



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Voters narrow local choices in commissioners and council races

By Lori Sorenson

Three local races with three or more candidates were narrowed to two candidates each during Tuesday's primary election.

### Luverne City Council

The first race decided Tuesday night was the three-way contest for the Luverne City Council Ward 1 seat currently held by Esther Frakes, who is not seeking re-election.

Seeking her seat on the council are Lennis "Red" Arndt, Larry Lan-

phere and Daniel Nath.

The two candidates to advance to the general election ballot are Nath with 110 votes (42.64 percent) and Lanphere with 90 votes (34.88 percent).

Arndt carried with the remaining 58 votes (22.48 percent) and will not advance to the General Election.

### Commission District 3 — TIED

The District 3 county commission seat is being sought by incumbent Ron Boyenga, rural Ellsworth, and

challengers Greg Burger, Luverne, and Darrel Van Aartsen, rural Luverne.

Burger with 108 votes (44 percent) and Van Aartsen and Boyenga tied 67 votes each (27.69 percent each).

The Rock County Auditor Treasurer's Office is waiting for clarification from the Minnesota Secretary of State on how to proceed with that contest.

### County Commission District 1

Four candidates were seeking election to the open county commissioner seat in District 1 currently held

by Ken Hoime, who opted not to seek re-election.

Candidates who filed are Don Bryan, Hardwick; Mike Davis, rural Luverne; Kyle Hemme, rural Hardwick; and Gary Overgaard, rural Magnolia.

The Star Herald arranged for a late press deadline at 10 p.m. in order to publish the most recent election results, but some counts were still considered unofficial as of 9:45 p.m.

As the polls closed Tuesday night, voters chose Overgaard with

105 votes (40.08 percent) and Davis with 86 votes (32.82 percent) to advance to the general election ballot.

Hemme garnered 36 votes (13.74 percent) and Bryan had 35 votes (13.36 percent) and will not advance to the General Election.

The general election is Nov. 8. The Rock County Auditor's Office can be reached at 507-283-5060.

Also election information is available on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.state.mn.us.

## Housing Boomers, Millennials

Study recommends Luverne offer more market rate rentals and senior housing

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's latest housing market study is complete, and the results aren't surprising: our population is aging, and the need for more senior housing is greater than ever before.

The project identifies potential demand for nearly 360 new housing units over the next 10 years, and about 65 percent of that is for senior housing.

Matt Mullins of Maxfield Research, Twin Cities, presented these findings at Monday morning's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority.

He said demand is strongest for market rate (as opposed to subsidized) senior housing, which would represent 165 of the 390 new housing units recommended.

Based on the research, there is a growing demand for maintenance-free housing and age-restricted housing.

The study recommends single-level, maintenance-free products, such as townhomes or twin homes to fill the need for owner-occupied for-sale housing.

While demand for this type of housing is highest among seniors, the results suggest that it would also meet a need among younger homebuyers looking for upscale, maintenance-free housing.

The research also recommends expanding senior housing options in Luverne, such as congregate, assisted living and memory care units.

There are currently 119 senior housing units (including 38 in congregate care and 72 in assisted living), but the study shows there's demand for 254 more senior housing units in the next 10 years.

Mayor Pat Baustian said there are long waiting lists for seniors to

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## Rock County joins National Night Out

A three-hour public open house took place Aug. 2 at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center. The second annual National Night Out garnered more than 150 visitors and featured several local service and emergency response vehicles on the lawn, allowing the public a close look. Inside the Law Enforcement Center, sheriff's office personnel conducted tours, and space was provided for organizations to set up booths with information.



Mavis Fodness photos

At right, Dave Smeins shows his sons, Kade (in cab) and Jase, a county highway truck.

At left, Deputy Mike Westerbur shows the Edstrom family the holding cells in the Law Enforcement Center Tuesday night.



## Third annual Beerfest is Aug. 20

Stein-holding contest makes debut at Beerfest

By Mavis Fodness

A new attraction will be on tap at the 2016 Rock River Beerfest in Luverne Aug. 20.

The inaugural stein-holding contest kicks off at 3 p.m. at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The contest is limited to 20 men and 20 women who will compete for \$50 cash and their name etched on a traveling trophy.

"It's a winner-take-all contest for the men's and women's divisions," said originator Rick Peterson.

Signup begins at 2 p.m. when doors open at the ice arena for the third annual Rock River Beerfest.

The competition will feature a series of five-person heats.

Participants will hold a stein filled with beer (weighing 5 1/2 pounds) straight out in front of them at shoulder height.

Those who last the longest without spilling or dropping their arms in each heat move into the finals, Peterson said.

Anyone holding the stein for 5 minutes or more also goes into the finals.

Beerfest will also feature a homebrew contest for the third year in a

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## County approves livestock permits for Boeve, Ver Steeg

By Mavis Fodness

Two Rock County producers received conditional use permits to expand their operations in 2016.

For the permit, both producers need to meet county and state feedlot rules but G & A Farms Inc. had two extra stipulations added as a result

of the July 25 public hearing. County commissioners reaffirmed the added conditions at their Aug. 4 meeting.

Glen and Matt Boeve will have to remove an existing manure stockpile in Section 19 of Clinton Township and mortalities can only be handled/stored at the feedlot location in Section 20

of Clinton Township, according to Land Management Director Eric Hartman.

The stockpile needs to be removed by Dec. 31, Hartman said. The Boeves are then required to follow the county's feedlot ordinance of not locating short-term manure piles

within three-eighths of a mile from the nearest residence.

The Boeves are combining two existing feedlots into one facility to finish 2,475 of cattle and 2,400 hogs. The site in Section 20 of Clinton Town-

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## City to buy Culligan, Ramage properties

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action Tuesday night toward redeveloping two lots on Highway 75 currently occupied by Culligan and a condemned house next door.

The City is in the process of purchasing the properties in the block north of the stoplights and will ultimately demolish both buildings and prepare the lots for future development.

The Culligan Water Conditioning business has leased space in the building since it was built in 1952.

Culligan owner Rolf Berg said the

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The city will pay \$55,000 for the Culligan building on Highway 75 and \$40,000 for the condemned house directly to the left (north).

## Local population declines

By Jason Berghorst

Rock County, along with every city within its borders, has declined in population in the last five years, according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The official government census is taken every 10 years, but the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program calculates changes in the populations of states, counties and cities between the official counts.

According to the Census Bureau website, the program uses current data on births, deaths and migration to calculate population changes and produce estimates of population.

The 2015 estimates — the most recent — mark the midpoint between official census counts in 2010 and 2020.

Overall, Rock County's estimated population has declined from 9,687 in 2010 to 9,600 in 2015.

Three of Rock County's neighboring counties saw increases in estimated population in the last five years.

Nobles County (21,378 to 21,770), Lyon County, Iowa (11,581 to 11,745) and Minnehaha County, South Dakota (169,468 to 185,197) have all grown between 2010 and

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Rock County Rural Water Board** monthly meeting has been moved from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

**Thriving Financial Board** will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at The Bluestem.

**Luverne Bowling Association** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, at the Luverne Lanes. Leagues are available and all bowlers are welcome.

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

**Green Earth Players** annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Green Earth Players building.

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

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

### Hwy. 15 closed for bridge work

Rock County Highway 15 (61<sup>st</sup> Street) will be closed 1 1/2 miles east of Kanaranzi for new bridge construction over Kanaranzi Creek. Construction will begin Tuesday, Aug. 9. A signed detour will be in place during the 10 to 14 weeks of construction. For more information contact engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

### Museum moves to History Center

The Rock County Museum on North Freeman Avenue is now closed in order to move displays to the new History Center opening this fall in downtown Luverne. The Rock County Historical Society can still be reached at 283-2122 and at rcmuseum@gmail.com.

To volunteer help with the move, contact Historical Society President Betty Mann at 283-2913.

### Luverne School District #2184

#### registration for 2016-17 school year

New residents to Luverne School District #2184 should come to respective school offices and register students for school year 2016-2017.

The High School/Middle School Office is open for new students to register. Call 507-283-4491 to make an appointment for grades 6-12. The Elementary Office is now open for new students to register. Parents of elementary students grades K-5 can call 507-283-4497.

School starts Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016.

### LHS eligibility meeting Aug. 15

The Luverne High School Activities Eligibility Meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in the Luverne Elementary School gym. This is a mandatory meeting for students and their parents/guardians in grades 9-12 who plan to participate in Minnesota State High School League athletic activities during the 2016-17 school year.

Topics covered in the meeting include MSHSL rules and school policies. A fall sports sign-up is available at the conclusion of the meeting.

### Muffin Monday at The Oaks Aug. 15

The Oaks will host Muffin Monday from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at 203 Oak Drive, Luverne, for free muffins, coffee, and juice. Call Carrie, 283-1996.

### Fifth-grade band lessons begin Aug. 15

Fifth-grade band summer lessons will run Monday, Aug. 15, through Thursday, Aug. 18, and again from Monday, Aug. 22, through Thursday, Aug. 25. All lessons will be in the high school band room.

The schedule will be as follows: Flutes 1 p.m.; clarinets 1:30 p.m.; saxophones 2 p.m.; trumpets 2:30 p.m.; trombones 3 p.m.; French horns, baritones and tubas 3:30 p.m.; percussion 4 p.m. If parents have questions, email a.swenson@isd2184.net.

### Hinkly night of music Aug. 18

Trumpeters David Nelson and Hans Bakken will perform from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Hinkly House on North Freeman Avenue. The event is part of the Hinkly House Summer Night of Music series.

The Victorian period home is open from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through the month of August.

# Crews rescue worker from collapsed trench

By Lori Sorenson

A young worker from Pipestone is lucky to be alive after a trench he was working in collapsed around him Thursday night at a worksite in Luverne.

According to Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, emergency personnel were dispatched at 5:09 p.m. in response to a report of a trench collapse near the FourWay Insulation property.

Trapped up to his waist was 18-year-old Noah Maschino, Pipestone, who was connecting a pipe in the bottom of the trench for Hulstein Excavating Co., Edgerton.

City utility workers were called to the scene with Ditch Witch underground equipment, which uses high-pressure water to break up soil and vacuum mud.

Electric Department Supervisor Rick Hoftiezer said it was an emotional task for him because only a month ago, his good friend Jim Bonebright, 46, of Miller, South Dakota, perished in a similar worksite incident.

"Every time I looked in that hole, I saw Jim," Hoftiezer said Friday. "It seems like I just got back from that funeral."

He said it was a helpless feeling not knowing if their efforts would save Maschino.

"You're standing right there and there's nothing you can do," Hoftiezer said. "I don't think I'll ever forget his name."

He urges all underground



Rick Peterson photo/0811 trench cave-in

Eight-year-old Noah Maschino, Pipestone, was connecting a service line at FourWay Insulation in Luverne for Hulstein Excavating Co., Edgerton, when the trench collapsed around him.

work crews to take safety precautions seriously.

"Sometimes they get complacent, because they've done a hundred of these before," Hoftiezer said.

Excavation company owner Dave Hulstein said there are safety procedures his crews follow depending on the type of projects they're working on.

