born Oct. 9, 1945, to Walter and Helen (Moerke) Swenson. She was raised on the family farm in Springwater Township northwest of Luverne and graduated from the Beaver Creek High School in 1963.

On Dec. 24, 1966, Sharon married Eugene Maras in Luverne. They made their home in Alton where they raised their four children. Sharon lost her husband on July 3, 1987, and shortly thereafter moved to Superior where she resided ever since.

She enjoyed nature, bird watching, camping, fishing, sewing, knitting, and she never missed the Luverne Band Festival.

Sharon is survived by



four children, Patrick (Mindi) Maras, Marion, Iowa; Paul Maras, Alton, Iowa; Kristy Maras, Des Moines, Iowa; and Bradley (Christina) Maras, North Liberty, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Tony, Dylan, Mitchell, Lennon, Autumn and Christopher Maras, Evelyn Maras, and Cade and Lauren Maras; five great-grandchildren; seven siblings and their spouses, Glen Swenson, and Janet (John) Sudenga, all of Luverne; Gordon Swenson, Hardwick; Marlys (Gary) Roloff, Round Lake, Illinois; Carol Swenson, St. Paul; Gloria (Gary) Ernston, Lakeville; Cindy (Red) Cauwels, Adrian; and her good friends Betty and Naomi; and many other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sharon was preceded in death by a grandson, Sean Patrick Maras. Arrangements were by Oolman Funeral Home, Orange City, Iowa.

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Evelyn Alink

Evelyn Hannah Alink, 97, rural Hermosa, South Dakota, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015.

A graveside inurnment service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, at South Park Cemetery in Roswell, New Mexico.

Evelyn Nelson was born to Paul and Sarah (Fletcher) Nelson on Oct. 17, 1917, in Stockholm, South Dakota. Her family moved to Irene, South Dakota. When Irene was five years old, her mother died. She then lived in a foster home for five years. When her father remarried, she and her siblings lived with him and their stepmother on a farm near Viborg, South Dakota. She worked in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for three years.

On Oct. 16, 1942, she married Elmer Alink in Luverne. They farmed near Luverne before retiring and moving to Roswell in 1977. After Elmer died in December 1981, she continued to reside in their home for 20 years before mov-



ing to Villa Del Rey retirement Village in Roswell. In April 2010 she moved back to South Dakota to live with her son, Paul, and his wife, Mary.

She loved and lived the true teachings of the Bible. She enjoyed writing and receiving letters, crafts and rock collecting.

Evelyn is survived by four sons, Robert (Sharon) Alink, Sioux Falls, Roger (Terrie) Alink, and Dale (Michelle) Alink, all of Edgewood, New Mexico, and Paul (Mary) Alink, Hermosa; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Alink; her parents; a brother, Roger Alink; and a sister, Lucille.

Arrangements were by Serenity Springs Funeral Chapel of Rapid City, South Dakota, www.serenityspringsfuneralchapel.com.

(1008 F)

Phyllis Siebenahler

Phyllis Faye Siebenahler, 81, Luverne, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Oct. 6, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with burial at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Phyllis Coffey was born Sept. 28, 1934, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Glenn and Juanita Coffey. She graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls.

On Dec. 26, 1954, Phyllis married Leon Siebenahler in Sioux Falls. After their marriage, the couple lived in Virginia where Leon was stationed in the military. After Leon was discharged, the couple moved to rural Luverne in 1955 and began farming.

Phyllis was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, the WCCW, the Luverne Eagles Auxiliary and was a 4-H leader. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, flowers, reading, wintering in Arizona and spending time with her family.

Phyllis is survived by



her husband, Leon Siebenahler, Luverne; four children, Deb (Brad) Van Lant, Lake of the Ozarks, Montana; Dave (Terri) Siebenahler and Darcy (Mike) Raddle, all of Luverne; and Darwin (Kelli) Siebenahler, Des Moines, Iowa; ten grandchildren, Jackie (Marc Fritzsche) Van Lant, Tyler (Bethany) Van Lant, Justin (Callon) Siebenahler, Jeremy Siebenahler, Jordan (fiancée, Jennifer) Siebenahler, Michelle (Justin) DeKam, Kayla (Jeremy) Brinkhous, Cody Raddle, Kendra Siebenahler and Cole Siebenahler; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Glenna Wilson, Sioux Falls, and a sister-in-law, Betty Coffey, Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Don Coffey; and a brother-in-law, Robert Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Veterans Home, 1300 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home www.dingmannandsons.com. (1008 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Cyril Hill

Cyril John Hill, 53, Jasper, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, at the Pipestone County Hospice House in Pipestone.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. Burial will be at a later date at the Beaver Creek

Cemetery in Beaver Creek. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper.

Arrangements are by the Hartquist Funeral Home - Pipestone Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1008 DN)

FFA completes greenhand, chapter office training Sept. 30

Twenty-five Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter members traveled to Windom Wednesday, Sept. 30, to attend the Region 6 FFA Greenhand and Chapter Officer Day at the BARC center.

The first-year Greenhand members attended CDE (Career Development Events) workshops, FFA Basics, Official dress, and Supervised Agricultural Experience projects.

Greenhands who participated in these events include Brook Brust, Halle Hough, Mikey Kinsinger, Trevor Mente, Tyler Moss, Genna Natte,

Will Natte, Kaylie Ossefoort, Breanna Richters Adayla Rouzer, Aleck Schoneman, Riley Severtson, Max Skatun, Grace Steensma, Will Stegenga, Jared Jose, Paige Madison, Hannah Kruse and Emily Zemler.

Five chapter officers attended the chapter officer team workshops put on by the state and regional FFA officers. Attending were Stephanie Riggs, Madi Oye, Kris Severtson, J.J. Dooyema, Eli Bakken, and Jacob Van Santen.

A total of 459 FFA members attended this event.

Now is the time to acclimate plants to inside conditions

If you have been "vacationing" indoor plants outdoors for the summer, now is the time to begin to acclimate them for their return to indoor conditions.



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

The houseplants have been used to summer's long days with light coming from all around them, but indoors they will have to adjust to what available light comes through a window. So bring the plant in to where it will be for the winter for a couple of days, and then set it back out for a couple of days so the plant adjusts to this lower light.

Going from bright light to much lower available light all at once will often cause the plant to abort a lot of foliage because light is what gives the plant its energy. If the plant senses it isn't getting enough energy to support all of its foliage, it will abort what it can't maintain, and a shower of yellow leaves will not look pretty. Repeat this process four or five times and the transition should be much more successful.

Also, be sure to spray all leaf surfaces with an insecticide to prevent bringing in hitch hiking bugs ... they would really appreciate "vacationing" indoors for the winter. Additionally, using a systemic insecticide on the soil is also a great bug problem preventative.

For many plants, the shorter days and cooler nights will have initiated

flower bud development. This is why poinsettias and Christmas cactus bloom when they are supposed to. Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is the month when this initiation takes place. So keep in mind that day length is the factor. If you want a poinsettia to bloom, you cannot interrupt the period of darkness at night by turning on a room light. If you do, you have just made the day longer and you will have totally confused the plant's calendar.

If you have amaryllis bulbs outdoors for the summer, get them repotted and inside prior to frost. These bulbs are tropical and will not tolerate that cold. You can cut the foliage off if the leaves aren't attractive. If you don't cut the leaves back, you will want to keep the plant in bright light. If you do remove the foliage, keep the soil just barely moist and set the pot in a cool, dark area until the bulb begins to send out new growth. When that new growth begins, place the pot in the brightest light you have and begin a water schedule that keeps the soil uniformly moist. Use a blooming plant fertilizer in the water a couple of times per month to maintain adequate nutrients.

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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Register for activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724. **Basketball registrations are due by Friday, Oct. 9,** for grades 3-6.

