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Mavis Fodness Photo/1123 First Blizzard 2016

Strong winds began to subside late Friday afternoon after a full day of snow and blowing snow made driving treacherous, as this pickup owner found out east of Hardwick on County Road 7. The State Patrol reported more than 50 vehicles in ditches in Rock and Nobles counties.

Storm delivers icy roads, blinding snow

By Lori Sorenson

The first winter storm of the season hit Friday, bringing an abrupt end to what had been an unseasonably mild fall.

The system started with freezing rain that turned to heavy snow driven by 40-mph winds, all of which put a wrench in driving plans for motorists across the upper Midwest.

In Rock County, several inches of snow accumulated on the layer of slushy ice to produce dozens of accidents on local roadways.

School districts canceled classes for the day, and many evening events — including the Green Earth Players performance at the Palace Theatre — were also called off or postponed.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, emergency crews responded to more than 50 vehicles in ditches in Rock and Nobles counties Friday and Saturday.

In addition, there were eight jackknifed semis — some of which

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Submitted photo/1123 semi in ditch

This semitrailer slid into the ditch due to the snow and wind Friday, Nov. 18, at the bank corner in Hills, the intersection of County Road 6 and Highway 270. According to the Minnesota State Patrol there were eight jackknifed semis that needed attention in Rock and Nobles counties during the storm.

Winterfest weekend set for Dec. 2-4

Luverne's 19th annual Winterfest Celebration is next weekend on Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2-4.

Events start Friday morning with a puppet show and story hour with Jim Oliver at 10 a.m. at the Rock County Community Library.

Other events Friday include wine and beer tasting at Blue Mound Liquor from 5-8 p.m. and a cribbage tournament beginning at 7 p.m. at the Luverne Eagles Club.

Saturday's events will include the Winterfest Arts and Crafts show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Luverne Elementary Commons and Cardinal Gym. Admission is \$3, with no cost for children 12 and under.

During the arts and crafts show, 4-H will sponsor Santa's Workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the elementary commons. Children can make projects as well as shop with "Elves" to find gifts for their parents and family.

Another event in the elementary school commons will be Pictures with Santa by Myhre Studio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 for a 5x7-inch photo, and proceeds go to Rock County SHARE.

Visitors to the arts and crafts show will also be able to pick up the

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Glenda McGaffee photo/1124 snowmen

Let it snow!

The first snow of the season arrived Friday, Nov. 18, prompting school closures across the region. Brianna Buss and Brystol Teune took advantage of the opportunity to build snowmen Sunday, Nov. 20, at the home of Teune's grandparents, Tim and Wendy Buss, at 213 East 4th Street in Hills. Sunday was a sunny, but cold day for area residents who found themselves scrambling for winter boots, gloves, stocking caps and snowpants after an unseasonably warm autumn thus far in southwest Minnesota. Snowfall reports ranged from 4 inches in the southern parts of the affected storm system to more than 8 inches farther north into central Minnesota. The forecast calls for more winter weather this week through the Thanksgiving holiday.

Oxbow excavation is latest tool in preventing streambank erosion; preserving habitat

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly a dozen local streams and creeks have healthier wildlife habitat and cleaner water thanks to the endangered Topeka shiner minnow in Rock County.

The shiners need off-channel oxbow pools away from flowing water to escape from predators. But the tiny minnow has become nearly extinct due to these oxbows becoming silted in after decades of soil erosion and heavy sedimentation.

The solution is to excavate these oxbows down to their gravel bottoms in order to keep ground water in the pools year-round.

Stream banks are reseeded with native grasses to ward off future erosion.

To save the minnow and to improve water quality, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a \$1.1 million grant in Rock County for the excavation work.

The most recent project was completed near Kenneth where three oxbows were cleared in John and Rachel Kroontje's pastureland.

"For one thing, I don't use the pasture for anything but hay," John Kroontje said about the project, and he said he was fine with the required 10-year commitment to leave the

Sheriff warns residents to lock homes and vehicles

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is investigating a string of residential burglaries reported Friday morning, Nov. 11, in Luverne.

According to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, his office received three calls from separate parties who said their homes were broken into in the middle of the night.

Residents in the 500 block of North East Park Street were missing an Xbox, gift cards, and ID and cash.

In the 600 block of North East Park Street property owners were missing debit cards and a Samsung Galaxy 4 cell phone.

Residents in the 600 Block of North Kniss Avenue reported that they woke up to someone in their bedroom going through their dresser drawers. In that case, approximately \$150 in cash was stolen.

Verbrugge said the homes were entered through unlocked doors — there was no forced entry, and he urges residents to secure their properties.

"We still live in a quiet and safe community; unfortunately there are individuals who will take advantage of that," he said.

"Please remember that if you have anything of value in your vehicle or home, to lock up. This makes it a little harder for that individual to get your belongings. Remember to stay safe and if you do hear a noise that does not sound right, call the Sheriff's Office."

Verbrugge said his staff had followed up on a lead and questioned a potential suspect, but that individual checked out to have no involvement with the burglaries.

He's encouraging anyone with information about the burglaries to contact him or investigator Jeff Wieneke at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 507-283-5000.

A reward of \$500 is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

"They rechannel the water to a more meandering state, which ultimately slows water flows and helps prevent sedimentation. ... Holding water on the landscape longer not only decreases stream bank erosion but helps recharge underground aquifers."

— Doug Bos,
Rock County Land
Management Office

work in place.

The land is marked by rolling hills and a widely meandering creek that once had oxbow pools harboring minnows and other wildlife.

Kroontje said he hopes stream

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Parkinsons Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Contact Dianne Karlstad at 507-530-3307 with questions.

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

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

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in 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.

Salvation Army seeks bell ringers

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers to man the red kettle at Glen's Food Center in December.

Every dollar collected in Rock County stays here and benefits organizations like Southwest Youth Services and disadvantaged children in the school system.

If you are able to help, contact Suanne Ohme at 507-283-4914 or 507-920-0053.

Carnegie hosts Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees at the Carnegie Cultural Center is now open for the community's enjoyment from 5-7 p.m. Thursdays and from 1-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Doors will not be open on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve day.

Tree of Lights names due Nov. 23

Sanford Luverne Hospice is accepting names for lights on a tree in honor or in remembrance of loved ones. Names (young or old, well or ill, living or deceased) do not need to be affiliated with hospice. Submission forms are at area churches or www.sanfordluverne.org. Names received by Nov. 23 will be read at the upcoming tree-lighting ceremonies. Call 283-1805.

DeLight-Ful 5K set for Nov. 26

A 5K race will begin at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, followed by a post race party at the Blue Mound Banquet Center.

Race day registration and check-in will begin at 5:50 p.m., and there will be a dance featuring the Casey Muesigmann Band starting at 8:30 p.m.

Online registration is \$20, and race-day registration is \$25. Visit www.allsportscentral.com for more information, or contact Dave Duffy at 507-920-3345 or dduffy@rconnect.com.

SHARE applications due Nov. 28

The Rock County SHARE distribution of groceries, clothing and toys to Rock County residents in need will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Luverne National Guard Armory. Those wishing to receive from the program must apply by Nov. 28.

To support SHARE mail a tax-deductible donation to SHARE, P.O. Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156. For more information call Molly at 507-227-9282.

Bank Nite movie 'Polar Express' at Palace Theatre Dec. 1

The free Bank Nite movie, "Polar Express," rated G, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Tracy Animal Rescue at Bomgaars in Luverne Dec. 3

The Tracy Area Animal Rescue will come to Bomgaars in Luverne from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Come and meet some animals looking for their forever home.

