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Director Richard Owen (on podium) positions students on the practice field during last week's rehearsal for the 2018 LHS marching band season.

Student musicians prepare for 'Awakening'

This year's marching band has surprises up their sleeves for upcoming season

By Mavis Fodness

This year's Luverne High School marching band students have a little something up their sleeves as they prepare for this year's field competition season.

The 87-member unit recently completed a three-week band camp where they focused on learning songs

from Edvard Grieg's "Suite No. 1" and the field maneuvers that go along with the classical music.

Director Richard Owen chose the four songs to create feelings of second chances for the show called "The Awakening."

Student musicians/see page 5A



Right: Senior Julia Ferguson listens to instructions during practice for this year's LHS band field show.

Left: Freshman Griffen Jarchow studies the field maneuver map during a morning marching band practice.



Plans in place for Magnolia All-School Reunion Aug. 31-Sept. 2

By Mavis Fodness

Ten months ago former Magnolia resident Lisa (Dohlmann) Fischenich thought an all-school reunion was a good idea.

Now the event will become reality in two weeks.

Set for Aug. 31-Sept. 2, the 2018 Magnolia All-School Reunion event currently has 250 people confirmed for Friday's catered dinner and DJ event with more expected to attend Saturday and Sunday's free events.

"This is what I hoped for," said Fischenich last week from her Vicksburg, Mississippi, home. "I am really surprised it took off with the older alumni."

Magnolia High School closed its doors after the Class of 1981 graduated. Later in 1994, Magnolia's elemen-

Magnolia reunion/see page 5A



Submitted photo

Pictured with the Magnolia High School marching band banner are Scott Dohlmann (center), son Zachary (left) and daughter Hailee.

Former county commissioner, state legislator, dies at 93

By Glenda McGaffee

Wendell Erickson, former Minnesota state representative and Rock County commissioner died Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the age of 93.

Erickson was seen as a pillar in the Hills community where he and his wife, Kathryn, lived for the past 67 years.

According to those who know him, he'll be best remembered for his leadership in civic affairs and government.

He served 11 two-year terms as state representative for Rock County as well as parts of Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles and Pipestone counties at various times as the district changed.

He took office in 1965 and continued to serve until 1986. Erickson authored over 100 bills during his time in the Legislature.

Some of the more significant bills

included the post-secondary enrollment option, which allows juniors and seniors in high school to attend college instead of high school; open enrollment, which allows students to attend school in another district with state support; and the handicap license and parking bill that enables handicap parking in the state.

During his career, he chaired the Education Committee, the Education Division of Appropriations, and the Labor-Management Committee, as well as numerous subcommittees. He also served on many commissions.

After losing his reelection bid to the House in 1986, Erickson turned his attention to local leadership, serving six years as a Hills-Beaver Creek School Board member and eight years as a Rock County commissioner.

Wendell Erickson/see page 2A

Board seeks ways to trim costs for new building

Bids come in \$2 million over estimates for \$31 million facility improvement project

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne School Board members met Aug. 9 to revise the \$31 million building improvement project after bids came in \$2 million over estimates.

School Board members Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Reva Sehr and Eric Hartman examined 39 possible project reductions totaling \$2.4 million and tabled action for a later meeting.

Board members Tim Jarchow, Colleen Deutsch and Shelley Sandbulte were absent, so the reduction process was discussed at an Aug. 13 workshop so the entire board could participate in the reduction options.

At the Aug. 9 special meeting, personnel from JLG Architects and ICS Consulting, both of Sioux Falls, used an industry tool called value engineering that examines materials for more cost-effective options.

"With a lot of them you won't know a difference," said Katie Becker with JLG Architects.

The list included 39 items separated into five different areas: architectural materials, finishing materials, audio-visual equipment, kitchen equipment and project scope and size.

Each option and the projected savings were discussed.

After discussing each item, board members identified about \$375,000 in architectural and finishing material savings, but they were unsure about reductions to kitchen and audio-visual equipment without further discussions with staff.

A reduction in project scope, however, would save an additional \$1.35 million.

This would eliminate the elementary classroom additions and the added square footage to community education.

Elementary principal Stacy Gillette said she understood the need for reductions but asked if the community education addition could be reduced instead of eliminated while still meeting budget restraints.

"I am concerned that community education doesn't have the space for their (current) programming," Gillette said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

MS Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For more information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Registration open for students new to Luverne school district

New residents to Luverne School District #2184 should come to respective school offices and register students for the 2018-2019 school year.

The high school/middle school office is open for new students to register. To make an appointment to register for students in grades 6-12, call the middle school/high school office at 283-4491.

The elementary office is open for new students in grades K-5 to register. Parents should contact the office at 507-283-4497.

The new school year starts on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Free food Aug. 16

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in the Luverne Senior Citizens Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own boxes and bags. Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

Family Game Night at the Plaza Thursday night Aug. 16

The History Center Plaza will be the site for a Family Game Night from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16. In addition to free games and activities for the whole family, the Rock County Historical Society will serve a meal of a barbecue, chips, a cookie, and a beverage for \$3, and Chuck's old-fashioned sno cone and cotton candy will be available.

Community meal at UMC Aug. 22

The United Methodist Church will offer a free community meal on Wednesday, Aug. 22, with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the church on West Main Street.

Food Shelf extends hours

The Rock County Food Shelf will continue their additional hours from 5-6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month (except November) through the end of 2018. Contact Mary at 507-227-5548 with questions.

Register for 2018-19 Little Lambs

Little Lambs Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration materials may be picked up at the preschool or at St. John Lutheran Church office, at 803 N. Cedar Street in Luverne or online at www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org at Little Lambs link. Call 283-2316 with questions, or email littlelambs@iw.net. Little Lambs is an Equal Opportunity preschool.

Preschoolers need to be counted

Census Information is needed for preschool children in families new to the community. In order for the district to connect with families about school events and the state-mandated preschool screening for all 3-year-old children. Families with 4-year-old children who have not been screened should call 283-4724 to be screened prior to kindergarten.

Second public hearing scheduled for new renewable energy ordinance

Commissioners set Sept. 4 hearing to gain input from residents on construction of new wind, solar projects in the county

By Mavis Fodness

A public hearing will be conducted Tuesday, Sept. 4, before Rock County Commissioners consider changing or adopting a proposed new renewable energy ordinance.

The hearing begins at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' room at the Rock County Courthouse, Luverne.

Eric Hartman, county zoning administrator, introduced the planning committee's newly developed ordinance at the commissioners' Aug. 7 meeting.

During the discussion, commissioners raised questions about setbacks and definitions used in the new ordinance, as recommended by the county's planning commission. The commission conducted a public hearing July 23.

Only one person from the public attended the commission's hearing. He made no comment about the ordinance to members.

A second public hearing was also prompted by a recent wind farm project meeting in Hills that commissioners attended.

At the July 10 meeting in Hills, Renewable Energy Systems representatives invited landowners to an informational meeting about their proposed Walleye Wind Farm.



File photo

County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing Sept. 4 before adopting a renewable energy ordinance that will include restrictions on solar farms like the farm build near Slayton.

About 50 people attended the meeting.

RES has proposed erecting 36 to 40 wind turbines as part of the Walleye Wind Farm in Martin and Beaver Creek townships in southwest Rock County.

"A lot of people in Hills didn't understand any of this and wondered why we aren't controlling it for one thing," said Commissioner Stan Williamson.

Questions raised at the Hills meeting included setback requirements with RES representatives indicating any setbacks are determined locally.

Susan Bowne of Sioux Falls owns land in Martin

Township. She submitted a letter for the July 23 commission hearing asking for more specific information about the Walleye Wind Farm.

She also questioned setback requirements along with deconstruction concerns.

Permitting of wind projects the size of Walleye Wind Farm (100 megawatt) is completed at the state level.

Only projects of less than 5 megawatts (about 2 to 3 turbines) fall under the local ordinance, Hartman said.

Planning commission members spent the past several months researching renewable energy ordinances.

With the help of the county attorney's office, the local

rules were developed using ordinance formats adopted by Murray and Lyon counties.

"This has kind of been the standard developed in the state of Minnesota," Hartman said.

If adopted, the renewable energy ordinance would replace section 27 of the county's current planning and zoning ordinance.

The previous ordinance only regulated small wind power developments.

The new ordinance includes both wind and solar power developments.

The local ordinance would continue to only regulate small renewable energy developments.

Prairie Rose Community Fund names 2018 recipients

By Mavis Fodness

Four organizations and seven students were recently awarded grants and scholarships from the 2018 Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund.

Hardwick Community Club, the city of Hardwick, Springwater Township and Hardwick Fire Department split a total of \$29,800.

The Hardwick Community Club received \$2,400 toward purchase of picnic tables and its annual Santa Claus Day.

An all-terrain vehicle will be purchased with the \$12,500 given to the city of Hardwick. The UTV will be

used by the maintenance and fire departments.

Springwater Township received \$12,500 toward the construction of a new town hall.

The Hardwick Fire Department will purchase six pagers with the \$2,400 the organization received.

Grant requests totaled \$87,226 for 2018.

For its scholarship program, the committee expanded its scope to include returning applicants.

The committee distributed \$6,500 this year.

"The board moved to grant the full award to first-time recipients, 75 percent of the

max award to second-time recipients and 50 percent of the maximum award to third-time recipients," said committee president Tammy Johnson.

First-time scholarship recipients received \$1,000 each and included Ethan Thorson, Jenna Schelhaas, Hanna Hemme-Walters, Trey Baustian and Lexy Kindt.

Second-time recipients received \$750 each and included Tanner Baustian and Mitchell Muller.

This year marked the third-year grants, and scholarships have been awarded from the fund.

The Prairie Rose Minne-

sota Community Fund committee distributes grants and scholarships annually to the townships, communities and residents in northwestern Rock County who are located in Prairie Rose Wind Farm's footprint.

This includes the townships of Rose Dell, Denver, Springwater and the cities of Hardwick and Jasper.

The fund receives \$40,000 annually.

Grant and scholarship application deadlines are May 15 each year.

Applications and instructions can be found at www.prairierosecommunityfund.com.

Wendell Erickson/continued from page 1A

In a Hills Crescent story about his retirement from the County Board in 2002, he spoke about the rewards of public service.

"It's been a great pleasure working with the people of this area. I think they are some of the finest people you will find anywhere," Erickson told the Crescent.

"They have been good to me and my family and very supportive over the years. If I

had to do it all over, I wouldn't change much."

As it turned out, the residents of Hills appreciated him as much as he did them.

In 1987 he was named Hills Outstanding Citizen and in 2015 he served as grand marshal for the Hills Friendship Days parade when the town celebrated its 125th anniversary.

Even though his politics and other involvements took

him elsewhere, Erickson's loyalties stayed close to home.

In the 2002 Hills Crescent interview he was asked what he considered to be his greatest accomplishment in life.

Erickson replied with a smile that it was meeting his wife, Kathryn, and said his career wouldn't have been possible without the support of his family all those years.

She told the Crescent her husband thrived on helping

others. "When they called and needed some assistance, he worked at it until it was solved," she said in 2002.

They met in 1951 during Erickson's first year teaching vocational agriculture at Hills High School, and they were married in 1953.

Flags will be flown at half-staff in Hills in Erickson's honor until his funeral Saturday. His full obituary appears on page 7.



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Co-op working on fewer days-long electric outages

Sioux Valley Energy makes upgrades in Steen, Hills and Magnolia areas after April storm strands residents

By Mavis Fodness

Days without electrical power may soon be an event of the past, according to a Sioux Valley Energy representative.

Jay Buchholz was recently hired as the cooperative's key account and community relations executive. Buchholz met with Rock County Commissioners July 24.

He informed commissioners that the cooperative is wrapping up an electrical upgrade in the Steen area, just months after installing a similar three-phase line to the city of Hills.

"That way if there is a power outage, it is real easy to flip a switch and back feed the town's (electrical) needs," he said.

The same upgrade will be made in the city of Magnolia in 2019.

Sioux Valley Energy acquired areas previously serviced by another electrical company. A difference in voltage systems prevents any rerouting of service from occurring until the upgrades are complete, Buchholz said.