Register by Friday, Oct. 9, to be one of the climbers at the Blue Mound State Park at this **Introduction to Rock Climbing** class offered on Saturday, Oct. 17. Fee is \$75.

Let's Play in Nature on Friday, Oct. 9, will meet in the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom to read a story, make a puppet, sing songs and enjoy each other. Children ages 3-5. Fee is \$12.

Grandparents or special adults are invited to visit the preschool rooms with their grandchild ages 2-5 for **Grandparent and Me class Monday morning, Oct. 12.** No fee, but registration is required.

Experience it for yourself - Virtual Dementia Oct. 14 - what it is like to have dementia. This real life experience will happen to you and will be something you won't forget. Register for a half hour appointment time. Fee is \$5.

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Lewis Clark water coming soon

Carstensen Contracting of Pipestone is making good progress on the Lewis & Clark water pipeline installation to Luverne.

Construction started in February on 23 borings for the Highway 75, stream and railroad crossings between the Iowa border and Luverne.

The contract includes 5.9 miles of 14-inch PVC pipe and 12.7 miles of 24-inch steel pipe.

Weather permitting, Luverne is expected to begin receiving Lewis & Clark water in December 2015.

The city has reserved 821,000 gallons a day from the system, which brings water from the Missouri River aquifer to Lewis and Clark members in the Midwest.

Eight members remain to be connected to the Lewis and Clark system, which will eventually serve 20 member communities and water systems.

In addition to Luverne, the other non-connected members include Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, and the cities of Worthington, Hull, Sheldon, Sibley, Sioux Center and Madison (South Dakota).

The photograph at right was taken Monday afternoon near the intersection of 71st Street and 110th Avenue southwest of Luverne.

Pictured are crews connecting and burying 24-inch steel pipes.

(Lori Sorenson photo/
1008 Lewis and Clark pipes)



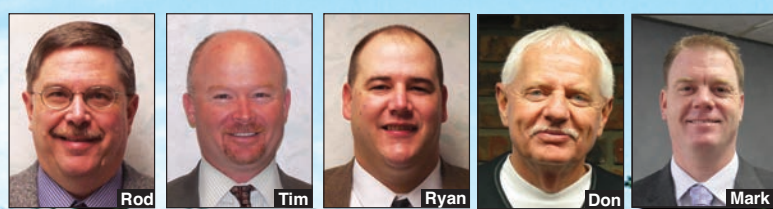
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A fundraising concert put on by the Luverne Area Community Foundation general fund. Putting money back into the community through the gift of grants.

Star Herald reprints results from 65th Annual Tri-State Band Festival

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's Tri-State Band Festival parade and field competitions were Sept. 29, and the Star Herald in its Oct. 1 edition shared images and a brief recap of the day's events.

The Star Herald published competition results online at www.star-herald.com, but readers have requested those results appear in print.

Luverne High School, as host of the Tri-State Band Festival, doesn't compete in the parade and field events, but here's how the other schools fared:

PARADE CLASS A-1

1. George Little Rock High School
2. Garretson High School
3. Menno High School
4. Adrian High School
5. Boyden-Hull High School

PARADE CLASS A

1. Sioux Falls Christian High School
2. Sibley-Ocheyedan High School
3. Murray County Central High School

PARADE CLASS AA

1. West Central High School
2. Lennox High School
3. Stewartville High School
4. Pipestone Area High School
5. Tea Area High School

PARADE CLASS AAA

1. Worthington High School
2. Brookings High School
3. Yankton High School

PARADE CLASS AAAA

1. Brandon Valley High School

FIELD CLASS A

1. Sibley-Ocheyedan
2. West Lyon High School

FIELD CLASS AA

1. Lennox High School
2. West Central High School
3. Pipestone Area High School

4. Madison High School

FIELD CLASS AAA

1. Brookings High School
2. O'Gorman High School
3. Yankton High School

FIELD CLASS AAAA

1. Sioux Falls Roosevelt
2. Brandon Valley High School

K.M. Getman Award —

Sioux Falls Christian High School

Field Sweepstakes —

Roosevelt High School

Parade Sweepstakes —

Worthington High School

CLASS A

Outstanding Wind —

Sibley-Ocheyedan

Outstanding Percussion —

Sibley-Ocheyedan

Outstanding Auxiliary —

Sibley-Ocheyedan

Outstanding Drum Major —

Sibley-Ocheyedan

CLASS AA

Outstanding Wind —

West Central High School

Outstanding Percussion —

Lennox High School

Outstanding Auxiliary —

West Central High School

Outstanding Drum Major —

Pipestone Area High School

CLASS AAA

Outstanding Wind — Brookings High School

Outstanding Percussion —

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Outstanding Drum Major —

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CLASS AAAA

Outstanding Wind —

Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Outstanding Percussion —

Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Outstanding Auxiliary —

Brandon Valley High School,

Outstanding Drum Major —

Sioux Falls Roosevelt

LEGO League/from page 2A

as the program participation grows.

Last year, school social worker Stacy Schepel organized an after-school LEGO club at the elementary school.

Expanding the LEGO offering to the middle school allows those students who started last year a way to continue working with robots, she said.

Ultimately, Thompson said he hopes to build future interest in robotics for an after-school high school program through the Minnesota High School League.

School sets maximum preliminary tax levy

Property owners within the Luverne Public School District should expect a decrease on their 2016 property tax statement for school financing.

Luverne School Board members adopted the state-formulated 11.14 percent drop as their preliminary levy amount.

"That may be adjusted or changed depending on some things that are still happening," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

The percentage may be lowered but can be no higher than the -11.14 percent, he said.

One possible change could be the impact of the district's refinancing of the elementary school's building bond at an interest savings of \$140,500.

"It is not all recognized in one year," Oftedahl explained after the meeting. "It will be recognized over a period of time from 2015-2018."

Another change could occur following the public's vote on the district's renewal of a \$763.34 per pupil referendum on Nov. 3, Oftedahl said.

With the current percentage decrease, the school district will receive \$2.182 million in 2016, a drop of \$273,513 from 2015.

The final levy will be set after the district's Truth in Taxation meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17.

In other business, the board:

- approved the hiring of Greg Harner as volunteer football coach.

- hired Kellen Schrodt as the head boys' hockey coach.

- approved a request by Amy Cook to complete a 600-hour counseling internship.



Searching for the perfect pumpkin

(and finding other things at Drost Family Pumpkin Patch)



Drosts host 2015 pumpkin patch visit for public Monday night

Text and photos by Mavis Fodness

For almost two decades the Drost family has invited visitors to their farm south of Luverne.

On Monday and Tuesday children and their families were allowed to pick a pumpkin during a Luverne Community Education event. The patch is open to the general public.

"It's fun," said Deb Drost as she helped her son, Tim, gather participants on the hayrack for a ride to the nearby pumpkin patch. "It's a great educational activity."

Drost said 27 years ago the pumpkin patch began as an activity for her daughter, Andrea, and husband, Gary. She said she was pregnant with Tim at the time. Andrea expanded the patch as an FFA project and began inviting children and families to the patch to learn about the fruit and to take a pumpkin home. Tim and his wife, Michelle, now oversee the patch.

Monday's gathering had visitors not only finding the perfect pumpkin but also six black kittens and a woolly caterpillar.



A woolly caterpillar provides added enjoyment at the pumpkin patch for siblings Bergen and Adam Ask along with six black kittens with one getting some attention from Rebecca Arendt (above left) after she found (below center) and tries to lift her chosen pumpkin. **Above right:** Sophia Nolz found her perfect pumpkin hidden alongside a larger fruit.



At right: Tim Drost drives visitors to the pumpkin patch at the Drost farm south of Luverne.



