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Transient homicide suspect camped in Magnolia for summer 2016

By Lori Sorenson

Mankato authorities arrested a homeless man in Blue Earth County Tuesday in connection with a 25-year-old Pennsylvania homicide case.

The news struck a chord in Rock County after authorities said the suspect listed Magnolia as his most recent address.

Charles Cook, 61, is suspected of shooting 76-year-old Myrtle McGill in her White Township kitchen and stealing her car in December 1991.

DNA evidence collected from a cigarette in that car was linked to Cook after a 2007 "hit" in the criminal justice system database.

Since then, Cook had used

several different names and lived in various locations around the country before his motorhome broke down last summer on Interstate 90 near Magnolia.

'Angels or killers?'

According to lifelong Magnolia resident Marvin Kroontje, Cook ended up in the city campground behind his house in the summer of 2015.

"Steve Auch towed him off the interstate, and they had a dispute of some kind right off the bat, so the Auchs have had nothing to do with



Charles Cook 1991



Charles Cook 2004



Charles Cook 2013

him since he got here," Kroontje said.

He, like others, helped Cook out of the goodness of his heart.

"He was pleasant, and people were good to him," Kroontje said. "You try to help someone who's between a rock and a hard place."

He said Cook had arranged for a replacement engine for his motorhome through a local mechanic, and Kroontje said his temporary backdoor neighbor worked diligently through the summer to get the motorhome running.

"He'd borrow tools from me, and he'd always bring them back," he said. "And every so often he'd ask for a ride to Luverne, and he'd offer to pay, but I never accepted a dime."

He said other Magnolia residents provided transportation to

Luverne, and Cook sometimes used Heartland Express for rides.

"He had money coming in from a savings account or disability," Kroontje said, adding that Cook had a post office box at the Magnolia post office.

"He paid for his campground stay, and after he left town, he called the mayor to arrange for the final payment and to apologize for the mess he left behind — and there was a mess."

He said he later heard that Cook's motorhome left Magnolia and made it as far as Worthington before it broke down and was towed there.

Pennsylvania homicide/see 5A

Yields near record level, 2016 harvest lags behind schedule

By Mavis Fodness

Area producers are on track to set production and yield records for 2016, the second growing year in a row.

The state's corn harvest is forecasted at 1.49 billion bushels, according to the latest USDA crop production report.

If realized, the production would be a record high.

Corn yields are expected to be the second highest based on current harvest conditions around the state. Yields could average 186 bushels, a year after the state corn yield record was set.

Last year Rock County farmers pushed the local corn yield average to a record high of 198.8 bushels, which also could be topped this year.

"I think some people will experience their best yields," said Brad Berkhof with New Vision, Hills.

Some portions of fields were flooded out during the growing season, but the 2016 other areas more than made up for the yield loss, added CHS Eastern Farmers Elevator's Gary Lee.

Prices, however, are not following the record production highs. Corn prices peaked in 2011 at \$6.67 per bushel in southwest Minnesota. Local market prices have this year's corn crop prices at slightly over \$3 per

Rock County harvest/see 8A



Lori Sorenson photos/1027 art students

'Abstract Expressionism'

Luverne High School students in Chris Nowatzki's art class show off their most recent work — Abstract Expressionism — in the high school stairwell Oct. 17. "Some of them are pretty amazing," Nowatzki said of the paintings that are produced in layers. Pictured are (outer row, clockwise from left) Sydney Biever, Kane Weston, Dalton Domagala, Katie Bleyenbergh, Tyler Fick, Cole Claussen, Trey Baustian, Logan Bosch, Tanner Reverts, Layne Benson, Natalie Soto, (inside row, starting left of railing) Michael Meeker, Maddie Dinger, Rylee Olson, Martin Anderson, Alex Nelson, Claire Baustian and Autumn Emery.

Jonah Friedrichsen is not pictured, but Nelson is holding his painting, and Nelson's painting (featuring 10 layers) is pictured in the inset. All of the paintings are displayed in the Luverne Middle School-High School Library.

Casey's expansion makes room for sandwich, ice cream options

By Mavis Fodness

When the Casey's General Store on South Highway 75 in Luverne finishes its building expansion, it will offer new lunch and dessert choices.

Sub sandwiches, ice cream and slushies will join its coffee bar, pastries and pizza choices.

"It's going to be so nice," said local store manager Margo Walgrave. "We are so excited about it."

The 16-by-40-foot addition to the store's south side adds extra storage for the new products plus more room for the sandwich and wrap preparations.

Walgrave spent time at another Casey's location that already offers the sandwich choice. She said the buns are baked onsite and the ingredients are prepared fresh daily.

The added options will require hiring more employees, she said.

The expansion and new store layout is expected to be finished by early next year.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1027 Casey's 75 Expansion

Workers with Brecher Concrete of Milford, Iowa, put the finishing touches on the foundation for a 16-by-40-foot expansion Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Casey's General Store on South Highway 75 in Luverne.

Gary Schulz with Brecher Concrete out of Milford, Iowa, said his crew will finish the foundation and other cement work at the Luverne store on Oct. 19.

Luverne is the fourth Casey's location where his crew has completed the concrete work. Other locations were Windom, Tracy and Worthington, he said.



Minnesota State Patrol squad cars wait at the South Dakota state line Tuesday morning. Peter Bakken shared this image, which was captured near his home west of Highway 23 facing west.

Rock County farmers, deputies aid with SD kidnapping arrest

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County deputies were involved Tuesday morning in the arrest of a South Dakota kidnapping suspect who led authorities on a pursuit from Sioux Falls to western Rock County.

The suspect was apprehended around 9:30 a.m. just over the border into South Dakota after Rock County farmers reported a car speeding down a gravel road into an abandoned acreage.

According to Officer Sam Clemens with the Sioux Falls Police Department, a woman in Sioux Falls called 911 at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday to report a man had kidnapped her and forced her into the trunk of a car.

Guided by her cell phone GPS and the description of the car, an

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the home of clerk Teresa Kramer.

Tourist Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the History Center on East Main Street in Luverne.

Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at St. John Lutheran Church with a speaker from Prairie Rehab. Contact Dianne Karlstad at 507-530-3307 with questions.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Post home.

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

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

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

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

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

Gospel Jubilee scheduled for Oct. 30

The American Reformed Church in Luverne is sponsoring the sixth annual Gospel Jubilee starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. The Benson Family Singers perform from 3-4 p.m. followed by The Masters Voice Quartet from 4-5 p.m., lunch at 5 p.m. and The Garms Family from 6-7 p.m. Lunch costs \$5, and freewill offerings will be accepted during the musical performances.

Warm Coat distribution Nov. 5, 10

Volunteers will distribute coats for anyone in need from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, and from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at ATLAS for Life.

The Rock County "One Warm Coat Project" is now collecting clean, reusable coats and snow gear. Children's coats are especially needed. Bring items to ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street, Luverne, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday until Oct. 31. Coats may also be brought to Luverne Elementary School during October. Call 283-9664 with questions.

History Center open to public Oct. 30

The History Center in the former downtown Luverne Ford dealership will be open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, to tour the renovated building, meet Historical Society volunteers and enjoy Rock County history on display. Financial support is still being accepted with a dollar-for-dollar match from an anonymous donor through the end of the year. The museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at the new location at 312 E. Main Street in Luverne.

LHS Fall Choir Concert Oct. 31

The Luverne High School ninth grade girls' choir and the concert choir will present their fall concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. The concert will take place in the high school gymnasium under the direction of Seana Graber. There is no charge.

Community blood drive Oct. 31

Luverne High School will host a community blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 or older with parental permission), weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in good general health. ID is required. Donors should eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation. Walk-ins are welcome.

LHS presents fall play Nov. 4-5

The Luverne High School will present "Case of the Missing Gobbler" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5, in the high school auditorium. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for K-12 students. Activity passes are accepted. Concessions are also available both nights.

Hardwick Veterans Day Banquet

A Veterans Day Banquet at the Legion Hall in Hardwick will begin with a Social Hour at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Justin Siebenahler, Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and music by Bruce Dysthe will be part of the event sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1027 Landfill Future

A truck arrives at the Rock County Transfer Station's construction and demolition landfill Thursday, Oct. 20, with a load of debris. The county may request a change in the current slope for burial that could add five additional years to the landfill's life expectancy.

County presses for long-range landfill plan

By Mavis Fodness

When Rock County's construction and demolition debris landfill was established 21 years ago, it was expected to reach full capacity in 35 years.

However, it appears the landfill will be full before then, according to discussion at the Oct. 18 County Board meeting.

"We're sitting with probably 10 years of expected life in the landfill," said Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman.

"If we request that variance, it would add another five years of life to that landfill."

The LMO, county highway department and consultants SEH Inc. out of St. Cloud have been reviewing current landfill practices and are exploring options, such as applying for a

permit variance, to extend its life expectancy.

The landfill's current permit stipulates a five-foot side slope for each foot of crushed debris. Changing the ratio to 4:1 would allow more materials to be compacted on the same amount of space.

According to Hartman, roughly 15,000 cubic yards of construction and demolition materials are disposed at the landfill site per year.

About 50 to 60 percent of the materials are brought in from outside the county, however.

In an agreement with Lyon County, for every truckload of municipal waste taken locally to Lyon County, a semi load of demolition waste is brought back to Rock County.

Rock County is paid to dispose of the outside demolition waste, reducing the disposal costs of the municipal waste.

"We could make our life expectancy much, much longer if we didn't take backhaul," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

"But it saves money on the other side."

The amount of those cost savings had not been determined, nor has the cost of possibly opening a new demolition landfill at or near the current site, once the current facility is full.

These dollar amounts will be brought back to board members at a later date to establish a long-range plan.

"It's a courtesy to the board 10 years from now," said Com-

missioner Stan Williamson. "This board needs to set something up ... for them to follow."

The demolition landfill was established at the Rock County Transfer Station east of Luverne in 1995.

The landfill is currently in the permit renewal process.

Up until 2009 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has renewed the county's operating permit every five years.

However, software upgrades and other delays have pushed consideration of the permit renewal to this fall.

A 30-day public comment period for the Rock County landfill permit renewal recently closed.

Comments, including nine from the county's consultants, are being reviewed.

Trunk 'N Treat set for Oct. 31 downtown

By Lori Sorenson

Monday is Halloween and that means the Luverne Area Chamber's fourth annual Halloween Trunk 'N Treat is ready to set up downtown.