Sioux Valley rep thanks county for storm help

The Magnolia area was without electricity for several days following the April 13-15 weather event.

Buchholz commended county staff for blocking off roads and assisting the electrical co-op in recouping damage costs caused by the high winds followed by snow and blizzard conditions.

"We invested about \$340,000 in Rock County after the snowstorm," Buchholz said.

A recent change in state disaster reimbursements now includes cooperatives. Sioux Valley Energy was able to recoup 75 percent of the total expenses from the April storm.

Previously cooperatives were only eligible for disaster cost reimbursements during federal disasters.

An estimated 40 to 50 electrical poles were snapped due to high winds and needed re-

placing. Repair crews worked for several days in blizzard conditions restoring power to the Magnolia area.

"Even though it took a few days to get power restored (in the Magnolia area), I think we were able to get power in other areas within a day," Buchholz said.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre told commissioners that Sioux Valley Energy representatives brought in a generator for the Southwest Youth Services facility during the days-long power outage.

"What that did — instead of vacating Southwest Youth Services, setting up shelter for them at the (Luverne) armory and staffing — they were allowed to stay in place and then workers from Sioux Valley Energy had a warm-up spot as well," Oldre said.

Resident appreciative of co-op's work, updates

Esther Kalass of Magnolia praised Sioux Valley Energy for its efforts to keep residents informed during the three-day outage.

"I was utterly amazed on how they responded," she said. "They were sending out crews in the middle of a blizzard. ... I thought, 'That is one heck of a company,'" she said.

Kalass was recently hired as administrative assistant in the Land Records Office to replace Carol Weber, who retired after 18 years.

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate introduced herself to commissioners after Buchholz's presentation and was asked about her experience during the unexpected weather event.

She said Sioux Valley Electric kept her and other Magnolia residents informed of the progress being made to restore power to the area through social media and recorded phone messages to residents.

"Job well down, Sioux Valley," Kalass said.

"As a customer and a consumer, I was more than impressed."



Mavis Fodness photo/0712 Elaine Harms

Elaine Harms retires after 41 years in teaching, 38 of them at Luverne Middle-High School. She holds a clipboard with the thank you notes she received over the years from former students. "They're why you want to stay in education," she said.

Harms stressed students' education also included teaching accountability

Harms retires from 41 years of teaching, 38 in Luverne district

By Mavis Fodness

Newly retired English instructor Elaine Harms knows firsthand life can be short and how important key moments can be in young people's lives.

"I always tell them my favorite word is the 'p-word' ... problem-solving," she said.

Harms announced her retirement last month, ending 38 years of instruction at Luverne Middle-High School.

The school's distinctive steel canopy over the building's front doors holds special memories for the rural Clara City native.

"My school career began under that canopy," she reflected last week.

Her career in Luverne began in 1980.

The then seventh- and eighth-grade teacher had already been teaching in the Tyler School District for three years when the late high school principal John Rath asked Harms to stop in Luverne for an interview.

She readily accepted the teaching position with a school with which she was already familiar.

"It felt like home," Harms said.

For almost a dozen years before she came to teach in Luverne, a teen-aged Harms visited her sister, Luverne Middle School teacher Emily Matthiesen.

She continued to visit Luverne and the school as she attended college and received her first teaching job.



Mavis Fodness photo/0712 Elaine Harms

While cleaning out her classroom for the last time last month, teacher Elaine Harms found dozens of thank you letters from former Luverne students, who reflected on the positive influence Harms had on their education.

"I always tell them my favorite word is the 'p-word' ... problem-solving."
— Elaine Harms, retired teacher

"I am from a family of teachers (and/or nurses)," Harms said. "If I got past chemistry, I would have been a nurse."

Instead she received a double major in social studies and English from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

During her first years working in Luverne, Harms was the cheerleading coach.

Under the canopy is often where the months of cheerleading practice took place.

"That was back in the day when you had cheerleaders for everything," she said.

The canopy was also the preferred location for summer recreation classes she taught. This spring her college speech students presented their demonstration assignments under the canopy.

While the canopy became a familiar landmark for Harms, so did the students. "I taught every grade except ninth grade," she said.

Often she would have students more than once during their middle and high school years.

During those formative years, Harms would gently nudge students to make adult decisions and to be accountable for those choices.

"There are always resources that will help," she said.

Junior and senior students were introduced to some of those resources through the peer helping program Harms advised for several years.

Students learned the value of volunteerism and not to be afraid to step in to help others when a helping hand is needed.

As her last school year with Luverne ended, Harms uncovered dozens of thank you notes given to her by students over the years.

"They're why you want to stay in education," Harms said.

Many of those notes reflected Harms' influence on their journey to become more responsible adults.

However, it was those notes that influenced Harms' decision to resign her position after the 2017-18 school year.

"When you have former students who are retired, it's time to leave," she said.

In her retirement, Harms plans on catching up on four decades of missed reading opportunity, golfing, traveling and spending time with family.

School facility/from page 1A

Lynn Remmers with JLG Architects said too many questions were raised during the user meetings examining the program's future space needs.

"It (the user meetings) became a little of a disservice to them as to what they need now and what they may need in the future," she said.

Remodeling may better achieve their goals.

Becker said, "There is never not an option to look at something more."

The district's primary goal is to upgrade and improve the 60-year-old middle/high school facility, said board chair Katie Baustian.

The elementary and community education facility was completed in 1999.

"If reduced, we should keep these as goals down the road," added board member Eric Hartman.

Eliminating the elementary addition and community education expansion — along with the engineering reduc-

tions — saves about \$1.8 million.

Plus, the board is considering \$415,000 in additional value engineering savings.

Bids came too high

The board is looking to trim the facility project because the July 24 construction bid opening resulted in three of the four bids exceeding the \$31 million budget by a combined total of \$2 million.

No bids were submitted for the project's electrical work resulting in an electrical re-bid slated for opening on Aug. 16.

Depending on the bid outcome, the School Board may not have to consider more items from the value engineering list.

"Hopefully we have more savings there to give people more options," said Joel Bohnhoft with ISC Consulting.

All four bids will be awarded in an upcoming meeting.

The board's next regular meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23.

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In an effort to spend less time on social media, I have developed a system of “rapid categorization” that lets me zip through new Facebook posts in seconds instead of hours.

The categories are “care” and “don’t care.” Feel free to make this list your own.

“Care” means I will glance at the photo and read the post if it’s short. (Save the dissertation for college, dude.)

I care about your kids, grandkids, vacation photos and health updates.

I don’t care about recipes you have tried, recipes you are trying, or recipes you might try some day. I don’t care about prizes you would like to win in a contest. I don’t care about your political views on anything.

I do care about the video of the sheep stuck in the tire swing. (I laughed until I cried.)

I don’t care about your posts sharing deep, meaningful sayings concerning life, death, men, women, relationships, empowerment, accomplishment or challenges. (To these I say, “whatever.”)

I don’t care what you think about nutcrackers.

I do care about super funny cat videos and will watch the good ones twice. (You just can’t beat a good cat video.)

I don’t care about the anniversary of a post you made two years ago, where you had supper last night or about the man who saved the ducks.

I do care about local history,



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By Brenda Winter, Columnist

about your family photograph, that you got engaged, that you are having a baby, that you got a new job or are moving.

I don’t care that you went out to eat, got your laundry done or mowed your lawn.

I also don’t care about “items WE used when WE were growing up that young people today just don’t know anything about.”

I don’t care about pictures of your food — unless you made it yourself, then “Wow! Good job!”

I don’t care about something you saw on Pinterest that you intend to make — unless you already made it. Then, “Wow! Good job!”

I don’t care to type “amen” to anything.

I do care about pun-based humor, funny jokes and witty sayings.

I do care about posts promoting local communities, festivals, events or locations.

I do not care (on Facebook) about Ebola, the plague or the depravity of man. Too much of this stuff and there is no time for funny cat videos.

I hope you have found this list helpful. I know we are all busy and every little thing we can do to spend our time more wisely is helpful.

Now please excuse me. There’s this one really funny cat video. I saw it on Facebook.

Tough decisions require informed leaders — and an informed public

Our elected school officials will soon make some tough decisions as they struggle to revise the building improvement project after bids came in \$2 million over estimates.

And they’re operating under a time crunch, since the work needs to be completed by 2020.

Monday night all seven board members met in a two-hour workshop reviewing both short- and long-term goals. They set the facility improvement project as a top priority.

With Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and business manager Marlene Mann they discussed current finances and the \$7 million currently in reserves, future and current capital outlay expenditures of more than \$3 million, and which, if any, of those budget items overlap with the building project.

Oftedahl and Mann answered questions for board members, encouraging them to feel comfortable in their decisions as the building project moves forward.

At the end of the workshop, all

seemed to agree that the project should remain focused on improving the 1956 middle-high school facility — and to do the project within budget.

Unfortunately that means the \$1.2 million in improvements to the elementary and community education facilities may be removed from this project.

We at the Star Herald agree that improvements need to focus on the older middle-high school facility, and we’re encouraged by the painstaking process the board is following.

These aren’t easy decisions — there will be winners and losers along the way.

And there will be public criticism. There are few things more near and dear to a community than its school.

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But we hope criticisms are constructive and informed, and we encourage district residents to pay attention to the process and understand the logic behind decisions.

... before they offer criticisms.

Members of the school board and administration live in this town, too, and their interests lie with the students.

Ultimately, this story will have a happy ending when we celebrate a new and improved school building that addresses safety concerns for our students.

So, stay tuned, readers.

Let’s work together toward the common goal of improving a learning facility for today’s students and for generations to come.



Support overwhelming for Governor’s Pheasant Hunt Opener, now needed are more hands Oct. 12-13 as volunteers

A little over a year ago a small group of people came together and put together a proposal to be submitted to Explore Minnesota in an effort to host the 2018 Minnesota Governor’s Pheasant Hunting Opener.

In October of last year it was announced at the 2017 opener in Marshall that Luverne had been selected to be the host city for the 2018 Governor’s Pheasant Hunting Opener, and now the weekend of the opener — Oct. 12 and 13 — is just two short months away.

The support from the city of Luverne, local businesses, local nonprofits, landowners, committee members and a whole array of volunteers has been overwhelming.

This event has been hosted by cities larger than Luverne. Some of those cities were twice our size, and one even more than 10 times our size, but none of them even come close to matching the support and enthusiasm that Luverne has put forth.

The local retail committee has ordered over 300 orange shirts that will



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

be the attire for the weekend. Local caterers, Grand Prairie Events, Take 16, and hotels have been reserved. Quality Printing, Print Express and other retailers, bars and restaurants, have already reaped the benefits of being the host city for this event.

You may have heard by now that one of the major fundraising events underway to help cover the cost of hosting such an event is the Ranger Raffle.

The local committee is raffling off a 2018 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Side-by-Side. The retail value of the Ranger

is \$15,800 and only 600 raffle tickets will be sold. Each ticket costs \$50. Just an FYI, nearly 300 tickets have been sold already. You can purchase a ticket here at the Star Herald office or at the Chamber office.

There is still a lot to do before the two-day event in October and more volunteers will be needed. If you would like to get involved in some way, give Jane or Reva a call at the chamber office at 507-283-4061.

Stay tuned because over the next two months there will be a lot more information coming your way.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Medicare recipients need to act this fall

To the Editor:

This fall many Minnesotans on Medicare will be affected by changes in their Medicare.

This is due to the sunset of many Medicare Cost Plans throughout the country and in many of Minnesota’s counties. This is especially a big issue in our state, as Cost Plans have been a favorite type of Medicare plan for decades because they are so flexible. And Minnesota by far has the most Cost Plan beneficiaries of any other state in the nation.

The ending of Cost Plans in most counties means that those who currently have them will need to make some important decisions in the fall during Medicare Open Enrollment. For now, there isn’t much to do. Those with Cost Plans will continue to have coverage through Dec. 31, 2018,

and in some counties, Cost Plan coverage will continue in 2019. You can contact your Medicare plan to find out if you have a Cost Plan, so you’ll be ready if you need to make a change in the fall, if need be. And by mid-September, Medicare and the Cost Plans will send out letters to those affected by this change, which will provide next steps.