Local youth hunt deer in Blue Mounds State Park

Ten area young people participated in the special deer hunt at the Blue Mounds State Park over the weekend.

Among them, six hunters had success in the event that's designed to prevent overpopulation of deer and protect resources in the park.

The park was closed on Nov. 19 and 20 to visitors in order to accommodate the hunt.

Those who took deer were Levi Kuipers, Aiden Van Santen, Noah Mehlhaff, Cadyn Wessels, Bailey Cowell and Jaimie Ross.

Youth and adults applied earlier this year for special permits to participate in the hunts, which included regular firearms, muzzleloader and archery options.

"An overpopulation of deer can be hard on the natural resources at the parks, so we allow occasional hunts as a way to protect the trees and native plant communities," said Ed Quinn, natural resource program supervisor for the DNR's Division of Parks and Trails.

"We do our best to minimize the disruption to park visitors, but in some cases safety concerns require us to close — or partially close — the parks where these hunts take place."



Ten area young people participated in the special deer hunt at the Blue Mounds State Park over the weekend. Among them, six hunters had success in the event that's designed to prevent overpopulation of deer and protect resources in the park. Pictured are (top, from left) Jaimie Ross, Aiden Van Santen, Cadyn Wessels, (bottom) Noah Mehlhaff, Levi Kuipers and Bailey Cowell.

Oxbow excavation prevents erosion/continued from page 1A

bank stabilization stays in place. "It does flood down there, so it may not last," he said.

The landowner's only responsibility is to maintain the ground once the work is complete — primarily weed control.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff takes care of GPS surveys for elevations and handles designs and grant funding. It also follows up later with fish surveys to check on Topeka shiner population.

The County Soil and Water Conservation District coordinates landowner contacts, hiring the contractor and paying bills from the grant agreement.

The three Kroontje oxbows join others around the region to help improve water quality, said Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office.

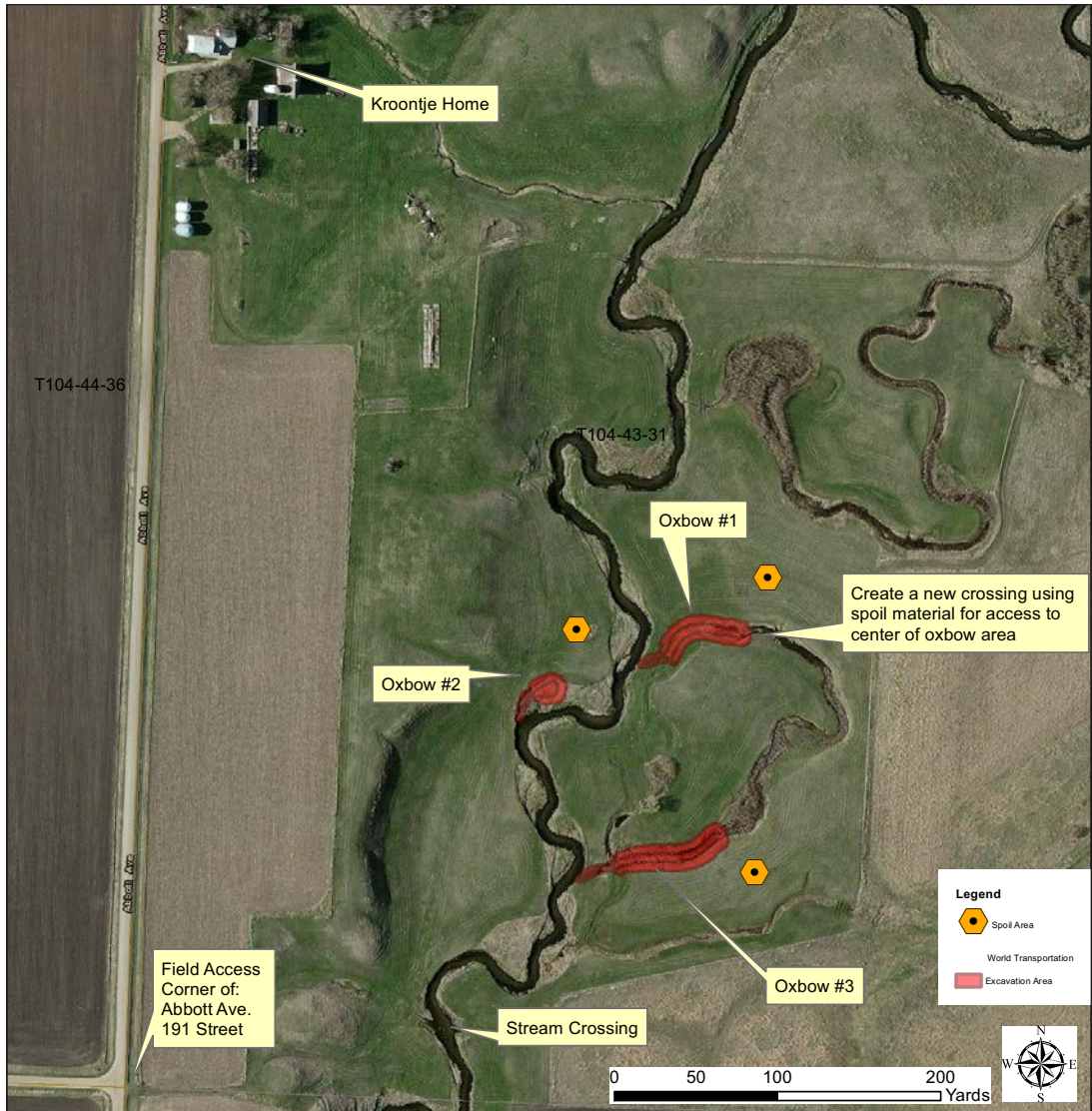
"Our priority hasn't always been wildlife habitat, but it's a big part of clean water," Bos said.

He said the Land Management Office worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Scott Ralston and with local excavation crews to complete the work.

"We excavated nine oxbows on four sites in 2015 and excavated or will excavate 28 oxbows on 10 sites in 2016," Bos said.

In addition, his office worked with the city of Luverne to stabilize the Rock River bank near the old landfill on Warren Baker's land to prevent erosion into toxic waste.

Bos said the Topeka shiner habitat grant was also used to remove two dams (one by



Three oxbows were excavated in the creek in John Kroontje's pasture near Kenneth this fall.

Adrian and one in northwestern Rock County next year) and to excavate oxbows in Nobles and Pipestone counties.

He also said oxbow excavation is a shift from J-hooks that were emphasized in recent years to stabilize stream banks and prevent sedimentation from eroding shores.

In the past 15 years, county and state officials have successfully stabilized stream banks by utilizing j-hooks on 35 sites in Rock County.

Bos said he appreciated working on these projects but funding sources have shifted to oxbow work.

"They rechannel the water to a more meandering state,

which ultimately slows water flows and helps prevent sedimentation," he said.

"Holding water on the landscape longer not only decreases stream bank erosion but helps recharge underground aquifers."

To discuss water quality projects with Land Management personnel, call 283-8862,



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Son's military experience leaves this mom with new perspective

There's nothing better than feeling less worried about your children and everyday events.

Turmoil built in my head and heart as I worried about my youngest child for his eight weeks of basic military training (or Basic Mom Torture).

My only contact with Adam during that time was good old-fashioned letter writing.

His letters told of missing home and family meals and not sleeping well.

I wrote letters describing everyday events to my son whose days were anything but ordinary.