Participating Luverne area businesses will be handing out Halloween treats from decorated vehicles and parking spaces from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31.

This year Main Street will be closed from the Palace to Loopy's corner.

Participating businesses will have their vehicles parked in the middle of the street.

"This will offer a safe way for children to walk down on the sidewalk or road and businesses to hand out candy from their trunks," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

There were 34 spots reserved as of Monday morning, and the theme this year include Toy Story, Minions

and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, among others.

A list of participating businesses is advertised in the Oct. 23 Announcer and will be published again Oct. 31. It's also on the Chamber website, www.luvernechamber.com.

"Chamber members work to provide a safe, secure and organized atmosphere for children to enjoy this holiday," Lanphere said.

"We look forward to a 'spooktacular' afternoon with the members of the Luverne Area Chamber."

The format was first tried in 2013 as a way to address traffic and pedestrian safety, and it was so popular that it's become the standard way of celebrating Halloween in Luverne.

In case of inclement weather, candy distribution will take place at the Luverne Elementary School.

Beaver Creek cancels speed study request

By Mavis Fodness

Speed limits will stay the same in Beaver Creek after city council members decided not to proceed with a speed study request.

At the Oct. 4 County Board meeting, Beaver Creek Mayor Jamie Dysthe and councilman Josh Tuene brought a request that a speed study be implemented on County Road 4 at the city's northern border.

They said residents are concerned about noise when traffic — often trucks using Jake Brakes — slows down for the posted 30 mph zone and resumes a 55-mph speed a short distance later.

The city council sought to lengthen the 30-mph speed zone to keep the noise outside the city limits.

Commissioners supported the request, and County Engineer Mark Sehr discussed the speed study

with MnDOT engineers.

After hearing from state officials, however, Sehr told Beaver Creek city leaders that a speed study could result in MnDOT raising the speed limit to 45 or 55 — not imposing a stricter speed zone.

"I advised Jamie (Dysthe) of my opinion and they (Beaver Creek council members) decided not to request the speed study from MnDOT," Sehr said.

At their Oct. 18 meeting, county commissioners accepted Beaver Creek's request to cancel the speed study, and it was never formally sought at MnDOT.

In other business, commissioners re-appointed Tom Houselog to an additional four-year term effective Jan. 1, 2017.

Houselog has been Rock County's assessor for 16 years.



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Star Herald profiles candidates for Minnesota District 22 Senate and Minnesota District 22A House of Representatives

Here’s what we asked the candidates seeking election to District 22 Senate and Distriect 22A House of Representatives:
1.) If elected, what are your top priorities for the 2016 Legislature? Why are you seeking election/re-election to public office? 2.) The 2016 Legislature adjourned without addressing key items (taxes, transportation and bonding bills). What will you do to reduce the gridlock of the lawmaking process?

Bill Weber for Minnesota Senate

Bill Weber, GOP-Luverne, is seeking re-election to the District 22 Senate seat. He and his wife, Barb, are the parents of two adult children, Christina (Chris) Snow and Will (Beth) Weber, and three grandchildren.

Weber was elected to his first term in the Minnesota Senate in 2012 and serves all or part of nine counties in the southwest corner of the state. His district has approximately 72 miles of border with South Dakota and over 60 miles with Iowa.

He serves on four policy and finance committees: environment and energy finance and policy; jobs, agriculture and rural development policy; education finance and policy; and natural resources, economic development, and agriculture finance. In addition, he serves on the permanent school lands trust committee, the Senate rural task force and was elected as co-chair of the GOP Rural Caucus in 2015.

Weber is a native of the district, having grown up in Rock County and graduated from the Luverne High School. Hewent on to business college in professional accounting.

He is the owner and president of Jensen Management Service Inc., a real estate brokerage, appraisal and management firm. Previously, he



served sixteen years in local government as a council member and mayor of Luverne.

1.) First we must solve the health insurance crisis caused by the Federal Affordable

Care Act and MNSure. I am pleased to see that even Gov. Dayton has admitted the colossal failure of expanded government in the medical insurance business. We must restore the processes that worked in the old system and provide a means for coverage for the hundreds of thousands of people who will not have coverage of any type come Jan. 1, 2017.

With many companies having been chased out of the market, we must increase competition, make rates workable for the average policyholder and provide a process for catastrophic event coverage.

Secondly, before the new legislature takes office, we should re-pass the tax bill and bonding bill. These bills dealt with many tax and infrastructure needs for all of the state.

I am running for re-election because these past four years have shown me how much work is needed to make the state more of a reasonable partner in the issues in front of us. Economic growth, job creation, training

of future workers, education and other areas are made successful by the people of Minnesota. Government too often gets in the way with burdensome and unworkable rules and regulations. We can make Minnesota better and I will continue to fight to do so.

2.) The tax bill was passed with an approximate 90 percent bipartisan vote. That isn’t gridlock. The reason the governor gave for his veto is horribly weak and was totally unnecessary. A pension reform bill also had strong bipartisan support and he vetoed it.

Many areas of contention are more geographic than partisan. I have reached out to individuals to talk about the issues of all. Everybody needs to review the issues and the problems evident in some of the solutions i.e. light rail.

There are numerous issues that many supporters refuse to deal with and until they do, I feel that giving additional money is pouring it down a never-ending hole.

Common sense must be brought into the equation. Prioritizing and separating needs from wants needs to be accomplished.

The other side knows I am always available to talk and work through it.

I have done so on other issues and will continue to do so!

Joe Schomacker for Minnesota House

Joe Schomacker, GOP-Luverne, is currently serving the people of southwest Minnesota in his third term as state representative for District 22.

He served as the chair of the Aging and Long-term Care Committee. He also serves on the Health and Human Services Committees (Reform and Finance) and the Agriculture Policy Committee.

Other boards he has served on include the Center for Rural Policy and Development, Health Care Workforce Commission, and the Rural Health Care Advisory Commission.

Schomacker, a Luverne graduate, lives in Luverne and helps with the family businesses, Schomacker Cleaning and Schomacker Flooring and Appliance. He sees firsthand the challenges of competing with Sioux Falls for a strong workforce in the region.

1.) Almost everywhere I talk to business owners around our district, I hear about the trouble they have to find good help.

There are a lot of opportunities for workforce development such as helping school districts develop curriculum for trade jobs, encouraging enrollment in two-year programs like Minnesota West, and helping ef-



fective programs like our adult basic education curriculum.

We also need a new approach to work support programs to ensure they actually support work. When someone can’t cover an extra shift that week at work because they’ll lose a safety net benefit, we have a system where you can’t get ahead. All or nothing doesn’t work; we need a gradual adjustment that allows people to work more without them feeling punished.

Health care and the cost of insurance premiums is another big area of concern. Reform should include having more providers in the system to cover the high-risk population. With insurance companies leaving the individual market, the pool of high-risk and more expensive patients forces rates to go higher. And MNSure shouldn’t benefit from the rate hikes as they do with their premium withholding. 2.) The 2016 Legislature had come to agreement on the major issues, but last minute agendas from a handful of legislators derailed the process.

I have two basic philosophies to legislating.

The first is to work to get things done. When introducing legislation, a lawmaker

has the choice to make it as a political point or to get something done.

My best example of this comes from passing nursing home reform. Republicans had the votes to pass it in the House as it was, but I brought Democrats in early for insight to make it more palatable to them.

When I needed to get the Democratic Senate and governor on board (it wasn’t in their budget proposals), I had already worked out the concerns. That extra work allowed us to pass generational reform that keeps rural nursing home doors open and starts paying caregivers a more fitting wage.

In addition to approach, I also understand that a reaction to a situation will determine the outcome, not the situation itself.

So when the final dollars needed for the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System were debated on the House floor this spring and four Democratic members offered amendments to take the money and move it to their districts, I knew a retaliatory response would escalate issues too much.

Instead, I used a measured response and debate time to challenge my colleagues on their decision to take the money away from a very worthy project. I was respectful but pointed, and didn’t have to burn bridges.

Laura Woods for Minnesota Senate

Laura Woods lives in Luverne and is seeking election to the Minnesota Senate District 22 seat for the DFL Party. She has two children. Woods formerly worked as a certified nursing assistant and direct support professional.

1.) I had caucused for Bernie Sanders in Rock County and had watched the disastrous last two weeks of the last session on PBS.

My concern is for this part of Minnesota. I have driven our local roads and bridges and have seen the vast difference between our district and that of the St. Cloud area firsthand.

The differences are stark. I am running because I believe that with my strong farm background and also that of the medical field, I can be a powerful voice for all of southwest Minnesota.

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Minnesota, and we need someone willing to stand up with a strong and passionate voice to represent all of us in St. Paul.

This is a beautiful, magnificent part of the state that is being neglected at the state level, and I hope to build a better future for all of us by working for more jobs, better wages for all, and a strong economy for the future.

2.) My top priorities include working hard to pass a fair and comprehensive bonding bill, build new opportunities for all Minnesotans to get ahead, and increasing opportunities for higher education for all.

I plan on achieving this by working closely with my constituents and local leaders to ensure that your voices are heard.

I would also like to support our veterans more, help our small farmers, and encourage entrepreneurship

and small business to locate in our area, and also to encourage tourism experiences in our part of Minnesota.

Child care is a concern of mine. I wish to see more and more highly trained child care providers in this area.

2.) In order to reduce gridlock in the lawmaking process, I hope to work closely with all members of the House and Senate across the political aisle in order to find out each other’s differences and also the things we can agree on.

I have friends of all political beliefs and I love a good discussion, taking a look at all the perspectives, and am willing to go the extra mile to build cooperation and a sense of unity to our governing body.

I appreciate the different views that others bring to the table.

Life is never black and white; we must consider all aspects of an issue. Compromise is a necessary part of governing.

Brian Abrahamson for Minnesota House

Brian Abrahamson, Luverne, is the Democratic challenger for the state House of Representatives District 22 seat currently held by Joe Schomacker, GOP-Luverne.

Abrahamson and his wife, Angela, have two children, Noah and Emma. He is a direct support professional for adults with disabilities. He is also a director for Rock County and First Congressional DFL. Abrahamson was a precinct director for Bernie Sanders during the presidential caucus, which saw a record turnout. (Bernie Sanders won the state in the Democratic caucus.)