"We pull a trench box when we're using our bigger, heavier equipment," he said.

"But this was just a service line, and we were only 6 feet deep. It should have been a relatively safe setup."

He said experience has

taught them to never assume trench walls are safe.

"You have to treat it all as dangerous soil," Hulstein said.

"You can look at it and might look good, but six inches over there could be another trench and it might sheer off."

He said he's bracing for a meeting with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which is called to investigate worksite accidents like this one.

"We strive to be a safe workplace, and we're taking precautions so this won't happen again," Hulstein said.

He said he and his crew

are well aware of the hazards of their jobs. "We pray every day that all our workers will get home safe at the end of the day."

Maschino was conscious and alert during the hourlong rescue, and he had no broken bones.

He was airlifted to Sioux Falls where he was hospitalized for observation, because compression accidents can cause clots after blood starts circulating again.

In addition to Trauma One and the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the Luverne Fire Department and Rock County Ambulance assisted at the scene.

## County Board combines accounts into one local bank

By Mavis Fodness

In an effort to lower banking fees, Rock County Commissioners moved five checking accounts and two savings accounts to a single bank in action taken at their Aug. 4 meeting.

Last month the county sent out a proposal for professional services to local banks.

Proposals were received from Minnwest, Farmers & Merchants, and Exchange State banks, all in Luverne.

The board unanimously awarded the contract to Exchange State Bank. Its offer involved no service fees and an interest rate of 0.85 percent on checking and savings account balances.

Minnwest's and Farmers & Merchants' proposals involved varying fees for checks, deposits, wire and ACH transfers.

They offered 0.1 and 0.3 percent respectively in interest rates.

The county's general checking account maintains a monthly balance of \$5.8 million. The balance peaks at \$11.5 million at the end of May through the end of June.

The county averages 335 checks/debits, 51 deposits, 1,056 deposited items and an average of 21 items per deposit.

The no-fee structure and 0.85 interest rate would also apply to the county's rural water, library and corrections accounts. Also included is the Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad account, which has limited activity.

The two savings accounts of the county and rural water have balances average around \$898,000.

The change becomes effective Sept. 1.



File photo

The lawnmower ride is the highlight of Kenneth Fun Days Friday and Saturday. The seven-mile lawnmower ride begins at 4 p.m. on Main Avenue.

## Kenneth Fun Days set for Friday, Saturday, Aug. 12, 13

By Mavis Fodness

Urban and rural residents of Kenneth will gather this weekend for some summer fun in preparation for the winter months.

Kenneth Family Fun Days takes place Friday night and Saturday in Kenneth.

"We do it to pay for snow removal," said organizer and businessman Dave Groen.

A free movie kicks off Fun Days at dusk Friday.

The outdoor event will take place on the back side of the former Lutheran church in Kenneth.

On Saturday the fun starts at 11 a.m. with the Ice Cream Guys serving

concessions.

An inflatable house with a slide and pony rides will be available for children.

Highlight of Fun Days is the seven-mile lawnmower ride. The event begins at 4 p.m. Saturday on Main Avenue.

Participants pay \$10 each to drive or ride on lawnmowers, small tractors or all-terrain vehicles.

Some vehicles pull trailers for friends or family members to participate on the ride.

Fun Days end with a 6 p.m. community supper Saturday.

Menu items include pulled pork, hot dogs, chips and beverage.



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move into Poplar Creek and The Oaks apartments of the Good Samaritan Society.

"Some of these folks are in their 80s and 90s before they move in, but a lot of them said they would have moved 10 years earlier had there been an opening," Baustian said.

LEDA member Esther Frakes pointed out that seniors are living in the types of homes that are in high demand among young families and first-time buyers.

"The middle-income housing stock would loosen up if we could offer more assisted living options," Frakes said.

### Rental market

Monday's discussion also focused on rental housing needs in Luverne and capturing millennial residents.

The Maxfield information showed that local unemployment rate is at less than 2 percent, which reflects a strong economy, but employers say it's difficult to hire new people when the housing market is so tight.

The vacancy rate is about 6 percent among Luverne's 246 rental units. Of those, 126 are subsidized units in five projects. Twenty-four are categorized as affordable in one project. These both have vacancy rates at 8 percent.

There are 96 market-rate units in seven locations in Luverne, and the vacancy rate among those is 2.1 percent.

Compounding the issue is the fact that these units are old — 25 to 30 years old — and don't offer the amenities that young people are looking for, according to LEDA director Holly Sammons.

"Millennials are expecting pretty posh amenities," she said, adding that many college students rent modern apartments. "It's very unlikely that they would downgrade from that standard."

She said if the city is serious about attracting and retaining young people, catering to their housing needs should be a priority.

In-unit laundry, high ceilings, open floor plans, extra bathrooms and covered parking (garages) are all musts for young renters, and they're willing to pay for them.

"We have nothing like this in Luverne," Sammons said. Part of the problem is that the modest apartments bring modest rents, making it difficult for developers to break into the rental market.

A single bedroom apartment locally ranges from \$365 to \$605, which means the estimated price per square foot is about 70 cents.

Construction costs for a new apartment building would require rents at more than \$1 per square foot — 30 percent higher than current rents.

"It would be very hard for a developer to come in and expect \$1.15 per square foot when people are now paying 70 cents," Mullins said.

"It would be a risk they're not willing to take."

This same problem exists in the entry-level housing

market.

Luverne's median income is \$50,000 per year, so the average local homebuyer can afford a home that costs \$150,000.

But in Luverne, entry-level homes in this category can be purchased for much less than that, which is good for buyers, but bad for housing development.

For a contractor to build a home in this range, it wouldn't pay, because construction costs are so much higher than what people are used to paying.

According to the study, the current lot supply is sufficient to meet short-term demand of for-sale housing.

After accounting for vacant lots, there is demand for 31 single-family homes and 24 multi-family homes.

### Filling the gap between market rate, market need

At Monday's meeting, LEDA officials discussed the need to provide government incentives to meet housing demands.

Mullins said the city's lot incentive program has worked well in spurring development.

"Lot price is a major component in home building, so this has been an effective tool," he said.

The program essentially sells city-owned lots to new homebuilders at greatly reduced prices to encourage development in its new residential neighborhoods.

The city has 46 of these vacant city lots available, but even after these are sold, the study shows there would still be demand for an additional 31 single-family units.

At Monday's meeting, the LEDA board discussed the need for more housing incentives.

"This town would not be where we are today without government involvement," Baustian said. "We needed this study to tell us where we are and where we need to be."

Mullins agreed.

"No one wants to take a risk unless there's government incentive," he said. "If you don't, no one else will, and no one will come to town."

Luverne's last housing plan was completed in 2008, and many of the initiatives at that time have been implemented.

The new research, which cost \$14,000, reflects new demographics and needs, and Sammons said she's grateful for the guidance.

"The study gives us a snapshot of the demand for housing in the coming years," Sammons said.

"This information will blend right in with our comprehensive plan that we're working on for the next 10 years."

She said she will share the Maxfield work with Good Samaritan officials, developers, bankers, lenders and anyone else who can use the data to meet housing needs.

The full study results are available on the city's website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

It can also be viewed on the Star Herald's website, [starherald.com](http://starherald.com), by linking on this story.



Fundraising will buy shelves, tables, chairs, a checkout desk and a children's area improvements at the Adrian library.

## Adrian Branch Library launches fundraising campaign for renovation

By Jason Berghorst

The Adrian Branch Library will soon begin a major renovation, and fundraising is underway to help finance the project.

The library, located on Maine Avenue in Adrian, is a branch of the Nobles County Library in Worthington.

The Adrian Branch Library serves residents from Adrian and western Nobles County, as well as some patrons from eastern Rock County.

The library has 1,600 cardholders and had more than 10,000 visits to the facility last year.

The renovation work was approved by the Nobles County Commissioners on April 19. The county has agreed to cover the costs of all repairs and renovations needed on the building, which was built in 1963.

The list includes repairs to the ceiling and walls, flooring, light fixtures, ductwork, plumbing, electrical upgrades and updates to make the facility accessible for those with disabilities.

According to Adrian Branch Librarian Meredith Vaselaar, those costs represent only about 75 percent of the total project.

The remaining costs, primarily for new furnishings for the library, will need to be raised by the community.

Vaselaar listed items such as shelves, tables, chairs, a checkout desk and a children's area as improvements to raise money for.



Necessary work at the Adrian library includes repairs to the ceiling and walls, flooring, light fixtures, ductwork, plumbing, electrical upgrades and more.

The estimated cost for these items is \$80,000, or about 25 percent of the total project, according to Vaselaar.

"It is hoped that the entire amount will be raised by the completion of the renovation itself," Vaselaar added.

The fundraiser is being sponsored by the Lismore Area Community Foundation, which ensures that the donations are tax-deductible.

Donations are being sought from businesses, organizations and individuals.

So far, \$6,000 has been raised.

Donations, with checks written to LACF and marked "Library," may be dropped off at the Adrian Library, the Adrian State Bank or the State Bank of Lismore.

Checks may also be mailed to the Adrian Branch Library, PO Box 39, Adrian, MN 56110

Online donations are accepted on the Library's website, [www.plumcreeklibrary.com/adrian](http://www.plumcreeklibrary.com/adrian).

## Third Annual Rock River Beerfest/continued from page 1A

row. Entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 12.

Rock River Beerfest features samples from 25 breweries involving more than 100 beer and wine samples.

Commemorative Beerfest mugs are given at the door.

Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the event. Designated driver tickets can be purchased for \$10 on the day of the event.

Free trolley rides within seven miles of Luverne are available to and from the Beerfest.

To arrange a ride, contact the Luverne Chamber at 283-4061 or Jane Wildung Lanphere at 920-5197.



The inaugural stein-holding contest kicks off at 3 p.m. at the Blue Mound Ice Arena during the Third Annual Rock River Beerfest in Luverne. Winners take \$50 and a traveling trophy.

Food and snacks will be available from The Bluestem, Sterling's Café & Grille, and Relay for Life.

Proceeds from this year's

Beerfest support Luverne's 150th anniversary celebration in 2017.

Advanced tickets are available at the Luverne Chamber,

Take 16 Brewing Company and Blue Mound Liquor Store.

Tickets and more information are also available online at [rockriverbeer.com](http://rockriverbeer.com).

## HILLS-BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Request for Quotes

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 671, also known as Hills-Beaver Creek School District, will receive sealed firm quotes for delivery of 13,000 Gallons of Heating Fuel Oil at its Elementary Site in Beaver Creek (2,000 gallon tank capacity) and delivery of 25,000 Gallons of Liquid Propane delivered to two District Sites in Hills, MN. Quote must indicate that delivery service company is able to furnish trained and certified LP gas service within 24 hours.

All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part. The Board also reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders

Hills-Beaver Creek District No. 671  
Lois Leuthold, Clerk of the Board



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## Gary, the home-raised goose, returns with mate

In my completion of daily horse chores, I often hear the familiar honks of Canada geese as they pass overhead.

This spring, however, there was one honk that sounded a little different from the others. I am fairly certain it was Gary greeting me.