So for now, you’re covered, and there is nothing you need to do. Just relax and enjoy your summer. But in the fall, you’ll need to act and make changes for 2019, if you’re one of Minnesota’s Medicare beneficiaries on Cost Plans living in a county affected by the change. Don’t worry, you will have a lot of coverage options. And the Senior LinkAge Line can help if you need it.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 3
•Complainant reported a reckless driver on Warren Street.
•Complainant reported an open back door on Donaldson Street. It has been open for over 24 hours.
•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle on Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant came to the Law Enforcement Center to report a scam.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity on East Park Street.
•Deputy out with motorist assist in Steen.
•Complainant reported theft in Steen.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity on Spring Street.
•Pigs at large in Hardwick.
•Roadside assist on Kniss Avenue.
•Roadside assist in Magnolia.
•Accident reported on I-90.
Aug. 4
•Complainant reported cows out on Highway 23, mile marker 18 near Jasper.
•Complainant on Oak Drive reported harassing communications.
•Complainant reported suspicious activity on County Road 20.
•Complainant reported theft in Kanaranzi.
•Complainant reported a vulnerable adult.
•Complainant on Oak Drive reported a possible domestic.
•Complainant reported someone is running out into traffic on Kniss Avenue.
•Possible drunk driver on Highway 23.
Aug. 5
•Severe thunderstorm warning for Rock County.
•Suspicious activity on Kniss Avenue.
•Man sleeping in stairwell at South Kniss Avenue business.
•Complainant on North Freeman Avenue lost keys.
•Complainant reported a two-vehicle accident.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a domestic.
•Complainant reported harassing communication between two parties on N. Spring Street.
•Complainant reported kids riding bikes in front of cars on Brown Street.
•Complainant requested a Red Cross voucher for the Cozy Rest.
Aug. 6
•Complainant reported a red vehicle upside down on 150th Ave. A tire on the shoulder.
•Complainant reported vehicles often blocking the sidewalk at Cowell Construction.
•Complainant requested deputy for hearing.
•Water main repair on Dodge Street.
•Resident on North Kniss Avenue requested assistance.
•Complainant requested deputy for court.
•Complainant requested information on disposal of property in Jasper.
•Deputy assist other department with welfare check.
•Assist Metro Communications with a warrant check.
•Complainant reported a lost wallet at the fairgrounds.
•Landlord reported a marijuana smell from an apartment on Main Street.
•Complainant reported her

phone was stolen and she tracked it to Warren Street.
•Complainant reported what looks like a couple homeless people going through the dumpster. Concerned because of severe weather forecast for tonight.
•Complainant reported somebody carrying a duffel bag to their car on 101st St. in a Pathfinder or a Jeep.
Aug. 7
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported neighbors have been arguing since 11:30 p.m.
•Complainant requested assistance with transporting transient on I-90.
•Complainant requested background check for employment.
•Complainant reported a little girl all alone on the sidewalk on James Street.
•Activated hold-up alarm on N. Kniss Ave.
•Complainant requested retrieval of personal items.
•Assist Minnehaha County.
•Assist Sanford ER.
Aug. 8
•Minnehaha County requested welfare check.
•Complainant reported a two-vehicle accident in Magnolia.
•Complainant reported road closure on 171st St.
•Complainant reported a DANCO violation.
•Complainant reported an accident in Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported that she found a lost child on Michael Street.
•Complainant reported a stalled vehicle on N. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant reported cattle out in Beaver Creek.
•Deputy conducted follow-up on 70th Ave.
•Complainant requested extra patrol on Hatting Street.
•Construction barrels in the roadway on Dodge Street.
•Suspicious vehicle on Luverne Street.
Aug. 9
•Suspicious activity on County Road 4 in Beaver Creek.
•Report of possible break-in on W. Hatting Street.
•Suspicious vehicle driving around on Britz Drive.
•Complainant reported fraud.
•Deputies attempted warrant service in Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported threats in Magnolia.
•Complainant found a wallet in Hills.
•Complainant reported drug paraphernalia found on Warren Street.
•Complainant reported a bike abandoned at Colbert Park.
•Complainant requested a welfare check.
•Complainant reported subject is driving an ATV on County Road 4. Driver has cancelled license.
•Complainant requested a residence check on Warren Street.
•Deputy reported a car parked at Redbird Field. Someone staying in the car.
•Deputy reported a trick with lights on and the doors locked in Hills.

In addition officers also responded to 1 transport, 7 escorts, 23 ambulance runs, 9 animal complaints, 3 burn permits, 4 drug court tests, 4 permits to purchase/carry, 12 traffic stops, 4 paper services, 4 abandon 911 calls, 4 fingerprint requests and 1 test.



Mavis Fodness photo/0816 Band 2018

Last week Luverne High School students completed a three-week band camp that ended Aug. 10, which included learning maneuvers for a new field show called “The Awakening.”

Student musicians/continued from page 1A

“This year’s theme has definitely more of a serious tone,” he said. “It has a lot to do with death and starting over again ... a rebirth or second chance.”
Gavin Folkestad returns as color guard adviser.
Last year the band performed to a pop theme with 1980s music. Owen said the change in music genre exposes students to different music and maneuvers during the 9- to 12-minute show.
While audience members may not recognize Grieg’s songs by name, the melodies are ones people have heard before.
“It’s one that when people hear it, they’ll know it,” Owen said.
The “outside the box” maneuvers completed by the band and color guard students are intended to get the judges’ attentions.
While the color guard outfits enhance the tone of the show, band students will also add a colorful flair.
“Part of the change is the band

will have color,” Owen said.
As instrumental students move into various formations, they will pull 30-foot colored ribbons from their uniform sleeves as they perform various numbers.
“It gives a nice effect,” Owen said. “I’ve never seen a band have ribbons before.”
Along with the field competition program, the band has also been practicing for the marching competitions.
On the street, the band is preparing music with the upcoming band trip to Disneyland or Disney World next summer in mind.
Two songs are played as the band completes various formations as they march down the street, including moving backward.
Students perform to the “Mickey Mouse March” and “Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Do.”
“All movement is coordinated with the music,” Owen said.

The public can get a sneak preview as the band prepares for the upcoming season.
Students have been invited to march in the Magnolia All-School Reunion parade on Sept. 1.
Practice for the upcoming field competition is planned during half time of upcoming home football games.
The competition schedule includes:
•Sept. 15, Worthington King Turkey Day parade.
•Sept. 22, Waseca Marching Classic.
•Sept. 29, Luverne Tri-State Band Festival and Brandon, South Dakota, Big Sioux Review.
•Oct. 6, Sioux Falls Festival of Bands.
•Oct. 13, Orange City Dutchmen Field Championships.
•Oct. 22, Indoor Marching Band Concert, Luverne High School gymnasium.

Magnolia Reunion/continued from page 1A

See the Luverne Alumni News online at alumninews.info for more information on the Magnolia school and its reunion. On Facebook, the reunion site is Magnolia bulldogs (MN).

tary school closed, completing the merger with the Luverne district.
Fischenich is a 1983 LHS graduate. “Very few people younger than me signed up,” she said about the reunion.
Fischenich speculates that the actual MHS graduates were drawn to attend Friday’s formal event, and Magnolia students who graduated from other high schools are choosing to attend Saturday and Sunday’s events.
Saturday’s events start off with breakfast at the Magnolia Café from 6 to 11 a.m., when the parade is expected to begin.
Leading the parade will be the recently found Magnolia Bulldog matching band banner.
Until recently, the whereabouts of the black and orange banner was unknown. A move by the Green Earth Players to a new location in downtown Luverne this summer revealed the banner’s location.
The GEP had received the Magnolia High School marching band uniforms to use as costumes, and the banner was included with the uniforms, Fischenich said.

1932 MHS graduate will be parade marshal Sept. 1
As the banner leads the all-school reunion parade, the oldest MHS graduate is the event’s guest of honor.
Dallas Bowron of Luverne graduated from MHS in 1932 and the soon-to-be 104-year-old is “a little excited” to be the parade marshal for the Sept. 1 event.
After the parade he said he may tour portions of the former Magnolia High School, now Southwest Youth Services.
Bowron said he has fond memories of the brick structure. “My class was the first to go through all 12 years in the same building,” he said.
The former schoolhouse was located across the street and was converted into a family home once the high school was done,

Bowron recalled.
After the parade, the Magnolia Fire Department will host a pork feed followed by a street dance from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday’s events include a 10 a.m. church service followed by the MHS All-School Reunion Golf Tournament at the Luverne Country Club beginning at 2 p.m.
Since Fischenich originally launched the idea of a Magnolia All-School Reunion, several people stepped forward to serve on the organizational committee for the Labor Day weekend event.
“I am excited,” Fischenich said. “I think it will be fun.”
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“I’m proud we have the ugliest bathroom in the quad-state region.” — Randy Jensen

Luverne couple earns most votes in online Handy Man Ugly Bathroom contest

By Jason Berghorst

Randy and Cherie Jensen of Luverne were recently awarded \$2,000 toward a home bathroom remodel.

The Jensens were nominated by their daughter, Jessica Mogler of Larchwood, Iowa, in the Handy Man Ugly Bathroom contest.

The Sioux Falls home improvement store receives nominations each year and gives away four prizes based on the number of online votes each finalist receives.

The Jensens’ project received 1,817 online votes to easily win the grand prize.

“I’m proud we have the ugliest bathroom in the quad-state region,” joked a grateful Randy Jensen. “It’s really going to make a difference.”

It wasn’t the appearance of the Jensens’ bathroom that earned all the votes, however. It was the location.

Randy’s wife, Cherie, was involved in a serious head-on automobile collision in February 2017.

The accident resulted in a brain injury, stroke damage and the loss of most of her vision, according to Randy.



Submitted Photo

Randy and Cherie Jensen of Luverne recently won the \$2,000 grand prize in a Handy Man Home Remodeling Store contest. They were nominated by their daughter, Jessica Mogler. Pictured are (from left) Leah Mogler, Marissa Mogler (in front), Jessica Mogler and Joe Swenson, president of Handy Man.

After spending 99 days in the hospital, Cherie was able to return home, where

their bedroom and bathroom are on different floors. In the nomination, Mo-

gler wrote of the challenges her mom faces going up and down the stairs.

“Going downstairs in the middle of the night is a huge challenge so they use a com-

mode during the night for her bathroom needs,” Mogler wrote.

She said her dad wanted to remodel the home to add a bathroom to the upstairs and the Handy Man donation would support that.

“It’s going to be a fairly substantial cost for them to get plumbing upstairs to make this part of their life at least a little easier,” Mogler wrote. “The \$2,000 would be a huge blessing!”

The Jensens’ story clearly inspired online voters. The Jensens were awarded the prize Aug. 6 and have already begun the remodel.

Randy Jensen is doing much of the work himself and is also receiving support from local contractors.

“Cherie and I really appreciate all the people who voted every day and all the support the community has given us,” Jensen said.

Mogler also expressed her gratitude to the store on the Handy Man Facebook page.

“Thank you so much,” she wrote. “The prize is and will be a blessing to my parents.”

“We are so happy to help,” said Erika Boyd, Handy Man marketing director. “They definitely deserve it.”

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•The Luverne City Council handled some issues this week that will keep up the progress in the new industrial park.

The city approved the preliminary plat Tuesday for Special Industry First Addition, which has been surveyed, platted and certified by a licensed land surveyor.

In the plat, the city’s industrial park is opened for access from County Road 4, where five new industrial lots have been formed north of Papik Motors.

25 years ago (1993)

•Stricter policies against the use of any form of tobacco on school property will go into effect this fall in Luverne.

“When school is in session, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., five days per week, buildings and grounds are tobacco-free,” said Luverne Senior High School Principal Gary Fisher. “This includes chewable (tobacco) and smoking.”