My letters didn't reveal the extent of my worries. Even I didn't realize the daily turmoil of not-being-able-to-put-a-finger-on-what's-amiss that worry causes.

I worried about my access to the base (the passport did the trick). I worried about whether Adam was OK, still not sleeping well or if he was eating. I even worried that somehow my little boy would be lost during the transformation into a U.S. Air Force member.

As I gave Adam that hug on Oct. 27, eight weeks of worry came to an end. There were tears and the words "You made it!" whispered in his ear and echoed in my mind.

I made it, too. The reality of the accomplishment grew the next day at the formal graduation ceremony. Adam was one of 700 people who received the title of airman.

Everyone that day, including me, walked a little straighter, prouder and relieved of worry.

As our visit reached the fourth and last day, my emotions of leaving began to build. Sunday's service at the base's chapel stopped the worries from growing again.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

His letters told of missing home and family meals and not sleeping well.

The chaplain's words put my entire eight-week experience into perspective.

"Being a parent is not easy but it is worth it," he said.

He then offered a little advice to his audience.

"Don't worry about events in the past. Don't worry about events in the future. Let these worries flow away and think about today.

"Enjoy today because we can't change the events of yesterday and we might not be here to enjoy tomorrow."

I enjoyed that last day with Adam because my one last worry was answered.

During our visit I saw glimpses of that little boy who still likes to watch Marvel Comic movies and eat Little Debbie Honeybuns.

What's also there is a mature young man who politely says "Yes, ma'am" and "No, sir," walks ramrod straight, and takes extra care in how he dresses.

Words of the chaplain echoed as I hugged Adam goodbye.

"Things occurring on the outside of a person don't last forever. It's the things on the inside that matter."

Those are especially soothing words after the Basic Mom Torture experience.

Winter's back; do you need winter driving refresher tips?

Winter hit with a vengeance this week, and by all reports Minnesotans (Rock County included) forgot how to drive in winter conditions.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety issued numerous warnings throughout the day Friday about hazardous road conditions.

Many heeded their warnings and stayed off the roads. Many who had no alternative but to venture out did so cautiously.

But then there were the others who disregarded pleas to stay off the road and also disregarded warnings to proceed slowly and cautiously.

It goes without saying that many in the latter group found themselves in the ditch Friday, or worse yet, caused others to crash.

As a result, MNDOT has requested that we share with our readers these simple winter driving refresher tips.

- Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are poor.

- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals.

- Headlights must be turned on when it is snowing or sleeting.

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- Buckle up, and make sure child restraints are secured tightly. It is recommended to use bulky clothes and blankets on top of the child restraint harness, not beneath, to ensure harness restraints fit properly.

- Drive at safe speeds according to road conditions, and provide for plenty of travel time.

- Increase safe stopping distance between vehicles.

- Stay behind the snowplow. The road behind a snowplow is safer to drive on.

- Watch for snowplows that turn or exit frequently, and often with little warning.

- Never drive into a snow cloud.

- If skidding, remain calm, ease foot off the gas, and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.

- If vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply a steady firm

pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump ABS brakes.

- Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads.

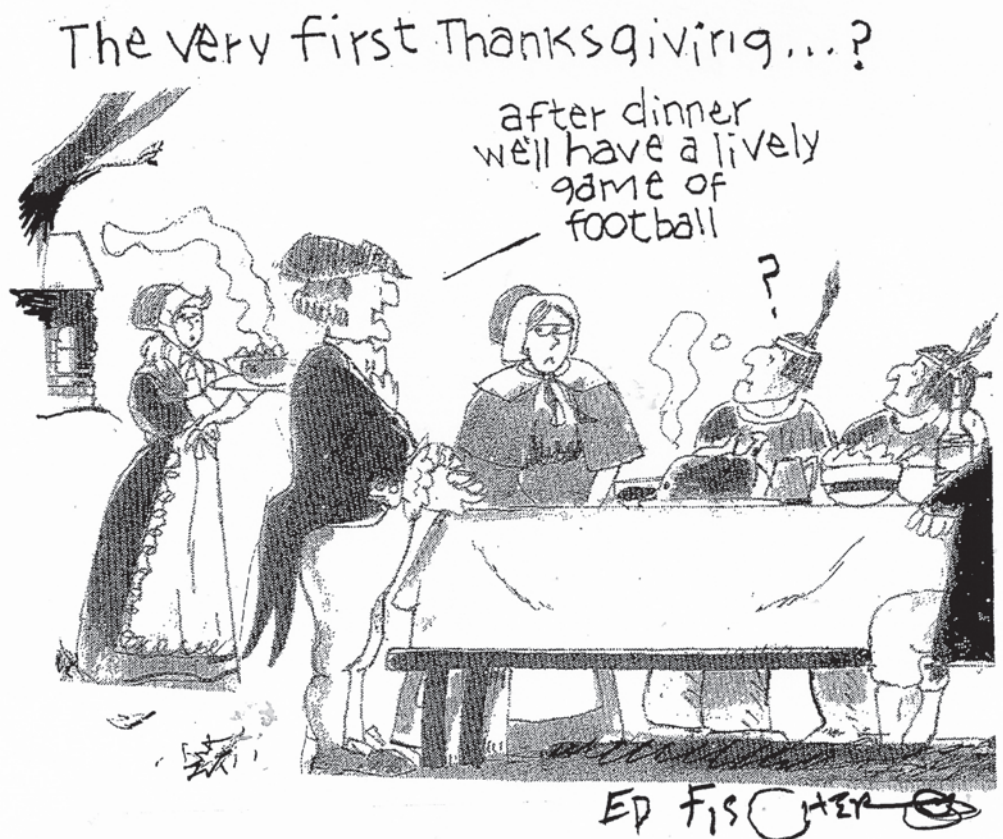
- Equip vehicles with a scraper/brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction. Blanket(s), heavy boots, warm clothing and flashlights are also important, as are storing high-energy foods such as chocolate or energy bars.

- Be sure cell phones are charged for long trips, and inform family of destination plans and schedule.

- If stranded, stay in the vehicle.

- Parents of teen drivers should make sure new motorists experience snow and ice driving in a safe environment, such as an empty parking lot.

For weather-related road condition information, call 5-1-1 or visit www.511mn.org.



Motorists can claim road-killed animals

Question: What is the procedure if I hit a deer with my vehicle? Can I keep it?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol does issue permits for road-kill deer generally right at the time of the crash or soon after. Any Minnesota resident may claim a road-killed animal by contacting a law enforcement officer. An authorization permit can be issued, allowing the individual to lawfully possess the animal. For your specific request, I would advise you to contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR.) You can contact the Conservation Officer in the area you are closest to or where you'd want to pick up the road kill. They should be able to provide more information on the permits and this process. The following link will let you find officers statewide. www.dnr.state.mn.us/officerpatrolareas/index.html

Motorist Safety Tips to Avoid Deer Crashes

- Drive at safe speeds and always be buckled up.
- Be especially cautious from 6 to 9 p.m., when deer are most active.
- Use high beams as much as possible at night, especially in deer-active areas.
- Motorists: don't swerve to avoid a deer. Swerving can cause motorists to lose control and travel off the road or into oncoming traffic.
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road. If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.
- Slowdown in areas known to have a large deer population — such as areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forest land; and whenever in forested areas between dusk and dawn.
- Deer do unpredictable things — they stop in the middle of the road when crossing; cross and quickly

re-cross back; and move toward an approaching vehicle. Blow horn to urge deer to leave the road.