Two summers ago my family unknowingly fostered a Canada goose into adulthood. What was then a gray and yellow fuzzy ball grew up to be a beautiful black and gray goose by summer's end.

I named him Gary, not knowing his true gender.

After taking flying lessons from my husband, Bryan, who would flap his arms up and down in a flying motion as he ran across the yard, Gary took final flight in the fall of 2014, flying south down the gravel road from our farm.

All of us hoped he would return.

Wildlife officials said geese are keyed into where they were raised, and if they are successful in breeding, they will return within two years.

I think Gary returned in March 2015, stopping briefly at the farm with other 1-year-old geese. He spent a few weeks in the area honking daily greetings before disappearing again.

This spring as geese were flying into the area and making nests, I believe Gary was among them.

The first Gary sighting happened as I was returning to the house from letting the horses out to the pasture. A pair of geese circled the silos before landing in the field east of the farm.

For several days I greeted them, and the bigger bird would honk back at the verbal greeting. Then the pair would be gone.

Several weeks later I was positioning the electric fence near the waterway when a pair



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

of birds landed nearby.

I shouted, "Hi, Gary!?"

This time the larger one answered with several honks and walked to within 50 feet of where I was working.

We carried on a conversation as I pounded in poles and strung up the wire. While the smaller bird ("the missus," as I referred to her) walked away, the larger bird did not.

A discussion with him took place for almost 20 minutes.

I asked the bird if he had a nest nearby and how many eggs it contained.

"One?" I asked.

The larger bird answered with a honk and a tossing of his head in an upward position. The smaller one was silent and continued to walk down the waterway.

"Two?" I asked. Again a honk and head toss.

Three?

Honk. Head toss.

I got to six but didn't go higher. I thought Gary was just bragging.

As our conversation ended, I asked him to bring the kids by once they hatched. The pair then left, making a circle around the farm, and flew back to the river.

The birds returned for a couple more days of quick "hello" greetings.

It's been months since that discussion, and I hoped Gary would drop by with the family before flying north.

He did not. Or at least I wasn't home to witness it.

As I completed chores last week, I thought I heard a honk. Gary?

Fingers crossed, I am excited at the possibility of meeting the family of eight.

## It takes a village to maintain pride in our community

Luverne has long been known for its clean, safe neighborhoods and its beautiful, well-cared-for public parks and recreation areas.

We're proud of these amenities and we're proud that visitors notice them and remark about them.

That's why it's so disheartening to hear about the recent vandalism of the dock at The Lake (some still call it the Creamery Pond) and about numerous complaints of dog feces on the Loop walking and biking path. Come on, people.

We realize it does little good to lecture our Star Herald readers about community pride and caring for shared property. Our readers are generally not the problem (or so we'd like to believe).

Given that, and given the assumption that violators likely don't read their community paper, we'll advocate instead that the rest of us

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step up to curtail bad behavior.

Much like playground bullying can be curtailed by onlookers who interfere and/or report poor behavior, we're hoping the same thing can happen with disrespect for community property.

If you see it happening, politely point out that we all enjoy these city amenities and we don't appreciate thoughtless actions that diminish that enjoyment.

Also, we're encouraging the latest social approach to changing behaviors: keep your cell phone cameras handy and capture a photo

or video of bad behavior.

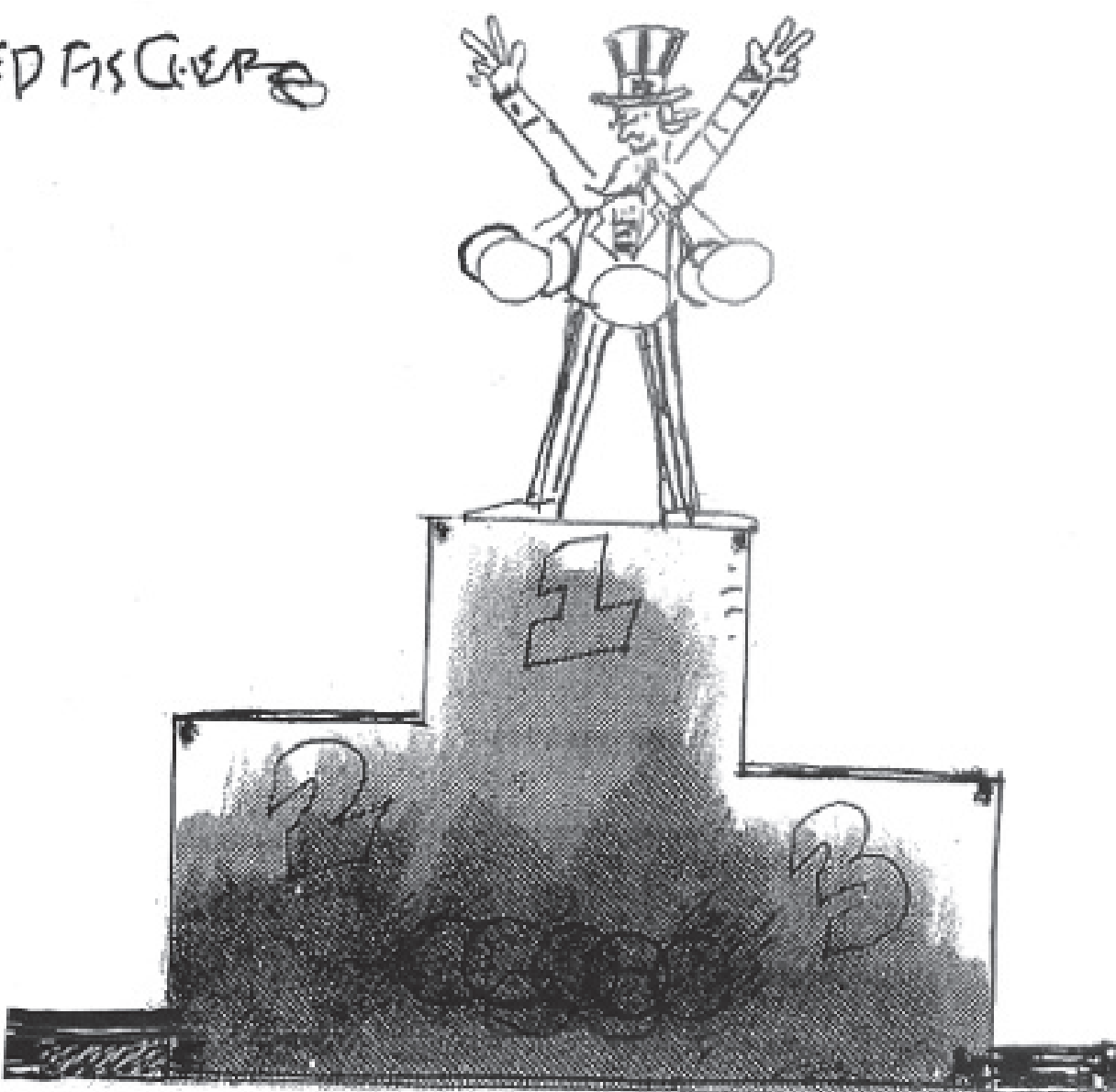
Vandalism is a crime, and not picking up dog feces on sidewalks and paths is municipal code violation.

Both have repercussions for those who are caught.

To help catch them, information, photos or video evidence can be emailed to [evan.verbrugge@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:evan.verbrugge@co.rock.mn.us) or texted to 507-920-9273.

We realize a damaged dock and dog feces on the trail aren't the end of the world, but a little public participation could go a long way in preserving and maintaining a community we can be proud of.

EP FISCHER



## Reports of aggressive driving on the rise; laws don't specify number of vehicles drivers can pass

**Question:** I read a recent study by the AAA Foundation for traffic safety that nearly 80 percent of drivers expressed significant anger, aggression or road rage behind the wheel at least once in the previous year. How many "roadrage" incidents are reported to the State Patrol on a yearly basis?

**Answer:** Troopers respond to a number of calls on a daily basis based on driving conduct and many other issues and actions occurring on our highways. While we do not specifically track "road rage" incidents, I can provide statistics on the number of incidents related to driving conduct and other issues.

#### Driving complaints:

•57,465 (2015)

•33,865 (2016 to date)

#### Gun-pointing incidents:

•119 (2015)

•76 (2016 to date)

#### Signs of an aggressive driver:

•ignore traffic signals.



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

•speed and tailgate.  
•weave in and out of traffic.  
•make improper lane changes frequently and abruptly.

•pass on the shoulder.  
•make hand and facial gestures.  
•scream, honk and flash lights.

#### If confronted by an aggressive driver, you should:

•get out of their way.  
•stay calm — reaching your destination safely is your goal.

•do not challenge them.  
•avoid eye contact.  
•ignore gestures and don't return

them.  
•report aggressive driving (vehicle description, license number, location).

•always buckle up to maintain proper seating position in case of abrupt driving maneuvers.

#### Report aggressive drivers:

•Find a safe place to call 911.

•Be prepared to provide location, vehicle description and license plate.

**Question:** I have a question about the number of vehicles a person is allowed to pass at one time.

Am I allowed to go over the posted speed limit when I pass a vehicle?

**Answer:** Minnesota law does not state that there are a specific number of vehicles that a driver can pass at one time.

Minnesota law allows a driver to increase their speed 10 m.p.h. over the posted speed limit only when the driver:

•Is on a two-lane highway having one lane for each direction of travel.

•Is on a highway with a posted speed limit that is equal to or higher than 55 miles per hour.

•Is overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction of travel.

Passing should only be done when:

•It is safe to pass with no oncoming traffic approaching.

•The driver has a clear line of sight.

•There are no curves or hills approaching.

•The driver can safely judge the

correct distance required to make the pass.

•Passing is permitted on the road.

Drivers should never take chances. I have investigated far too many head-on crashes where the occupants were killed or seriously injured due to unsafe passing. We live in a busy world and often times drivers are impatient, and that can lead to taking risks to pass another vehicle. Your life and the life of others on the road are not worth the risk.

Always remember to plan ahead, pay attention, wear your seat belt, drive the speed limit and never drive while impaired. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

*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, Minnesota 55901-5848, or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.*

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**July 29**

- Complainant reported some people loitering and they are requesting extra patrol.
- Complainant requested a deputy come speak to the pastor about giving a man some financial assistance to get to Worthington in August to get his unemployment figured out or a possible ride.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on subject.
- Complainant requested some individuals be removed from fairgrounds for being disorderly and swearing at a carnie running the big dog ride. Subjects removed and barred from returning for duration of fair.

**July 30**

- Complainant requested assistance with a young person making threats.
- Complainant reported that her neighbor told her that subject broke into her apartment. Deputies checked apartment and found no signs of forced entry.
- Complainant requested a welfare check on subject and would like a call back. Deputy located subject, and he was fine. Tried to call complainant, but no one answered and there was no voicemail set up.
- Complainant requested a deputy go with her to check and see if anything has been disturbed.
- Complainant reported someone broke in. His door was kicked in, and there is stuff all over.
- Complainant reported he locked his keys in his vehicle.
- State Patrol reported some type of metal debris on I-90 eastbound at mile marker 5. Trooper out of position, so deputy took care of it.
- Complainant reported he just passed a tractor with a clam bucket aways back. There was some trash on the road that could have been a storm door. Door was removed. Deputy gave male a half hour to get the road cleaned off.
- Fire department reported they would be out at the races at the fairgrounds.
- Deputy stopped a vehicle and cited driver for underage drinking and driving. The passenger was cited for no seatbelt.
- Deputy reported a vehicle abandoned at County Road 4 and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is off the road and seems to be OK.