According to state law, effective Aug. 15, all public schools in Minnesota are required to prohibit smoking in all school buildings. The prohibition will be in effect during meetings and other activities taking place in school buildings even in the evening or on weekends.

50 years ago (1968)

•A.R. Wood Manufacturing Company’s application for a primary use permit to build a hog farrowing house on a two-acre tract, owned by Luverne Enterprises, was denied by the county planning and zoning commission Monday night. The site is located just over a half mile west of Luverne on the cemetery road.

The company has the right to appeal to the county board for a permit if they so desire. Or, Garland Anderson, whose property adjoins the Luverne Enterprises tract, may build the building on his property, where it will qualify as an accessory use building. A permit is not necessary for an accessory use building, the planning board informed representatives of A.R. Wood Manufacturing Co., who were present at the hearing held at the county highway department building.

75 years ago (1943)

•Rock county this week became the fifth county in the state to qualify for accreditation on the fight against tuberculosis. Dr. C.L. Sherman announced this week.

Qualified previously were Martin, Stevens, Waseca and Olmstead counties.

In order to qualify, Dr. Sherman said, a county must have a tuberculosis death rate of less than 10 per 100,000 popula-

tion for the past five years, and less than 15 per cent reactors to the tuberculin test to high school seniors. Rock county has met these qualifications, the local physician stated, and added that in Luverne, for instance, there were only about seven or eight per cent reactors in the school the last time the test was made.

A certificate in recognition of Rock county’s record is expected to be awarded the county by the state public health association.

100 years ago (1918)

•A.O. Moreaux,
As per your request your city has been selected for National Guard company and assigned to the 5th Regiment. Please wire acceptance to Colonel G.A. Lewis, Mankato, Minn.

The above telegram received yesterday afternoon settles the question of the organization of a National Guard company in Luverne, insofar as the state is concerned. It is now up to the people of Rock county who have been anxious to secure the company to meet with the prescribed requirements.

Acceptance of the assignment was immediately wired to Colonel Lewis, as requested, and information asked as to procedure required to perfect the organization. Colonel Lewis or some other officer will undoubtedly visit Luverne in the near future to direct the work of organization and attend to other details.

1952: Group who raised banner not valid

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on October 30, 1952.

Street Banner Controversy Becomes Election Stimulus

(This continues a story about a political banner hung over Main Street bearing the words: “The Demos Say ‘You Never Had it So Good.’ Ask The Boys In Korea-Volunteers For Ike.” The banner, according to the 1952 story, provoked “more political comment, good and adverse, than has been heard here in a long time.”)

(Mr. Kurvink’s statement to the Star-Herald continues:)

“I have prepared a letter and sent a telegram to the United States District Attorney, Mr. Neville, asking him to investigate the matter on the grounds that it violates the corrupt practices act, inasmuch as I do not believe that the ‘Volunteers for Ike’ were a bonafide organization which is required. It is true that the sign was changed, and the name of Mr. Wendt was added as chairman, but this was not the case when it was first put up.

“I also has a session with the mayor, who had his attorney look up the statute and it was his opinion that the banner was in violation of state highway laws regarding the posting of advertising signs adjacent or over state highways. The mayor



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann,
President Rock County
Historical Society

took it up with the council, but they neglected to do anything about it. I told the mayor at the time that if the council did not take action, there might be steps taken to get the highway department to order the sign removed.”

Bills Wendt, Jr., chairman of the “Volunteers for Ike Committee” which ordered the sign erected had the following statement to make:

“Perhaps this sign has offended some Democrats who still want to pretend that Korea is still only, as President Truman called it, a ‘police action.’

“They don’t like to have the public reminded that it was the bungling of the present ad-

ministration that led to Korea and its bloody list of 120,000 casualties.

“Perhaps we might have made a mistake when we formed a committee to put up this sign. We probably should have asked Mrs. Albert Christensen to have been chairman – her brother was just wounded last week and is a Korean mortar fire casualty today in an army hospital. And there are a lot of parents who don’t sleep nights because they worry about their sons who are on the front lines in Korea.

“Maybe the Democratic chairman is hot under the collar, not so much because of our sign but because he didn’t think of venting that sign facility first.

“We have no apology to make for putting up this sign. We suggest that perhaps Truman, Acheson, Hiss, Stevenson and Company get down on their knees and apologize to the Mothers and Fathers of American fighting men for the administration blunders they made that made Korea possible.”

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

James Leenderts will celebrate his 80th birthday on Friday, Aug. 17. Greetings may be sent to him at 505 E. 4th Street, Hills, MN 56138.

Norman Wessels will celebrate his 90th birthday on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Greetings may be sent to him at 106 S. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Aug. 20: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread, peaches.

Tuesday, Aug. 21: Country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, pudding. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Manitou Carpets.

Wednesday, Aug. 22: Parmesan chicken, baked potato with sour cream, California blend vegetables, bread, fruit cocktail.

Thursday, Aug. 23: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberry garnish, bread, fruit shortcake.

Friday, Aug. 24: Tuna salad on bun, creamy cucumber salad, fresh fruit, bun, bar. Program: Half-Price Day.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition. Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

FSA NEWS

Important dates:

Aug. 17: Expiring Continuous CRP One-Year Extension application deadline.

Sept. 3: FSA Office closed for Labor Day.

Sept. 4: 2018 MPP premium payment deadline; 2019 NAP Fall-Seeded Annual Crops sales deadline; 2019 NAP Value Loss Crops sales deadline; 2019 NAP Controlled Environment Crops sales deadline.

Sept. 10: County Committee Election Workshop at 11 a.m. at FSA Office.

Guaranteed Loan Program

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender’s normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation or to refinance debt.

Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,399,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer’s ability to repay.

For more information on guaranteed loans, please contact your lender or the Rock County FSA Office at 507-283-2369, or the Pipestone County FSA Office at 507-825-5478.



Submitted photo

The Midwest Fire team in Luverne includes (from left) Marcus Emery, Doug Grimsrud, Todd Evans, Rick Wessels, Joe Hlushak, Justin Maciejack, Katie Staeffler, Mike Mulder, Michelle Hulstein, Jeff Bowen, Sarah Atchison, Dan Lais, Darcie Johnson, Cody Gehrke, Tyler Lebrun, Don Kalass, Stephen Zitzloff, Brett Jensen, Charles Dilly, Kraig Scholten, Todd Landhuis, Mark Perkins, Mark Schneekloth and Alan Pilaczynski. This is the second year the company is a finalist for the “Made in Minnesota” Manufacturing Awards.

Midwest Fire named finalist in Minnesota Manufacturing Awards

Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company, Luverne, is again named a finalist in the Small Business Category of Minnesota Business Magazine’s “Made in Minnesota Manufacturing Awards.”

The award recognizes a small company (up to 50 employees) that demonstrates overall excellence in the state’s booming manufacturing industry. This is the second time in three years Midwest Fire has been nominated for this award.

Midwest Fire is a direct-seller and manufacturer of custom fire apparatus and offers continued support to customers with maintenance and repairs.

They have been a finalist previously for the Manufacturing Awards and placed on Prairie Business Magazine 50 Best Places to Work List, among several other honors in recent years.

“It’s a huge honor to be featured among so many successful manufacturers in our

BUSINESS NEWS

state,” said Midwest Fire CEO Sarah Atchison.

“I attribute our success to our team of experienced professionals and the business culture we have created together. The personal customer service and top of the line equipment we

provide our community and the country flow from a team effort.”

Minnesota Business Magazine sponsors this award every year to highlight the state’s most prestigious manufacturing companies.

Following their nomina-

tions, an independent panel of judges within the manufacturing community selects the finalists from an elite group of manufacturing companies.

The winners will be announced at an award ceremony on Sept. 20 in Minneapolis and Minnesota Business will also feature the represented companies in the September/October issue of the magazine.

Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company has been manufacturing fire tankers and pumpers since 1987 working

directly with customers (not dealers) to keep costs down and communication consistent through the sales and manufacturing process.

“By creating long-term relationships with our customers, we are able to help devise state-of-the-art approaches to meet each department’s needs,” Atchison said.

“We take pride in our work and our ability to produce some of the highest quality, most innovative tankers and pumpers on the market.”

OBITUARIES

Wendell Erickson

Wendell Erickson, 93, the Minnesota State House of Representatives in Hills, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial will follow at Flowerfield Cemetery in Hills. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. with family present from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills. In lieu of flowers memorials may be designated to the Wendell and Kathryn Erickson Scholarship Fund at 105 N. Water Ave., Hills, MN 56138.

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June Nath

June Nath, 97, Luverne, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at the Good Samaritan Society—Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

June Vogt was born June 4, 1921, to Henry and Mary Ellen (Campbell) Vogt in Rock County. She graduated from Magnolia High School.

June married William Nath on Oct. 27, 1940, in Rock Rapids, Iowa. After their marriage, the couple lived in Adrian and Luverne, later moving near Magnolia where they farmed. They moved back to Luverne in 1961. June did child day care before she worked at George’s Bakery and Ben’s Bakery in Luverne. June also drove the Luverne Senior Citizens Bus for fourteen years before retiring.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Magnolia and the Ladies Aid. She and Bill played in card clubs and enjoyed playing cards and other games with family and friends.

June is survived by five children, Patsy (Jack) Cra- goe, Luverne, Ron (Maureen) Nath, San Juan Capistrano,



California, Larry (Cheryl) Nath, Luverne, David (Cindy) Nath, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Terri (Steve) Hoffman, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 13 grandchildren, Dawn (Wayne) Mouw, Diane (Steve) Hall, Stacy (Hunter) Riggs, Joshua (Julie-Alice) Nath, Jeremiah Nath, Jennifer Nath, Joseph (Priscilla) Nath, Jonathan Nath, Jacob Nath, Kiara Nath, Allana Nath, Ryan (Celina) Hoffman and Dana Hoffman; 12 great-grandchildren, Daniel and Matthew Mouw; Stephanie Riggs; Adam and Emma Wiering; Marie, Elaine, Aaron, Zachary, Luke, Brittney and Brandi Nath; and Jackson and Korbin Hoffman; and six stepgreat-grandchildren, Christian (Lily), Leah and Maris Hall; and Cyrus, Lincoln and Braxton Kirstein.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill, on March 30, 2015; an infant son, James Allen; a granddaughter, Kaleina Nath; an infant granddaughter, Misty June; an infant great-grandson; a brother, Raymond Vogt; and four sisters, Edna Wiek, Dorothy Smeins, Ruth Ashby and Virginia Schei.

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

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For melon ripeness, look for the dry tendril

Last week I told you about knowing how to determine the maturity of apples and pears. I also want to mention that with the later apple varieties like Fireside, Honey Gold, and Haralson, a light frost changes the starch in the apple to sugar, greatly enhancing the flavor of the apple. This happens naturally if we have a long frost-free fall, but there is never a guarantee for that. Usually the light frost comes sooner than the full maturity of the apple. Apples will tolerate a temperature of 28 degrees without the cold affecting the storage life of the fruit.

Today, I want to educate you about harvesting melons. A watermelon will have a tendril (short little stem with a curly end) on the vine opposite the stem the melon is growing on. When that tendril becomes dry, the melon is ripe. So, if the melon has been harvested from the vine, your next indicator of ripeness is a yellow blotch on the bottom of the melon where it rested on the ground. I can’t guarantee that a melon without the yellow blotch won’t be ripe, but I can guarantee that the melon with a blotch will be ripe.

When a cantaloupe is ripe, the color will be uniformly tan and the stem will slip from the melon vine quite easily. This can be tricky, because that degree of ripeness happens almost overnight. That means when the melon is getting close to ripe, you should check it every day. Overripe cantaloupe will split or rot very quickly if left in the garden. If you are buying a cantaloupe at market



KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

or in the store, an indicator of a melon not ripe will be the stub of a stem still attached to the melon. Otherwise, look for that uniform color and a melon fragrance at the blossom end.

Potato vines are drying so that means it is time to get them dug to prevent the tubers from starting to grow again. After you dig them, let them dry for a few days out of sunlight. If left in the sun, they will develop a green bluish that is mildly toxic. If you want to wash them right after you get them dug, use a gentle spray of water. At this point, the skins are very tender and will easily rub off, drastically impacting their storage life.