Below left: Selection of the right pumpkin Monday night was given a second look by (from left) Adam Ask, Zach Nolz, Angela Nolz (holding Rory) and Sophia Nolz.

Below: Rory Nolz, 15 months, along with dad, Zach, thump the outside of a pumpkin to determine if it's ready for picking.



'Voice of Democracy'

VFW announces student writing scholarship competition

Rock County middle school and high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Commander Terrie Gulden of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Rock County Post 2757 announced the kickoff of this year's VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship competition.

Voice of Democracy

Students in grades 9-12 must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by Nov. 1. The 2015 theme selected for the Voice of Democracy competition is "My Vision For America."

Students begin by competing at the local Post level with an entry

deadline of Nov. 1. Post winners compete at the district level with the winner advancing to the state competition. The post awards the top three winners with \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively.

All state first-place winners of the Voice of Democracy competition receive a four-day trip to Washington, D.C. and the chance to compete for their share of more than \$150,000 in scholarships.

The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961.

The competition was created to

provide students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at Rock County VFW Post 2757 by phone at 507-283-4602 or email t.gulden58@gmail.com for more information. Entry forms may be picked up at the school office or at the Luverne Area Chamber.

Entry deadline is Nov. 1

Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.

Each year more than 125,000 students participate nationwide in the Patriot's Pen competition.

Patriot's Pen

The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen competition in 1995 to encourage young minds, grades 6-8, to examine America's history along with their own experiences in modern American society by composing a 300-400 word patriotic-themed essay.

The theme for the 2015 competi-

tion is "What Freedom Means to Me." The Post will award the top three winners with \$75, \$50, and \$25 respectively. The deadline is Nov. 1.

Students begin by competing at the local VFW Post level. Post winners advance to District competition with District winners advancing to the state competition.

State first-place winners compete for their share of thousands of dollars in awards, and the national first-place winner is awarded \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

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About the VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces.

Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and its oldest major veterans organization.

With nearly 1.9 million members located in more than 6,800 Posts worldwide, the VFW and its auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at www.vfw.org.



John Rittenhouse photo/1008 hfb 3

H-BC junior quarterback Zach Scholten delivers a pass under pressure from Nicollet's Tory Nelson during Friday's Homecoming football game in Hills. H-BC rolled to a 62-14 victory and improved its season record to 6-1.

Patriots crush Nicollet Raiders

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team wrapped up the home portion of its regular season schedule by posting a Homecoming rout over Nicollet Friday in Hills.

H-BC produced 38 points before 10 minutes elapsed in the first quarter and outscored the Raiders 24-14 the rest of the night to clinch a 62-15 victory.

The team's success sent most of H-BC's starters to the sideline in the second quarter, but the Patriot reserves continued to outplay Nicollet in a game that included running time in the third and fourth quarters.

"It was a good chance to rest our older guys heading into

a short week and look at our younger guys, who I thought played pretty well," said H-BC coach Rex Metzger.

H-BC gained control of the game by registering three touchdowns in the first 4:44 of the contest.

Isaiah Vis, who ran for 129 yards with six carries, capped a three-play possession to open the game with a 25-yard run 1:04 into the game.

Trenton Bass scored on a 22-yard run to cap H-BC's five-play second offensive possession of the game, and the third possession lasted three plays with Zach Scholten delivering a 36-yard touchdown pass to Cooper

Vaughn that left the Patriots sporting an 18-0 lead at the 7:16 mark of the first quarter.

The Patriots were unable to add two-point conversions following the first three touchdowns, but they did find another way to score two points.

Nicollet was attempting to punt when the snap sailed over the punter's head and rolled into the end zone. The punter slapped the ball out the back of the end zone to give the Patriots a safety and a 20-0 lead.

H-BC kept applying pressure to the Raiders by producing touchdowns on consecutive plays from scrimmage.

On the second play after fielding the free kick following the safety, Vis raced 44-yards for a touchdown.

The first play of Nicollet's ensuing possession resulted in an interception by Logan Leuthold, who returned the ball 41 yards for a score to make it a 32-0 game.

H-BC capped its 38-point first quarter with 2:16 remaining in the stanza, when reserve running back Preston Maassen scored on a two-yard run.

The Patriots proceeded to score the game's next 24 points to up the lead to 62-0.

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Special teams seal Adrian road victory

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of key plays produced by special teams clinched Adrian's second consecutive win Friday in Madison.

The Dragons never trailed in Friday's 38-22 win over Lac qui Parle Valley, but they were on the verge of falling behind when Cardinal quarterback Chase Mortenson scored on a five-yard run to cap a seven-play, 64-yard drive early in the third quarter.

The six-pointer trimmed what once was an AHS 16-point cushion down to two points (24-22) with 8:23 remaining in the third stanza.

At that point, two of Adrian's special teams units took control of the game.

Big plays produced by the kickoff return squad and the kickoff team led to Adrian producing the final 14 points of a 38-22 victory.

"It was nice to have our special teams play a key role in winning the game," said AHS coach Randy Strand.

It didn't take the Dragons long to answer LQPV's third-quarter touchdown.

Hunter Heitkamp fielded the ensuing kickoff for AHS and raced 65 yards for a touchdown at the 8:08 mark of the stanza.

When Michael Preuss carried in the ensuing two-point conversion, a two-point AHS edge swelled to 10 points (32-22).

The Dragons came up with another big play during the ensuing kickoff as the ball caromed off a LQPV player and was recovered by Adrian's Alex Loosbrock on the 50-yard line.

Seven plays later, AHS quarterback Logan Rogers scored on a one-yard run to account for the final six points of a 26-point victory.

It looked like the Dragons might run away from the Cardinals when they scored 16 unanswered points in the game's first quarter.

After forcing LQPV to punt from deep inside Cardinal territory, Adrian's second offensive possession started on the LQPV 27-yard line.

The Dragon took advantage of the excellent field position when Preuss scored on a six-

yard run six plays later and carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to make it an 8-0 game at the 4:50 mark of the opening stanza.

AHS doubled its lead (16-0) 2:04 later.

After forcing the Cardinals to punt, Rogers ripped off a 48-yard run on the first play of Adrian's third offensive possession.

Rogers ran the ball for 100 yards in the game.

The second play of the possession resulted in a five-yard touchdown run by Dylan Gyberg, and Preuss toted in the ensuing two-point conversion.

Any thoughts of an AHS rout were erased in the second quarter, when the Cardinals outscored the Dragons 16-8.

The hosts put together a seven-play, 71-yard drive with their next offensive possession.

The march ended with Lucas Strand scoring on a one-yard run and was followed by a successful Mortenson-to-Strand conversion pass that sliced Adrian's lead in half (16-8) at the 8:39 mark of the second stanza.

The Dragons regained a 16-point cushion (24-8) at the 2:54 mark of the second quarter, shortly after Adrian's Gavin Engelkes recovered a fumble on the LQPV 12-yard line.

Preuss scored on a one-yard plunge four plays later and Rogers tossed a successful conversion pass to Skylar Hieronimus following the touchdown.

The Cardinals answered the challenge with 46 seconds left in the first half, when Mortenson tossed a 13-yard touchdown pass to Tom Witte before hooking up with Strand for a successful conversion pass to make it a 24-16 game at the intermission.

The 5-2 Dragons cap the regular season by hosting 4-3 Dawson-Boyd Thursday.

Team statistics
Adrian: 260 rushing yards, 57 passing yards, 316 total yards, 15 first downs, three penalties for 30 yards, one turnover.

LQPV: 156 rushing yards, 77 passing yards, 233 total yards, 13 first downs,

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John Rittenhouse photo/1008 tennis 6

Luverne senior Kennedy Gonnerman rejects a shot by Waseca in front of the net Sept. 29 in Luverne.

Cardinals wrap up 6-10 team campaign

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne tennis squad wrapped up the team portion of the 2015 season with a 6-10 record after competing in two events.