**July 31**

- Complainant reported his daughter missing in the area. Driving a gold/champagne-colored 1999 Concorde LI with Missouri or Virginia plates and a dent on the left rear door. Deputy located vehicle at GrandStay. Spoke to her, and she doesn't have cell service here. Left a message for her mother and father of where she is.
- Complainant requested a deputy to assist her with parenting issues. Her 12-year-old daughter is throwing a tantrum because her dad won't give her the phone back.
- Deputy reported a van has been parked at Rauk's for about a week. They are OK with it being there, but just don't know why it is. Left message for director of the church and Rauk's want to know when they call back.
- Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle.
- Complainant reported he has to be out of the residence at location by 5 p.m. tomorrow, but when his son went back to the house this evening, the landlord was in the house with the lights off and a flashlight.

**Aug. 1**

- Complainant reported that he bought a pickup that was no longer drivable from a subject. Complainant now has received a Facebook message from someone telling him the vehicle is stolen.
- Complainant requested a deputy at location for Jehovah's Witnesses on property.
- Complainant reported issuance of a nonsufficient funds check to Rock-Nobles Corrections.
- Complainant reported a violation of restraining order in Hills.
- Complainant reported her vehicle is broken down at location. She will be getting it moved sometime today or this evening. Deputy reported

- that the vehicle is well off the roadway and is not a hazard. Dispatch notified State Patrol.
- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle at location. Vehicle is on a jack and has tire missing. It is off the roadway.
- Complainant reported that he is still owed money for a vehicle he has the title for. Complainant was advised that this is a civil matter and needs to be taken care of in Pipestone County.
- Complainant reported that he is having issues with his landlord and requested a deputy because his patience with his landlord is wearing thin.
- Complainant stopped in and said there would be seven people in seven different vehicles going around the county selling Platinum Insurance. They will be here for 2 to 4 weeks.
- Complainant reported that he had lost a golf cart from a trailer at location and has found it in a ditch near a field fence completely destroyed. Complainant said he will be coming back through the area in two weeks and will pick it up then. Dispatch notified Patrol, as they were already aware of the situation. Dispatch also passed on all complainant information. Patrol said that they will notify Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- Complainant reported a vehicle drove into location which is an abandoned farm place. When the driver saw the complainant, he turned around and left in a hurry. Complainant thought it was suspicious and wanted to report it to a deputy. This vehicle is entered into a group of solicitors in the area from a previous call.
- Dispatcher received a call from an individual who insisted on speaking with the sheriff, who was out on a call. He was offered a voicemail but declined. He said it was very important but didn't want to speak with anyone else.
- Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about custody arrangements for his daughter between himself and his ex.
- Complainant reported that she cannot find her children. They were last seen a half hour ago in the backyard playing. She has checked with the neighbors, and the children are not there. At approximately 6:07 p.m. complainant reported that the kids were home safe.
- Complainant reported a vehicle parked along the shoulder two miles west of Luverne at location. Two males were seen outside the vehicle. Vehicle description is gray or silver 2010 or 2011 Blazer. Complainant did not feel comfortable stopping to assist.
- Complainant reported a vehicle with no plates at location on shoulder. No hazard. Car was marked with date and time. If it is there tomorrow, deputy will request a tow.
- Complainant requested a welfare check for some children that may be unattended.
- Complainant reported that his friend was going to commit suicide. The friend lives in Sioux Falls. Dispatch transferred call to Sioux Falls dispatch.
- Deputy arrested man for DWI after a call about him driving down the middle of the road on Kniss Avenue in Luverne and swerving all over. He was taken to jail and G&S was called to tow.
- Complainant reported vandalism to a vehicle. He was in Valley Springs, so call was forwarded to Minnehaha County.

**Aug. 2**

- Deputy reported there was an open door on a business. Keyholder was contacted.
- Deputy reported there was an open door on a business. Keyholder was contacted and asked that deputy secure it.
- Complainant reported a vehicle parked in a driveway for one of the wind towers near location. Vehicle has been there several hours with the driver in it. Deputy reported that the driver is having mechanical problems with his vehicle. He is waiting for some assistance.
- Complainant reported that a shed has an open door at a property that should

- be vacant. Complainant is concerned because of all the recent break-ins. Deputy reported that the shed was open with some miscellaneous items inside. Deputy shut and latched the door.
- Complainant dropped off a phone found on the ground on the 200 block of East Lincoln Street. Owner was contacted and picked up the phone at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.
- Complainant reported debris in westbound driving lane on I-90 at mile marker 1. Information was given to State Patrol.
- Complainant requested a deputy come and speak with her about a possible problem.
- Complainant reported a stalled vehicle in the road on I-90 at mile marker 22. Transferred to State Patrol, and they found the vehicle and arrested subject in Nobles County.
- Complainant reported three dirt bikes on the roadway that are not street legal. Complainant wants deputies to watch for them. Complainant thinks subjects may live nearby.
- Deputy requested G&S for vehicle abandoned on Highway 75 by the Bluestem. It is somewhat off the road but still 3 feet into the lane.

**Aug. 3**

- Complainant reported a fire alarm at 216 East Luverne Street. Paged Luverne Fire Department.
- Complainant reported possible child neglect. Unfounded.
- Complainant reported possible abuse.
- Complainant reported subject exposed his naked body to him. There have been ongoing issues with subject.
- Complainant reported Galaxy Note Pro tablet was stolen from location. Taken between July 28 and Aug. 1.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding being threatened.
- Complainant reported someone dropped a big load of gravel at location. Deputy reports there is gravel and rocks on the shoulder, but they do not appear to be a driving hazard. They appear to be doing some landscaping.
- Sheriff received a report about kids jumping off bridge at 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

- He requested it be checked out.
- Deputies arrested two subjects, one for possession of stolen property. A vehicle was taken from Rock Rapids, Iowa. The other was arrested on drug charges. They were taken to jail.

**Aug. 4**

- Complainant reported a woman activated her Lifeline button. Called back to cancel. She does not need help.
- Deputy reported that a vehicle was behind him on I-90 and it has problems. Looks like it is smoking. After speaking with the driver, he said that the vehicle was disabled, but he had help coming.
- Deputy spotted a subject driving and he knows the driver is revoked. Trooper stopped subject and took care of the call.
- Complainant reported people vandalizing the park in Kanaranzi and breaking rackets, etc. They are driving a white older Chevy pickup with smoke stacks. Complainant sees the vehicle in the area about once a week.
- Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding custody issue.
- Deputy arrested subject for third degree DWI and took him to jail.
- Complainant reported trench collapse at location. Paged Luverne Fire, ambulance and requested helicopter.
- Complainant reported his son lost his iPhone in the city park. Called back and said it was located.
- Complainant reported a friend told him there was a bunch of kids at his house. He is gone, and there is not supposed to be anybody there. Deputy advised back door is open and received permission from complainant to enter and check residence. Neighbor reported there were two pickups there approximately 20 minutes prior to complainant calling.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 3 funeral escorts, 4 traffic stops, 2 parking violations, 19 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 1 gas drive-off, 2 fingerprint requests, 10 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 6 false 911 calls, 7 log/alarm sheets, 9 drug court tests, 4 money escorts, and issued 10 purchase/carry permits and 5 burn permits.

|                     | 2010   | 2015   |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>Rock County</b>  |        |        |
| Luverne             | 4,745  | 4,677  |
| Beaver Creek        | 297    | 296    |
| Hardwick            | 198    | 195    |
| Hills               | 686    | 673    |
| Jasper              | 633    | 615    |
| Kenneth             | 68     | 67     |
| Magnolia            | 222    | 219    |
| Steen               | 180    | 178    |
| <b>SW Minnesota</b> |        |        |
| Jackson             | 3,299  | 3,234  |
| Pipestone           | 4,317  | 4,141  |
| Slayton             | 2,153  | 2,053  |
| Windom              | 4,646  | 4,550  |
| Worthington         | 12,764 | 13,090 |

### Census 2015 shows population decline in Rock County/from 1A

2015.

The only neighboring county to lose people, according to the estimates, is Pipestone County, which declined from 9,596 in 2010 to 9,271 in 2015.

The city of Luverne, according to the 2015 estimate, has lost 68 people in the last five years, down from 4,745 to 4,677.

"Of course, we'd rather see growth in population," Luverne City Administrator John Call said.

Call said Luverne's goal continues to be to reach 5,000 residents.

"Being in rural Minnesota and in the shadow of Sioux Falls, we know that is a big challenge," he said. "But we believe we can get there."

The city is focusing on economic development and small business growth in order to grow housing, jobs and

*"Being in rural Minnesota and in the shadow of Sioux Falls, we know that (growth) is a big challenge."*  
— John Call  
City Administrator

population.

"We also continue to focus on making this a community that people want to live in with quality parks, trails, schools and other amenities," Call said.

All of the smaller cities in Rock County have also lost population between 2010 and 2015.

Beaver Creek and Kenneth showed the smallest declines with each losing only one person (297 to 296 and 68 to 67 respectively).

### Livestock permits/from 1A

request, Chad and Harold Ver Steeg proposed adding a 2,800-head swine-finishing barn in Section 32 of Battle Plain Township.

The barn would be located south of two existing 1,000-head finishing barns.

Under the new permit, the Ver Steegs would be allowed 1,440 animal units, up from 600 at the site.

No additional conditions were added to the Ver Steeg permit.

ship would also hold 1,000 head of nursery swine for a total capacity of 2,980 animal units, up from 1,990.5.

All manure would be stored in under-floor concrete pits and earthen basins with the solid manure stored in manure packs on the open lots and/or stockpiles with process wastewater from feed storage areas to be stored in earthen basins.

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*'I needed to talk about it. My life has changed.'* - Dianne Karlstad

## Luverne woman's diagnosis propels her to start Parkinson's support group

By Mavis Fodness

It's been almost a year since Dianne Karlstad of Luverne was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

She said she visited three doctors because she couldn't accept the explanation of why her right hand shook as she wrote and why she couldn't walk distances without losing her balance.

"I needed to talk about it," Karlstad said. "My life has changed."

Those talks with others about Parkinson's Disease meant more than a 30-mile drive to Sioux Falls, Jackson or Windom. There was no support group in Luverne.

On Friday, Aug. 19, Karlstad will kick off a Parkinson's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne.

She said people have already contacted her from the posters she developed.

"I received five calls last week," Karlstad said. "So from touching these five people, I know they need the support."

Rose Wichmann and Joan Gardner will be the guest speakers at the Aug. 19 meeting, which is for caregivers, too.

Wichmann manages the Struthers Parkinson's Center in Minneapolis. The center has developed a comprehensive approach to the management of the disease and related movement disorders.

Gardner is the center's clinic supervisor.