- If a deer is struck but not killed by a vehicle, keep a distance as deer may recover and move on. If a deer does not move on, or poses a public safety risk, report the incident to a DNR conservation officer or other local law enforcement agency.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol, at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901-5848, or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Thankful for not having leprosy – and other happy thoughts

It's that time of year when we take a moment to consider all the things we are thankful for. It's a shame really that we only set aside one day a year to do that.

Here's an early New Year's Resolution for you: Each day I am going to write down on my desk pad at least one thing that I am thankful for. I'll keep you posted as to how long that lasts.

This year my thankful list starts with the things we just take for granted.

I am thankful for the awesome sunrises and sunsets we have been able to enjoy this fall. For some reason they seem more colorful than other years.

I am not a farmer, but I am thankful for the great weather during harvest season and some record-breaking yields.

I am very thankful for \$1.99 gas.

I am thankful I am suffering with plantar fasciitis and not leprosy. That's me trying to be a "glass half full" kind of guy.

I am thankful Gene Cragoe taught me the correct way to tie my shoes.

I am thankful they finally fixed the railroad crossing on Highway 75 in Luverne, even though the work was



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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supposed to be done in three days, maybe four, but ended up taking five.

I don't want to discount being thankful for family, good health and friends, but this year I am very thankful for presidential elections.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 11
•Complainant reported that she woke up to someone in her bedroom rummaging through her things. Her husband went downstairs after the individual. Suspect exited through a basement door. Complainant's description of the suspect: thin male, not quite six feet, had a flashlight. Cash taken from wallets in residence. Doors in the home were unlocked.
•Complainant came to law enforcement center to speak to a deputy. He told her she needed to go to the courthouse. Subject's wallet and cell phone were taken.
•Complainant reported that he was burglarized last night. Quite a few things missing.
•Complainant requested to speak to someone about kidsnotshowingupforschool.
•Complainant reported family/child issues that need to be reported.
•Complainant, alongwith several others, reported that there is a semi on fire on I-90 eastbound near the Magnolia exit. Magnolia Fire Department paged. Semi is fully engulfed.
•Complainant reported vehicle passing on the right side of the road and speeding.
•Complainant reported she does not have a place to live and was looking to get a voucher for a room. She moved from California and was staying with a friend on Main Street, but she and her kids are now living in her car.
•Complainant reported a white van that passed while there was oncoming traffic.
•Complainant reported that they had a break-in. Her wallet was taken along with an X-Box. Wallet was found outside.
•Complainant reported someone arguing outside her home. They left while on the phone and complainant no longer wanted deputies to respond. Complainant was advised to call back if needed.
•Complainant reported a possible fire at North Cedar and East Adams. Complainant said he has been watching smoke near that intersection for about three minutes. Deputy reported that all is OK.

People have a bonfire in their driveway.
•Complainant reported her son, who is on probation, has not been coming home and has not been at school the last two days. Subject works at McDonald's.
Nov. 12
•Complainant called 911 to get correct law enforcement number for Pipestone County.
•Complainant reported his friend went a different direction than, him around the courthouse area, and now he cannot find him.
•Complainant reported he thinks someone may be hunting on his property without his permission. Deputy advised subjects that they need to remember to ask permission to hunt on private property and advised them to contact the landowner.
•Complainant reported a car pulled into his driveway and drove past like he did not know it wasn't a main road. Complainant spoke to driver who seemed intoxicated, and the driver said he was trying to get to Valley Springs. Maroon SUV was headed west on 71st Street then turned onto a field approach at 71st Street and 50th Avenue and is sitting in the field. Man was arrested and taken to jail.
•Complainant reported a strange vehicle with a blanket over the top parked at South Dakota rest stop. There was a small child in the front seat, and it didn't look like anyone else was around. Transferred complaint to Metro Communications.
Nov. 13
•Complainant called and said her brother did not come home last night. Subject has no phone, and she doesn't know where he would be. Juvenile was located by deputy and escorted home.
•Complainant reported a vehicle went off the ramp to the south through the ditch and into a field. Air bags were deployed, but nobody is around the area. Subject who the vehicle is registered to is revoked. Deputy reported driver may have possible head injury, as the windshield is spider-webbed.
•Complainant reported Wayne's Body Shop is on fire. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

Centerpoint contacted for gas, and City contacted for electric.
•Complainant reported flames coming out of Wayne's Body Shop again. Paged Luverne Fire Department.
•Complainant requested deputy to location because he is supposed to pick up his kids, and the kids' mom will not let him have them. Deputy advised children were returned to complainant.
•Complainant reported male who is white, and they are not getting a heartbeat. Coroner was contacted as well as Dingmann Funeral Home.
Nov. 14
•Deputy stopped for a semi on shoulder of I-90. Hit muffler in road. Has help on the way. Not blocking. All is OK.
•Complainant reported that past tenants were in the house at location on Thursday, and they should not be there. Someone else is living there now. He is having the locks changed but can not get them changed until tomorrow at the earliest.
•Complainant reported they found a century farm marker on 121st Street. Owner says it's supposed to be there.
•Complainant reported he just picked his car up and the oil had just been changed. Now it's black. The window was down, and there is a dent in the bumper. He said someone had been driving it.
•Complainant at Green Lantern in Hardwick reported the theft of a hamburger and fries. A man ordered the food on Saturday, and he said he would be back later with 10 people and pay for it then. He did not come back. This has happened before. He needs a report so Pipestone can go arrest him.
•Complainant reported a semi with a tanker parked by motel. There is a car parked across the street and not much room to get through. The stop sign is hard to see if you don't know it's there. Semi was gone upon deputy arrival.
•Sioux Falls Police Department reported they are looking for suicidal male. Deputy located him and Sioux Falls Police Department requested stay with him until they could make sure his wife is OK.
•Complainant reported

hunters shot out an \$1,800 combine tire.
•Complainant reported a shoplifter. Contacted Sioux Falls Metro to watch for vehicle.
•Complainant called about another issue, and while talking to her, she asked how long our response time is. She reported her husband gets violent when he drinks, and he drinks every night. She has asked him to leave, but he won't.
•Complainant reported smoke coming from a residence on North Cedar Street. It doesn't look like the windows have smoke; may be something else. Contacted owner, and her husband is burning in the burn pit.
•Complainant reported she and her daughter had a fight, and her daughter left. She was walking around the area. Deputy is out looking for her. Complainant called back, and she is home.
Nov. 15
•Complainant reported that his grandson's vehicle is missing a plate.
•Deputy arrested man for driving after revocation. Left vehicle in field approach. Transported to jail.
•Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle at location. Deputy reported it looks abandoned and he will check it out on the way back from jail.
•Complainant reported possible child abuse.
•Complainant reported possible child with health concerns, and parents aren't addressing them.
•Business on South Kniss Avenue requested a deputy stop out for something he thinks is weird. They received a scam call about some prepaid cards. When the offer was refused, they threatened to assault them tonight. Would like extra patrol at closing.
•Complainant reported a stolen car from South Dakota that may be in Rock County with a runaway fugitive. It may be east of Rock County. Contacted Metro, spoke to an officer that is working the case,