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

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To obtain a complete listing of the proposal requirements, email Holly Sammons, Economic Development Director, at hsammons@cityofluverne.org.

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And the winners are ...

Prairie Photos Contest winners for May and June announced; Aug. 31 is deadline for July and August contest entries

By Lori Sorenson

The first round of winners have been announced for the 2018 Prairie Photo Contest sponsored by the Luverne Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“We’re trying to encourage people to get out and enjoy the prairie,” said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, who also serves on the CVB.

Winners are selected among three categories: birds and wildlife, landscape and native prairie plants.

The May and June contest winners are Jason Schutz and Kelly Doyle in Birds and Wildlife; Amanda Fongemie and Jason Schutz in the Landscape category; and Steven Bloemendaal and Kelly Doyle in Native Prairie Plants category.

“The decision for the judges was very difficult, so we had to call in some others to help,” Lanphere said when she announced the winners in July.

The deadline is Aug. 31 for the summer contest period of July and August, and the entries for September and October must be received by Oct. 31.

Photographers may enter up to five photos per entry period, and \$50 prizes will be awarded per category per entry period.

The winning photographs will then be used — along with the other monthly winners — to create postcards that will be sold to raise money for programming at the Blue Mounds State Park and Touch the Sky Prairie.

Contest entrants may be amateur or professional, but the CVB will retain the rights to use the winning images for the postcard promotion.

All photographs not selected as winners in the monthly judging will be retained in the pool of photos to be considered in the following month’s judging.

Photographs may be new

images or selections from existing portfolios, but they must all be digitally submitted with a resolution of 300 pixels per inch or greater.

Individuals may submit up to five images per entry per month.

Submissions should be emailed on or by the first day of each month to luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

The photographer’s name, address, phone number and email should be submitted with each entry, along with the title of the entry.

Lanphere said the Prairie Photo Contest is a fitting way to celebrate parks and to capture the beauty of the local prairie parks.

“We hope it’s something the community can envision being part of,” she said.

Lanphere can be reached at 283-4061 with questions.



Winners in the landscape category of the Prairie Photo Contest are Amanda Fongemie for “Hidden at the Rock River” pictured above, and Jason Schutz with “God’s Prairie” pictured below.



Winners in the Native Prairie Plants category are Steven Bloemendaal with his “Prairie Bergamot” at far right and Kelly Doyle with “Prairie Phlox” at lower right.

Winners in the birds and wildlife category are Jason Schutz with his “Friendly Encounter,” (pictured below) and Kelly Doyle with “Bison Mother and Calf” pictured at right.



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Rules of the road

Bike lanes are striped, Phase 2 of Loop nearly complete; bikers and motorists need to brush up on safety

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne got bike friendlier this week with the painting of bike lanes along the edges of Highway 75 through town.

The lanes were planned as part of the 2015 Minnesota Department of Transportation improvement project for Highway 75 in Luverne.

When the lanes were changed from four to three (two lanes, plus the center turn lane) the 6.5-foot-wide shoulders were intended for use by bicycles.

Now, with the completion of Phase 2 of the Luverne Loop path, the striping work was also completed this week for the bicycle lanes.

Luverne Economic Development Authority Director Holly Sammons has taken the lead on bike path development — particularly grant applications and funding.

She has also worked closely with health and safety officials in developing signage and community education.

“We’re hoping to educate and inform both motorists and bicyclists of about the bike lanes and applicable laws and safety items,” she said this week.

She said she’s sharing information via social media, local press and other means to send a unified safety message.

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge is helping with this education process.

“I would advise drivers to pay close attention to the bike lane,” he said.

“This is something new and it might take some drivers awhile to get used to seeing bikers on the road instead of on the sidewalks along Highway 75.”

He warned bicyclists to be especially careful.

“A 4-inch white line does not stop a vehicle from crossing it and hitting a biker,” he said, urging bicyclists to hug the curb side of their lane.

“Use your hand signals to alert drivers behind you what you plan on doing. Wear your helmet at all times. Do not text and bike.”

The bike lane markings were painted on Highway 75 from Gabrielson Road on the south end of Luverne to the West Veterans Drive intersection on the north end, and signs will be installed for bike lanes soon.

Sammons said bicycle safety is a two-way street and both motorists and bicyclists are encouraged to educate themselves on the law.

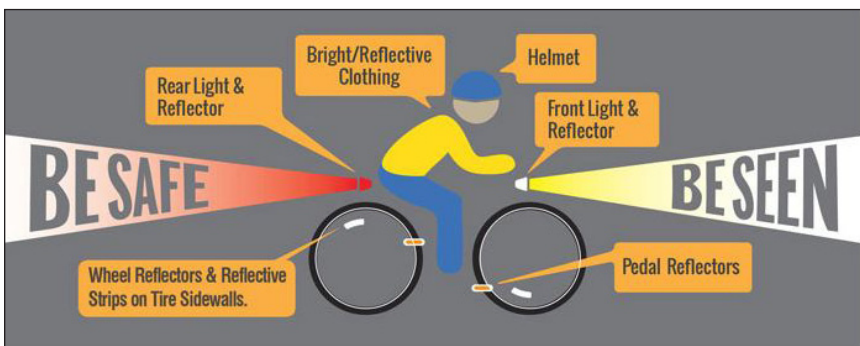
Bicyclists are required to ride in the same direction as traffic, obey all vehicular traffic signals, and communicate their intent to turn with hand signals.

Motorists should be on the lookout, stay alert, yield to bicyclists before turning and avoid distracted driving.



Mavis Fodness photo/0816 Bike Lane Striping

Devrie Stoeckmann with AAA Striping Service Co., Minneapolis, paints the bike rider symbol Monday afternoon in the bike lanes on Highway 75 in Luverne. Pictured from left are Chris Jones, Zach Peterson, Stoeckmann and Cody Shirley.



Bicyclists need to be visible at all times of day and night. In addition to bright lights, bright and reflective clothing makes you more visible — and safer.

Rules of the road and safety tips

- Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- Bicyclists should ride on the road and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.
- Bicyclists must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark. To increase visibility, add a rear flashing light.
- Motorists must at all times

maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.

- Drivers must drive at safe speeds and be attentive — look for bicyclists, check blind spots.
 - Drivers should use caution and look twice for riders when turning.
 - Drivers should use caution when opening the door upon parking on the side of the road.
- The number-one factor contributing to bicycle-vehicle collisions is failure to yield the right of way — by bicyclists and drivers alike.

About one-half of all bicycle-vehicle collisions are due to a variety of bicyclist behaviors, such as disregarding a traffic sign or signal.

The others are caused by vehicle driver behaviors, such as inattention and distraction. Bicyclists and motorists are equally responsible for bicycle safety.

Common sense guidelines for bicyclists and motorists

•First come, first served — Just like other vehicles, bikes have a right to space on the road. Other vehicles must yield space to bikes that occupy a space first. This rule applies both between intersections and at intersections. Like motor vehicles, bicyclists must also yield when changing lanes.

•Yield to crossing traffic — Drivers on less important roads, including driveways and alleys, must yield to traffic on the roadway to be entered or crossed. Yielding means looking until you see that no traffic is so close as to be a danger. Before changing lanes, bikes must check to see that a space is clear. If it is not clear, a bicycle must yield to a car in that space before making the change.

•Direction of travel — Always ride in the direction of traffic. Never ride against traffic (on the left side of the road). You may, however, ride with traffic in the far left lane on one-way streets when preparing to make a left turn.

•Sidewalk riding — Sidewalk riding is more than twice as dangerous (and in some cases illegal) as riding on the road. Drivers often



Lori Sorenson photo/0816 bike lane

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge warns bicyclists to be careful near traffic. “A 4-inch white line does not stop a vehicle from crossing it and hitting a biker,” he said, urging bicyclists to hug the curb side of their lane.

don’t notice you. If you do ride on the sidewalks, be extra alert when crossing driveways and intersections and always yield to pedestrians.

Bicyclists need to be visible

Bicyclists need to be visible at all times of day and night. In addition to bright lights, bright and reflective clothing makes you more visible — and safer.

- Always wear proper safety gear, especially a helmet.
- The law requires you to have a white front light visible from 500

feet away, a red rear light or reflector, and pedal or wheel reflectors. For extra visibility, BikeMN strongly recommends adding one or more red rear lights to your bike and person.

- Always wear brightly colored, high-visibility, reflective clothing.
- In addition to a front white headlight, multiple headlights (e.g. helmet and handlebar mount) allow better visual perspective and other safety redundancy.

More information is at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/bike/education/index.html>.



Mavis Fodness photo/0816 Bike Lane Striping

Chris Jones places a layer of glass beads on the freshly painted arrow designating the bike lane as Devrie Stoeckmann places warning cones.



Graphenteen lassos elusive second title

By John Rittenhouse

A lot of things have changed over the past 26 years, but something has remained the same for one Luverne woman.

MaryJo Graphenteen's quest to win her second Women's Club Championship has never wavered over the past quarter of a century.

Graphenteen made a bid to win a number of club titles since she claimed her first one back in 1992, but one of the LCC's most prolific players couldn't find a way to win her second championship between 1993 and 2017.

That scenario changed on Saturday, when Graphenteen emerged as the top player on the course during the 67th version of the tournament.

Graphenteen fired a pair of 41s to register a 10-over-par 82 and win the championship flight by three strokes over four-time defending champion Melissa Sandbulte.

"It was nice to finish on top," Graphenteen stated.

"It's been 26 years and a whole lot of second-place finishes since I've won this tournament. I wouldn't say winning it again was taking a monkey off my back. Then again, after all those years and a number of second-place finishes, maybe it is."

It was Graphenteen's consistency that lifted her to victory on Saturday.

She didn't strike every shot well, but she managed to recover every time she faced adversity during an 18-hole round that ended with a better score than the 86 that clinched her first title 26 years ago.

"I think I played pretty well. In fact, I thought I could have scored in the 30s in both rounds," she said.

"I missed two putts I should have made in the first round, and I took a two-stroke penalty for hitting it out of bounds on No. 7 in the second round. A lot of my drives were in places I haven't been before, which

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*-Mary Jo Graphenteen,
Two-time LCC women's club champion*

presented me with different distances and forced me to select different clubs for my approaches to the greens. Overall, I thought I scrambled pretty well."

Graphenteen was able to answer the challenges she faced during the tournament to slip past the much younger Sandbulte, who was on the verge of entering the third grade when Mary Jo won her first championship.

Sandbulte has won 10 club titles since 2003, but that fact didn't influence the resolve displayed by Graphenteen.

Graphenteen made par on the tournament's first hole to gain a one-shot lead that was erased when Sandbulte made par on the third hole.

The players matched scores over the next two holes before a shot into the trees by Sandbulte during the sixth led her to mark down a triple-bogey seven on the scorecard.

Graphenteen, on the other hand, made par on the sixth hole and opened a four-shot cushion after Sandbulte posted a double bogey on the seventh hole.

To her credit, the four-time defending champion didn't give up the fight.

Sandbulte closed the margin to three shots by registering a birdie on the ninth hole, and she unleashed a massive drive to start the second round, which led her to making par on the 10th hole.

Graphenteen countered

with a bogey on the 10th hole, but she considered it to be a crucial bogey.

"Making bogey on 10 was a big key for me," she stated.

"Melissa hit a great drive and was on the green in two before making par. I basically hit four not very good shots before making a good putt for a bogey."

Sandbulte trailed by two shots after the 10th hole and was on the verge of closing the margin when she placed her second shot on the putting surface on the par-5 11th hole.

Graphenteen reached the green in three shots on No. 11, and proceeded to sink an amazing 35-foot putt for a birdie.

Sandbulte missed her putt for eagle before tapping in for birdie, leaving Graphenteen's two-shot advantage intact.

"That was a long one," said Graphenteen, when talking about her birdie putt on No. 11.

"Being a left-handed player, and with it being a left-to-right putt, I had a good feel for that putt before I struck the ball."