Karlstad said the two would provide updates on Parkinson's symptoms, treatment and practical strategies for coping with common challenges.

"No two people are the same," she said.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic and progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement. The symptoms worsen over time, according to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

By being active in their own care, many see an improvement in the symptoms, the Foundation's website stated.

Karlstad hopes the local Parkinson's support group can meet monthly either with or without caregivers. A decision will be made at the initial meeting. Caregivers may want to meet separately, she said.

To register for the Aug. 19 meeting or for more information, contact Karlstad at 507-530-3307 or 283-4255.

Organizational meeting for the Parkinson's support group is 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0811 Parkinsons Support

Dianne Karlstad (left) knows her Parkinson's disease will progress to the point where traveling 30 to 60 miles to a support group won't be feasible. On Aug. 19 she will conduct Luverne's first Parkinson's disease support group at 1 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church. The meeting is also for caregivers like Karlstad's significant other, Harold Hess.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Births

A boy, Tavern William, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born to **Josh and Tara Churchill**, Luverne, on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He joins two sisters, Arianna and Brielle. Grandparents are Rick and Lori Scholten, Steen, and Bill and Val Churchill, Sioux Falls.

### Open Houses

**Ray Dorn** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne.

An Open House Bridal Shower for **Annette Goettsch**, bride-to-be of **Matthew Brandt**, will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

**Rodney and Laura Richters** will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, at Making Memories Last Retreat, 103 E. Pearl St., Adrian, MN 56110.

## MENU

### Senior Citizens

**Monday, Aug. 15:** Beef tips with gravy, noodles, peaches, country blend vegetables, bread, cookie.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16:** Parmesan chicken breast, baked potato, California blend vegetables, bread fruit cocktail.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Luverne Farm Store

**Wednesday, Aug. 17:** Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, frosted cake.

Program: Pastor Klatt - St. John's Lutheran.

**Thursday, Aug. 18:** Barbecue chicken breast sandwich, creamy cucumbers salad, fresh fruit, bun, bar.

**Friday, Aug. 19:** Country steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, squash, bread, pudding.

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.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**Soccer Morning Fun** for ages 5 through grade 4 (as attended during 15-16) will be held four days the week of August 15. Fee is \$16. Register by Aug. 9. Class size limited to 20.

Meet as a group in the City Park for **Play Dates at the Park** at 10 a.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 23 for parents with children ages 0-5 years. Make new friends; no fee, but please register.

**Spend a day at the Minnesota State Fair** on Aug. 29. \$65 covers bus and ticket.

Tim Olson will present **Preparing Bee Colonies for Winter** on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Fee is \$10.

The two hour class will focus on beekeeping tasks to prepare bee colonies to survive a harsh southwest Minnesota winter.

Class topics include fall inspection, late summer varroa mite control, fall feeding recommendations, winter ventilation requirements, and wrapping of bee hives.

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

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

For information or to register call Community Ed at 283-4724.

## Saving butterflies

Habitat project available through NRCS

The Rock County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces that producers interested in increasing monarch butterfly habitat on private lands need to apply for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) - Monarch Butterfly Habitat Development Project by Aug. 19. This deadline coordinates with all other EQIP deadlines.

Through EQIP, Rock County NRCS will work to provide technical and financial assistance for customers interested in the project, which spans ten Midwestern states to restore the habitat of endangered pollinators, including the monarch.

The project will apply national conservation practices to develop and protect monarch habitats, which have lessened in the recent years predominately due to agriculture; these practices include conservation cover, prescribed burning, early successional habitat development/management, field border, and riparian herbaceous cover, among others.

NRCS will also incorporate planting different species of milkweed for monarch pollination.

Anyone interested in applying for the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Development Project should contact the local NRCS District Conservationist, Kurt Halfmann, at 507-283-9146 ext 3 to submit an application.

## A few trouble spots pop up as a bountiful vegetable harvest continues

My vegetable garden is in full production ... it is amazing to see the variety of fresh produce we are enjoying and appreciating. Every year some garden vegetables do great and others seem to struggle.



This year the struggle category includes all my melon vines. A bacterial wilt hit them when they were loaded with immature fruit, and many of them are in the process of dying or have died. I get that entire vine out of the garden so I'm not taking a chance of a repeat problem next year.

When the onion tops fall over, the onion is finished growing for the season. It is important to get those onions pulled and out of the garden before the tops are totally dry to prevent neck rot. I spread mine in a single layer on a sheet of cardboard in the garage and let the tops dry totally before cutting them off. Then I clean them off and store them in mesh bags so they

## KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

*It is amazing to see the variety of fresh produce we are enjoying and appreciating.*

have good air circulation. The variety I grow is Candy, and they are good storage onions.

Also, when potato vines are dead, it is time to get those tubers dug. Don't expose the new potatoes to sunlight or they will turn green, and that part of the potato becomes mildly toxic. The skin of new potatoes is very tender, so don't scrub them or their

storage life will be dramatically shortened. I just hose mine off a couple of times, let them dry, and then put them in tubs in the basement.

August is the best time to move or divide peonies. The foliage of fern leaf peonies is yellowing or has died, indicating that they are finished growing for the season. Lift the entire clump and wash the soil from the roots. Then you can see how to untangle the tubers to divide them.

When you replant, be sure the new eye for next year's growth is no deeper than one inch below the surface and plant them in a sunny area. Planted too deep or in shade will result in poor or no flowers.

*Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at [flowersgb@iw.net](mailto:flowersgb@iw.net).*

## Engesser to retire from First Farmers and Merchants Bank

By Lori Sorenson

First Farmers and Merchants Bank President and CEO Mike Engesser has announced he will retire Dec. 31 after 35 years at the bank.

Engesser, who also serves as Senior Vice President of 215 Holding Co., started in 1981 for First Bank Luverne, which became First Farmers and Merchants Bank in 1987 after the Short Family bought it.

Brian P. Short, President and CEO of 215 Holding Co., announced last week that Engesser will retire.

"During his long career with First Farmers & Merchants Bank and its predecessor, Mike has done great things for our bank, the communities we serve, and every member of all the First Farmers & Merchants Banks," Short said.

In that time, Short said Engesser emerged as a leader in the organization.

"When working on the acquisition of the bank, I got to know Mike and was very impressed with his quiet competence and his firm grasp of all of the details of



Mike Engesser

First Bank Luverne," he said.

"Mike has played a leading role in the bank and our whole banking company ever since. As we built this company, we faced many challenges, and Mike had a hand in overcoming every one."

Engesser said he decided to retire in order to pursue other interests, including woodworking, golf and stained glass art.

"I have been working since I was able to work, and with the consuming nature of this job I have given up all of the hobbies I had," he said. "I would like to start

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

them back up and spend more time at the lake and more time with my family."

His family includes his wife, Jenny, who will continue teaching in Luverne Elementary School, and their grown sons, Chris in Minneapolis and Matt in Cary, North Carolina.

Engesser said he'll miss his job at the bank.

"What I enjoyed most is the people I was able to work with. They made my job easier and they are just great people," he said.

"The job gave me opportunities and challenges to use my education and life experiences to help grow the organization and help in the community."

Short said Engesser's contributions to the community are noteworthy.

"He has held leadership positions with many community organizations," Short said.

"The community is indeed a better place because of him."

Those include the Luverne Lions Club, the Luverne Chamber of Commerce, the Luverne Community Economic Development Committee, the Luverne Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Luverne Economic Development Authority, Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company, the Luverne School Foundation, St. Catherine's Church and the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Engesser said he'll continue to serve the community, but he plans to pare down some of those contributions.

"I look forward to relaxing and not getting up at 4 a.m. so I can get things done," he said.

"I look forward to spending time at the lake and being able to enjoy my hobbies again while I am still able to do them."

## AgStar fund helps with fair's washrack project

The AgStar Fund for Rural America has awarded a \$3,000 grant to the Rock County Fair in Luverne for upgrades to its livestock wash rack. Pictured Thursday near the grandstands are Pat Barnett of AgStar (left) and Rock County Fair Board Secretary Lee Sells. The upgrades to the livestock wash rack include new cement, drainage and water supply in addition to more tie-up spaces. AgStar's corporate giving program, the AgStar Fund for Rural America, awards grants to organizations or programs that support its mission of "enhancing life in agriculture and rural America." Since its inception in 2001, the AgStar Fund has donated over \$6 million to organizations in communities that work to improve the future of rural America. Lori Sorenson photo/0804 agstar check at fair



## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2006)

•Construction of Rock County's new Law Enforcement Center is so far on schedule and within budget, according to an update at Tuesday's County Board meeting. ...

Project superintendent Dave Mollberg said he'd rather not talk about early timelines, because snags can occur later in the process to set back the schedule. ...

He said that of all the work he's done on major commercial projects, this has been a smooth job. "It's smaller, by comparison, and it's going nicely," he said.

### 25 years ago (1991)

•The Rock County Sheriff's Office still has no suspect in the July 26 Hardwick State Bank robbery.

Sheriff Ron McClure said Tuesday his deputies continued to canvass the area over the weekend, but had no luck in finding the robber or more witnesses.

The Sheriff's Office is looking for a man from 5 feet, 8 inches to 6 feet tall, medium build and weighing possibly 160 pounds. He walked into the Hardwick State Bank about 12:30 p.m. wearing dark clothes and a ski mask, pointed a shotgun at bank president Larry Rolfs and took an undisclosed amount of money.

### 50 years ago (1966)

•Crazy, Crazy "Redikilus Day" gets underway here today at 9 a.m.

Local business firms will be busy before that time, getting dressed in ridiculous costumes, and getting their tables of merchandise out on the sidewalks for display there. ...

"Flying Saucers" will be dropped from an airplane at 2 p.m. today. Originally, it was estimated that 1,000 paper plates bearing values and prices in varying amounts at the various stores would be sailed over the city. By Tuesday, business firms indicated they would be "sailing" over 1,200 of them.

### 75 years ago (1941)

•Announcement was made this week that the 1941 Agderlaget, gathering of Norwegian people originating from the southern part of Norway, will be held in Luverne and that Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 12, 13 and 14 are the dates set. Most of the sessions will be at the Luverne Armory.

Detailed plans were not made public, but it was announced that the Agderlaget would open in the Armory with a program on Friday afternoon. The business session is scheduled for Saturday morning, which will be followed by a program of speeches.

### 100 years ago (1916)

•A farmers' day celebration will be held in Luverne next Thursday, Aug. 17, according to a decision reached at a meeting of a number of the business men held yesterday morning.

The details of the celebration have not been completed at this writing, but the arrangements will be in line with similar celebrations of this character. A program of field and street sports will be prepared, and the usual prizes will be awarded by the business houses of the city to patrons.

## 1924: Life as it was in Rock County 50 years after settlers arrived; first birth recorded in 1869

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on July 18, 1924:

### ROCK COUNTY AS IT WAS FIFTY ODD YEARS AGO

In November 1867, Mr. Hawes brought with him John Lietze and family who were to maintain a stopping place, or half-way place, as it was called on the mail route. Although both the Estey and Lietze families spent the winter of 1867-68 on the Rock river within ten miles of each other, neither knew of the presence of the other, each family believing itself to be the only one in Rock county. At Jackson, Mr. Hawes had been told that a family had been spending the



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

winter on the route, below his station, and on January 31, 1868, while on a trip over the line he went down to see if it were true. He found that the Estey's had lost a day in the reckoning of time, and for over two months had been rigidly keeping Monday for the Sabbath day.