and he said she has called in several times today. The car was loaned out and not returned yet. Owners seem to be cop shopping.
•Complainant reported his girlfriend dropped a set of keys when she took the driver's test yesterday. Two keys on a chain with a pink cupcake. He just noticed it, and will call the Highway Department tomorrow.
Nov. 16
•Complainant reported a round bale on fire near the driveway at location. Paged Hills Fire Department.
•Complainant reported a water pipe broke on the South Dakota side near the border. Water was filling the ditch and running through a culvert in his field. Dispatch was going to transfer him to South Dakota, but he said he knew the number and hung up.
•Deputy reported vehicle is abandoned at 231st Street and Highway 23. Dispatch attempted to contact both owners, but was unable and voice mail was full on one and not set up yet on the other. Owner called back. The car overheated, and he does plan on getting it moved today.
•Dispatch received several 911 calls about a male sitting on the bridge of the Garretson and Valley Springs exit. Transferred to Minnehaha County.
•Complainant reported he thinks subject at residence may be deceased.
•Reserved for emergency response unit callout in Spirit Lake, Iowa.
•Reserved for emergency response unit callout in Estherville, Iowa.
•Complainant requested welfare check on neighbor. They usually see him a couple times a day, but have not seen him in a couple days. His car is in the garage, and the kitchen light is on, but no one has answered the door when they knock. Resident was not home.
•Complainant reported it is hazy and hard to see on 241st Street and 80th Avenue. She smelled smoke and possibly

burning tires. Deputy checked area. No sign of smoke.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on her sister who was locked out of her apartment. Subject's daughter locked her out of her apartment at approximately 5 p.m. Deputy advised subject is fine and said she was never locked out. Complainant was called and advised that she is in her apartment, and she is fine.
Nov. 17
•Complainant reported her daughter is at her house. They are having an argument, and she would like a deputy there.
•Complainant reported child neglect bordering on abuse.
•Deputies picked up a juvenile male on an apprehension and detention order from probation.
•Complainant reported the semi that parks close to the stop sign on Virginia is there again. Sometimes it's a different truck, but it's the same driver. It blocks the stop sign. He previously reported it on Nov. 14.
•Complainant reported a vehicle driving unsafe. Transferred to State Patrol.
•Complainant reported they would be out of town for a week and would like deputies to drive by and check on it.
•Reserved for narcotic information.
•Complainant reported she was staying at location with friends, and she has since left, but the people at the house will not let her get her belongings and are threatening her.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 5 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 2 funeral escorts, 3 traffic stops, 20 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 1 fingerprint request, 8 unwarranted 911 calls, 7 log/alarm sheets, 1 drug court test, 13 purchase/carry permits and 6 burn permits.

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Testing the waters



Lori Sorenson photo/1110 snowfox swim team

Snowfox Swim Team members in Luverne are (front row, from left) Samaria Mauer, Tori Hemme, Izabel Honerman, Chance Tunnissen, Mallorie Mogler, (second row) Rier Mogler, Roselynn Hartshorn, Rhiannon Bartels, Kaleb Hemme, Linkon Knorr, Aurora Nelson, Tyler Kindt, (third row) Elise Mogler, Renae DeKam, MaKenzee Mulvihill, Lucas Brockberg, Carie Merson, Mariah Knorr, (back) coaches Riley Boese, Jon Salzer and Carla VanSanten. Not pictured are Joselyn Mann and Ethan Curtis. The team practices week days in Luverne.

Local chapter of Sioux Falls Swim Team growing; new members can try two weeks free

By Lori Sorenson

The young swimming team in Luverne has a new name and a whole new group of swimmers, according to coach Carla Van Santen.

"The numbers have more than doubled," Van Santen said about the team she started nearly three years ago.

"I have two helpers, Riley Boese and Jon Salzer, and I'm thankful for them. I don't think I could handle them all alone."

The Luverne team began as a local chapter of the Snowfox Swim Team in Sioux Falls, but that program has become the Sioux Falls Swim Team and the Luverne chapter now shares the same name.

The competitive swimming program is year-round with 21 members currently ages 6 to 13 in the local program. The program is open to ages 5 to 18.

"For some of them, it's the only sport they've ever known — maybe because they haven't fit in

Families interested in joining the swim team in Luverne can contact Carla Van Santen at the pool, 449-5036, or her cell phone, 290-1333.

with other activities, like football or basketball," she said.

"I feel that swimming is a great fit for any child. Kids that are shy and reserved really seem to take to swimming, since it is such an individual effort."

She added that the sport is physically demanding. "Kids with excessive energy that need an outlet often find swimming is the answer for them to focus on."

The group she started coaching in 2014 has made measurable improvements — such as matching state times.

"I always told them they could do whatever they set their minds to, and of course to work hard," Van Santen said. "Almost

all of the swimmers now have state times or are seconds away. How rewarding is that to a coach."

She said these successes build confidence in the young athletes.

"It's amazing the improvement I have already seen," she said. "The look on their faces when they master something is priceless."

Now Van Santen looks forward to building these successes with new students, and they can test the waters with a free two-week trial period.

The group meets from 3:30 to 6:30 or from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. every night Monday through Friday, and swimmers show up as

often or as little as they choose, depending on how competitive they want to be.

"If there's a meet that they want to participate in, they can if they choose," she said. "Obviously the more you come, the more you will excel in the sport."

Van Santen has been teaching swimming lessons in Luverne for over 30 years, and she said she's glad the swim team program is attracting more interest in swimming in general.

"I love my job and I love teaching; it's so rewarding to see the smile on their face when they learn something as little as floating on their own," she said.

"I've always said with football, you learn how to kick a ball, with basketball you learn how to shoot a basket, but learning how to swim can save your life."

Families interested in joining the swim team in Luverne can contact Van Santen at the pool, 449-5036, or her cell phone, 290-1333.

CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

Jane Baker-Bosch will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Reformed Church of Steen. Greetings may be sent to her at 119 S. Main, Steen, MN 56173.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Nov. 28: Cabbage roll casserole, green beans, peaches, bread, pudding.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle

Tuesday, Nov. 29: Meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Program: 9 a.m. Board meeting. Two-buck Tuesdays sponsored by First Farmers and Merchants. Bruce Dysthe.

Wednesday, Nov. 30: Pork chop, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, scalloped apples.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Luverne Community Education will offer the following upcoming classes and activities. Call 283-4724 to register.

Hockey 101 for all ages is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the game of hockey, so that you can understand and better enjoy this fast-paced game. Fee is \$10.

Learn how to manage your risks at **Retire Wisely** on Dec. 7. Class is offered at noon and 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$5.

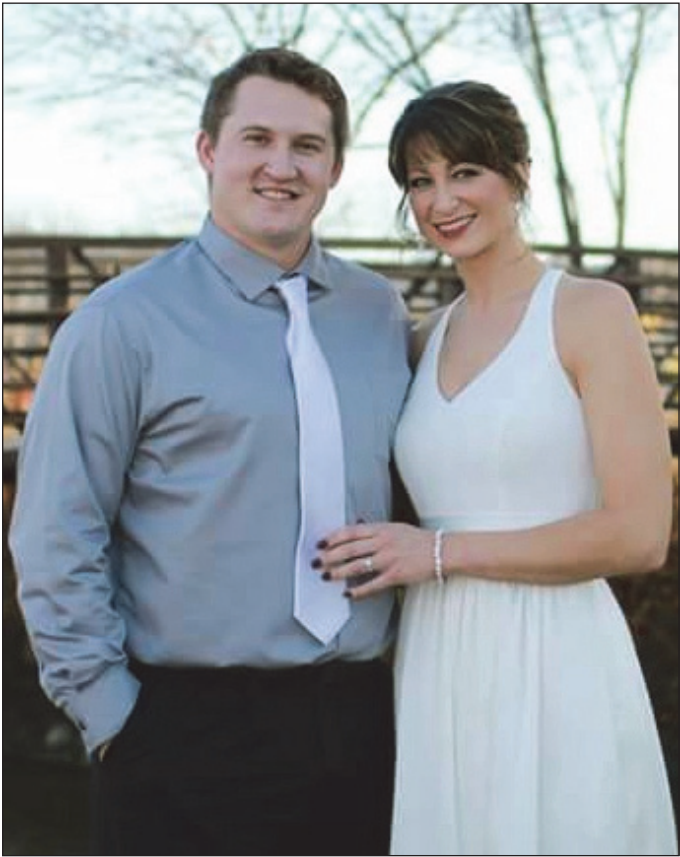
Keep your car insurance discount in effect by attending **Defensive Driving Refresher Class** on Dec. 14. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

SCHOOL NEWS

Klint Knutson, a senior majoring in biology health professions at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, is a member of the Honors Program.