1.) Water and transportation infrastructure, money for schools and colleges, affordable and adequate health care, tax relief for the middle class, broadband for rural schools and farmers are my priorities. I will join the fight to get medical and drug costs lower.

I am running because our current House and Senate has



let us behind in a lot of aspects. We need to stand up for the Minnesota families, farmers and union workers.

2.) I believe that the 2016 legislative session was a travesty. Senator Bill Weber showed that he could not compromise on a bonding bill within the time allotted. The bonding bill, which was co-authored by Senator Weber, and ultimately voted against by Senator Weber, contained a lot of great plans for water infrastructure in Worthington, a fire and rescue building in Windom, tax relief for Minnesota middle class families, 40,000 jobs, and so much more. But it was derailed (figuratively

and literally) by a plan for the light rail in the Cities.

There were other plans for support for the Cities, but none of those things were discussed or scrutinized. The light rail since then has met and exceeded expectations, so their crystal ball was a little off. The GOP House and Senate had a chance multiple times to agree on a special session, with the GOP House speaker leaving the table, and turning their backs on Minnesota families, and blaming the DFL in the process.

We need someone who can fight for the families of Minnesota instead of working for the best interest of the wealthy few. I will bring progress, compassion, strength and unity to our district.

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Basic training is lesson in patience for this mom

The wait is almost over. Fifty-seven days ago our youngest child left for basic military training.

The past 7 1/2 long weeks have been filled with worry combined with elation that Adam's final tests are completed. Today is the first of two ceremonies for his graduation weekend. Bryan and I will be in attendance — if we are allowed on Lackland Air Force Base, that is.

As I write this column just seven days before the first ceremony, we haven't received our base passes.

Other parents have told us not to worry. Some have said they didn't even need to use their passes.

This wait has been different from the last BMT graduation we attended. I have social media to blame for the feelings of apprehension this time around.

I joined two Facebook sites the same day Adam left Sioux Falls for San Antonio, Texas.

One site is for Air Force moms and the other is specific to Adam's training squadron. I quickly scoured both sites, glean- ing as much information as possible about the Air Force and its basic training schedule.

For the past 50-plus days I have known what Adam has been doing on his journey to become an airman. Social media's weekly messages have been comforting as I counted down the days to today's graduation.

Messages assured the moms our sons or daughters were doing just fine and were settling into a routine, but communication home would be limited. Letter writing and phone calls would be at the mercy of their training instructors, who kept them as busy as possible from sunup to sundown.

While understanding each of the required elements has expanded my military knowl- edge, one message left me very frazzled, as readers may already



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

know.

During Adam's first week at basic, I applied for a passport through the local post office. That same week I received the message about REAL ID. I previ- ously wrote about Minnesota's unwillingness to comply with the Federal identification regulations. The Facebook post stated Lack- land Air Force Base would only recognize IDs from states on the federal government's compliance list for issuance of base passes. Minnesota is one of four states not in compliance.

My application for a passport, however, went without a hitch.

For an extra \$60 my applica- tion was expedited from Luverne and arrived to Hardwick about two weeks later. My husband's application didn't go as smoothly, arriving a week after mine de- spite the rush fee.

It's ironic that federal of- ficials accepted our Minnesota driver's licenses as a form of identification to get a passport.

The REAL ID enforcement and the passport delays could explain why our military base entrance passes have not arrived in the mail. The passes usually arrive between days 35 and 42 of basic training. As of this writing it's day 40.

Social media messages from other Air Force moms indicate they have received their base passes.

The same sites try to reas- sure us moms that passes can be printed at the base entrance the day before the ceremonies if we go to a certain gate.

While the provision makes me a little less anxious, I am bolstered by Adam's accomplish- ments. He made it through one of the toughest tests of military mankind. He's an airman, and that's something that makes this mother proud.

School officials place technology in hands of students

It seems that in today's world, the louder and more attention you draw to your- self or your cause, the more the media jumps on the cause and stirs the issue into a frenzy. The next issue comes along and everyone steers attention to the next cause.



In the case of school, we try to maintain a fairly low profile as we go about educating students on a daily basis. We do some fabulous things at ISD 2184.

We teach students how to tie shoes, read, solve story problems, keep lines straight, Newton's laws, pronouns, how to run and jump, hygiene, how to say please and thank you, Shakespeare, variables, scientific method, adverbs, Ameri- can Revolution, electoral college, lay-ups, dodge ball, debits and credits, paint, color, pottery, draw, weld, spell, cursive writing, frac- tions, decimals, vocabulary, food groups, explorers, citizenship, democracy, singing and rhythms, geometry, graphs, use of a scissors, slope, presidents, authors, poetry, and washing hands.

This is just a small list of the many thousands of learning oppor- tunities that occur every day at the Luverne Public Schools.

We typically don't tell people about the learning that takes place because that is what we are expected to do —teach students. It happens every minute of every day and it is simply "routine."

Why am I telling you all this? Well, to be honest, I want to draw a little attention and shout about something very positive happening at ISD 2184.

We are in the habit of not making a big deal of technology because we are surrounded by it

GUEST COLUMNIST

By Craig Oftedahl,
Superintendent of Luverne Public Schools

every day. I'm not sure we could reverse course and live without the continual onslaught of the next operating system, phone upgrade, camera mega-pixels, or whatever the next "best" thing is coming from the technology world. Being a little Old School, I like to think we could, but I'm not sure. With that being said, let's brag about what is happening with technology in the district.

The technology committee spearheaded an effort to evaluate what technology we had in place and what could be done to enhance the learning opportunities through technology. As a committee, a rec- ommendation was brought forward and approved at the board level to increase the number of devices available for student learning.

This year we have 10 devices available per classroom in grades K-3. In grades 4-5, we have 15 de- vices per classroom. In the middle school/high school, we have a mobile cart of computers available per grade level. The district has up- graded machines in several of the computer labs around the District.

Each year, several staff mem- bers receive new computers as we rotate them out to cycle through to keep our inventory fresh. The technology committee, along with the building administrators, has recommended staff trainings and professional development in the area of technology as one of our priorities. A well-trained staff further enhances learning oppor- tunities for students, which is our top

priority. The technology committee is also excited about the sustain- ability of the technology plan that was shared with the board of education.

The plan allows for viability for continued improvements and cre- ates a manageable budgetary item each year moving forward.

As our students embark on learning how to paint, learn treble and bass clef, write topic sentences, study the three branches of govern- ment, dissect frogs, analyze tetrahe- drons, produce various art projects, design a kitchen, read books, study vocabulary words, learn long vowel sounds, find common denomina- tors, learn addition facts, listen to Spanish or German words, mea- sure angles, and figure out prepo- sitional phrases, they will have the opportunity to use technology as a tool to enhance individual learning. This is an exciting option for both teachers and students as we work together to provide as many skills and opportunities as possible.

Technology skills are certainly an area in which all employers will expect sufficient skills and abilities as high school, technical school or college graduates enter the work- force. As parents and community members, we hope you are excited for the students of today as they have many wonderful opportuni- ties to learn and succeed.

Thanks to the technology com- mittee and the Board of Education for providing the vision to put tech- nology as a priority for our students.

Young: Thumbs up, city employees

To the Editor:

"Thumbs up" to the city main- tenance crew, especially to the em- ployee clearing leaves this morning. Not only did he make three passes to clear the huge amount of leaves, but he stopped to rake leaves from the grass area in piles too abundant to put into the gutter area, so all could

be taken.

Thankyouforthefallcleanupand allthehardworkdonethroughoutthe

year by our city employees!

Lois Young
Luverne

FROM OUR READERS

Protesting anthem is disrespectful

As a par- ent, and now a grandparent, I have had to bite my tongue while watch- ing my kids and grandkids participate in a variety of sport- ing events.

I have not always agreed with the coaches on their coaching, but I've mostly kept my thoughts to my- self. Only once did I ever approach a coach and give him my two cents' worth.

Just for the record, while living in Redwood Falls, I told the coach of my son's ninth-grade football team that I thought it was bush league that he kept his starters in the game when we were up by 45 points in the fourth quarter.

To my knowledge, the sce-



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

nario I am about to paint has not happened around here. While watching the CBS Evening News last week, I saw a story on a high school football team I believe was from Seattle, Washington, where the entire team took a knee during the playing of the national anthem.

I am all for freedom of speech and freedom of expression, so I am about to exercise my freedom.

I'll start with the coach of that team, who by the way supported his team protest. I would have fired him.

Next, if any player on the team

refused to stand for the nation anthem, he would be kicked off the team. If the team felt so strongly that they should continue to protest, I would forfeit that game and the rest of the season if need be.

I would suggest to the local schools that they develop a na- tional anthem code of conduct and have the players and parents sign it before the season starts.

One would think respecting the national anthem would be a given, but apparently that isn't the world we live in anymore.

Another slain Dragon

To the Editor:

Holy Bovine! Have you seen the "Magnificent Seven" yet? Great flick.

It starts out with evil Wall Street types trying to control a swath of California for their own evil fiduciary purposes. The clueless inhabitants then somehow inveigle seven Demo- crats to come to their aid.

Not long after the Democrats arrive, ominous music alerts them to the fact that a bazillion Repub- licans are on a hill overlooking the vulnerable natives. A scuffle breaks out. Three hundred percent of the evil Republicans are blown up, shot up, impaled or otherwise dispatched. Bravo! A calm settles in.

Holy Heifer! Ominous mu- sic now alerts us to the fact that WikiLeaks himself has appeared on the hill above. He fires off a couple hundred hacked emails. The town is

further leveled. WikiLeaks rides into town fully expecting that the dastardly Democrats have been destroyed.

But no! Against all odds, a couple of Democrats have survived. Not only that, but they soon have WikiLeaks begging for his life. Of course not! No mercy. Bamm. Another dragon slain.

The leading character, who is black, then rides off into the sunset with hardly a hair dislaced. Doesn't it just give you the warm fuzzies?