When once the trail has been blazed to the frontier country and actual settlement has been established, it is not long until others follow. This was the case in Rock county, and we find that during 1868, quite a number of settlers pushed to the Rock river country and builded themselves a

home. Among the settlers of 1968 was Edwin Gillman who later became sheriff of Rock county.

Despite the fact that only a few had arrived in the county during the first half of the year, those were patriotic and duly celebrated the nation's birthday. Every man, woman and child in the county excepting Charlie Hawes, who was on a trip to Yankton with the mail, was present. They were Philo Hawes and family, Mrs. Deborah Estey and family, Miss Miranda J. Skinner, Edward McKenzie, Daniel Wilmut and family, S. Teal, J. C. Phelps and family, and Charles Hillman.

The year 1829 saw considerable increase in new settlers, but lack of

space forbids going into detail.

The first birth of Rock county occurred in the month of March 1869. It was a daughter, Effie Ferguson, born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ferguson. The second birth was also a daughter, Lorenda Bradford. The third birth also occurred the same year, a daughter, Carrie Hawes, having been born to Mr. and Mrs. Philo Hawes on August 9th.

This article will be continued next week.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuw.net.

## 'Mystery in the Library' coming Aug. 26

The Rock County Community Library will host a murder mystery event Friday, Aug. 26, at the library.

Opening announcements begin at 5:15 p.m. with the mystery event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Members of the teen reading club will perform as guests sleuth and interact to solve a theft inside an ordinary library.

"Mystery in the Library" takes place inside an ordinary library. When an ancient

manuscript disappears, patrons are alarmed.

Participants in the murder mystery try to find the person with the motive, means and opportunity to steal the Sardonic Manuscript.

Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Reservations are required; call 507-449-5040, or stop at the library.

"Mystery in the Library" is a production of shot in the dark mysteries.com.

## Fall 2016 duck and goose seasons approaching

Minnesota's regular waterfowl season will open on Saturday, Sept. 24, with similar bag limits and season dates that were in place last year, according to Steve Cordts, DNR waterfowl specialist.

In the south zone, duck season opens Saturday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Oct. 2, closes for 12 days, then re-opens Saturday, Oct. 15, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 4.

The bag limit for ducks remains at six per day and individual species limits are identical to those used last fall.

The early September Canada goose season will open statewide on Saturday, Sept. 3, and run through Sunday,

Sept. 18.

Bag limits for Canada geese are five per day statewide. A \$4 permit is required to hunt Canada geese during the September season.

There is no August Canada goose management action in Minnesota this year.

Early season goose hunters should consult the 2016 Waterfowl Supplement for zone maps and additional details.

Minnesota's regular goose season will open in conjunction with the duck season statewide on Sept. 24, with a bag limit of three dark geese per day the entire season.

## OBITUARIES

### Wilma Van Heerde Frease

Wilma Van Heerde Frease in 1999. He was diagnosed with cancer and died two years later. Wilma retired at the age of 62 and enjoyed winters in Florida. This spring she decided to stay in Florida.



Wilma was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, quilting, gardening, flowers, and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by three children, Deb Van Heerde, Luverne, Dr. Darla Van Heerde, Duluth, and Doug Van Heerde, Hager City, Wisconsin; three grandchildren, Rika Snyder, Jennifer Preston and Will French; three great-grandchildren; William and Weston French and Logan Preston; three brothers, Art Grootwassink, Edgerton, Bernie (Leah) Grootwassink, Venice, Florida, and Bob (Joan) Grootwassink, Eden Prairie; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, a grandson, Ben Snyder, and a brother, Louie Grootwassink.

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

Wilma married Richard

Wilma married Richard

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The W-2 Quality Meats project includes labor and materials to install stone veneer with stone cap and flashing, painting the exterior façade and canopy, trimming out the windows and doors and repairing and caulking the façade as needed. The architect rendering shows the before and after photos of the proposed project.

## W-2 Quality Meats, Redeemed Remnants to get facade improvements

By Lori Sorenson

Two more downtown businesses have been approved for Luverne's Historic Façade Improvement Program.

The program offers free technical assistance for architectural design services as well as financial assistance in the form of loans and grants.

On Monday the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved applications from Luverne Properties LLC, which owns the building leased by W-2 Quality Meats, and for Atlas, which owns the Redeemed Remnants building.

W-2 Quality Meats is located at Main Street and Highway 75.

The project includes labor and materials to install stone veneer with stone cap and flashing, painting the exterior façade and canopy, trimming out the windows and doors and repairing and caulking the façade as needed.

Luverne Properties LLC (a group of local investors) has applied for the grant portion

of the program in the amount of \$5,080, which is 35 percent of the cost. The group will forego the loan portion of the application.

Redeemed Remnants is located at 220 E. Main Street.

The project will include tuck-pointing and cleaning existing brickwork, new windows on the second story, hardy board and composite trim in the sign band area above the storefront windows, new signage and gooseneck lighting and painting and new materials.

The EDA approved the application by Atlas, which requested a grant in the amount of \$7,800 (35 percent of the project cost) and a loan of \$7,800 (35 percent).

The loan will be repaid over a five-year term at 2 percent interest.

Both projects are set to begin later this summer.

The idea behind the Historic Façade Improvement Program is to support the revitalization of Main Street and downtown Luverne while restoring buildings as closely



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as possible to their historic appearance from 1878-1948.

The city covers architectural costs for a professional design proposal to ensure projects align with the goal of a historic Main Street.

Funding provided

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

Main Street Financial was one of the first businesses to complete a project last year through the program, and the

Loopy's storefront and Grand Prairie Events Center were improved earlier this year.

Other local businesses working on façade improvements and creative logo designs include Medi Spa, Salon 75, Restoration Alley, Bran-

denburg Gallery, Luverne Counseling and Luverne Street Music.

Additional applications are underway for other businesses that have not yet proceeded with their projects.

### Schomacker Flooring and Appliance approved for loan

The LEDA approved a \$4,100 loan to Schomacker Cleaning for gap financing to help with costs associated with a business expansion this summer.

Randy, Sharon, Anthony and Joe Schomacker own and operate Schomacker Flooring and Appliance, which will open soon in the former Luverne Style Shop building on the corner of Main Street and Cedar Street.

The total financing start-up costs for eligible expenses are estimated at \$20,500 and will be funded through owner equity, bank financing and the gap loan from the LEDA.

The loan will be repaid over five years at 2 percent interest.

## July was more humidity than heat

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

"It's not the heat; it's the humidity" is the headline for July. I'm betting that if you polled a number of people in Rock County and asked them what the weather headline should be for July that the answers received would likely split between the heat and the heavy rainfall.

Interestingly enough, official records would tend to dispute that and would indicate a rather mundane July.

The overall average temperature for July was nearly 3 degrees below normal and virtually the same as in June.

Average highs were over 3 degrees below normal and slightly cooler than June with overnight lows nearly 2 degrees below normal.

While this all may seem to contradict the perception that it was hot, dew point temperatures averaged for the month in the lower 60s with the maximum topping out at an extremely muggy 77 degrees.

The combination of relatively warm temperatures with high dew points caused the heat index to soar above 100 several days of the month and well into the 90s on numerous other days, making it feel pretty unbearable at times.

Rainfall was also below normal, but probably only south of Interstate 90, and even then, more localized in and around the airport. This was due primarily to the airport receiving only 1.83 inches from the heavy rainfall event on July 10.

There were numerous reports of 2 to 3 to more than

4 inches of rain north of the interstate, and the placement of the storms had a great impact on where the heavy rainfall fell.

Overall for the county it is probably fair to say that rainfall was likely at or above normal despite the official amounts at the airport. Despite the very heavy rainfall on the 10<sup>th</sup>, the rest of the month was fairly tepid for moisture and the latest drought monitor shows some abnormally dry conditions just starting to encroach on the southwest corner of the county.

Officially for the year, we are almost 2 1/2 inches below normal for precipitation.

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for the Luverne area is at <http://luvernenuweather.blogspot.com>. Thone can be reached at [tathone@gmail.com](mailto:tathone@gmail.com).

| Date           | High Temp (°F) | Low Temp (°F) | Avg Wind Speed (mph) | High Wind Gust (mph) | Significant Weather              | Total Precip (in) | Snow (in)  |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1              | 72             | 50            | 6                    | 18                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 2              | 73             | 57            | 8                    | 17                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 3              | 75             | 52            | 7                    | 18                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 4              | 79             | 54            | 8                    | 21                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 5              | 90             | 61            | 10                   | 29                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 6              | 84             | 63            | 7                    | 16                   | Haze, Mist                       |                   |            |
| 7              | 77             | 63            | 7                    | 30                   | Lgt Rain, Tstorm                 | Trace             |            |
| 8              | 79             | 59            | 8                    | 21                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm           | 0.18              |            |
| 9              | 82             | 57            | 10                   | 23                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 10             | 81             | 63            | 12                   | 41                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm | 1.83              |            |
| 11             | 86             | 72            | 13                   | 27                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 12             | 81             | 55            | 9                    | 22                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 13             | 81             | 63            | 8                    | 22                   | Tstorm                           |                   |            |
| 14             | 75             | 57            | 10                   | 28                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 15             | 73             | 46            | 4                    |                      | Haze                             |                   |            |
| 16             | 79             | 52            | 12                   | 29                   | Lgt Rain, Tstorm                 | Trace             |            |
| 17             | 81             | 61            | 8                    | 23                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm           | 0.17              |            |
| 18             | 82             | 55            | 6                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 19             | 81             | 68            | 8                    | 28                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Hvy Rain, Tstorm | 0.10              |            |
| 20             | 88             | 72            | 10                   | 25                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm           | 0.01              |            |
| 21             | 90             | 72            | 5                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 22             | 90             | 75            | 8                    | 18                   |                                  |                   |            |
| 23             | 88             | 72            | 8                    | 20                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm           | 0.09              |            |
| 24             | 79             | 64            | 7                    | 16                   | Lgt Rain                         | Trace             |            |
| 25             | 82             | 55            | 6                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 26             | 84             | 59            | 7                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 27             | 81             | 64            | 6                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 28             | 77             | 59            | 6                    | 17                   | Tstorm                           |                   |            |
| 29             | 77             | 54            | 6                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 30             | 79             | 50            | 6                    |                      |                                  |                   |            |
| 31             | 82             | 61            | 8                    | 23                   | Lgt Rain, Rain, Tstorm           | 0.10              |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                |               |                      |                      |                                  | <b>2.48</b>       | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>AVERAGE</b> | <b>80.8</b>    | <b>60.1</b>   |                      |                      |                                  |                   |            |

## City to buy blighted properties for future development/ continued from page 1A

business will lease the former Palace Video building on West Main Street from Gene Cragoe, Cragoe Realty.