Luverne lost a seven-point home match to Waseca Sept. 29 before falling by seven points to Blue Earth Area during the opening round of the Section 3A Team Tennis Tournament in Blue Earth Monday.

The Cardinals open the Section 3A Individual Tennis Tournament Friday in St. Peter.

BEA 7, Luverne 0

The Cardinals were unable to upset a veteran BEA squad when the teams opened the tournament in Blue Earth Monday.

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Girls collect first BSC volleyball win

*Luverne
sweeps
Edgerton*

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team registered a pair of wins to surpass the .500 mark for the season.

The Cardinals downed Worthington in a five-set match in Luverne Thursday to produce their first conference win of the season. LHS swept Edgerton in Edgerton Monday.

Luverne, 9-8-2 overall, plays in Pipestone Thursday.

Luverne 3, Edgerton 0

The Cardinals surpassed their win total of eight during the 2014 season by notching their ninth victory of the year Monday in Edgerton.

The Flying Dutchmen offered stiff challenges in two sets, but it wasn't enough to keep the Cards from securing a 3-0 victory.

Luverne secured a 25-21 win in the opening set before coasting to a 25-14 victory in the second set.

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a 26-24 decision to complete their sweep in the third set.

Ariel DeBeer (23 digs, 93 of 94 setting with 27 set assists and 16 of 17 serving with three aces) and Hailey Remme (seven kills, 13 digs and 12 of 12 serving with three aces)



John Rittenhouse photo/1008 lvb 18

Luverne senior Hailey Franken registers a dig during Thursday's 3-2 home win over Worthington. Franken recorded 12 kills, five blocks and one ace serve in Luverne's victory.

turned in solid efforts for the winners.

Hailey Franken and Alexis Ferrell contributed nine and seven kills to the cause respectively, while Madison Crabtree and Katie Kracht chipped in 13 digs each.

Luverne 3, WHS 2

The Cardinals walked away with their first Big South Conference victory in the league's two-year history

when they edged the Trojans in a thrilling match Thursday in Luverne.

Luverne played well early and took the first two sets of the showdown, but Worthington rallied to claim sets three and four.

The Trojans scored the first three points of the decisive fifth set, but the Cards rallied to outscore WHS 15-10 the rest of the way to prevail 15-13.

It was Luverne's first

league win since defeating Worthington 3-2 during Southwest Conference competition in the fall of 2013.

The Cards scored the first two points of the night only to find themselves facing a 9-3 deficit early in the second set.

Worthington led 18-16 as the set progressed before Luverne went on a 6-1 spur to open a 22-19 lead when Hailey

Girls/continued on page 3B

Big-play Bucs throw wrench into Homecoming festivities at LHS Friday



John Rittenhouse photo/1008 hfb 2

H-BC's Isaiah Vis ran the ball for 129 yards and two touchdowns during Friday's Homecoming victory over Nicollet.

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Maassen, who racked up 108 rushing yards in the game, produced touchdown runs covering three and 49 yards in the second.

The three-yard touchdown was followed by a Scholten-to-Trenton Bass conversion pass. H-BC received credit for another safety before Maassen's 49-yard scamper as another bad snap by Nicollet during a punting situation sailed out of the end zone.

Sporting a 54-0 lead at the intermission, H-BC capped its scoring late in the third quarter when Hunter Bork raced 56 yards for a touchdown and Dean Fuerstenberg toted in the ensuing two-point conversion.

Nicollet quarterback Elijah Northquest tossed touchdown passes covering 33 and 67 yards to Josh Chadderdon in the third and fourth quarters respectively. Northquest hooked up with Noah Lloyd for a successful conversion pass

following the fourth quarter touchdown.

The 6-1 Patriots end the regular season in Fulda Thursday.

Team statistics
H-BC: 360 rushing yards, 68 passing yards, 428 total yards, nine first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.
Nicollet: Minus 8 rushing yards, 235 passing yards, 227 total yards, seven first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, four turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Vis 6-129, Maassen 10-108, Bork 6-65, Fuerstenberg 6-10, Bass 4-13, Stuart Plimpton 4-26, Nick Kiers 3-9.
Passing: Scholten 3-6 for 68 yards, Bass 0-1 for zero yards.
Receiving: Bass 2-32, Vaughn 1-36.
Defense: Jed Burgers two tackles and one interception, Drew Forshey one tackle and one sack, Fuerstenberg three tackles, Maassen two tackles, Michael Taubert two tackles and one sack, Plimpton one sack, Leuthold two tackles and one interception, Garrett Raymon two tackles, Dylan Thiesen two tackles, Josh Kueter six tackles, Kiers six tackles, Bailey Susie seven tackles, Bork two tackles and one interception, George Merson two tackles, Luke LaRock two tackles, Bass one interception.

By John Rittenhouse

An athletically gifted Blue Earth Area football team threw a wrench in Luverne's Homecoming celebration at Cardinal Field Friday.

The visiting Bucs scored three touchdowns with their first three offensive possessions of the first half and produced touchdowns with three of their first four possessions of the second half to set the stage for a 42-23 victory over the Cardinals.

BEA senior quarterback Bailey Olson led the assault by passing for 267 yards and four touchdowns, including three to Dominic DeMarre.

Olson also recorded a rushing touchdown for a Bucs team that racked up 442 total yards of offense in the game.

Although the Bucs won the game handily, Luverne remained in contention most of the night.

The Cardinals scored the first eight points of the game and sported a 15-14 edge in the second quarter before falling behind 21-15 before halftime.

LHS trimmed the difference to five points (28-23) with 7:14 remaining in the third quarter, but BEA outscored the Cards 14-0 the rest of the way to prevail by 19 points.

The game started in a positive way for the hosts, who received the opening kickoff and promptly advanced the ball 69 yards in 11 plays with quarterback Jaxon Nelson capping the march with a one-yard run at the 7:40 mark of the first quarter.

When Erik Tofteland carried in the ensuing two-point conversion, the Cards sported an 8-0 advantage.

Olson and the Bucs didn't take long to respond to the challenge.

Olson delivered a 52-yard touchdown strike to DeMarre on the second play of BEA's opening possession and the combination clicked for a six-yard pass-and-catch to cap a 72-yard drive with 2:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Fabian Riegelsberger booted his first two of six consecutive points following the touchdowns to give the Bucs a 14-8 advantage.

Luverne regained the lead (15-14) 56 seconds into the second quarter, when Tofteland capped a seven-play, 53-yard march with a three-yard run.



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Blue Earth Area defender Kaylan Legred breaks up a pass intended for Luverne's Kasyn Kruse during Friday's Homecoming football game at Cardinal Field.

When Chris Jelken booted the extra point, the Cards led by one point.

BEA moved in front to stay at the end of its third offensive possession of the contest.

The Bucs covered 56 yards in eight plays with Olson scoring on a one-yard run to make it a 21-15 game with 7:14 remaining in the first half.

The score remained the same until the Bucs turned their opening possession of the second half into a 28-15 advantage.

BEA advanced the ball 54 yards in six plays with Olson tossing a 37-yard touchdown pass to Chris Sanders at the 9:05 mark of the third quarter.

LHS senior Connor Sandbulte returned the ensuing kickoff 42 yards to the

BEA 47-yard line, where the Cardinals started a four-play series ending with Tofteland scoring on a 13-yard run with 7:04 left in the third period.

Nelson carried in the ensuing two-point conversion to trim BEA's lead to five points (28-23).

The Bucs iced the contest by scoring the final 14 points of the game.

BEA covered 79 yards in eight plays during its second offensive possession of the second half. Olson fired an 18-yard touchdown pass to DeMarre with 4:12 remaining in the third to make it a 35-23 game.