The program offers gifted students opportunities such as interdisciplinary seminars on topics of current interest, honors research projects, trips to graduate schools, panel discussions about graduate education and funding for graduate school applications.

Knutson is the son of Kristi Knutson, Magnolia.



Zach and Stacey Olson

Bruns, Olson wed in Marshall

Stacey Bruns and Zach Olson were married Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in Marshall.

Parents of the bride are Dean and Deb Bruns, Marshall. Parents of the groom are Loel and Jan Olson, Luverne.

Melissa Bruns officiated

the ceremony.

Stacy graduated from Marshall High School and from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Zach graduated from Luverne High School and also from SMSU.

They live in Marshall.

1872: Naming of Rock County townships begins

The following appeared in an atlas published in 1886:

ORGANIZATION OF TOWNSHIPS

On the 10th of September, 1872, the township of Beaver Creek was organized, embracing the same territory as it does today.

November 27, 1872, a petition was presented and granted, organizing the township of Magnolia. It comprised the same territory as at the present time. The petition was signed by S. Norton, Charles Cook, F. Asleson, D. Loveland, Stewart Young, O. D. Turner, C. B. Rolph, E. N. Darling, Robert Douglas, R. Brooks, P. Phinney, W. H. Halbert, James H. Gilard, R. W. Shaw, W. Kearney, and others.

On the 12th of March, 1873, the township of Martin was organized to comprise township 101, range 46. This left the fractional strip, range 47, still a part of Clinton Township. This, however, was amended later.

January 16, 1873, township 101, range 44, was organized as a civil township, and was named "Kananarzi."

On the 10th of April, 1873, a township was created under the name of "Gregory," embracing the entire north half of



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

July 16, 1877, township 104, range 44, was organized under the name of "Riverside," but in March, 1878, the board was notified by the State Auditor that there was another township in the State of that name; Riverside was changed to "Battle Plain."

Rock County. Among those who signed the petition were the following: J. F. Shoemaker, William Ward, James Green, Jr., J. A. Rice, E. Rice, Horace Plum, O. O. Haga, Ole T. Berg, H. Ellis, Oren Gillard, H. C. Wilson, P. F. Kelley, P. A. Kelley, L. McDermott, D. McCarthy, Seth Mitchell, O. O. Guldahagen, S. Anderson, T. O. Opsata, J. F. Helm, James Kelley, J. M. Helm, Hans Egebreton, C. A. Reynolds, and others.

On the 10th of February,

1874, township 103, range 44 was organized as the civil township of "Vienna."

May 18th, 1874, township 103, ranges 46 and 47, was detached from the township of Gregory, and authority was given for its organization under the name of Albion. The name was afterward changed to Martin Township.

April 21, 1877, a petition for the organization of the township of Mound to embrace township 103, range 45, was presented. A remon-

strance was also presented against granting the same. But, after considerable discussion, the petition was granted, and authority given to hold an election.

July 16, 1877, township 104, range 44, was organized under the name of "Riverside," but in March, 1878, the board was notified by the State Auditor that there was another township in the State of that name; Riverside was changed to "Battle Plain." "Rose Dell" Township was organized August 17, 1877, comprising the same territory as at the present time.

On the 24th day of July, 1878, Dover Township was organized to comprise township 104, range 45, all that was left of the original town of Gregory. In January, 1880, the board was notified by the State Auditor that there was a township of that name in the state, and the name of "Dover" was changed to "Denver."

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.

OBITUARIES

Norma Jean Slegers

Norma Jean Slegers, 86, Hills, formerly of Tyler, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral was Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Holland Christian Reformed Church in Holland. Burial followed at Holland Cemetery.

Norma Miersma was born July 14, 1930, to Charles and Nettie (Lockhorst) Miersma in Fountain Prairie Township, Pipestone County. She was baptized that same year at Holland Christian Reformed Church in Holland and later made her profession of faith there as well. She lived near the Ruthton area for twenty years.

On March 7, 1951, she married Clarence Marvin Slegers at Holland Christian Reformed Church. The couple farmed and raised their family near Tyler. Clarence died May 4, 1975. Norma Jean continued the farming operation. She moved to the Tuff Village in Hills in 2011, and in 2013 she became a resident of Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Norma Jean was a member of the Holland Christian Reformed Church. She was



involved in Ladies Aid and taught Sunday School for approximately 60 years. She made time to pray and read her Bible every day. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, embroidering, crocheting, reading and journaling, traveling, baking and cooking. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is remembered by her children, Cherlyn (Rob) Brouwer of Luverne, Gaylin Slegers of Tyler, Narla (Dan) Top of Hills, Jake Slegers of Bratislava, Slovakia; seven grandchildren, Heath (Jessica) Brouwer, Amy (Daryl) Fuerstenberg, Jerrad (Tracee) Brouwer, Joni (Louis) Deelstra, Kamie Slegers, Kerbie (Stefanie) Slegers, Rochelle (Cody) Statema; 22 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harold (JoAnn) Miersma of Kentwood, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; her parents; a daughter-in-law, Debb Slegers, and siblings Paul Miersma, Eibert Miersma, Harriet Kas, Wilma Jenkins and Caroline Spronk.

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

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Inez Gould

Inez Christine Gould, 91, Ivanhoe, formerly of Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Luverne, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at the Minneota Manor in Minneota.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Union Memorial Church in Milford, Iowa.

Inez Nelson was born July 2, 1925, to August and Mary (Hanson) Nelson on a farm near Dickens, Iowa. She graduated from Gillett Grove Consolidated High School in 1943. She then attended Business College in Algona, Iowa, and worked for a Farmers Bank in Spencer, Iowa.

Inez married Donald Gould on Aug. 11, 1946, in Lakefield. They lived on a farm near Rock Rapids where they farmed for 18 years. They relocated near Luverne and farmed for 14 years. After they retired from farming, they moved to Ivanhoe in 1986 to manage the Prairie View Apartments. Don died on March 3, 1992, and Inez continued to manage the



apartments for 25 years.

Inez enjoyed dancing, decorating, and sewing and was known to be quite the seamstress. She also enjoyed canning, bottle collecting and collecting antique furniture, refinishing her finds. For many years Inez was an avid bowler.

She is survived by four children, Sharon Moser of Colfax, Washington, Bradley (Vicki) Gould of Ellsworth, Douglas (Deb) Gould of Newcastle, Wyoming, and Sandra Loschiavo of Fort Collins, Colorado; eight grandchildren, Roxy, Michaela, Seth, Aaron, Michael, Jerica, Nick and Kayleigh; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Elaine Manke of Coon Rapids, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Clarence, Donald, Lee and Charles Nelson; a sister, Anna; and a granddaughter, Cherith.