Both players hit excellent shots from the tee box on the 12th hole.

Sandbulte's came to rest seven feet above the hole, where she was unable to convert a downhill putt for birdie.

Graphenteen's shot from the tee box resulted in a four-foot uphill putt for birdie, which she converted to gain a three-shot cushion.

Graphenteen's lead swelled



John Rittenhouse photo/0816 women's champs

Mary Jo Graphenteen (right) won the championship flight title of the Women's Club Tournament by dethroning four-time defending champion Melissa Sandbulte (left) at the Luverne Country Club Saturday. It was Graphenteen's second title overall and first since 1992.

to four strokes when Sandbulte took a double bogey on the 13th hole, the players matched scores over the next two holes before Graphenteen faced adversity on the par-3 16th hole.

"My shot from the tee box hit the cart path and bounced out of bounds," she explained.

"My second tee shot wasn't a very good one either, and I hit my next shot into the sand trap. I hit a good chip out of

sand and was able to make the putt for a six."

The opening was there, but Sandbulte couldn't make the most of the situation as she registered a bogey four to trail by two shots with two holes left to play.

Both players made bogey on the 17th hole before Graphenteen iced a three-shot victory by making par on the 18th hole.

Although 26 years separated her first and second club titles, Graphenteen's pursuit of more championships did not end on Saturday.

"Everyone who knows and loves the game of golf realizes that it's the chase that keeps us coming back," she said.

"Win or lose on Saturday, I would have gotten back out there to play 100 more rounds trying to get better."

VFW falls twice in Brainerd to end 19-6-1 campaign

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals walked away from the Minnesota State VFW Baseball Tournament empty-handed Thursday in Brainerd.

Making their third consecutive appearance at the double-elimination event, Luverne dropped a pair of games on Day 1 of the tourney.

Litchfield saddled the Cardinals with a three-run setback in the opening game. Winona topped Luverne by eight runs during the second round of play.

The Cardinals end the summer season with a 19-6-1 record.

Winona 10, Luverne 2

The Cardinals bowed out of the state tourney after taking an eight-run setback from Winona at Don Adamson Field Thursday.

Winona took advantage of 12

walks issued by three Luverne pitchers to help plate runs in four of the game's seven innings.

Luverne did score the game's first run in the bottom half of the second inning, but the lead didn't last long.

Winona scored 10 unanswered runs in the next four innings to open a commanding nine-run (10-1) advantage.

Cade Wenninger got things going for the Cardinals in the second inning when he reached base on an infield single.

A sacrifice bunt by Ethan Beyer moved Wenninger to second base and he advanced to third base on a wild pitch.

Following a walk to Nathan Nekali, Wenninger scored from third when Quinn Buss bounced out to first base.

Luverne's 1-0 edge was erased when Winona plated

a pair of runs in the top half of the third inning.

Winona upped the lead to 4-1 by producing single runs in the fourth and fifth innings before settling the issue with a six-run sixth frame.

The Cardinals registered their final run of the season in the seventh inning.

Beyer drew a walk and advanced to third base on groundouts by Nekali and Noah Herman.

Bailey Cowell, one of two players to register a pair of hits in the game (he singled in the first inning), chased Beyer home with an RBI single.

Wenninger recorded a fourth-inning single to finish the game with two safeties.

Colby Crabtree added a third-inning single to Luverne's five-hit offensive showing.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0816 men's champ flight

Chris Nowatzki (middle) won his second consecutive and third Men's Club Tournament title in the last four years Sunday. Wade Whitacre (left) and Joe Dorhout (right) share second place.

Nowatzki repeats as LCC's men's club champion

By John Rittenhouse

For a man who didn't know if he would be able to play golf this weekend, Chris Nowatzki put on a pretty good show during the Luverne Country Club's 67th version of the Men's Club Tournament over the weekend.

Nowatzki overcame a four-shot deficit entering play on Sunday to become a repeat winner of the championship flight.

Nowatzki posted a seven-over-par 151 tally to win the club title by four strokes.

It was his third championship victory in the past four seasons.

"Winning never gets old," Nowatzki said, less than 24 hours after his title-earning effort.

"I wouldn't say I played great golf from tee to green, but I played pretty steady and well enough to win."

The fact that Nowatzki was playing at all says a lot about his commitment to the game.

After undergoing arthroscopic surgery to correct a knee problem three years ago, the recovery process didn't go as well as planned for Nowatzki.

With the knee not responding very well, his efforts to protect his aching knee led to another problem.

"I have hip dysplasia," he said. "I don't think I ever fully recovered from my surgery before my hip started to bother me. To be honest, I didn't know if I would be able to play in the

tournament this year."

To complicate the situation even more, Nowatzki was riding a bike on a gravel road two weeks ago when his front tire got caught up in some loose gravel, sending rider head over heels onto the rocky road surface.

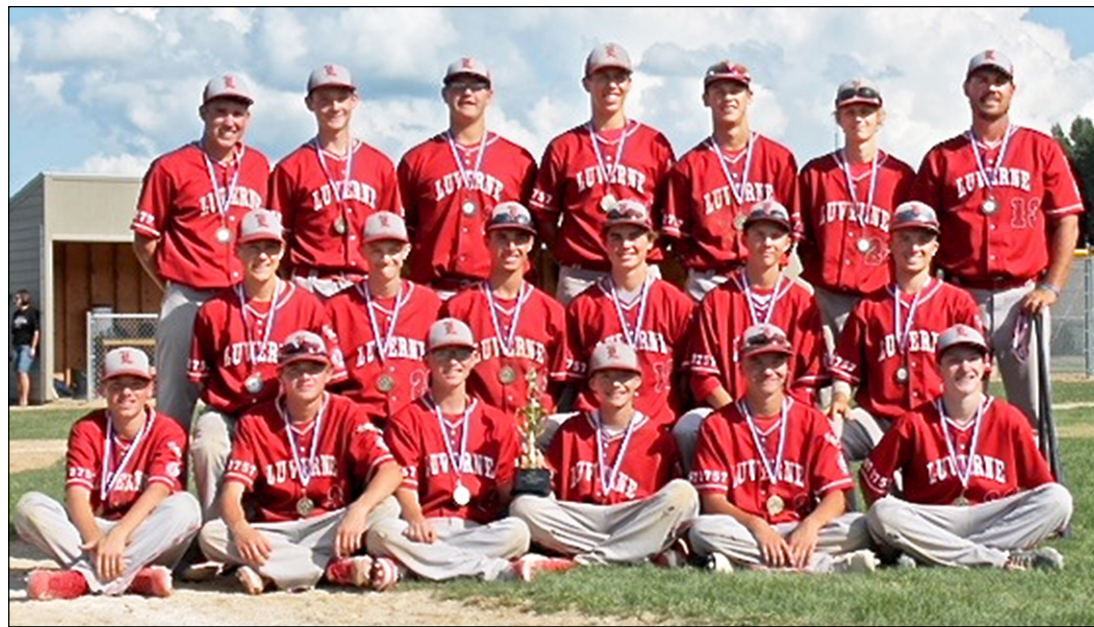
"I thought I broke my collarbone," he declared.

"It wasn't broken, but I hurt my shoulder pretty bad. After that, I wasn't sure if I would be able to play golf at all this weekend."

Nowatzki did play the game he loves on Friday and Saturday, and he played it very well.

He shot a four-over-par 76

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Submitted photo

The 2018 Luverne VFW baseball team competed at the state tournament in Brainerd last week. Team members include (sitting, from left) Ethan Beyer, Quinn Buss, Trevor Halverson, Riley Anderson, Jamie Palmquist, John Miller, (kneeling) Hunter Baker, Ben Jarchow, Bailey Cowell, Cade Wenninger, Shaïd Shearer, Jacob Von Tersch, (back) Jaden Knips, Noah Herman, Nathan Nekali, Isaiah Bartels, Colby Crabtree, Tyler Roberts and coach Mike Wenninger.

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Crabtree took the pitching loss after tossing five-plus innings on the mound. He surrendered eight runs, four hits and walked eight batters. Buss pitched one inning of two-hit, two-run, two-walk ball in relief of Crabtree. Herman twirled a scoreless seventh inning. He walked two batters and fanned two.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cauwels	4	0	2	1
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	0	1	0
Knips	3	0	0	0
Wenninger	3	1	2	0
Beyer	0	1	0	0
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Nekali	1	0	0	0
Buss	2	0	0	1
Herman	1	0	0	0
Von Tersch	2	0	0	0
Baker	0	0	0	0
Shearer	0	0	0	0
Halverson	0	0	0	0
Palmquist	0	0	0	0
Jarchow	0	0	0	0
Anderson	0	0	0	0

Litchfield 5, Luverne 2
A rough morning in the field led to defeat when Luverne opened the tournament at Mills Field Thursday. The Cardinals committed eight fielding errors that enabled Litchfield to plate four unearned runs in what ended as a three-run setback for Luverne. The loss ended what was a stretch of playing 10 games without the Cardinals taking a loss. The score was knotted at one after the game's first inning



John Rittenhouse photo/0816 vfw wenninger

Luverne's Cade Wenninger slapped a pair of hits and scored one run during Thursday's season-ending loss to Winona at the Minnesota State VFW Baseball Tournament in Brainerd Thursday.

and Luverne sported a 2-1 edge when the second inning was complete. Litchfield, however, plated four unearned runs over the next three innings and kept Luverne from registering a hit in the final five frames to advance in the winner's bracket in the double-elimination tournament. Litchfield did produce an earned run in the top half of the first inning, but the Cardinals tied the score with an earned run of their own in the bottom of the first. Bailey Cowell singled to

start Luverne's first inning at the plate and moved to third base when Isaiah Bartels singled. One out later, Jaden Knips chased Cowell home with the tying run by registering an RBI ground out. Luverne moved in front 2-1 by plating one unearned run in the bottom of the second. Tyler Roberts drew a walk before Jacob Von Tersch laid down a bunt single that led to a pair of throwing errors by Litchfield that allowed Roberts to score. Bartels pitched all seven

innings and took the loss. He fanned seven batters and yielded eight hits and one earned run. Cowelled Luverne's four-hit offensive showing with a pair of singles.

Box score	AB	R	H	BI
Cowell	2	1	2	0
Bartels	3	0	1	0
Crabtree	3	0	0	0
Knips	3	0	0	1
Wenninger	2	0	0	0
Beyer	2	0	0	0
Nekali	2	0	0	0
Palmquist	1	0	0	0
Roberts	1	1	0	0
Baker	1	0	0	0
Von Tersch	3	0	1	0

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on Saturday and carded a three-over-par 75 on Sunday to eventually prevail by a four-shot margin over Wade Whitacre and Joe Dorhout, who shared second place in the flight with 155-stroke tallies at tournament's end. Although it was Nowatzki who captured the title, it was Whitacre who turned in a dazzling display of golf on Saturday. A first-time entry into the club tournament after moving to the Luverne area late last summer, Whitacre made his presence known by firing a par-72 during the opening round. Whitacre's 72 gave him a four-stroke lead over Nowatzki and four-time club champion Mark Iveland (76s), and a six-stroke advantage over Pete Connell (78). "Wade was ahead by four shots on Saturday and that's a pretty good lead no matter where you are playing,"

Nowatzki stated. Golf can be a fickle sport, and Whitacre found that out during Sunday's opening round. After being able to do no wrong on Saturday, the newcomer struggled during Sunday's opening loop and recorded a nine-over-par 45. That opened the door for Nowatzki, who posted a one-over-par 37 to turn a four-stroke deficit into a four-stroke lead with nine holes left to play. "I really felt bad for Wade," Nowatzki said. "I told him that I had a four-stroke lead once on a Saturday and nearly lost it all on one hole the next day. Playing well on the first day and not putting everything together on the second day has happened to me a number of times, and I think that's what happened to him." Along with Whitacre, both Iveland and Dorhout

remained in contention entering the final round. Whitacre trailed by four strokes, while Iveland and Dorhout faced five-shot deficits. Nowatzki simply didn't let the contenders make a serious threat to his lead over the final nine holes of play. The champ made par five times along with registering one birdie and three bogeys during a 38-stroke effort. Dorhout posted a 37 in the final round to earn a share of second place with Whitacre, who shot a 38. Iveland carded a 38 as well to place fourth in the field. "I was still a little sore, but I only had two swings that caused me pain all weekend long," Nowatzki said. "I wasn't trying to make any mistakes in the final round. I wasn't playing conservatively. I just wanted to play good, smart golf and not make any mistakes that would cost me

the tournament." Nowatzki will go for club history when he goes for his third consecutive LCC championship next season, but he's hoping to make a run at the senior's club title in two weeks. "I had a lot of fun playing with Wade, Mark and Pete Connell last weekend. Those guys and a lot of others give me good support, and I really appreciate that," Nowatzki said. "I also missed not seeing Dan Serie and Tim Connell playing in the tournament this year. They may not have played, but it was nice seeing them at the course on Sunday."