The Bucs iced the win when Kaylan Legred raced 55 yards for a score to cap the scoring with 6:47 left in the fourth

quarter. The 4-3 Cards end the regular season by taking on Martin County West in Sherburn Thursday.

Team statistics
Luverne: 170 rushing yards, 26 passing yards, 196 total yards, 13 first downs, four penalties for 15 yards, one turnover.
BEA: 175 rushing yards, 267 passing yards, 442 total yards, 15 first downs, 14 penalties for 115 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Tofteland 26-95, Nelson 15-86, Blake Baum 1-0, Sandbulte 1-minus 2, Mitchell Muller 1-minus 9.
Passing: Nelson 3-10 26 yards, Jake Haugen 0-3 for zero yards, Nick Overgaard 1-1 for zero yards.
Receiving: Layne Curtis 3-27, Kasyn Kruse 1-minus 1.
Defense: Logan Stratton six tackles, Muller 4.5 tackles, Nelson four tackles, Brennan Hart four tackles and two sacks, Declan Beers 3.5 tackles, Brandon Clausen 3.5 tackles, Andrew Reich one interception, Nick Harder one fumble recovery.

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Franken registered a kill.

WHS reeled off three consecutive points to knot the match at 22, but the Cards scored three of the next four points to win 25-23 when Crabtree produced a set-ending tip.

The second set was knotted at two when Luverne went on a 17-4 run ending with a block from Nicole Kneip to open a commanding 19-6 lead.

The Trojans trimmed the difference to 10 points at two different occasions late in the set, but a set-ending kill by Franken gave the Cards a 25-12 victory.

LHS scored the first two points of the third set on the way to building an 11-2 lead with a service point from DeBeer.

Worthington, however, countered with a 19-5 run to open a 21-16 advantage.

The Cards closed the margin to one point (22-21) with a service point from Remme before WHS scored three consecutive points to secure a 25-21 win.

Ferrell served the Cards to a 2-0 lead in the fourth set before WHS countered with a 23-12 run to open a nine-point lead (23-14).

The Trojans won by nine points (25-16) moments later to set the stage for a decisive fifth set.

After falling behind 3-0 in the finale, LHS scored seven consecutive points during a 10-1 run ending with a service point from DeBeer to open a 10-4 lead.

The Trojans fought back to trim the difference to one point at two different occasions (13-12 and 14-13), but a kill by Remme clinched a 15-13 win



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Senior Nicole Kneip spikes the ball at Worthington's Emma Gerber during Thursday's 3-2 win in Luverne.

for the Cards.

Franken (12 kills, five blocks and 15 of 16 serving with one ace serve), Remme (10 kills and five blocks), Farrell (nine kills and 14 of 15 serving with

two aces), DeBeer (15 digs, 31 set assists and 14 of 16 serving with one ace) and Kracht (14 digs and two blocks) led the Cards statistically.

Dragons run at Redwood Valley Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

An Adrian High School athlete captured an individual title at Thursday's Redwood Valley Cross Country Invitational in Redwood Falls.

Adrian's Moriah Bullerman paced a 36-runner varsity field by producing the winning time of 20:11.

Morgan Penning also graced the list of the top 10 finishers by placing fifth in 21:48.

Jasmine Kohorst (14th in

23:47), Cheyenna John (15th in 24:00), Halle Heitkamp (16th in 24:02), Gracia Elias (17th in 24:06), Jada Elias (19th in 25:14) and Elizabeth Erwin (20th in 25:20) placed among the first 20 runners to complete the race.

Courtney Penning (21st in 25:20), Samantha Moulton (22nd in 5:37) and Hannah Bullerman (25th in 25:51) also ran in the race for AHS.

Brady Henning led the

Dragon boys by finishing 11th in 17:47.

Christian Weidert (37th in 19:56), Brody Loosbrock (49th in 20:49), Colton Lynn (66th in 21:53) and Caleb Hornstein (67th in 21:53) represented AHS in the race as well.

The Dragons run at the Cardinal Invitational in Luverne Thursday.

Junior high girls: Karis Barr, seventh, 13:08; Annika Elias, ninth, 13:27.

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An 83-79 overall record might not please everyone in Twins Territory. I considered the winning season to be an unexpected surprise.

As a fan I always hope for a .500 season at the beginning of the year. That means we're following a team that can produce a win on any given night.

Not only did the 2015 Twins overcome a 1-6 start to the season to finish the year with a record of four games above .500, but they also made September baseball meaningful once again for the Minnesota faithful.

Forget about the sweep Kansas City issued the Twins at Target Field last weekend.

The Royals produced the best record in the American League this year, and I wouldn't be surprised if they advance to the World Series for a second straight year.

The fact that our schedule had the Twins playing their final three games against mighty Kansas City was unfortunate. Especially considering Houston, one of the teams we were chasing for the final wild card spot at the end of the year, benefitted by playing a 79-83 team in Arizona.

With that being the situation the Twins faced heading into the season's final weekend, I wasn't the least bit disappointed with the way things panned out.

It would have been nice to have seen the Twins reach the playoffs, but I'm satisfied with the season overall.

It's been a long time since I wanted to hurry home from covering a September sporting event here in Rock County to catch the final

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

innings of a televised Twins game.

It was an opportunity we received this year, and it was an amazing ride that should continue in the coming years.

Watching guys like Eddie Rosario and Miguel Sano rise from the minor leagues and play at the level they did when given the opportunity was incredible.

Brian Dozier played extremely well in the first half of the season, and it was nice to see Aaron Hicks and Eduardo Escobar perform like major leaguers toward the tail end of the season.

We still need more production out of veteran players like Joe Mauer, Trevor Plouffe and Kurt Suzuki, but I believe all three of them can and will produce better offensive numbers next year.

If that happens, we should be able to improve on being the league's 26th-ranked offensive squad with a .247 team batting average.

We also need to improve as the league's 19th-ranked team in pitching with a 4.07 ERA as a squad.

I think we have potential to have some quality starting pitchers (Ervin Santana, Phil Hughes, Kyle Gibson and Tyler Duffy) and some solid relief pitchers (Glen Perkins, Kevin Jepsen, Trevor May and Neil Cotts), but the club does need to find some more arms to shore up the bullpen and the starting rotation.

It will be interesting to see the moves the Twins make in the offseason.

With some additional help to the pitching staff, I have to believe the Twins will field an equally competitive team in 2016.



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior Avery Van Roekel spikes the ball away from Red Rock Central blocker Kaitlyn Rindfleisch during a Sept. 29 volleyball match in Hills. Van Roekel recorded 19 kills during a 3-2 loss.

Patriot girls split conference battles

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team broke even when playing a pair of hard-fought Red Rock Conference matches in Hills last week.

The Patriots dropped a five-set thriller to Red Rock Central Sept. 29 before registering a sweep over Murray County Central Thursday.

H-BC, 7-8 overall, plays at the Subway Classic and Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday and Saturday.

H-BC 3, MCC 0

The Patriots topped their RRC record to 2-4 with Thursday's win over the Rebels in Hills.

The match against Murray County Central was a tightly contested battle, but the Patriots pulled out a 3-0 victory.

H-BC withstood a pair of stiff challenges offered by the Rebels to win the first two sets of the contest.

The Patriots pulled out a 26-24 win in the opener before securing a 25-22 victory in the second set.

H-BC's ability to win close contests seemed to deflate the Rebels, who fell 25-15 in the finale.

Jasmine Lingen (10 kills and seven blocks), Avery Van Roekel (eight blocks and seven kills) and Avery Wysong (five

kills and 12 set assists) turned in solid performances for the Patriots.

Ashley Esselink added six blocks to the winning cause.

RRC 3, H-BC 2

H-BC's attempt to win three straight matches for the first time this season didn't materialize Sept. 29 in Hills.