Bill Frakes
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 14
•Dispatch received a call on the 5000 number, and it was a baby playing on the phone. Looked up the number and went to call subject back, but the line was still tied up with the baby. Left a message to have mom call. She said her baby was playing with her phone. She was told that she had to take the phone away from the child because it was tying up our line.
•Complainant requested a business check for a few weeks.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a possible restraining order violation.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on an individual whose relative is supposed to be caring for him, and complainant believes there is neglect on his part.
•Complainant reported that her neighbor is cutting tree branches and is not getting them cleaned up off her property in a timely manner. Dispatch told complainant that she should speak to the city of Hardwick about it.
•Complainant reported a man in a sleeping bag under the pine trees behind Expressway. Deputy transported subject to South Dakota rest area.
•Complainant reported that his vehicle broke down on Highway 23 at mile marker 2. Vehicle is off the roadway and is not blocking. Complainant will get vehicle from location first thing tomorrow.
•Complainant reported being broke down on I-90, and he is out of gas.
•Complainant reported she and her children's father had an altercation. Complainant did not want to give any of her information, but wanted a record made of the incident. The male also was on the phone and advised he wanted record made, but dispatcher was unable to get his information due to being on her phone and she was talking over him. They did not want law enforcement to respond and were advised to call back on 911 if they needed assistance.
•Deputy and dispatcher were called out for the H.E.A.T. team in Spencer, Iowa.
•Complainant requested a residence check through the weekend.
Oct. 15
•Complainant requested we arrest subject on a probation violation and take him to jail.
•Complainant requested a deputy in the area while a repossession of a Chrysler Pacifica takes place. Complainant had issues with the family of the vehicle owner before. Requested law enforcement as precaution.
•Complainant reported that the ladder she reported stolen in July has been spotted by her son-in-law at a property in Luverne. Complainant believes subject has something to do with the theft.
•Reserved for predatory offender registration.
•Complainant requested a deputy to meet at location per court order for a retrieval of personal property.
•Complainant reported a burning plastic smell in their neighborhood. Complainant can't tell where the smell is coming from. Dispatch called complainant back to see if she had located the source of the smell, and it is people doing burnouts behind The Bean coffee shop.
•Complainant reported seeing a white dually pickup with orange running lights on the roof throw something out the window and hit the Luverne High School Principal's house. Complainant last saw the vehicle traveling south on Estey Street. Vehicle was stopped, and they were all brought to the Rock County Sheriff's Office and parents were called.

•Complainant reported someone in an area off Edgehill Street where there are some shops is revving an engine.
•Complainant reported subject assaulted him in Hardwick. No weapons involved.
Oct. 16
•Complainant reported subject is intoxicated and being very verbal.
•Complainant reported a fire alarm in Hills. Paged Hills Fire Department.
•Complainant reported something hit their mailbox and knocked it out of the ground.
•Complainant reported that while he was out driving around, he noticed that his neighbor's mailbox was also hit.
•Complainant reported that trooper was out of position on a driving complaint and requested assistance in locating a white Chevy pickup all over the road.
•Complainant reported that while she was at work, someone had come into her home, made and ate a frozen pizza, and then left. Nothing else is missing from the home.
•Complainant reported a possible money extortion through a vulnerable adult.
•Complainant reported that subject owes her money, and she would like a deputy to accompany her to get it. Complainant believes subject is staying at location with his parents. Dispatch informed complainant that this is a civil matter.
•Complainant reported she saw some kids trying to tip a port-a-pot on the 100 block of South Donaldson Street. She told the kids to stop, and they ran away.
•Complainant reported kids at old quarry pit near the interpretive center are throwing things off the cliff. Kids just threw a bike off. Complainant is concerned for their safety.
•Complainant requested a deputy in regard to suspicious activity. Complainant says males came in to pre-pay for gas, and the card was declined. The three males are now just milling around inside the store.
Oct. 17
•Complainant reported he is going to man's place and demand that his daughter goes home to her husband and children.
•Complainant requested we make contact with subject to notify him of his brother being in ICU at Sanford. Made contact.
•Complainant reported that someone stole and cashed her social security check.
•Complainant requested welfare check on person sitting in a maroon Oldsmobile in the cemetery.
•Complainant reported his mailbox damaged at location and others on his road going west for about 1 ½ miles are damaged or knocked down. Believes it may have been farm equipment.
•Reserved for narcotics information.
•Complainant reported her son's bike has gone missing from the school. It is an orange MongOOSE.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on a person who is having a bad day and may be suicidal.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on his dad who has been having diabetic issues lately. They are unable to make contact with him. Deputy reported he is sleeping. He was told to call his son.
Oct. 18
•Complainant reported her ex has been living with her, and he wants to leave but he won't. He thinks she has his phone.
•Complainant requested deputies check and patrol area of the 100 block of East Warren Street. A few young kids ride their bikes and aren't mindful of traffic.

•Complainant requested deputy check on two little girls riding bike in street on the 300 block of West Warren. It is getting dark.
•Complainant reported the people in a red Chrysler convertible with a tan top are smoking a water bong heading westbound on Main Street.
Oct. 19
•Complainant reported theft of a TV.
•Complainant reported they placed a child with a foster family.
•Complainant reported a vehicle passed the stop arm on a school bus at the elementary school in Beaver Creek.
•Complainant reported that there are semi trucks hauling grain down the road on South Donaldson Street. Complainant says that the road is not rated for that kind of weight. Complainant says he will call back when he gets a plate and or name off the trucks. Deputy warned trucks not to go on residential streets.
•Deputy stopped vehicle and arrested subject for canceled license and took him to jail.
•Complainant reported that they are missing a child who was not on the bus this afternoon. Subject's younger brother notified the school that his sister did not get off the bus. School requested that a deputy check the house for subject. Deputy reported that the child is at home and all is OK. Dispatch contacted complainant and notified that everything is OK.
•Complainant reported two young girls ages 5-7 playing in the roadway between Glen's Food Center and Highway 75. Complainant is concerned for their safety.
•Complainant reported a suicidal person that may have taken some pills.
Oct. 20
•Complainant reported child abuse in Rock County. Hospital will be faxing a report.
•Complainant reported a verbal argument with her boyfriend, and he won't let her get her property.
•Complainant requested welfare check on subject. Complainant is upset that subject keeps hanging up on her and not calling her back.
•Complainant reported

harassment between two teens.
•Complainant reported a suicidal person that is possibly in Rock County.
•Complainant reported a reckless driver in a maroon crossover vehicle. Unknown plate. Passed complainant vehicle at a high rate of speed on County Road 7.
•Complainant reported a stalled vehicle. Not blocking at 131st Street and Highway 75 northbound.
•Complainant requested a deputy accompany him to an address in Hills to get his money back for a car he bought. Complainant was told this was a civil matter.
•Complainant reported that there was a Mexican male looking in the windows of garages on East Dodge Street yesterday. Complainant is requesting extra patrol in the area.
•Complainant requested G&S tow a vehicle from the 400 block of West Warren Street that is not registered. Towed to impound lot.
•Complainant reported a vehicle with out of date registration. Vehicle towed by G&S to their lot.
•Complainant reported that she was turned away from Sanford Hospital in Worthington because she was told she abuses the system. Dispatch heard her husband confirm this. Complainant wanted a doctor to remove her appendix in Luverne. Complainant was given the number to Sanford Hospital in Luverne.
•Complainant reported a woman screaming in the next building. It also sounds like someone is banging on something. Deputy spoke with subject who said she was having a bad day, but didn't know what complainant was talking about with the screaming and banging on something.
•Deputy reported a stalled vehicle on I-90 eastbound at Magnolia ramp. It had a flat. Erwin's arrived on scene.
In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 transport, 3 traffic stops, 10 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 7 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 2 false 911 calls, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, and issued 5 purchase/carry permits and 1 burn permit.

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Kroontje said when the news broke last week about a Magnolia resident being a murder suspect, he didn't immediately think of Cook. But when the name and photo were released Friday, Kroontje's heart sank.
"I was kind of shocked it was him," he said. "I think everyone was pretty puzzled by it."
But then, Kroontje added, the town really didn't have long to get to know him. "He wasn't really from Magnolia."
From the brief conversations with Kroontje, Cook claimed to be a Vietnam veteran and a skilled welder. His most recent employment was reportedly in the oilfields of North Dakota where he said he suffered a work-related injury — burns on his legs — that prompted him to leave there.
Kroontje said his experience with Cook has been a sad reminder to all small-town residents along the I-90 corridor to be cautious with strangers.
"The moral of the story is if someone breaks down on the interstate, don't tow them to Magnolia," he said chuckling.
"It's like my son told me, 'Sometimes you entertain angels unaware, sometimes you entertain killers.'"

Following is the chain of events that led to Cook's arrest last week:

Shortly before the 1991 shooting, Cook had been released from Pennsylvania prison after a drug conviction. As a condition of his parole, he was supposed to have checked into a halfway house in Philadelphia.
Instead, authorities there say he boarded a bus to head west, but got off in Indiana County and needed a way to get to the Pittsburgh bus station.
So, investigators surmise, Cook killed McGill and took her car.
In 1998 and 1999 he was convicted of several crimes in Washington State and was extradited back to Pennsylvania in 2000 to serve the remainder of the sentence.
He was paroled a second time in 2004 and from then on "was known to be

very transient," according to Pennsylvania investigators.
Though he listed Magnolia, Minnesota, as his last known address, Cook had been living in a motorhome, traveling from town to town.
"The suspect was, at most, a temporary resident of Magnolia, having resided there for a short time last summer, leaving the area last fall (2015)," Assistant Rock County Attorney Jeff Haubrich said Tuesday. "There is no public safety risk to any area residents."

According to Pennsylvania authorities, Cook's addresses in the past 10 years have included Ohio, North Dakota, California and multiple locations in Minnesota.
He has also been identified under other names and birthdates. Among them are Charles Johnson, Ralph Johnson and Charles Wright.
Investigators interacted with law enforcement agencies in these areas and visited several locations in an attempt to locate Cook over the years.

Cook was last registered as an adult sex offender, sexual predator, in Illinois where he listed his address as "out of state Magnolia, Minnesota."

In December 2015 he was arrested and released in Worthington where he was reportedly homeless, living in a disabled motorhome.

On March 8, 2016, Pennsylvania troopers traveled to Minnesota to locate and interview Cook, who provided a DNA sample that later confirmed he was the contributor of the DNA found on the cigarette in the 1991 homicide investigation.

Based on this evidence, a warrant was issued for Cook's arrest, which reportedly took place Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Blue Earth County, according to a spokesperson for the Pennsylvania State Police.

The specific location of the arrest is unclear and Cook's current location is unclear.

"Cook is currently in secure custody at an undisclosed location in Minnesota on unrelated charges and will be extradited to Indiana County as soon as possible," Pennsylvania authorities said Friday.