Final scores from the championship flight: Nowatzki 76-75-151, Whitacre 72-83-155, Dorhout 81-74-155, Iveland 76-80-156, P. Connell 78-79-157, Cory Norman 79-86-165.

Iveland aces LCC's third hole July 31

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Country Club yielded its third hole-in-one of the 2018 season on July 31. After a pair of men registered aces on the par-3 seventh hole on June 27, a female found the cup on the par-3 third hole during a league round on the final day of July. LCC manager Denise Iveland was playing a Ladies League round that day along with Kim Arends, Susan Schneekloth and Missy Verbrugge.



Iveland

With the pin placed on the right side of the front end of the putting surface, Iveland pulled a 7-iron out of her bag to attack the target. Iveland's club selection proved to be a good one as it yielded the first hole-in-one of her career. "It hit on the front fringe of the green and rolled a couple

of feet into the cup," Iveland said of her ace. She may not be a player with a lot of experience, but Iveland's ace led her to shooting a career-low score of 54 strokes. "A lot of people might not be proud of that score, but I am," she concluded.



John Rittenhouse photo/0816 women's flight

Debbie Kooiker (left) and Wendy Evink (right) won the second and first flight titles respectively during the Women's Club Tournament at the Luverne Country Club Saturday.

Kooiker, Evink prevail

By John Rittenhouse
The 67th version of the Luverne Country Club Women's Club Tournament produced a total of three champions. Along with Mary Jo Graphenteen's conquest in the championship flight, Wendy Evink and Debbie Kooiker captured the first and second flight titles respectively. A strong opening round

lifted Evink to a seven-stroke victory in the seven-player first flight. Evink posted a tournament-low score of 40 strokes during the first nine holes of play to take control of the flight. Evink's front nine featured one birdie and four pars, which left her sporting a seven-stroke lead over Susan

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Scrambler champs

A team sponsored by Rhonna Jarchow won the 21st annual Rock County Kids Golf Scrambler at the Luverne Country Club Aug. 6. Forming the championship-earning team were (from left) Adam Siebenahler, Cory Norman, Logan Norman, Kevin Norman and Steve Wieneke.

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Men's event yields six other flight champions

By John Rittenhouse

Six other men emerged as flight champions along with Chris Nowatzki during the 67th edition of the Luverne Country Club's Men's Club Tournament staged on Saturday and Sunday.

Nowatzki repeated as the winner of the championship flight, while Mike Smith, Dan Kern, Dave Iverson, Jared Pick, Derek Elbers and Joey Pick earned flight titles of their own.

Smith pulled out a narrow victory over Steve Smedsrud to take top honors in the president's flight.

Smith registered an 80 during Saturday's opening round, which gave him a one-shot edge over Smedsrud (81) and a two-shot cushion over Ryan Fick (82) when the first day of play was complete.

Ficks slipped out of contention after carding an 87 on Sunday, leaving Smith and Smedsrud to battle it out for the flight title.

Smith outted his lead to two strokes by nipping Smedsrud 40-41 during Sunday's opening round, but Smedsrud trimmed the difference to one shot when he recorded a birdie on the 17th hole of play.

Both Smith and Smedsrud recorded birdies on the 18th hole, leaving Smith with a 159-160 victory.

Andrew DeBoer placed third in the flight with his 84-81-165.

Kern rallied on Sunday to pull out a narrow win over Victor Van Dyk in the first flight.

Van Dyk fired a 78 Saturday to sport a two-shot advantage over Kern and Adam Hansen, who posted 80s.

Hansen fell back in the pack by shooting an 88 Sunday, but



John Rittenhouse photo/0816 men's flight champs

Six men joined club champion Chris Nowatzki as flight winners during the Men's Club Tournament staged at the Luverne Country Club over the weekend. They are (from left) Dan Kern, Mike Smith, Jared Pick and Derek Elbers. Missing are Joey Pick and Dave Iverson. The LCC's Seniors' Club Tournament is set for Saturday, August 25.

Kern saved his best for last on the final day.

Kern sliced Van Dyk's lead to one stroke with a 40-41 scoring edge during Sunday's opening round.

Van Dyk led by two strokes with two holes left to play in the final round, but the leader struggled in the 17th hole by taking a nine on the par-5 challenge.

Kern posted a six on the same hole to gain a one-shot edge and both men made bogey on the 18th hole, leaving Kern with a 162-163 victory.

Aaron Moerke placed third in the flight with his 82-85-167.

Iverson coasted to a comfortable six-stroke victory in the second flight.

Iverson and Adam Finke both posted 82s on Saturday

to share the flight lead, while Gary Kurtz was four strokes off the pace with an 86.

Both Iverson and Kurtz fired 43s during Sunday's opening round, while Finke registered a 47 to slip into a tie for second place with Kurtz.

Iverson fired a 44 to outscore both of the challengers and claim the flight title with a 169.

Kurtz and Fink placed second and third with respective 175 and 179 tallies.

Jared Pick came from behind to win the title of the third flight.

Don Klosterbuer got off to a good start on Saturday by notching an 84 to sport a three-shot lead over Scott Knorr (87) and four-stroke

cushions over Pick and Anthony Graphenteen (89s).

Klosterbuer and

Graphenteen fell out of contention by posting 96s on Sunday.

Pick, on the other hand, shot a flight-low 40 during Sunday's opening round to open a two-shot lead over Knorr.

Pick completed the final round with a 43 for a two-day total of 171 strokes.

Hard-charging Dave Gangestad shot a flight-low 40 in the final round to move into second place with a 175, while Knorr placed third with a 179.

Elber earned a three-stroke win in the fourth flight.

Elbers shot an 88 Saturday to sport a one-shot edge over Spencer Sells (89) and a three-stroke lead over Steve Top (91).

Top and Sells dropped out

of the picture by shooting 104- and 106-stroke rounds on Sunday.

Elbers posted a flight-low 44 during Sunday's opening round, which allowed him to overcome a 55-stroke effort in the final round.

Elbers won the flight with a 187, while Tom Arends and Josh Gangestad placed second and third with 190- and 194-stroke tallies respectively.

With a large handicap differential involving the eight players in the fifth flight, tournament officials decided to turn the flight into net competition.

Joey Pick won the net championship, while Dick Cylkowski (99-97-196) led all flight members in the gross standings.

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Schneekloth (47) and a nine-stroke advantage over Pat Rieck (49).

Evink was unable to keep up her standout play during the second round, but she was able to lock up the flight title by a comfortable margin.

The flight champion posted a score of 49 strokes in a final round that featured her making par once.

Evink ended the day with a 40-49-89 effort, which was good for a seven-stroke victory over second-place Marla Van Dyk.

After posting a 50 during the opening round, Van Dyk shot a flight-low 46 over the final nine holes of play for a two-round total of 96 strokes.

Schneekloth and Amy Reich shared third place in the flight with 98-stroke efforts.

Schneekloth registered a 47-51-98, while Reich turned in a 50-48-98.

Kooiker rolled to a convincing 15-stroke victory in the second flight.

She made par on two of the tournament's first three holes to set the stage for a 54-stroke opening round.

Kooiker's 54 gave her a seven-shot advantage over Jen Stratton, who finished the opening loop with a 61.

Kooiker made par once in the second round, but she shaved four shots off her opening-round effort by posting a 50 to win the flight with a 104-stroke tally.

Stratton placed second in the flight with her 61-58-119 effort, while Shari Moerke (86-88-174) finished third.

LCC tournaments produce great stories, some sad news

The calendar hanging in my work cubical lists that fall officially begins on Sept. 22, but it arrives much earlier for me each year.



I believe summer ends when the high school athletes begin preparing for the upcoming fall sports season, and that day came and went on Monday.

I'll be spending a better part of the next two weeks gathering information and snapping photos for the Star Herald's fall sports preview that will be included in the Aug. 30 edition.

It is a rather challenging task, but I'll approach it with a smile on my face placed there by what I witnessed over the weekend.

All things considered, I couldn't think of a better way to spend my final weekend of summer watching the final rounds of the Luverne Country Club's annual club tournaments.

The women's 18-hole event took place on Saturday, while the

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

men played 18 holes on Saturday and Sunday.

Both tournaments gave me great pleasure to view.

It's been amazing for me to see Chris Nowatzki transform into the LCC's most prolific men's player over the past few years.

Nowatzki went from a player who had never won a club title prior to 2015 to a guy who will be tough to beat in the coming years.

Nowatzki repeated as club champion Sunday with a four-stroke victory, and he now has claimed three of the last four LCC club titles.

What impressed me the most was how incredibly accurate he played.

He may say it wasn't that way, but I saw a player who was in complete control of the course during the final nine holes of play.

Nowatzki points out that he missed a couple of putts that he thought he should have drained, but I thought his final round was close to

perfect.

He was protecting a four-stroke lead heading into the final loop and didn't allow any of the challengers to creep within three shots of the lead the rest of the round.

Nowatzki could make club history by becoming the first male to win three consecutive club titles, and I wouldn't bet against him.

For some reason on Sunday evening, my thoughts turned to a time when things weren't going as well as they could have for Chris.

It was a couple of years ago, and I recall Nowatzki being somewhat dejected after playing in the final group and not winning the title.

I told him to cheer up because I thought he handled himself very well on the course, but he wasn't happy with himself at the time.

Apparently the look I saw on his face that night isn't

something he wants to return, and it won't if he continues to play nearly flawless golf.

Mary Jo Graphenteen was wearing a smile on her face that was 26 years in the making at the conclusion of the Women's Club Tournament Saturday.

Graphenteen claimed her first club title in 1992, and she came through with her second championship 26 years later.

In order to be the best female player at the LCC, one has to beat the best player.

That's exactly what Graphenteen accomplished on Saturday.

Melissa Sandbulte, a 10-time club champion and the winner of the previous four championships, has earned a reputation as being the club's top player since 2003.

I have no doubt

Sandbulte will win the title again, but Saturday belonged to a player who belongs in the conversation when talking about the best golfers the LCC has to offer.

It wasn't easy, but Graphenteen sported a three-shot lead at the end of nine holes of play and won by three shots after withstanding every challenge Sandbulte offered.

Coincidentally, Graphenteen's first club title in 1992 was the result of her being on the winning end of a three-stroke margin.

There was a lot of golf remaining, but the back-to-back birdies registered on the second and third holes of the final round made me believe this day would finish differently for a woman who earned more than her share of second-place finishes in the tournament.

To be honest, I can't

remember a thing about Graphenteen's 1992 conquest.

Twenty-six years has a way of erasing a good share of a person's memory.

What I do know is that Graphenteen's victory on Saturday will probably withstand the test of time and she will go down in history as the player to win club tournaments 26 years apart.

If I'm proven to be wrong about that, I'm pretty sure I won't be around to see it.

With all the good news from the weekend tournaments, there was some sad news mixed in.

Steve Top, who was playing in the fourth flight, was feeling discomfort after completing his 18-hole round on Sunday.

Top was taken to a hospital in Sioux Falls later that day, where he experienced a cardiac arrest.

I know these can be touchy situations, but I'm hoping for the best outcome for a kind and friendly man.