H-BC squared off against Red Rock Central in a thrilling, five-set match that fell in favor of the Falcons by a 3-2 tally.

The Patriots played competitive volleyball in the first two sets, but RRC came upon the winning end of 26-24 and 25-22 decisions.

H-BC turned things around in the third and fourth sets when the hosts notched 25-13 and 25-20 victories to even the match at two sets each.

RRC, however, scored the first five points of the fifth set and withstood a late challenge by the Patriots to prevail 15-13 and secure a 3-2 victory.

Lingen (19 kills and 12 blocks), Van Roekel (19 kills and five blocks) and Olivia Richards (eight kills) played strong matches at the net for H-BC.

Mekayla Kolbrek recorded 20 set assists and Courtney Kruger served five aces for the Patriots.

Cardinals finish second, seventh at St. James meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne cross country teams faced some different competition during the St. James Invitational Sept. 29.

Taking on squads from eastern areas of Southern Minnesota, the Cardinals mixed up with some unfamiliar opponents.

The Luverne girls ended up placing second in a nine-team field, while the boys placed seventh out of 10 teams.

The LHS girls turned in a 55-point performance to place second to Fairmont, which captured the team title with 41 points.

Madison Schandelmeier

led the Cards to their second-place finish by winning the varsity race with a time of 19:33.

Gabrielle Ferrell and Regan Feit placed among the top 10 runners by finishing fourth and seventh with respective 20:21 and 20:34 times.

Cassie Flanagan and Autumn Nath capped the team scoring by placing 22nd and 25th in 19:50 and 22:05.

Madison Reisdorfer (27th in 22:10), Zayna Hustoft (37th in 23:16), Claire Baustian (39th in 23:42), Tianna Doppenberg (46th in 24:03), Leslie Van Engelenhoven (55th in 24:41), Madigan Flom (61st in 25:38), Carly Serie (64th in 25:51), Bergin Flom (73rd in 26:23) and Jaidyn Elbers (82nd in 29:39) also ran in the race.

The Cardinal boys compiled 159 points to place seventh in a field of 10 teams.

Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop

claimed the team title with 71 points.

Running together as a pack, Erik Wohnoutka, Austin Winter and Dalton DeSollar led the Cards by finishing 24th, 25th and 26th with respective 18:52, 18:53 and 18:55 times.

Adam Fodness and Hunter Hamann capped the team scoring by placing 39th and 46th in 19:16 and 19:42.

Shane Berning (51st in 19:53), Tom Brown (53rd in 20:02), Cole Claussen (76th in 21:43), Carter Riphagen (77th in 21:28), Michael Rahm (83rd in 21:53), Di Ma (84th in 21:56), Mark Robinson (88th in 22:18), Carter Baumberger (93rd in 22:50) and Tanner Baustian (99th in 24:22) also ran for LHS.

The Cardinals host their annual invitational Thursday.

Junior high boys: Jonah Friedrichsen, ninth, 7:27; John Miller, 38th, 8:46.

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three penalties for 15 yards, four turnovers.

Passing: Rogers 4-12 for 56 yards. Receiving: Hieronimus 3-51, Preuss 1-5. Defense: Logan Nelson eight tackles, Gyberg 14 tackles, Engelkes nine tackles and one fumble recovery, Preuss two fumble recoveries, Loosbrock one fumble recovery.

Individual statistics
Rushing: Preuss 23-74, Heitkamp 3-29, Hieronimus 3-16, Ryan Elias 7-21, Rogers 12-100, Gyberg 6-20.

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The second-seeded Bucs won all seven matches in straight sets to eliminate the seventh-seeded Cards from team competition.

"We just didn't have enough experience to stay with Blue Earth Area," said Cardinal coach Greg Antoine.

"They have seven seniors who are all pretty good players."

BEA received singles victories from Karli Olsen (6-0, 6-0 over Samantha Pierce at No. 1), Natali Fellows 6-0, 6-1 over Joci Oye at No. 2), Annika Wihelmi (6-1, 6-2 over Carissa Cunningham at No. 3) and Paige Darington (6-2, 7-5 over Riley Severtson at No. 4).

BEA's Gracie Leland and Angie Cyphers pulled out 6-4 and 6-4 wins against Kayla Rud and Tatiana Gust at first doubles, while Annaliese Klinkner and Lacey Benz saddled Emily Wendland and Kennedy Gonnerman with a pair of 6-1 setbacks at No. 2.

Malarie Scholtes and Julia Hanson bested Brianna Jonason and Susan Thompson by 6-1 and 6-0 scores at third doubles.

Waseca 7, LHS 0
The Cardinals completed a

6-9 regular season by losing a seven-point home match to the Blue Jays Sept. 29.

Waseca, a team that placed second in the Eastern Division of the Big South Conference, won all seven matches in straight sets against the Cardinals.

"The individual games were closer than the final score indicates. We played some nice points, just not enough of them," said Cardinal coach Antoine.

Anna Hoehn (6-1, 6-1 over Pierce at No. 1), Maddy Knoll (6-1, 6-0 over Oye at No. 2), Ella Schafer (6-2, 6-0 over Cunningham at No. 3) and Taylor Pfeifer (6-0, 6-2 over Severtson at No. 4) secured singles wins for the Blue Jays.

Waseca's Halle Mercier and Aly Storjohann topped Gust and Rud by 6-1 and 6-2 scores at first doubles, while Anna Johnson and Emily Hildebrandt downed Wendland and Wieneke by 6-3 and 7-4 scores at No. 2.

Sydney O'Brien and Melise Baumgarn completed the sweep for Waseca by posting 6-4 and 6-2 victories against Gonnerman and Thompson at third doubles.



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Luverne's Kayla Rud chases down a ball before returning a shot during a Sept. 29 home match against Waseca.

FALL SPORTS STANDINGS

South Central District	Fulda	1-6
White Division football	HL-O	1-6
Pipestone	Nicollet	0-7
JCC		
BEA		
Luverne		
RWV		
St. James		
MCW		
Windom		
	BSC West volleyball	
	Marshall	4-0
	Windom	3-1
	JCC	3-1
	Pipestone	2-2
	Worthington	1-2
	Luverne	1-3
	RWV	0-5
Southwest District		
West Sub-District	BSC West tennis	
Minneota	St. James	5-0
T-M-B	Luverne	4-1
Canby	Pipestone	3-2
Adrian	RWV	1-3
D-B	Worthington	1-4
LQPV	Marshall	0-4
Lakeview		
MCC		
Ortonville		
R-T-R		
South District	RRC volleyball	
West Division football	RRC	7-0
H-BC	SWC	6-0
Cleveland	W-WG	5-1
MLA	HL-O	4-2
E-E	Fulda	3-3
Madelia	H-BC	2-4
G-H-EV-T	Adrian	2-4
W-WG	MLA	2-4
	MCC	2-5
	Edgerton	1-5
	Ellsworth	0-6

Dragons clinch first league win Sept. 29

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian volleyball teams split a pair of Red Rock Conference matches at different venues last week.

Fulda fell in straight sets to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Sept. 29 before posting a 3-0 home win over Fulda Thursday.

The 5-10 Dragons play in Edgerton Friday.

Adrian 3, Fulda 0

The Dragons posted their second conference win of the 2015 campaign when they entertained the Raiders Thursday.

Fulda offered the Dragons a stiff challenge during the opening set of the match, but AHS handled the resistance and went on to outscore the Raiders 75-54 during a three-set sweep.

AHS nipped Fulda 25-23 in the first set. The tight win gave AHS momentum heading into the next two sets, which turned into 25-12 and 25-19 victories.

Miah Kunkel turned in an eight-kill, six-block effort at the net during the contest, while Paige Bullerman chipped in seven kills for the hosts.