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Mavis Fodness photos/1020 Feather Art

Donna Landsman (left) shows Lois Young, Linda McGinty and Lois Ahrendt how to position pheasant feathers on a wooden frame with a dot of Aleen's Tacky Glue during the Oct. 6 Community Education Class on how to do feather art.

Leaving a legacy of beauty

Avid hunter and pheasant habitat supporter shares feather craft skills

By Mavis Fodness

Donna Landsman's life has always involved pheasants and feathers. On Oct. 6, during a class on making feather art, the 82-year-old shared 60 years of experience as she showed others how a little glue and some feathers can come together as works of art. Landsman moved to Luverne almost three years ago to be near her husband in the Veterans Home. During her class (offered through Luverne Community Education) Landsman spoke about living in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and how her father gave her her first gun at age 11. "I was raised hunting. My dad gave me a 12-gauge for my birthday," she said. Hunting pheasants continued to be a favorite activity years later as she and her husband, Boyd, enjoyed evening hunts after a full day of work on their Lennox, South Dakota, farm. She credits Boyd for her feather art style, since he encouraged her to use the discarded pheasant feathers to make him a hatband. "I didn't know what I was doing," Landsman admitted. "It was all experimental." Her experiment resulted in a 3-inch band of pheasant feathers around the crown of Boyd's cowboy hat. Holding the band together was a medallion made of feathers. The experiment led to other crafts and a book. "Feather Art: Making Crafts From All

Feathers for Ages 7 to 107" was printed in 2005 when Landsman was diagnosed with breast cancer after they moved to Lake Benton. "There weren't any books on feather craft art in the U.S. or the world," she said. With only a 35-percent chance to live a year, according to doctors, Landsman rushed to finish her book and published the paperback herself. Pictures in the book show various crafts from beginning to end including the skinning and preparation of the pelts. Many craft stores refused to

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Petersen, Siegle married in apple orchard ceremony

Megan Siegle and Kelsey Petersen were married Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, at the Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard in Chaska. Parents of the bride are Charlie and Bev Siegle, Chaska. Parents of the groom are Daniel and Dawn Petersen, Luverne. Pastor Rebecca Calderone officiated. Music was by soloist Chris Calderone. The bride's maids of honor were Katie Schultz and Rachel Baxter. Bridesmaids were Natalie Ronning, Lauren Stelten, Kacia Satchithanandam and Ashley Paradeis. The bride's personal attendants were Laura Heck and Maria Fadden. The best men were Jordan Petersen and Anthony Boyenga. Groomsmen were Ethan Petersen, Canaan Petersen, Chad Siegle and Ben Aslesen. Junior groomsmen were Josiah Petersen. Ring bearers were Teddy Petersen and Henry Petersen. Ushers were Michael Swanson and Jon Hawkinson.



Kelsey and Megan Petersen

A wedding reception followed the ceremony at the Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard. Megan graduated from Chaska High School and from Augustana College. She is an art teacher in Harrisburg, South Dakota. Kelsey graduated from Luverne High School and from Augustana College. He is a registered nurse at Sanford in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They live in Sioux Falls.

CELEBRATIONS

Card Showers

Joyce Hansen will celebrate her 70th birthday Thursday, Oct. 27. Greetings may be sent to her at P.O. Box 197, Hardwick, MN 56134.

Pete Hoff will celebrate his 80th birthday Saturday, Oct. 29. Greetings may be sent to him at 513 S. Elizabeth Street, Hills, MN 56138.

Bridal Showers

A bridal shower for **Hailey (Stulen) Nath**, bride of **Ben Nath**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

A bridal shower for **Erin Fick**, bride-to-be of **Benny Ng**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Fellowship Room of St. John Lutheran Church, 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **Arielle Carlson**, bride-to-be of **Lance Larson**, will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Community Center in Lester, Iowa.

An open house bridal shower for **Megan Knips**, bride-to-be of **Brad Stearns**, will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at GrandStay Hotel, 908 S. Kniss Ave., Luverne.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Oct. 31: Hamburger, baked beans, cole slaw, bun, pudding.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle. Treats by Millie.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Barbecue pork loin, au gratin potatoes, creamed peas, dinner roll, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by McClure Electric

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Chicken chow mein, rice or chow mein noodles, Japanese vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday, Nov. 4: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti, lettuce with dressing and cauliflower, garlic bread, apricots.

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Bring a friend or make new ones.

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Rock County Veterans Day events set for Nov. 11

A Rock County Veterans Day program open to the public will be from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Luverne High School gymnasium.

The program will include a Veterans Day Message by Brent Thompson, LHS graduate, Air National Guard, as well as music by the Luverne High School concert band and choir.

A Veterans Day Banquet at the Legion Hall in Hardwick will begin with a Social Hour at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Justin Siebenahler, Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and music by Bruce Dysthe will be part of the event sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion.

Later in the evening a Vet-

erans Day banquet will be served at the Blue Mound Banquet Center beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program featuring guest speaker Wade Blomgren, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

Other events for the evening will include the Last Man Club ceremony and recognition by branch of service.

The Rock County Veterans Day Banquet is open to the public, and reservations are required.

Cost is \$15 per person, and reservation deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 9. To make a reservation call the Luverne Area Chamber at 507-283-4061.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•After more than 20 years of sharing tidbits and community goings-on, Star Herald publisher Roger Tollefson will no longer write a weekly column. His final "Did You Hear" column appears on page 2.

•For the first time in several decades, a bar will be in business in downtown Luverne.

"Wine and Stein on Main" will open its doors next month, offering a selection of domestic and microbrewed beers and both regional and mainstream wines.

Luverne native Barb (Nagel) Kuper is the proprietor.

25 years ago (1991)

•Theresa Wessels was named Rock County Day Care Provider of the Year by the Rock County Day Care Providers Association. She will be honored in Minneapolis Saturday.

Wessels began her day care about 20 years ago. Today she's licensed for eight children, which includes two infants and a toddler. Her kids range in age from two months to 7 years old.

50 years ago (1966)

•Nelson's department store will observe their 90th anniversary as a Luverne business during the next ten days, according to H. S. Hansen, president.

The firm, founded in 1876 by the late Nels Nelson and later expanded by the late S.B. Nelson, still has members of the family active in the store's management and operation.

•Kenny Goebel will observe his 18th year in business in Luverne this week end at Kenny's Super Valu.

75 years ago (1941)

•B. E. Pelstring ... and Ray Koehn, county auditor, joined this week in reminding all Rock county residents that Car License days will be held in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, located on the second floor of the building housing the J.C. Penney store, on Main street in this city, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Auto License days are being sponsored by the association as a means of aiding residents of Rock county in making application for their 1942 auto license plates. ... Purchasers of plates must

come to Car License days prepared to pay cash for their plates. No checks will be accepted.

License plates must be applied for before Nov. 15, and must be affixed to cars on Jan. 1, 1942, and not before.

100 years ago (1916)

•The following ad appeared in the Rock County Herald:

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There will be music on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Skating will be followed by a dance on each Tuesday evening starting at 10:30 p.m.

Good order at all times. C. C. Benns, manager.

History Center to host open house Oct. 30

The board of the Rock County Historical Society would like to invite everyone to our open house from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the new History Center.

We would like to thank all the many people who helped us in our moving.

We could not have done this without all your help!

We will open a portion of the building now, and by next spring we hope to open the rest of the building.

When you come Sunday, you will see that we are a project in progress.

History changes every day, so we will never really be done.

Please join us on Sunday to see our progress.

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Feather art/from page 6A

carry the book because of the graphic illustrations.

Landsman, however, felt strongly about leaving in the information that had been garnered from years of art demonstrations and habitat preservation conventions.

The book also makes the point that pheasant art is a unique form of expression.

"There are 22 different colors on a pelt," she said. "Peacocks only have four colors."

Her husband joined her



in making feather art and was her frequent companion on the road.

With years of presentations, Landsman has developed one instruction tip that she used frequently during the Luverne class.

"If you don't like what you make, you can always start over. You're only out your time," she said.

Landsman donated many of her creations to Rock County Pheasants Forever for the banquet on Oct. 6, where she received special recognition.



Lori Sorenson photos/1027 library pumpkins

Middle School homerooms decorate library with theme pumpkins

Luverne Middle School students designed theme pumpkins in recent weeks to observe Halloween and to decorate the middle school-high school library. "The project was an opportunity for homerooms to work together and have a little fun," said Luverne Middle School teacher Becky Rahm. "Plus they make great displays in the media center."



OBITUARIES

Arnold Gabrielson

Arnold "Arnie" Gabrielson, 89, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2016.

A memorial celebration of Arnie's life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Berean Baptist Church, 309 East County Road 42, in Burnsville.

Arnie Gabrielson was born Aug. 6, 1927, to Norwegian immigrants Ole and Avilda Gabrielson on his family's farm outside Luverne. As a child, Arnie was fascinated by his father's tales of prospecting for gold in the Klondike Gold Rush, where Ole and his brothers found enough of a stake to buy farmland near Luverne. Arnie enjoyed a recent trip to Alaska where he was able to trace some of his father's steps on the quest for gold.

Arnie started working at ten years old as a printer's devil (sorting type) for a local newspaper, as a pinsetter in a bowling alley, and as a paper boy. At age 14, he and a friend jumped freight trains and rode from Luverne to St. Louis, where they worked with a prison chain gang stringing telephone wires and cable on top of new telephone and telegraph poles.

At age 17, Arnie enlisted in the Navy during World War II. He trained at Wold Chamberlain and was stationed in Oakland and San Diego, California. He was about to ship out to the Pacific Theater when the war ended. Arnie returned to Luverne to finish high school.

Arnie married Mickey Thorson. The family moved to Austin in 1950, where they

lived until Mickey's death in 2002.



Arnie worked for the phone company, sold insurance, steel buildings, and eventually worked on alternative fuel projects such as an engine adapter to burn part diesel and part low-grade alcohol. He invented, built and installed converters to burn alcohol in existing diesel engines.

Arnie served as Commander of American Legion Post 91 and was active in veterans' affairs. He drove veterans to medical appointments, worked as a driver for the Sheriff's Boys Ranch and Mower County Social Services, and as a reserve bailiff. Arnie and Mickey enjoyed working with kids and started a program connecting at-risk kids with adult mentors in the community.