I've always considered Steve to be one of the good guys in Rock County, and I'll be waiting for the day I can say that to him in a face-to-face conversation.

Jared Petersen

Jared has had five heart surgeries and many other procedures. His heart is now failing. He has been going to St. Lukes in Kansas City and has been going through the process of being put on the transplant list. We just heard that they have said no to the list there. They just didn't feel that they had the knowledge to help him. Because he has lasted this long and had the surgeries, the procedure will be very complicated. Both him and his wife are on disability and the Drs. recommended going to Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles, as they have had success with working with Congenital hearts. Jared is married and has three children as could afford as we are in southern Missouri. Jared is married and has three children and a great grand daughter. He had his own auto repair shop but had to retire because of his health. He was born and raised in Luverne, Minnesota. Thank you to all who support him. If you can not monetarily, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



Jared is a 1991 graduate of Luverne High School

There is a **gofundme** page set up on behalf of Jared to help with his medical expenses.

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26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

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

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

Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 19: 10 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

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

Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Steen Reformed Church
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Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

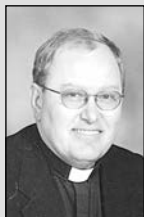
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Sunday, Aug. 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Aug. 21: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Aug. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Godly families are blessing for everyone

There is a reason that God created Adam (a man) and Eve (a woman) and united them in marriage as husband and wife. Then he put both of them in charge of caring for his creation as co-managers in his stead.



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Gary Klatt, pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

creation exists. Adam and Eve and their descendants are creatures of God and they can never become creators.

God was able to help Adam and Eve to recognize that his plan for them and their future was for their good. He provided clothing that helped them to see his sincerity and love for them had not changed. He was still committed to have them co-manage all that he had created. He also provided them with offspring that expanded their responsibilities greatly. They had great difficulties with their decision-making. When they listened to God and acted accordingly, they found a great sense of peace and contentment. But when they failed to listen to God and try their own ways, they experienced great uneasiness and fear. They discovered these same things happened in the lives of their children.

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Public hearing Aug. 27 for
Walleye Wind Project, LLC

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for
Walleye Wind Project, LLC

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Bluemound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2018. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Walleye Wind Project, LLC
Property Owner: Gwendolyn Sells Trust
Conditional Use: Placement of a meteorological tower for wind energy development
Project Location: S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 18 of Martin Township, T101N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota
Dated: August 16, 2018

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator
311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(8-16, 8-23)

Public hearing on wind
power development Sept. 4

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT
OF SECTION 27 WIND POWER DEVELOPMENT PARKS OF THE ROCK COUNTY
ZONING ORDINANCE TO
SECTION 27 RENEWAL ENERGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on September 4, 2018 at 9:00AM in the Herreid Board meeting room located at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota for the purpose of repealing and replacing Section 27 Wind Power Development Parks of the Zoning Ordinance with a Renewal Energy Ordinance, which shall regulate the installation and operation of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) of less than 5,000 kilowatts (or 5 megawatts), pursuant to M. S. 216F, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, and Solar Energy Systems, pursuant to M. S. 216C.25, 500.30, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 1325.1100.

The full text of the proposed Section 27 Renewal Energy Ordinance is on file at the office of the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, Minnesota. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Administrator by 5:00PM, August 31, 2018. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

Dated: August 7, 2018.
By Order of the Rock County Board of Commissioners
Kyle Oldre, Rock County Administrator
PO Box 509
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-5065

(8-16, 8-23)

Mortgage foreclosure sale
set for Sept. 27

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: David E. Hewitt and Peggy D. Hewitt as joint tenants, husband and wife

Mortgagee: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc.
Dated: 12/21/2003
Recorded: 04/26/2004
Rock County Recorder Document No. 158611
Assigned To: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Successor in Interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-4

Dated: 01/08/2018
Recorded: 01/22/2018
Rock County Recorder Document No. 192033
Transaction Agent: N/A
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: N/A
Lender or Broker: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., a Wyoming Corporation
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgage Originator: People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., a Wyoming Corporation
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All the tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Rock and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Six (6) in Block Two (2) in Industrial Park First Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota.

This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0005-003
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
612 S Donaldson St
Luverne, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$102,600.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$84,951.30

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 27, 2018, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 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 27, 2019 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 FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

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Dated: August 7, 2018
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By: PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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A heartfelt thank you to all my family and friends anf for all the birthday cards and gifts. My 50th Birthday was awesome. God Bless,

Missy Merrill
(8.16-8.19)

Thank you very much for the expressions of sympathy in the loss of our mother and grandmother Hazel Kortleever. A special thank you for the wonderful care she received while at the Luverne Hospice Cottage. We also appreciated the care she received at the Luverne Hospital, Luverne Medical Center and Edgebrook Care Center these past few months. Hazel was lucky to be surrounded by wonderful neighbors at the Blue Ridge Drive addition here in Luverne. Thank you all so much for your kindness. All monetary memorials have been forwarded to the Luverne Hospice Cottage in memory of Hazel. Thank you all for your kindness and concern.

The family of
Hazel Kortleever
(8.16-8.19)

Thank you to all who remembered me with cards, flowers and gifts. Thank you to everyone who came to my birthday party.

With love and prayers for all of you,
Esther Reuter
(8.12-8.16)

Thank you to everyone that helped during recovery after my accident. From the doctors, nurses and staff at the hospital, to the nurses, CNA's and staff at the MJB Good Samaritan where I received excellent care. To therapy for their dedication that helped to make it possible for my return home. To family and friends for their gifts, goodies and especially their visits that helped to pass some long days and to new friends I met along this very challenging experience.

Thank you all,
Carol Stroh
(8.12-8.16)

We would like to express our thanks to our children Nick and Courtney for planning the surprise 30th Wedding Anniversary Party. Thanks also to all our family and friends for their attendance, cards and gifts. Thank-you to the staff at the Bluestem for their hospitality and great food. It was such a memorable evening, one we won't forget. God has truly blessed us.

Lloyd and Gladys Hemme
(8.12-8.16)

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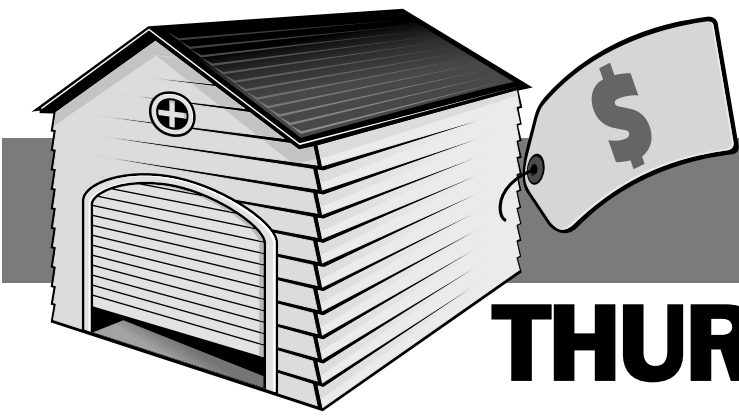
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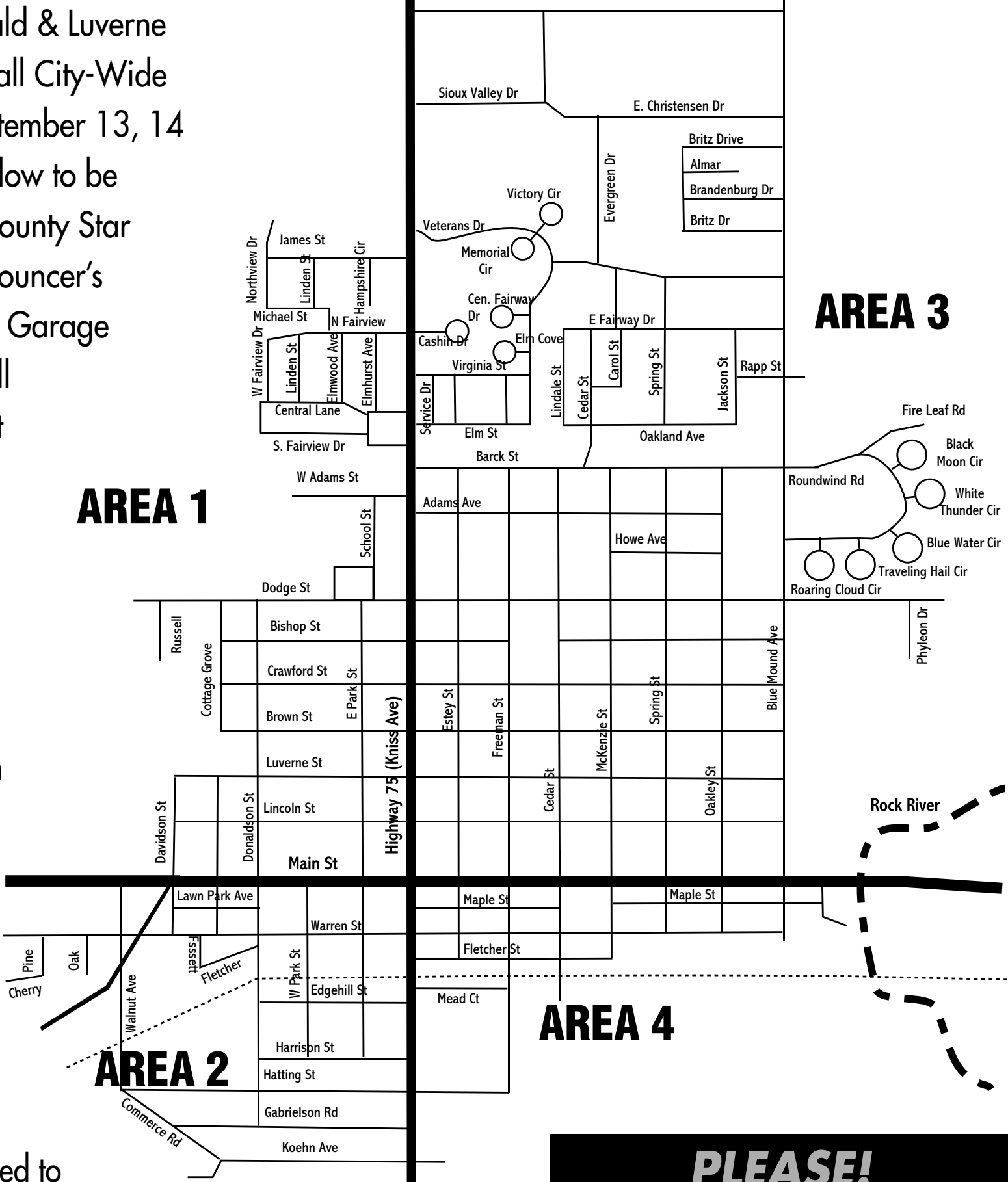
LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 13, 14 & 15. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer's Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the *Rock County Star Herald* and *Luverne Announcer* with a Garage Sale header & September 13, 14 & 15 date on top of the page - you don't need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.



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

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

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

Your ad will look like this:
000 Any Street
Sat., 00 am - 00 pm
Group rummage sale! Children's and adult clothing, toys and other miscellaneous items. Also, baked items and crafts.

Please list your address first and time of the sale second! These words will be counted as part of the ad. Also, specify if sale will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, or Saturday only.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE:
Tues., Sept. 4
AT NOON SHARP!

****** CLIP & USE THIS COUPON ******
All ads will run two times -
SEPT. 9 ANNOUNCER & SEPT. 13 STAR HERALD
20 words \$15.00 25 words \$17.50 30 words \$20.00
Please mail your check with this coupon! **PAYMENT REQUIRED WHEN COUPON IS TURNED IN!**

Address _____
Day(s) & Time(s) _____
Ad copy _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ AMT. PAID _____
CC# _____
_____ MC _____ Visa _____ Disc. Exp. Date _____
SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE CIRCLE AREA OF SALE!
1 2 3 4
The Star Herald is not responsible if no area is circled!

MAIL OR DROP OFF AT:
Rock County Star Herald
117 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 837
Luverne, MN 56156

Questions?
Call 507-283-2333