"We'll move just down the alley," Berg said about the transition planned for September.

Luverne's Randy Saker, who owns the Culligan building, will sell the property to the city for \$55,000.

The city also plans to purchase the century-old house next door from Marja Ramage, Townsend, Georgia, after more than a year of condemnation proceedings.

The city initiated the process last fall to acquire the property through eminent domain after serious building code violations hadn't been corrected and the house had become a neighborhood nuisance.

However, Ramage recently agreed to sell the property to the city for \$40,000, the price she had been seeking on the private real estate market.

At Tuesday's meeting the council set a public hearing on



Lori Sorenson file photo/1023 condemned property

The owner of this property at Highway 75 and Lincoln recently agreed to sell it to the city for \$40,000, the price she had been seeking on the private real estate market.

the proposed establishment of the TIF district for both lots.

The hearing will be at

5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Luverne City Hall council chambers.

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## Schroht steps down as coach

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne High School officials are seeking a head boys' hockey coach for the second time in as many years.

After serving the LHS program in different capacities over the past three years, Kullen Schroht is moving on.

The 2002 Owatonna High School graduate has accepted a general manager position with the GrandStay Residential Suites Hotel in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Schroht, who worked in the same capacity at the GrandStay in Luverne, said the decision to leave Southwest Minnesota and the hockey program he loves didn't come easily.

"It was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make," Schroht said Monday.

"Leaving the (Luverne)

hockey program behind is something that kept coming back into my mind when I was weighing the pluses and minuses of taking a new job. Hockey is a passion of mine, but it isn't my career. This is a move that will help me develop professionally."

Hockey was a big part of Schroht's life during his days in Luverne.

He served as an assistant coach under Derrick Brown during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons.

When Brown received an opportunity to coach at St. Cloud Cathedral High School last August, Schroht was named head coach prior to the 2015-16 season.

Luverne experienced a successful season under Schroht's leadership, winning the Big South Conference title and



Kullen Schroht

reaching the Section 3A championship game during a 22-6 campaign.

Leaving a successful program and some good friends he has made during his stay in Luverne has served as a tough pill for Schroht to swallow.

"The thing I want the people of Luverne to know is this is a professional move," Schroht said.

"Luverne always will have a special place in my heart because I've made a lot of good friends here and this is where I got to coach hockey. I greatly appreciate that and I'll always be a Cardinal fan."

Although Schroht won't be an LHS coach anymore, he does plan to attend some games and follow the team through social media next winter.

"There is a good core group of kids coming back, and they worked hard over the summer. If they keep on working hard for the new coach, I think they can get back to where they need to be, which is the state tournament."



Sharon Knoll

## Knoll aces Iowa hole

By John Rittenhouse

A former Luverne resident recorded a hole-in-one while golfing in a tournament at Rock River Country Club near Rock Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 3.

Sharon Knoll, who now lives in Brandon, South Dakota, with her husband, Tim, created a special memory during the Ladies Invitational staged at the RRCC.

Playing the second round of an 18-hole scrambler, Knoll produced the shot of the day on the par-3 fourth hole.

Knoll selected an 8-iron to attack the pin on the fourth green, which is located on the

other side of the Rock River.

Knoll's club selection proved to be accurate as she aces the 92-yard challenge.

"I hit the shot and remember thinking this is about the straightest shot I've ever made," she said.

"The ball landed in front of the green and kept rolling and rolling. Then it hit the pin and fell right in."

Knoll said it was the first ace of her career.

She was a member of a four-player team also consisting of Maren Tollefson, Shirley Top and Stacy Schepel.

## Albrecht takes over EHS volleyball program

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth volleyball players will take the court under the guidance of a new head coach in 2016.

Minnesota native Jessica Albrecht is the new Panther volleyball mentor.

Albrecht replaces Mac McDowell, who served as the program's head coach for the past four seasons.

McDowell-led EHS teams won 13 matches in his first two years of his tenure, but the Panthers were limited to three wins the last two years and sported a 16-87 overall record over the past four years.

McDowell remains as Ellsworth's head boys' basketball coach, but he opted to resign as the volleyball coach.



Albrecht

Albrecht grew up in Pickwick, located near the Mississippi River on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

She attended Onalaska Luther High School, a private

school in Wisconsin.

Albrecht played volleyball and basketball during her high school years and graduated from OLHS in 2009.

The new EHS coach furthered her education at Winona State University, graduating from the institution in May.

Albrecht did not play volleyball during her days in Winona as she was working four different jobs during her college years.

She did, however, remain in contact with the sport by playing in pick-up games and in a sand volleyball league.

Albrecht will serve as the kindergarten-12 physical education instructor in Ellsworth.

Along with being the head volleyball coach, she will be

an assistant coach in the girls' basketball program.

Albrecht is unfamiliar with the players right now, but she's looking forward to working with the EHS athletes as the 2016 season approaches.

"I'm super excited about this opportunity," she said.

"This is my first teaching job and my first coaching assignment, and I'm really looking forward to it. I'll bring some new ideas (to Ellsworth) and hopefully it will make us better.

As a physical education teacher, I believe in weight training. I want to make sure the strength part of the game is good for the girls. I'll also stress the team part of the sport and how we all have to get better together."

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Slocum Taxidermy 1 - 105  
Minnwest Bank - 104  
Freedom Ranch Firearms - 100  
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Individual scores:  
25 x 25

Jim Slocum - 2  
Clint Metz  
Bill Claussen  
Paul Steen

24 x 25

Chris Balster  
Rick Ossefort  
Jack Boomgaarden  
Paul Steen  
Rich DeSchepper  
Dave Stearns

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling meeting

The Luverne Bowling Association is having an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, at Luverne Lanes.

All potential bowlers are welcome to attend the meeting.

### Activities meeting

The Luverne High School Activities Eligibility Meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in the Luverne Elementary School gym.

This is a mandatory meeting for students and their parents/guardians in grades 9-12 who plan to participate in Minnesota State High School League athletic activities during the 2016-17 school year.

Topics covered in the meeting include MSHSL rules and school policies.

A fall sports sign-up is available at the conclusion of the meeting.

By John Rittenhouse

Ellsworth is adding a new activity option for its students this fall.

Along with sharing a football program with Edgerton and fielding its own volleyball program, Ellsworth will make cross country available to its students in 2016.

Ethan Van Briesen, a second-year teacher in Ellsworth, will serve as the program's initial head coach.

With a running background, Van Briesen is a logical choice to head the program.

"John Willey, our superintendent, told me they were going to start a cross country program for our kids last spring," Van Briesen said.

"He asked me if I wanted to be the coach. I participated in cross country and track in high school and college, I'm just really enthusiastic about running in general. So I was

definitely willing to jump on this opportunity."

The new cross country coach will enter his second year as a fourth-grade teacher at EHS in September.

He graduated from Iowa's George-Little Rock High School in 2011, where he participated in cross country and track.

Van Briesen attended Morningside College (Sioux City, Iowa) after high school and participated in the cross country and track programs there as well.

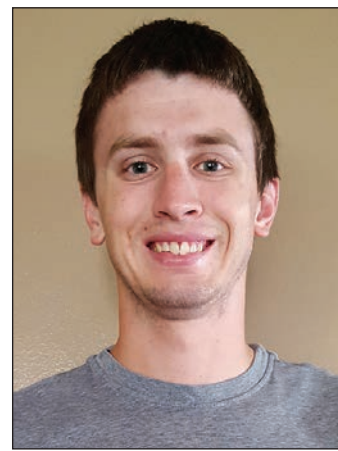
After graduating from Morningside in 2015, he landed a teaching job at EHS prior to the 2015-16 school year.

Being the head coach of a fledgling program will be a challenge for Van Briesen and his athletes.

As of now, Ellsworth has yet to release its 2016 schedule.

The coach said the slate will

## Ellsworth to offer cross country in fall of 2016



Van Briesen

be similar to the schedule offered by neighboring Adrian High School.

Another challenge facing the new coach is finding athletes to participate in the program.

"Right now we have four kids to start off with," Van Briesen said.

"We have one senior boy and

three eighth-grade boys who want to participate. They've been training all summer and we'll be starting practice on Aug. 15."

More kids could join the program after practice begins.

Chances are the senior boy will compete at the junior varsity or varsity level at the beginning of the season, while the eighth-graders will compete at the junior high level to start the year.

If the program's participation rate increases and the runners make progress during the regular season, Van Briesen isn't ruling out fielding a team for the Section 3A in late October.

"It's a brand new sport for our kids and being a coach is a brand new situation for me," Van Briesen said.

"I'm really looking forward to learning with the kids each and every day."

## VFW faces tough opponent to open state tournament

The Luverne VFW baseball team faces a stiff challenge to open the state tournament Thursday in Fergus Falls.



District 1 champion Austin, Luverne's opening game opponent at 1:30 p.m., will be a quality opponent.

Austin last qualified for state play in 2014, but the program produced state championships during the 1973 and 2009 seasons.

"Austin has been there before and they have good coaches who know what to expect in state play," said Luverne coach Mike Wenninger.

"I know their team has a lot of depth. They have 15 kids who have pitched for them this summer. I also know they have a strong left-handed starting pitcher and good right-handed starter with even

more velocity than the lefty. I've heard they are a very athletic team and they must be a scrappy team because they lost one game early in their sub-district tournament and came back to win it by winning three straight elimination games."

With a 20-1 record, the Luverne VFW squad is no pushover, either.

The Cardinals have won 10 consecutive games twice this summer and went 3-1 playing against teams from bigger schools during the New Ulm Tournament.

"We have faced some teams from bigger schools this summer, but not on a consistent basis," Wenninger said.

"That's what's going to make this fun for us. We're going to see quality pitching and solid lineups every game."

The coach hasn't decided who he will give the nod to as the starting pitcher against Austin.

Like the opponents, Luverne has a lot of pitchers who throw strikes, and Wenninger won't hesitate to give them the ball.

As the summer has progressed, it's become evident that Tyler Reisdorfer and Jake Haugen have earned the right to be called Luverne's top hurlers.

I look for those guys to be Luverne's starting pitchers during the first two tournament games,

but guys like Declan Beers, Derek Lundgren, Ben Serie and Jade Smith could be asked to toe the rubber.

Luverne's batting order probably will remain similar to the one it has used during the postseason.

Gaige Nath (left field) and Beers (catcher/third base) are the table setters at the top of the lineup for the heart of the batting order, which consists of Haugen (shortstop/pitcher), Reisdorfer (pitcher/right field) and Will Mumme (designated hitter/outfielder).

Serie (catcher/shortstop), Mark Sterrett (second base), Trey Roberts (first base) and Derek Lundgren (third base/outfield) have proven to

be key offensive producers in the bottom half of the lineup.

Charlie Reisch (center field), Smith (outfield) and Matt Ziegler (first base/left field) round out the most experienced players on the roster and could be called into action as well.

"The key for us in Fergus Falls will be to do the things we have been doing," Wenninger said.

"We need our pitchers to throw strikes and be consistent defensively because you don't want to be giving teams extra outs. We'll also need to get some more timely hits at the plate."