Arnie moved to Burnsville in 2012 to be closer to his children. He enjoyed trips to Georgia and California to visit his children and grandchildren. Arnie enjoyed exploring Northern California's redwoods, coastline and vineyards.

Arnie is survived by his sister, Clara Gabrielson George, Newington, Connecticut, and his children Tim Gabrielson (Diane) of Austin, Tom Gabrielson (Dawn) of Minneapolis, Sue Bjerke (Scott) of Eagan, Mary Jacobson (Scot) of Cumming, Georgia, Janny (Mark) Tansil of Sebastopol, California, and Randy (Katey) Gabrielson of Stillwater; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

(1020 F)

(reprinted to correct an error)

Patricia Smedsrud

Patricia Jo "Pat" Smedsrud, 55, Luverne, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from a sudden brain bleed caused by a ruptured aneurysm.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood

Cemetery in Luverne.

Visitation will be at St. John Lutheran Church from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, and also one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are through Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

(1027 DN)

Nathan Westfield

Nathan Tate Westfield, 18, Trosky, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2016.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Christ the King Free Lutheran Church in Pipestone. Burial followed at New Woodlawn Cemetery in Pipestone.

Nathan was born to Darron and Sheila (Uilk) Westfield on May 6, 1998, in Luverne. He was raised in Pipestone. Two years ago he moved with his family to Trosky. He attended school in Pipestone and was currently a senior at Pipestone Area Schools. On July 13, 2008, he was baptized in the waters at Ihlen Split Rock Creek State Park and confirmed on May 4, 2014, at Christ the King Free Lutheran Church in Pipestone where he was a member of the church.

As a young boy, he took part in taekwon do. While attending school he was active in wrestling and baseball. He participated in cross country for two years. In April 2016 he enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard. He attended basic combat training at Fort Benning, Georgia where he graduated on Sept. 1, 2016. He was currently employed

by Pipestone Systems.

Nathan loved the outdoors, hunting mule deer in Montana with his dad as well as goose hunting in this area.

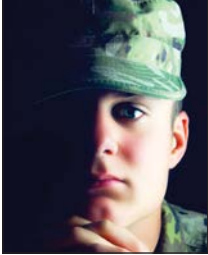
He enjoyed fishing and camping with his family. Growing up, he enjoyed helping his Grandpa Merlin with his handyman work. He also enjoyed helping his dad, especially during the summer months. Nathan was known by his family and friends as being charismatic, kind-hearted, friendly and outgoing.

He is survived by his parents, Darron and Sheila Westfield of Trosky; his brother, Marcus; his maternal grandparents, Elroy and Elaine Uilk of Pipestone; his paternal grandfather, Merlin Westfield of Pipestone; his great-grandmother, Helen Hinrichs of Pipestone; and his girlfriend, Kaylin Meyer of Lake Benton.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Sandra Westfield.

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

(1027 F)



Linda Finke

Linda Diann Finke, 67, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A graveside service will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Linda Finke was born to Alvin and Anna (Thone) Finke on June 20, 1949, at the Luverne Community Hospital in Luverne. She grew up on the family farm near Steen. Linda graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1967. She then attended the University of Minnesota-Morris, graduating in 1971. Following her graduation from college she worked for Pitney Bowes in Minneapolis, then Midwest Coast Transport in Sioux Falls. Most of Linda's career was spent as a secretary for the

South Dakota Air National Guard in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Linda enjoyed shopping for collectibles, dining out with family and friends, and traveling. She decorated cakes for her nieces' and nephews' celebrations. After working her day job, she helped out behind the counter at the American Legion and the Club at the South Dakota Air National Guard.

Linda is survived by a sister, Mary (Dan) Siegfried, Valley Springs, South Dakota; a brother, Jon (Sheri) Finke, Luverne; a brother-in-law, Dennis Erickson, Hills; and nine nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Alvin Finke and Billy Finke; and a sister, Ann Jaloyce Erickson.

Arrangements are through Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com

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Kidnapper arrest/from page 1A

Oldsmobile Alero, Sioux Falls officers located the suspect and a pursuit ensued from Sioux Falls west on I-90 into Minnesota.

The suspect reportedly turned north on Highway 23 for several miles and then continued west on gravel roads back into South Dakota.

Minnehaha and Rock County deputies and South Dakota and Minnesota Troopers assisted with the pursuit.

Rock County farmers Dick and Teresa Kramer were harvesting corn nearby when Teresa noticed a silver car speed up the driveway of an abandoned acreage owned by their neighbor.

"We knew it wasn't Carlsons, and we wondered about calling them," Teresa said.

She said they quickly decided to call the Sheriff's Office when they noticed squad cars in the area. "We figured maybe they were looking for this car," she said.

The tip led Rock County deputies to the acreage about 1 1/2 miles west of the Palisade Lutheran Church on Highway 23. They and other law enforcement officers cornered the suspect on the acreage, and he was apprehended a bit later after he reportedly attempted to flee through nearby fields. The address of the acreage, owned by Bruce Carlson, is 4877 240th St. in South Dakota.

Jon Henri Bryant Sr., 60, was arrested and later charged with kidnapping, aggravated assault, stalking, grand theft (for stealing the victim's car) and other offenses.

Authorities said Bryant, the victim's ex-boyfriend, was waiting in her garage where he attacked her. Reports say he punched and strangled her, among other things.

The victim, age 37, suffered non-life threatening injuries. Bryant is in custody.

The Kramers said they were glad to have helped with the arrest, but said it was a simple matter of something seeming to be not right in their neighborhood.

"I've been at township meetings with the county where they tell us, 'If anything looks out of place, call,'" Teresa said. "Well, this definitely seemed out of place."

Harvest update/from page 1A

bushel. Soybean prices are also lower than the high of \$14.30 per bushel in 2012. Local markets have soybeans averaging just over \$9 per bushel.

Along with record corn yield, the state's soybean crop is also forecasted to break records.

At an estimated 370 million bushels the state's soybean production would also be the second highest on record. Soybean yields are expected to average 49 bushels per acre across the state.

Locally the top yield record for soybeans was set last year at 58.2 bushels per acre, a record that also may be broken this year. Lee estimated local soybean yields are ranging from 50 to 80 bushels per acre.

"We're having some good yields," he said.

Farmers are somewhat behind their usual schedule for getting crops, due to persistent rain showers. Lee anticipates the local harvest won't be wrapped up until mid-November, as opposed to the usual Halloween conclusion.

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Spikers take down New Ulm Eagles

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne volleyball team gained some momentum for postseason play Oct. 18 in Luverne.

Taking on New Ulm in a Big South Conference crossover match against teams from the league's East and West Divisions, Luverne came out on the winning end of a 3-0 decision.

The win gives Luverne a 13-12 record heading into postseason play, which begins Friday in the Cardinal Gym.

LHS drew the fourth seed for the South Section 3AA Tournament and takes on No. 5 Martin County West at 7 p.m.

Luverne overcame deficits in all three sets during the sweep over New Ulm, which featured the Cardinals sporting a 75-49 advantage in points for the night.

Facing a 5-1 deficit early in the first set, LHS battled back to knot the score at seven when Madison Crabtree recorded an ace tip.

The score was tied six more times before the Eagles reeled off three consecutive points to open a 17-14 edge.

Luverne answered the challenge by going on an 8-0 run

ending with a service point from Katie Kracht to gain a 22-17 lead before prevailing by seven points (25-18) when Alexis Ferrell recorded a set-ending kill.

Sierra Schmuck served the hosts to a 3-0 lead in the second set only to have the Eagles score the next four points to gain a 4-3 edge.

Luverne rallied with a 10-2 run capped by an ace tip from Hailey Franken to move in front 13-6.

New Ulm trimmed the difference to five points (17-12) as the set progressed, but the Cardinals used an 8-3 surge capped by a service point from Hailey Remme to ice a 25-15 victory.

The Eagles scored the first point of the third set only to fall behind by four (8-4) when Ariel DeBeer delivered a service point for the Cards.

New Ulm trimmed the difference to two points at two different occasions before LHS gained control of the set with a 12-2 run capped by a kill from Franken that left the Cards sporting a 22-10 advantage.

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John Rittenhouse photo/1027 girls cc 4

Regan Feit (left) and Tenley Nelson (right) placed second and third to make the 2016 All-Big South Conference Western Division Cross Country Team during the annual meet in Worthington Oct. 18. Madison Schandelmeier (pictured below) won the individual title to make the all-league team as well. Also pictured below are Brooklyn VerSteeg and Autumn Nath, who earned honorable mention awards. Luverne hosts the Section 3A Cross Country Championships Thursday

LHS girls repeat as BSC champs

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' cross country team turned in an outstanding performance to end the regular season Oct. 18 in Worthington.

Competing in the Small School Division of the Big South Conference Cross Country Championships at Prairie View Golf Course, Luverne emerged as the cream of the crop.

The Cardinals turned in a 29-point performance to repeat as champions of the seven-team field.

Redwood Valley, which won the Division title in 2014, placed second with 71 points. Pipestone (81), Windom (101), Jackson County Central (107), St. James (154) and Blue Earth Area (158) capped the varsity field.

Along with winning the team championship for the second time in the event's three-year history, the Cardinals also excelled individually.

Three LHS girls made the



Schandelmeier

All-BSC Small Division Team by finishing among the top seven runners in the race.

Two more Cardinals earned honorable mention honors by placing among the eighth-through 14th-place finishers.

Madison Schandelmeier, Regan Feit and Tenley Nelson led the Cardinals to their team championship by placing first, second and third individually. Schandelmeier claimed the



VerSteeg

individual title with a time of 19:49, while Feit and Nelson turned in respective 19:55 and 20:01 efforts.

Brooklyn VerSteeg and Autumn Nath earned honorable mention honors and capped the team scoring for LHS.

VerSteeg finished 11th with a time of 21:14, while Nath placed 12th in 21:27.

Cassie Flanagan made a bid to secure honorable mention



Nath

honors before placing 15th in 21:27.

Gabrielle Ferrell finished 20th in 22:41.

Junior varsity girls: Solveig Tofteland, first, 22:40; Madison Reisdorfer, second, 23:07; Leslie Van Engelenhoven, third, 23:18; Mariah Aukes, fourth, 24:13; Tianna Dopperberg, fifth, 24:25; Madigan Flom, eighth, 24:58; Zayna Hustoft, ninth, 25:03; Megan Rogers, 17th, 26:03; Carly Serie, 22nd, 26:54; Bergin Flom, 34th, 29:15. Luverne won the five-team meet with 15 points.