Alexia Kemper (nine digs), Jodi Bents (five digs), Mackenzie Wagner (four ace serves) and Madisyn Dingmann (19 set assists) also made key contributions to the win.

SWC 3, Adrian 0

Adrian's attempt to upset one of the top teams in the Red Rock Conference didn't pan out Sept. 29 in Edgerton.

The Dragons locked horns with Southwest Christian, one of two RRC squads without a league loss, on the home floor of the E-Gals. SWC remained unbeaten in conference play by outscoring AHS 79-61 during a 3-0 victory.

After falling 25-16 in the opening set, the Dragons gave the E-Gals all they could handle during a competitive second set that ended with SWC pulling out a 29-27 victory.

SWC completed its sweep with a 25-18 win in the finale.

Dingmann recorded 15 set assists and three ace serves for Adrian.

Jackie Hokeness and Kunkel led the Dragons at the net with five kills each, while Michaela Kern and Kasie Tweet recorded six and five digs respectively.



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Ellsworth senior Maggie Kruse keeps a ball in play near the net during a recent match in Ellsworth.

Rebels, Chargers upend Ellsworth in RRC play

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball team came up empty in two attempts to record its first Red Rock Conference win of the 2015 season last week.

The Panthers fell in straight sets to Murray County Central in Slayton Sept. 29 before dropping a 3-0 home decision to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday.

Ellsworth, 1-14 overall, plays in Hendricks Thursday.

W-WG 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers slipped to 0-6 in RRC play with Thursday's home loss to the Chargers.

Ellsworth couldn't build any momentum during a match that was dominated by W-WG.

The Chargers outscored the hosts 75-37 during the contest. "We couldn't get any traction going in this match. It was a rough night," said EHS coach Mac McDowell.

Hannah Kramer turned in a four-ace serve, two-kill effort to lead the Panthers

statistically.

MCC 3, Ellsworth 0

The Panthers were unable to string together back-to-back victories on consecutive nights when they challenged the Rebels in Slayton Sept. 29.

Ellsworth, which posted its first win of the year 24 hours earlier against Hendricks, was looking to break through in Red Rock Conference play against MCC.

MCC, however, had different intentions.

The home-standing Rebels outscored the Panthers 75-40 during a three-set sweep.

Ellsworth put up a good fight before falling 25-19 in the opening set.

MCC rolled to 25-9 and 25-12 wins in the second and third sets.

Kramer led the Panthers with seven kills and two ace serves.

Megan Popkes charted one block.

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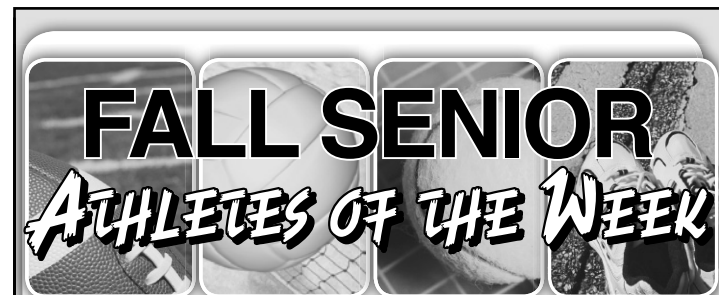
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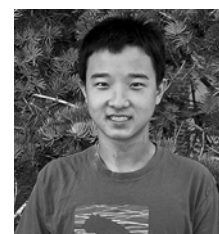
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Future Plans: University in U.S.



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Hardwick Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Hardwick Fire Department include (front from left) Lowell Schelhaus, Chelsey Javner, Jen Heitman, Jen Luitjens, Joan Kindt, (back from left) Tony Roos, Tom Haas, Dan Kindt, John Javner, Don Luitjens, Jason Thorson and Don Bryan. Not pictured: Aaron Altman, Craig Mulder, Brian Gacke, Miles Brown and Nic Johnson. (Mavis Fodness photo)

Beaver Creek Fire & Rescue Department



Members of the Beaver Creek Fire Department include (back row, left to right) Matt Sandbulte, Arnie Bronsema, Chad Rauk, Randy Krull, Jason Rauk, (front row, from left) Travis Broesder, Rick Tatge, Ryan Rauk and Shannon Tatge. Not pictured are Daryl Fuerstenburg, Chris Harnack, Kelly Vis, Davis Olson, Brad Hassebroek, Aaron Blank, Andrew Blank, Travis Helgeson and Josh Tuene. (Submitted photo)

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

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thomas Jennings, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 8: 10:30 a.m. Anointing Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Anointing Mass at Veterans Home. Friday, Oct. 9: 9:30 PVM Mass. Saturday, Oct. 10: DOW-CCW Convention at Austin; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shredding Truck sponsored by SC Carmelites; 5:30 p.m. SC Mass. Sunday, Oct. 11: Life and Dignity Sunday. 8:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Mary; Saint Mary Faith Formation first day. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Fellowship LCF. Monday, Oct. 12: Columbus Day Fall Pilgrimage. Oct. 12-15; begin to bring items for rummage sale. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Communion Service. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. SC-FC. 7 p.m. Fall Fest. Wednesday, Oct. 14: No Faith Formation (MEA). 10 a.m. MFB Communion Service. Thursday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. St. Catherine Communion Service. 10 a.m. Tuff Anointing Mass. Saint Catherine Rummage Sale; MEA.

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

Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism Classes; Noon Church Potluck; 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Oct. 12: 9 a.m. PERK-UP — Hills; 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 9:30 a.m. CoffeeBreak/Story Hour. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 7:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Thursday, Oct. 8: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 9: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Morning Service; 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study; 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC; 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 14: No Awana-MEA. Thursday, Oct. 15: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Vast Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 8: 2 p.m. GLCW; 4:30 p.m. Book Study; Pastor Ron Vacation until Oct. 23. Friday, Oct. 9: 6:30 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Oct. 11: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast; 8:15 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. Coffee; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study; 10:45 a.m. Worship; 6-8 p.m. Youth Bonfire at Overgaard Farm. Monday, Oct. 12: 4 p.m. Worship telecast on Channel 3; 5:45 p.m. Echoes. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings; 8 p.m. PPC. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 7 a.m. Men's Study; 7 p.m. Choir; MEA-No Confirmation classes. Thursday, Oct. 15: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. MIA; 9:30 a.m. Coffee; 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew M. Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 8: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Thursday, Oct. 15: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, Oct. 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, Oct. 10: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, Oct. 11: Care Shepherd Nominations Due; 7 p.m. Sr. RCYF and Jr. RCYF. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting; 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting and Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Oct. 14: No Midweek Activities; 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 8: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf; 6:30 p.m. SPPRC Committee Meeting. Friday, Oct. 9: 6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal. Saturday, Oct. 10: 3 p.m. Wedding, reception and dance. Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service; 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home Worship; 2:15 p.m. Poplar Creek Worship; 4:30 p.m. Bait of Satan Bible Study; 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Oct. 12: Church office closed; No Bible study. Wednesday, Oct. 14: No FUEL Children's Ministry activities-MEA Break; No Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Oct. 12: 5 p.m. Weight Watchers; Office Closed. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 1:15 p.m. Vets Home Communion; 1:45 p.m. Communion at Centennial; 2:15 p.m. Poplar Creek Communion; 2:45 p.m. MJB Communion; 5:30 p.m. Service of Worship on VAST. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 10 a.m. Bible Lesson at Poplar Creek; 7 p.m. Choir; 8 p.m. Session.