Funeral arrangements are through Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel of Ivanhoe, www.birkfuneralhome.com

(1123 F)

Brian Kirsch

Brian Scott "Gus" Kirsch, 61, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, after a brief battle with cancer.

A family memorial service will take place at a later date.

Brian Kirsch was born on Nov. 30, 1954, to Robert and Betty Jane (Block) Kirsch. He grew up in Hills and graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 1973.

One of Brian's most memorable experiences was a trip to Mexico in the summer following graduation to remote rural areas to teach farming techniques to the indigenous people of Mexico.

In 1975 Brian joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany and Alaska. He received an honorable discharge on May 28, 1978. He later entered the electrical lineman program at Jackson Vocational Technical School, Jackson, where he received his electrical lineman certification.

During his career as a lineman he worked with several companies that built power lines in Arizona, in the mountains of Colorado, New Hampshire, Vermont and much of the Northeastern United States. Brian also worked in



Oregon and Hawaii. Brian was most proud of his work as a rib technician the past 10 years at Dakota Cub Aircraft, Brandon, South Dakota. He was part of the team that built replacement wings for Piper Cubs ("bush" planes).

Brian was a soft spoken, quiet, caring and tender-hearted man. He loved to read and gained knowledge on many subjects. He was also a talented woodworker and carver.

Brian is survived by his stepmother, Twila Kirsch, Hills; his brother, Barry (Jane) Kirsch, Riverside, Iowa; his sisters, Barbara (Ron) Koch, Bismarck, North Dakota, Becky (John) Fallenstein, Rosarito, Mexico, Deb (Luke) Mathias, Starbuck, and Cindy Pohlman, Hills; and many nephews and nieces. Brian also had a very special place in his heart for Sisily and Paulie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Kirsch; his mother, Betty Jane Kirsch; his older brother, Robert Mark Kirsch; and aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.

Arrangements were by Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon, South Dakota, www.heartlandfunerals.com.

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Maynard Lafrenz

Maynard Randall Lafrenz, 70, Luverne, died under hospice care on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, at the Golden Living Center in Slayton.

A funeral was Friday, Nov. 18, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Maynard Lafrenz was born to Hans and Etta (Bruining) Lafrenz at the Luverne Community Hospital in Luverne. He was raised on farms in Rock County near Beaver Creek and then in Mound Township. Maynard received his education in Luverne, graduating from Luverne High School in 1963. He went to work at Luverne Oil and then at Schoon Motor. Eventually Maynard became self-employed doing auto-body restoration. He later purchased an Exhaust Pros franchise in Luverne which he operated until his retirement. Following his retirement, Maynard became more active in local government as a city councilman and



began serving his third 4-year term shortly before becoming disabled. In October 2012 he became a resident at the Lyon County Care Center in Rock Rapids, Iowa. In October 2015 Maynard became a resident at Golden Living Center in Slayton.

Maynard was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. He enjoyed car racing, watching the Minnesota Vikings and his dog, Sheeba. Most of all he enjoyed having coffee and an occasional cookie with the guys in the morning and talking about local happenings.

Maynard is survived by two siblings, Jimmie Lafrenz (special friend, Janice Larson) of Beaver Creek, and Wanda Kafka of Luverne; two nieces; two great-nieces; and eight great-great-nieces and nephews; and other friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, LaVern Kafka.

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

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Helen Perkins

Helen Maxine Perkins, 97, Pipestone, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Communities of Pipestone.

A funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 19, at Peace United Methodist Church in Pipestone. Burial followed in New Woodlawn Cemetery in Pipestone.

Helen Long was born to Samuel and Florence (Dingler) Long on Sept. 6, 1919, on a farm in Grange Township of Pipestone County. Because of a serious children's digestive illness requiring much medical attention, she started school at age seven. She attended District 16 rural school and graduated from Pipestone High School in 1938. In 1932 she was confirmed and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. After high school she attended Miss Wood's Kindergarten and Primary Training School. When she graduated in 1940, she taught kindergarten (Saturdays) and first and second grades in Adrian.

Helen married Earl Perkins on Aug. 4, 1942, in Ehrenberg, Arizona. Due to a strict "no marriage rule" in her teaching contract, they kept their marriage a secret until Christmas break in 1942. In January 1943 she joined Earl who was stationed with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Florida. She substituted taught and worked in a dime store. In September 1944 she began teaching third grade at Kissimmee, Florida. Following Earl's discharge at the end of 1945, they returned to Pipestone. In 1946 she taught first grade in Pipestone and then substituted for many years in the Pipestone schools. When Earl began Perkins Auto Clinic in 1948 and the real estate business in 1966, Helen was the bookkeeper and office manager. In the mid-1970s she became



licensed to sell real estate. Helen and Earl retired in 1978 due to Earl's health. They spent winters in Arizona and Florida. Earl preceded her in death on March 13, 1997. After his death, Helen continued to live in Pipestone, first in a condo and then at Ridgeview Estates in May 2005. In May 2016 she became a resident of the Good Samaritan Communities of Pipestone.

Helen belonged to Peace United Methodist Church in Pipestone and taught Sunday school and release-time instruction. She sang in the church choir for years. She also served as past president of the United Methodist Women, belonged to a circle, and most recently served on the Caring Committee. Helen belonged to the Sew and So Club, the Book Club, a bridge club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Golden Club, and was a member of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years. She and Earl were one of ten couples who worked to start the local KOA campground. They were members of the Horseless Carriage Club, participating in activities and parades with their 1925 Velie, 1917 Model T Ford, and a 1930 Model A Ford.

Helen enjoyed her flower gardens, especially the hybrid irises, as well as music, traveling and antiques.

She is survived by two sons, Larry (Linda) Perkins of Sarasota, Florida, and Steve (Marianne) Perkins of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; three grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother, Verne Long of Pipestone, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; her parents; and one brother, Donald Long.

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

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Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 History Parking Lot

History Center's lot takes shape

Workers with Remme Construction of Luverne move cement into place for the improved parking area at the History Center on East Main Street, Luverne, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 9. The new surface now directs water away from the building. Due to the ideal weather conditions the work was finished the following day.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

• Kenneth native Paul Vande Velde has been playing piano since the age of 5, and he's no stranger to the stage.

He plays the piano regularly at Jake's, a five-star restaurant owned by Kevin Costner in Lead, S.D., where he lives.

In the past two years, he's played for the governor of South Dakota a number of times and for Prince Albert of Monaco and his royalty this past summer.

25 years ago (1991)

• Police still have no suspects in the two Luverne break-ins early Nov. 14 at Scotty's bar on South Highway 75 and Family Drug on Main Street.

Burglaries in Adrian and Worthington that same night are probably connected, said Luverne Police Chief Keith Aanenson.

A burglar alarm was tripped shortly after 2 a.m. at Scotty's. When a Luverne police officer responded, he noticed the air conditioner had been kicked in, Aanenson said.

50 years ago (1966)

• Friends, neighbors and relatives helped with corn picking at the Dick Boeve farm on Friday, November 18. Twenty-eight men helped with the picking and six ladies helped with preparing dinner and lunch. Mr. Boeve has been in ill health and unable to attend to the farming.

Men helping included Thomas Birkeland, Norman Ver Steeg, Ervin Dreesen, Jacob Johnson, John Brands, Ervin Bergman, John Van Meeteren, and son Darrel, Pete Mulder, John Aukes, and sons Paul and Wayne, Ralph Peterson, Elmer Saarloos, Donald Utley, Randolph Smith, Herman Buysse, Henry Baker, John Kroontje, Melvin Wynia, Charley Smidstra, Sylvan Fonkert, Louis W. Cleveringa, Henry Achterhoff, Harrie J. Beek, Bernard Sandbulte, Wilber Kroontje and Egbert D. Smit.