John Rittenhouse photo/1027 lrb 3

Senior Ariel DeBeer records one of her 23 set assists during a 3-0 home win over New Ulm Oct. 18.



John Rittenhouse photo/1027 lrb 6

Luverne senior Logan Stratton chases down Martin County West's Ethan Hurn to record one of his 4.5 tackles during an Oct. 19 game at Cardinal Field.

Cardinals cap 5-3 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne football team wrapped up a 5-3 regular season by dismantling Martin County West Oct. 19 at Cardinal Field.

The Cardinals scored 27 first-quarter points and the LHS defense registered a shutout to highlight a 36-0 victory over the Mavericks.

Luverne's defense stole the show by coming up with six turnovers and limiting MCW to 76 total yards in the game.

The defense created three turnovers in the opening quarter and the Cardinal offense turned all three MCW mistakes into touchdowns.

It didn't take long for the Mavericks to start coughing the ball up.

MCW attempted to run a sweep play on the first play from scrimmage, but a poor pitch from the quarterback resulted in a fumble that was recovered by Luverne's Solomon Nielsen on the Mavericks' four-yard line.

Nielsen received a handoff on the next play and opened the scoring with a four-yard touchdown run 16 seconds into the contest.

Chris Jelken booted his first of three extra points following the touchdown to give the Cards a 7-0 cushion.

MCW was unable to pick up a first down during its second offensive possession of the contest, which ended with a punt.

The Cardinal offense took

over on the Mavericks' 45 and put together a five-play drive that yielded a 14-0 advantage.

Luverne's drive, which featured a 12-yard run by Brayden Jacobsma and a 17-yard Ben Serie-to-Jake Haugen pass completion, ended with Declan Beers scoring on a seven-yard run at the 8:12 mark of the first quarter.

The teams proceeded to exchange fumbles with their next two offensive possessions.

MCW's fourth possession ended when Haugen intercepted a pass on the Mavericks' 46.

The LHS offense took advantage of the field position by putting together a six-play

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Patriots crush Raiders

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team unleashed an impressive offensive performance during the regular season finale in Hills Oct. 19.

H-BC ran the ball for 377 yards and seven touchdowns and compiled 521 yards worth of offense overall during a 61-14 drubbing of Fulda.

The win left H-BC sporting a 6-2 record at the end of the regular season.

The offensive exploits of Isaiah Vis and Trenton Bass proved to be too much for the Raiders to contend with.

Bass ran for 156 yards and five touchdowns and Bass picked up 143 yards with two touchdown runs and one punt return for a touchdown during the contest.

H-BC opened the game by racking up 40 unanswered points, including 27 in the opening quarter.

After forcing Fulda to punt three plays into the game, H-BC's offense covered 30 yards in four plays with Vis scoring on a 16-yard run at the 9:25 mark of the opening stanza.

Zach Scholten added his first of five extra points following the touchdown to make it 7-0.

Another three-and-out showing by Fulda's offense during its second possession set up H-BC's second touchdown.

Vis scored on a 42-yard run



John Rittenhouse photo/1027 hfb 10

Hills-Beaver Creek junior linebacker Preston Maassen prepares to tackle Fulda's Jon Gehl during an Oct. 19 game in Hills.

on the second play of H-BC's ensuing possession to up the lead to 14-0.

The Raiders lost the ball on downs at the H-BC 43-yard line as the first quarter progressed.

H-BC's offense covered 57 yards in five plays with Vis capping the march with a two-yard run to give the hosts a 2-0 cushion with 2:54 remaining in the first quarter.

Fulda lost the ball on downs at its own 42-yard line as the first period progressed.

After a 40-yard Zach Scholten-to-Jed Burgers pass completion, Bass capped a two-play possession with a two-yard plunge to give the Patriots a 27-0 lead with 59 seconds remaining in the opening stanza.

Bass ignited a 25-point second quarter for the Patriots by

returning a punt 55 yards for a touchdown during the first play of the stanza.

Leading 34-0, the Patriots got the ball again when Logan Leuthold recovered a fumble on the Raiders' 33-yard line.

Vis scored on a 10-yard run five plays later to make it a 40-0 game.

The Raiders produced their first points of the game when quarterback Justin Dierks tossed a 43-yard touchdown pass to Ben White.

Fulda added the extra point following the touchdown.

H-BC countered with a five-play, 72-yard drive ending with a four-yard touchdown run by Vis that left the Patriots sporting a 46-7 advantage.

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John Rittenhouse photo/1027 cancer check

Fighting cancer

The Luverne volleyball team joined forces with Pipestone to raise more than \$4,000 prior to their Dig Pink match Oct. 13. The Cardinal girls raised \$3,420.75, which they distributed to Dr. Josh Crabtree (left), representing Sanford Luverne, prior to an Oct. 18 home match against New Ulm. The Cardinals have raised \$6,645.75 for fighting cancer the last two years. Representing the Cardinals are (front row, from left) Ariel DeBeer, Madison Crabtree, Hailey Franken, Hailey Remme, Hanna Honerman, Katie Kracht, Kami Sawtelle, (back) Maddie Dinger, Gracie Bosch, Sierra Schmuck, Zoey Sandbulte, Mckenna Westphal, Rachel Oftedahl, Michaela Sandbulte, Lexi Ferrell and Hannah VerSteeg.

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LHS prevailed by nine points (25-16) when Franken ended the night with a kill. Remme (nine kills, three blocks and five digs), Kracht

(16 digs and 12 of 12 serving with one ace), Schmuck (five digs, 10 set assists and 15 of 16 serving with one ace) and DeBeer (23 set assists and

11 of 12 serving) played solid matches for Luverne. Ferrell recorded nine kills and Crabtree charted three blocks for the winners.

Dawson-Boyd Blackjacks trip up Adrian gridders in regular season finale

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian football team stumbled in the final game of the regular season in Dawson Oct. 19. After winning consecutive contests heading into the clash with Dawson-Boyd, the Dragons were unable to extend the run against an athletic Blackjack squad. D-B scored 35 first-half points and sported a 7-6 scoring edge in the second half to post a 42-13 victory over the Dragons. Adrian ends the regular season with a 5-3 record. "Their quickness and speed got to us," said Adrian coach Randy Strand. "They have some good athletes and we didn't handle

them very well." The Blackjacks scored the first 21 points of the game to take control of the contest. D-B received the opening kickoff of the clash and promptly moved the ball 65 yards in six plays with Colton Husby capping the drive with a one-yard touchdown run 1:57 into the contest. Joe Furter booted his first of six consecutive extra points following the touchdown to make it 7-0. The first of three turnovers by the Dragons enabled D-B to double its lead 1:05 later. Adrian tossed an interception on the second play of its opening offensive possession, giving the Blackjacks the ball on their own 28-yard line.

Bentley Boike raced 63 yards for a touchdown two plays after the interception to up D-B's lead to 14-0. The Blackjacks completed their 21-point run with a drive that started late in the first quarter and ended early in the second stanza. D-B moved the ball 62 yards in eight plays with Boike capping the march with a five-yard run 45 seconds into the second quarter. The Dragons gained good field position with a good kick return following D-B's third touchdown. Adrian's offense took the field with the ball on the Blackjacks' 42 and put together a nine-play series ending with a two-yard touchdown run by

Nick Harder. Dominiq Canales tacked on the extra point to trim the difference to 14 points (21-7) at the 7:55 mark of the second stanza. Ultimately, the Dragons didn't take the momentum away from D-B with their first touchdown. The Blackjacks produced touchdowns with their next two offensive possessions to open a 35-7 advantage before the second quarter was complete. D-B returned the kickoff following Adrian's first touchdown 65 yards to the AHS 16. Boike scored six plays later on a three-yard run with 5:22 remaining in the opening half. D-B's next possession cov-

ered 56 yards in three plays. Alex Swenson tossed a 48-yard touchdown pass to Joe Anyasike with 1:24 left in the first half to make it a 28-point difference at the break. Adrian opened the third quarter with an 18-play drive that stalled on downs at the D-B 17-yard line. The Blackjacks covered 83 yards in three plays with their first possession of the second half. Swenson tossed a 56-yard touchdown pass to Husby that capped the scoring for the hosts with 2:36 remaining in the third quarter. Adrian put together a five-play, 42-yard drive to produce its final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Wieneke delivered a 19-yard touchdown pass to Alex Loosbrock to end the scoring with 3:11 left to play. Team statistics Adrian: 226 rushing yards, 40 passing yards, 266 total yards, 11 first downs, six penalties for 50 yards, three turnovers. D-B: 251 rushing yards, 176 passing yards, 427 total yards, 10 first downs, four penalties for 50 yards, zero turnovers. Individual statistics Rushing: Harder 15-54, Frank Serrao 18-104, Dakota John 7-36, Dylan Gyberg 6-26, Wieneke 1-0, Beau Bullerman 1-6. Passing: A.Loosbrock 0-1 for zero yards, Wieneke 3-9 for 40 yards. Receiving: A.Loosbrock 3-40. Defense: Zach Loosbrock eight tackles, Lance Luettel eight tackles, Mitchell Wagner eight tackles, Landon Rogers eight tackles.

Halloween Costume Contest

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Friday, October 28

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St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 9:45 a.m. RCMA at St. Catherine. Friday, Oct. 28: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, Oct. 29: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Oct. 30: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday School and CLW. 12:30-6 p.m. MS Youth Festival in Adrian. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 7 p.m. Mass at St. Mary.

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

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service.

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

Thursday, Oct. 27: 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 28: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Nov. 3: noon Senior Focus Potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 27: 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle at Grace Lutheran. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home, host Doris Tofteland. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 5-7 p.m. Soup sandwich and dessert supper. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Laurie Jensen. Friday, Oct. 28: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Oct. 29: 10 a.m. Hailey Stulen Bridal Shower in Fellowship Hall. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Oct. 30: 8:15 a.m. Worship with Communion; Radio broadcast. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion and Confirmation. Monday, Oct. 31: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tues. Nov. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:30 p.m. FAITHWEAVERS. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth meal. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal; 7-9th grade Confirmation. 8 p.m. 10th grade last Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 3: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorpalmquist67@yahoo.com

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 3:45 and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

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

Friday, Oct. 28: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Pillow Cleaning fundraiser. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 3-7 p.m. Gospel Jubilee. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF.