**More qualifiers**

Contrary to the column I wrote concerning Lu-

verne's past appearances at the State VFW Tournament, two more teams qualified for state play prior to 1986.

Luverne made its initial appearance at state in 1970 in Alexandria, where it posted a 1-2 record with a win over Willmar (3-2) and losses to Little Falls (9-7) and Minneapolis (7-2).

Luverne's second state appearance came in 1978 at Winona, where the Cards went 2-2 with wins over Ely (9-4) and the host team (4-3) and losses to Bloomington (4-3) and St. Paul (12-2).

That means the 2016 team needs to win twice in Fergus Falls to earn a share of a program record.

Add the 1970 and 1978 teams to the mix, and Luverne has a combined 7-12 record in state play in seven prior state appearances.

# Star Herald CHURCH

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

**St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth**  
Thursday, Aug. 11: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Friday, Aug. 12: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor; 3 p.m. St. Mary Holy Hour of Mercy. 5 p.m. Bauer/Young wedding. Saturday, Aug. 13: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Aug. 14: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus at St. Mary. Thursday, Aug. 18: 9 a.m. Communion Service at St. Catherine. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Communion Service.

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

Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

**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, Aug. 11: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 12: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 7 p.m. Summer Youth Program. Thursday, Aug. 18: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com  
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 11: 7:30 a.m. Book Study. 9 a.m. Set up rummage sale. 2 p.m. GLCW at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Aug. 12: 9 a.m. Set up rummage sale. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Aug. 13: 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Rummage and bake sale. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Aug. 14: 8:15 a.m. KQAD radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 15: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors. 7 p.m. Exaltation team rehearsal. Thursday, Aug. 18: 7:30 a.m. Book Study. 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace Lutheran. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
Thursday, Aug. 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Thursday, Aug. 18: 5 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org  
Friday, Aug. 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 5:45 p.m. Prison Worship. Saturday, Aug. 13: 7 p.m. Esther Circle at Union Gospel Mission. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 7 p.m. Praise Team. Thursday, Aug. 18: 6:30 p.m. Let's Ride.

**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 110<sup>th</sup> 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: luvneumc@iw.net  
Thursday, Aug. 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. 7-9 p.m. Coloring/Crafting Ministry. Saturday, Aug. 13: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Coffee in the Courtyard; Adult Sunday School. Monday, Aug. 15: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 3-5 p.m. Sewing Day. 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 8 p.m. AA meeting in the Upper Room. Thursday, Aug. 18: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fcpluverne.com  
Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Aug. 15: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005  
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Thursday, Aug. 11: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, Aug. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Welcome Reception for DCE. Monday, Aug. 15: 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council; Newsletter deadline. Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 16-18: 2 to 9 p.m. Photography Sessions. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Catechism Parents' meeting (for students grades 6-8).

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

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor  
Thursday, Aug. 11: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Aug. 12: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Aug. 15: 1 p.m. Quilting. Thursday, Aug. 18: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

**Ben Clare United Methodist Church**  
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
igtwlb@WOW.net  
Bill Bates, Pastor  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662  
Sunday, Aug. 14: 10 a.m. Worship.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net  
Sunday, Aug. 14: 10 a.m. Worship.

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

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821  
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com  
Kristi Franken, Pastor  
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School starts fall 2016. Aug. 15-18: 6-8:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School. Friday, Aug. 19: 6 p.m. Supper and VBS program.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270  
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliance.com.net  
Saturday, Aug. 13: 9:30-11 a.m. Open house bridal shower for Annette Goettsch and Matthew Brandt. Sunday, Aug. 14: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran. Tuesday, Aug. 16: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at The Village. Wednesday, Aug. 17: 2 p.m. Combined Circles at the Tuff Village Garden Room. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home.

## God help us to respect one another

In the beginning man was created in the image of God. This meant that we had a relationship with God that enabled us to communicate with Him and understand His ways. We were in perfect harmony with each other and we shared mutual respect and honor for each other. All was good in the world.



### BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Gary H. Klatt, St. John Lutheran Church

Then man gave into the temptation of the Devil to think that he could do better for himself without God and everything was changed. The harmony was destroyed as was the mutual respect and honor for each other. Today we see this decline getting even worse than it was in the past. Our families, marriages, businesses, and politics are continuing to self-destruct as a result of this disrespect and distrust for one another. The more we deny and reject our need for the True God of Holy Scripture, the further we slide downward on the spiral of self-destruction.

The amazing thing is that the Triune God has not rejected His creation in spite of all that we have done. He continues to reach out to this sinful and rebellious people with the message of forgiveness and grace in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. God continues to respect and honor man with His patience and long-suffering love. His hope is that we will repent (recognize our sin and hopelessness to make things better on our

own) and let Him work in us the forgiveness and healing that we need. Man is unable to turn things around by himself. We need the power of God as it is revealed in the Bible and distributed through his Sacrament to empower us.

"Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:13-17)

Pray for one another that together we may have that image of God restored in our lives so that once more we can share in the mutual respect and honor of our Creator and each other. God help us to trust Him to do what He has promised through Jesus Christ, our Savior. For with Him we can do all things (good). Thanks be to God!

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor  
Sunday, Aug. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 8

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 25, 2014

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$132,795.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Frank Smith and Autumn Smith, husband and wife as joint tenants

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Stearns Lending, LLC its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: July 29, 2014 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 184324

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Stearns Lending, LLC

Dated: May 27, 2016

Recorded: July 11, 2016 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 188713

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 10018330003089175

Lender or Broker: Stearns Lending, LLC

Residential Mortgage Servicer: LoanCare Servicing Center, Inc.

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 1745 State Highway 23, Jasper, MN 56144-4065

Tax Parcel ID Number: 11-0077-000

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

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

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$131,964.94

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 08, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

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

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

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** 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.

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: May 18, 2016

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Stearns Lending, LLC

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.

Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200

Woodbury, MN 55125-2296

(651) 209-3300

File Number: 035753F01

(07-21, 07-28, 08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-25)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 22

### 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:

Mortgagor: Brooks A. Duehn and Kathleen K. Duehn, as husband and wife

Mortgagee: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

Dated: 08/04/2004

Recorded: 08/05/2004

Rock County Recorder Document No. 159468

Assigned To: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Dated: 08/04/2004

Recorded: 08/05/2004

Rock County Recorder Document No. 159469

Transaction Agent: N/A

Transaction Agent Mortgage ID No: N/A

Lender or Broker: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association

Mortgage Originator: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 8 in Block 8 in Blue Mound First

Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0473-000

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

1107 N LINDALE ST

LUVERNE, MN 56156

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$71,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$64,629.84

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 22, 2016, 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, City of Luverne

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

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

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

Dated: July 26, 2016

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Assignee of Mortgagee

PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: Jonathan R. Cuskey, Michael V. Schleisman

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**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

(08-04, 08-11, 08-18, 08-28, 09-01, 09-08)

## Rock County seeks proposals by Aug. 29

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.A.P. 067-599-171 / Bridge No. 67K31; S.A.P. 067-599-173 / Bridge No. 67K32

S.A.P. 067-599-174 / Bridge No. 67K33; & S.A.P. 067-599-175 / Bridge No. 67K34;

S.A.P. 067-603-031 / Bridge No. 67K26 & 67K28

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 10:00 A.M. on Monday August 29th, 2016.

**READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.**

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 38 Ft. of 10'x7' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 38 Ft. of 10'x8' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 42 Ft. of 12'x5' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 36 Ft. of 16'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 44 Ft. of 10'x4' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 116 Ft. of 12'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 54 Ft. of 10'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 3,612 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill; 519 Tons Rock Bedding; & 393 Tons Random Riprap, Class 3.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questodn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-599-171, Etc.". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.

Rock County Highway Engineer

(08-04, 08-11, 08-18)

## Scott probate

### FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### DISTRICT COURT

### PROBATE DIVISION

### COURT FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**COUNTY OF ROCK**

**Estate of Marcellis Scott, a/k/a Marcella G. Scott,**

**Decedent**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 22, 2016, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at

204 E. Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, March 30, 2001, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jerilyn A. Kille, whose address is 2201 E. Byron Circle, Brandon, SD, 57005 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 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: July 27, 2016

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt

Judge of District Court

Dated: 7/27/16

(COURT SEAL)

/s/ Denise Brandel

Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner

Jeffrey L. Haubrich

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120 N. McKenzie

Luverne, MN, 56156

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(08-04, 08-11)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Sept. 2

### 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: June 16, 2004

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$55,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): James R. Workman and Melanie M. Workman, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE

MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 23, 2004, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 159153

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Two (2) in the Unrecorded Dries Bosch Addition to the City of Steen, Rock County, Minnesota, also known as a tract of land

in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township One Hundred One (101) North, of Range Forty-five (45) West, of the 5th P.M., described as follows: Starting at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 32, thence due South on the Quarter section line 666.5 feet; thence due East 252 feet to a point of beginning; thence due North 119 feet; thence due East 96 feet; thence due South 119 feet; thence due West 96 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 310 E Minnesota Ave, Steen, MN 56173

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 19.0085.000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$48,151.87

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 2, 2016, 10:00am

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

Luverne, MN 56156

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 2, 2017, or the next business day if March 2, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: July 7, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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### GARAGE SALES

Large Moving Sale: 1014 North Estey Street, Luverne. Thursday, August 11, 3pm-8pm, Friday, August 12, 8am-5pm, Saturday, August 13, 8am-12pm. Furniture, tools, garden supplies, household goods, antiques, lots of misc. Something for everyone.. Cash only, No early sales. (8.7-8.11)

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### CHILD CARE

Daycare: Licensed daycare has openings available for ages ranging from 12 months to 11 years of age. Please call 507-920-8449 for more details. (tc)

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## EMPLOYMENT

Luverne Community Education seeking applicants for Early Childhood Paraprofessionals. Must have positive discipline skills and enjoy young children. Part-time. Application form available at [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net). Submit letter and application by August 22 to Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156 EOE (8.7-8.18)

## EMPLOYMENT

Rapids Chiropractic in Rock Rapids, IA is looking for a Massage Therapist. Please contact Dr. Reynolds at 712-472-2481 if interested. (8.7-8.25)

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## EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia is seeking a full-time Group Leader to work with male youth in a residential setting. Duties include: writing monthly reports, conducting daily group meetings, teaching youth alternative coping methods, corresponding with parents/guardians, probation officers, social workers, attending court hearings, etc. M-F, paid holidays, on-call every 6 weeks, full benefits available. To apply: Submit Cover Letter and Resume to Jeremy Hough by Friday, August 5, 2016. Qualifications: 4 year degree in Criminal Justice or related field OR 2 year degree + 2 years experience. (7.28-8.18)

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## CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank those that organized the benefit for me, those that donated, those that helped, and those that came and supported me. Thank you for the gifts, cards, and your prayers. Your kindness will always be remembered. God Bless.

**Josh Nolte**  
(8.11-8.14)

I would like to thank everyone who visited, sent cards, food, prayers, called, and especially those who mowed our lawn. What a blessing to have friends like that. Thank you,

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(8.11-8.14)

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**2016 BMFS Worlds Competitor Team**

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