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 8: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs devotions. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fall Salad Luncheon. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, Oct. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Oct. 11: LWML Sunday. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Night. Monday, Oct. 12: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 1:15 p.m. Communion at Ellsworth. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Lyon Manor. 2:45 p.m. Communion at Rock Rapids Health Centre. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Hills. 6 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7 p.m. Missionary Guild. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. No evening activities. Thursday, Oct. 15, and Friday, Oct. 16: No Little Lambs.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

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

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 8: 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV Luverne. Friday, Oct. 9: 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV Luverne. Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice. 5-7 p.m. LWML Fall Soup Supper Fundraiser. Monday, Oct. 12: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 7 p.m. Elder's Meeting. 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir Practice. Thursday, Oct. 15: 2 p.m. MJB Home Birthday Party (Service Group #2). 4-5 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV Luverne.

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

igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

Christ in the middle

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20 ESV



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

As Christians we set some high standards for ourselves. We want to do good and to show love to others. This isn't some idea that we've thought up ourselves. It's what God wants us to do. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:11, 19

When we live our lives and do our work for Him, He promises us an

amazing outcome. He says that when we are gathered in His name, He will be present in the midst of us.

Gracious God, here we are gathered in Your name. Thank You, Lord, for being with us. We can help others feel loved, because You first loved us and gave us great value through Your Son. Please fill our hearts and lives with Your peace. Amen.

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 7 p.m. Choir Practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 8: 8 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., Beaver Creek

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

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Oct 11: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Sunday School.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m. Sunday School. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills

507-962-3270

Sunday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Sixth- through eighth-grade Youth Night. Tuesday, Oct. 13: 10:30 a.m. Text Study at Grace Lutheran in Luverne. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Village. Wednesday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Village Circle at Garden Room of Tuff Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope. No confirmation or youth activities. Thursday, Oct. 15: 9 a.m. Shetek Conference meeting at Shalom Hills.

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

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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Feit probate

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PROBATE DIVISION

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of

Evelyn Feit
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will dated June 16, 2008, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Brian Feit, 2105 South Mariana Drive, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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.

Dated: 9/14/15 /s/ Terry S. Vajrt
Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Dated: 9/21/15 /s/ Denise Brandel
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
Carol Bertrand
Deputy Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative

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City of Luverne seeks trail bids by Oct. 20

Advertisement for bids

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, at the Luverne City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 until 1:30 P.M. on the 20th day of October, 2015, for Luverne Loop Trail – Phase I in Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received is as follows:

10,100 S.Y.	6" Class 5 Base
1,450 Tons	3" Bituminous Pavement

And other miscellaneous items and related work.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after November 1, 2015 and completed on or before June 18, 2016.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instruction to Bidders for more details.

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CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Patrick T. Baustian
Mayor

(10-8)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 3

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 5, 1999

MORTGAGOR: Bruce D. Vastenhout a/k/a Bruce Dale Vastenhout and Jeannine Clark, both single.

MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc. successor by merger to CitiFinancial Services Inc. 336, LLC, successor by merger to Associates Industrial Loan Company successor by merger to AVCO Financial Services Three, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 16, 1999 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 145141.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: AVCO Financial Services Three, Inc

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 112 West Meade Court, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.0134.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The East 67 1/2 feet of the West 135 feet of the South 118 feet of

Outlot 5 in County Auditor's Plat of Luverne, Outlots in Section 11,

Township 102N, Range 45W, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$40,321.55

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$40,668.86

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: December 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 3, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

Dated: September 22, 2015

CitiFinancial Services, Inc.
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300

Minneapolis, MN 55416

(952) 925-6888

168-15-004249 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(10-1, 10-8, 10-15, 10-22, 10-29, 11-5)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Nov. 19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 09, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$107,257.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jason Wicks and Shelley Wicks, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: October 11, 2012 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 180397

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation

Dated: July 31, 2015

Recorded: August 10, 2015 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 186773

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100966251208200245

Lender or Broker: Premier Home Mortgage, Inc.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 404 N Estey St, Luverne, MN 56156-1464

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-1731-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The W.90 feet of the S.77 feet of Lot 3 in Block 21 in Warren and

Kniss' Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$108,173.74

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: November 19, 2015 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 May 19, 2016, or the next business day if May 19, 2016 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.

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

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DATED: September 23, 2015

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE:

First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

(651) 209-3300

File Number: 033794F01.

(10-1, 10-8, 10-15, 10-22, 10-29, 11-5)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Nov. 5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 6, 2005

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): David L. Olson and Rosanne Olson, Husband and Wife

MORTGAGEE: New Century Mortgage Corporation

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE

MORTGAGE: New Century Mortgage Corporation

SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 11, 2005, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 161378

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 7, in Block 5, in Charles O. Hawes' Addition to the

Village (now City) of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 317 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0748-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF

THE NOTICE: \$109,246.16

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: November 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 5, 2016, or the next business day if May 5, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: September 14, 2015

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY:

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Attorneys for Mortgagee

12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200

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(9,17, 9-24, 10-1, 10-8, 10-15, 10-22)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Nov. 5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 4, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$124,200.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jesse A. Akkerman a/k/a Jesse Akkerman and Candyce

Akkerman, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 12, 2008 as Document

Number 168325 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 6 in Block 1 of The Sybesma Subdivision, Luverne,

Rock County, Minnesota

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$130,952.14

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20.2030.000

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 5, 2016.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

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

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Mae Top

(10.8-10.11)

We want to say thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers and hugs at the time of Ralph Lais' passing. God Bless you all.

Millie Lais and family

(10.4-10.8)

The family of Virgil Staeffler would like to thank the staff at Sanford Luverne Hospice, Dr. Morgan, Jeff at Hartquist Funeral Home, Pastor Mumme, family and friends for your caring thoughts, food, cards, memorials and flowers. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Virgil Staeffler family

(10.4-10.8)

I want to thank my family and friends for the wonderful birthday party. Thanks for all the cards and god wishes I received. A special thank you to Tanya, Connie and Puddy, they did a wonderful job. God Bless you all.

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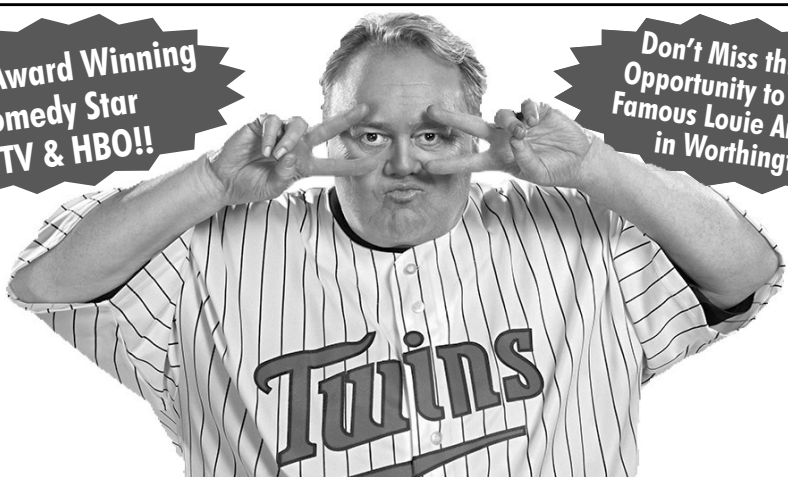


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- Two email addresses
- No data caps
- No modem needed
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TELEPHONE

- Local phone service
- Caller ID, Call Waiting and Voice Mail
- Reliable connection to friends, family and 911

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I can't begin to thank everyone who helped with the Stacy Pearsall event on October 1 & 2. Her talent as a military photographer is evident in her pictures and her ability to make the veterans comfortable during their photo shoot was a privilege to watch. We had four schools attend her age-appropriate presentation on Friday, October 2 and held another presentation on Friday night. During the evening presentation there was some language that may have offended some. I did not know that there would be any inappropriate language and I would never intentionally upset anyone. This is the 13th year that Remember Rally has done events to honor military and first responders and we always strive to be professional and positive. I apologize for any uncomfortable feelings and I accept responsibility.

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