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

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at St. Catherine. 10:15 a.m. Little Lambs Grandparents Party. Friday, Oct. 28: 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Grandparents' Parties. Saturday, Oct. 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fish Boil. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 4-5:30 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, Oct. 31: 8-11 p.m. "Reformed" Halloween Party open house. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Oct. 27: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. Saturday, Oct. 29: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come As You Are Worship. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Oct. 31: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 9 a.m. Newsletter assembly. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 6 p.m. Meal for students and families. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class; F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry Classes. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, Nov. 3: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Service of Worship. Monday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, Oct. 27: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Oct. 28: Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Oct. 31: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 7 p.m. LWML meeting. 8 p.m. Bible Study. Thursday, Nov. 3: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion — celebrating First Communion milestone. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 5-7 p.m. Lasagna supper. 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir Practice.

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

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion — celebrating First Communion milestone. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran. Thursday, Nov. 3: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

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

Sunday, Oct. 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Adrian. 6:30-7:15 p.m. G1.

Bearing up

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Cole McCormick,
Interim Pastor,
Grace Lutheran
Church**

have times that we will fall, that we will stumble and that we will crash.

Recently I had dinner with some friends who have a young daughter. She is at the point where she is walking, bumping and crashing into everything. Many times she just stumbles, gets back up and does it all over again.

We also get brought down when it does not seem like God answers, with all the violence in the world and when a life is all of a sudden cut short.

As Jesus cried out from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" he had no answer.

Yet, during the falling is precisely when these promises enter in, to let us know and hear of the promises that God is our protector and dwelling place. We are brought down in order to be brought up. We are dragged through the rubble of death that leads into life, and it is in this very darkness where the light of hope and life comes to be and being brought up in and through God. Amen.

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Group. Tuesday, Nov. 1: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Grades 8-9 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Group. 8 p.m. Church Council.

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

hillsarc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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Luverne District 2184
sets general election date

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
ROCK COUNTY

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the School District Clerk and voters of the Independent School District No. 2184

In the County of Rock, State of Minnesota
Notice is Hereby Given, that a State General Election will be held in the Election Precincts at:

Precinct Polling	Place Name	Location of Polling Place
Battle Plain Township	Rock County Courthouse	204 E Brown St, Luverne
Beaver Creek Township	Rock County Courthouse	204 E Brown St, Luverne
Clinton Township	Steen City Hall	222 S Main St, Steen

Denver Township
Hardwick City
Kenneth City
Kanaranzi Township
Leota Township
Lismore Township
Luverne City
(All Precincts)
Luverne Township
Magnolia City
Magnolia Township
Mound Township
Rose Dell Township
Springwater Township
Vienna Township
Westside Township

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Rock County Courthouse
Leota Township Hall
Lismore Fire Hall
Luverne Middle-High
School Gymnasium
Rock County Courthouse
Rock County Courthouse
Rock County Courthouse
Rock County Courthouse
Township Hall
Beaver Creek City Hall
Rock County Courthouse
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204 E Brown St, Luverne
204 E Brown St, Luverne
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204 E Brown St, Luverne
203 E 1st St, Jasper
311 E 1st Ave, Beaver Creek
204 E Brown St, Luverne
109 Maine Ave, Adrian

on Tuesday, the Eighth (8th) day of November, 2016, at which the polls will be open from the hour of seven (7) o'clock AM to the hour of eight (8) o'clock PM for the purpose of the election of three (3) school board members for four-year terms.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Qualified voters planning to be absent on Election Day may obtain absentee ballots from the office of the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E Brown St, Luverne, Minnesota, until 5:00 pm on November 7, 2016. The Auditor-Treasurer's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm and also on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Dated: October 13, 2016

Ashley Kurtz
Rock County Auditor-Treasurer
(10-27, 11-3)

Rock County	State of Minnesota	November 8, 2016
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State General Election Sample Ballot

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ● .

<div>Federal Offices President and Vice President Vote for One Team</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence Republican</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine Democratic-Farmer-Labor</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Darrell Castle and Scott Bradley Constitution Party</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Dan R. Vacek and Mark Elworth, Jr. Legal Marijuana Now</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Alyson Kennedy and Osborne Hart Socialist Workers Party</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Jill Stein and Howie Hawkins Green Party</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>“Rocky” Roque De La Fuente And Michael Steinberg American Delta Party</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Evan McMullin and Nathan Johnson Independence</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>Gary Johnson and William Weld Libertarian Party</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/></div>write-in, if any</div>
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U.S. Representative
District 1
Vote for One

☐

Jim Hagedorn
Republican

☐

Tim Walz
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

☐

write-in, if any**State Offices**
State Senator
District 22
Vote for One

☐

Bill Weber
Republican

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Brian Abrahamson
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

☐

write-in, if any**State Representative**
District 22A
VOTE FOR ONE

☐

Joe Schomacker
Republican

☐

Laura Woods
Democratic-Farmer-Labor

☐

write-in, if any**Constitutional Amendments**
Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word “Yes” on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word “No” on that question.

☐ YES

☐ NO

Judicial Offices
Supreme Court
Associate Justice 6
Vote for One

☐

Michelle L. MacDonald

☐

Natalie Hudson
Incumbent

☐

write-in, if any**Court of Appeals**
JUDGE 5
Vote for One

☐

Louise Dovre Bjorkman
Incumbent

☐

write-in, if any

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING
Absentee voting will be available at the Auditor-Treasurer's office in the Courthouse on Saturday, November 5, 2016 , from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
The County of Rock will test the electronic voting machine to be used for the vote tabulation in the General Election to be held November 8, 2016.
The test will be held on, Wednesday November 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.
The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 12

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 6, 2005
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): David L. Olson and Rosanne Olson, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: New Century Mortgage Corporation
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: New Century Mortgage Corporation
SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 11, 2005, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 161378
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 7, in Block 5, in Charles O. Hawes' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 317 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0748-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$117,817.26

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 12, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on June 12, 2017, or the next business day if June 12, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: October 13, 2016
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates
Assignee of Mortgagee
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
(10-20, 10-27, 11-03, 11-10, 11-17, 11-24)

Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 4

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse October 4, 2016
The meeting was called to order by Chair Reisch with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the October 04, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve the September 20, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Brent Hoffman, Rock County Rural Water Manager, requested approval of a USDA Rural Development Certification of Environmental Requirements and Mitigation Measures; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Tom Houselog, Land Management Office, introduced new employee Scott Adams, Land Records Office Technician; the County Board welcomed him as well. Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, led a discussion regarding an office re-organization with the following changes: change the current Administrative Assistant/Dispatch Supervisor position to a Dispatcher/Team Lead position and add another Sergeant position; this change will shift supervisory responsibilities to Sheriff and Sergeants and should have a minimal budget impact.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve the new job description of Dispatcher/Team Lead at an H14 and authorize the additional Sergeant position at the Sheriff's Office, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented Resolution No. 33-16, requesting MnDOT to complete a speed study on CSAH 4 within the corporate limits of the City of Beaver Creek. City of Beaver Creek Council members Josh Teune and Jamie Dysthe were also present and stated their support of the resolution with the hope of extending the existing speed limit on each end of town. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve Resolution No. 33-16, declared carried on a voice vote.

Sehr presented a request to purchase equipment, a Shoulder Retriever/Reclaimer for \$17,400.00. RCHD has not reclaimed any roadway shoulders due to the loss of the equipment damaged in an electrical fire in 2015 and is experiencing numerous shoulder wash out areas from water traveling down the shoulder instead of draining directly into the ditch. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve the purchase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Sehr briefly gave a construction update: they will be pouring the deck on the bridge in Kanaranzi Township and the box culvert projects will begin next week.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented an election/voter update stating that Minnesota has an excellent registration process and that many residents are requesting absentee ballots.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims and per diems of \$750.00; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims over \$2,000:	
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,305.47
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	11,648.25
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	20,032.44
78 Payments less than 2,000	32,134.41
Total	69,120.57

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a 2015 Audit update stating that Rock County received an un-modified opinion with no findings.

The Administrator reviewed a report indicating the preliminary levies in the 9-county region; presented as information only.

Administrator Oldre and Deputy Administrator Skattum presented a change to the insurance options offered in the cafeteria plan; the new plan (Blue Connect)

would modify the existing #850 CDHP plan by adding a chronic disease management component and utilizing Sanford network only, these changes would have and a seven percent decrease in premiums. Employee meetings were held and the majority of the responses were favorable. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Blue Connect insurance change for the 2017 renewal, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed of the AMC District VIII meeting on November 3rd in Pipestone; all Commissioners plan on attending.

The County Board reviewed a document from AMC identifying the committee priorities for 2017.

Commissioner Reports:
Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended the Annual Corrections Conference where RNCC Director Jon Ramlo was award the Jack Young service award; also attended a City/County liaison meeting.

Commissioner Boyenga attended a Southwest Health and Human Services meeting.

Commissioner Thompson attended a Southwest Health and Human Services meeting and has agreed to be on a Blue Mound State Park Citizen Advisory Committee which will meet in November; also stated that Sheriff Verbrugge is hosting "Coffee with a Cop" at Sterlings on October 7th.

Commissioner Reisch attended a City/County Liaison meeting, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, Rock/Nobles Community Corrections, and a Southwest EMS meeting where regional legislators were in attendance as well to hear concerns regarding funding and non-medical transports.

With no further business to come before the County Board, meeting was declared adjourned.

(10-27)

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(10.16-11.2)

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(10.9-10.27)

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(10.9-10.27)

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- ① Use face paints instead of masks that obscure vision.
- ② Wear reflective tape on darker costumes or when trick-or-treating at night.
- ③ LED lights or glow sticks are a safer alternative to lit candles. Some lights even flicker to offer the appeal of candles.
- ④ Trick-or-treat in a group and never alone.
- ⑤ Take a planned route and don't wander off the path.
- ⑥ Be sure costumes are not tripping hazards.
- ⑦ Costumes on young children should be age-appropriate and free of hazards, such as strings that can strangle or small parts that can choke.
- ⑧ Stick to trick-or-treating in trusted neighborhoods.
- ⑨ Be extra-cautious of cars when walking at night.

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