75 years ago (1941)

• The topic of the week in Luverne since Tuesday has been the election of Dick Wildung, son of Mrs. Adalia Wildung, as captain of the 1942 University of Minnesota football team. The Luverne high school graduate, left tackle for the national and Big Ten champion Gophers, was named by secret ballot voting by the 41 lettermen on this year's "U" grid squad. ...

Wildung is regarded as a good bet for All-American honors at tackle this year, and Bernie Bierman, Gopher coach, has called him "as good a tackle as I have ever coached."

100 years ago (1916)

• Discovery that quartzite taken from the quarry of the Jasper Quarry Co., at Jasper, Minn., will take the place of silex formerly imported from Germany for tube lining in cement, mining and smelting plants, will result in the reorganization of the company, according to C. F. Lytle.

The quarry, purchased a year ago by Mr. Lytle, at present represents an investment of about \$75,000. If negotiations now under way with eastern capitalists who are familiar with rock industries are completed, a corporation with a capital of over \$1,000,000 will be formed to develop the property.



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Fiery crash blocks I-90 Nov. 15-16

By Lori Sorenson

An overturned semitrailer Tuesday night, Nov. 15, caused a fiery crash and blocked the westbound lanes of Interstate 90 east of Luverne into the wee hours Wednesday morning.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, the westbound semi driver, Ricardo Gaytan Soto, Worthington, told officials he swerved to miss a deer and lost control and overturned the rig.

The trailer was on its side, blocking both westbound lanes of I-90, when a westbound car crashed into the trailer and burst into flames.

The driver and passen-

ger of the 2010 Chevy Aveo, 48-year-old Anthony Shealey and his wife, Christina Shealey, 39, of Mountain Home, Arkansas, were wearing their seatbelts and were taken to Sanford Luverne.

He reportedly suffered nonlife-threatening injuries and she had no apparent injuries, according to the State Patrol report.

Soto, 26, was also transported to Sanford Luverne with nonlife-threatening injuries.

The crash was reported just after 10 p.m. Tuesday on dry pavement. Westbound I-90 did not reopen until about

5 a.m. Wednesday.

Traffic was detoured off the Magnolia exit and through Luverne on County Road 4 while crews worked to offload the trailer, which had been full of hardware store-type merchandise ranging from mason jars and knick-knacks to farm parts and equipment.

In addition to the Minnesota State Patrol, the Luverne Fire Department and ambulances from Rock County and Adrian responded, as did the Rock and Nobles county sheriff's offices.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation assisted with traffic control.



Emergency crews work at the scene of an overturned semitrailer that a car crashed into on Interstate 90 Nov. 15 east of Luverne. The westbound lanes of traffic were blocked until early Wednesday morning.

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map and registration form to participate in the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt.

The contest is open from Dec. 3-23, and six winners will receive \$50 Chamber gift cards.

Maps and registration forms are also available at the Luverne Chamber.

The Rock County Sno Masters event with a swap meet, membership drive and snowmobile show takes place at the Howling Dog starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

A group snowmobile ride that day will depend on the weather.

The Hinkly House will host a Christmas Open House from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, and Luverne Street Music will perform "Sounds of Christmas" at

the Historic Palace Theatre at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday evening the Blue Mound Liquor Store will again host beer and wine tasting from 5-8 p.m., and the Luverne Eagles Club will host a steak fry from 6-9 p.m.

Businesses will also be open extended hours with holiday specials for a hometown Christmas shopping experience.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, the Palace Theatre will show a free Hallmark movie, "Northpole open for Christmas," sponsored by VAST Broadband.

For more information about Winterfest events, find the full schedule at www.luvernechamber.com, or call the Chamber office at 888-283-4061.

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"It's just a goofy idea I had." – Alyce McClure



Card making is one of several volunteer activities Luverne's Alyce McClure is involved with as she proudly holds the card design she chose for Nov. 9 class.

Former schoolteacher keeps lessons coming through card-making classes

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Alyce McClure's home-made cards have developed a following among area senior citizens.

"It's just a goofy idea I had," McClure said about her volunteer project to help others make one or two greeting cards at various locations each month.

On the second Wednesday of each month, McClure leads hand-made card sessions at Luverne's Senior Center where the room is filled with witty conversations and the smell of markers and glue.

"They are a good class," McClure said about the seniors. "I don't need much discipline here."

The former schoolteacher maintains order by enforcing a few simple rules, such as putting markers back in the box and making sure the lids are closed on the glue sticks.

McClure's remedy for violators is simple: "I'll take my tools away."

To keep her classes running smoothly, McClure assembles all the paper materials needed to make one or two cards at the sessions. She also makes a finished



Joanne Maars (left) holds her version of Alyce McClure's card design next to the card designed by Kay Engelke. "I can give everyone the same design and they all will be different," McClure said. **Above right:** Janice Schei carefully colors within the lines during the Nov. 9 card-making session at the Luverne Senior Citizens Center.

product for her pupils to follow but leaves the design interpretation up to the creators.

"I can give everyone the same design and they will all be different," McClure said.

No one card-assembled design is right or wrong, nor is the choice of colors good

or bad, she added. The joy is making a card and giving the finished product to someone.

"I've gotten a few I've recognized," McClure said. All the card designs come from McClure.

While she taught rural schools near Ash Creek and

Kenneth decades ago, McClure uses today's online conveniences of Pinterest and Facebook to spark ideas.

Her efforts were appreciated by those who attended McClure's Nov. 9 card-making session in Luverne.

"They always turn out pretty," said participant

Carol DeWispelaere.

On the practical side she added, "We don't have to buy cards. They are cheap because they are free."

Not only does McClure volunteer her time and talent she also donates all the materials.

Typically two cards are

made at each of McClure's sessions that also take place in Jasper and in Hills. Class reservations are not taken and previous card-making experience is not necessary.

"They have to be able to use a pencil, scissors and a glue stick," McClure said. "And not yell at the instructor."

What can be heard are compliments on the completed cards or words of encouragement.

McClure sometimes hears comments from some who think they aren't able to take a few sheets of paper and turn them into greeting cards.

"They think they can't do it, but they can. They just have to try," McClure has observed. "We are good at helping each other."

Help, however, comes only nine months out of the year.

In January, February and March McClure won't travel outside of her Luverne home location due to her dislike of driving in wintry road conditions.

By April, after months of idea-searching, she is ready to begin classes again.

"It's keeping me going," McClure said. "I enjoy working with people."



Alyce McClure (left) helps Carol DeWispelaere finish her greeting card as a sympathy card by using an ink stamper with a heartfelt saying like the one (inset picture) "You have my heartfelt sympathy." **Right:** Alyce McClure (top right) leans her arm on the chair as she watches her card-making participants complete their assignments. Clockwise from McClure are Kay Engelke, Joanne Maars, Mary Jo Nath, Janice Schei, Judy Fick and Carol DeWispelaere.



Awards program honors local 4-H’ers, adults

“Go for Gold with 4-H” was the theme of the 2016 awards and recognition night for Rock County 4-H Nov. 5 at the Luverne Elementary Commons.

About 120 members, parents, leaders, and sponsors congratulated the recipients of a multitude of honors. Rock County 4-H gives a special thanks to all the local businesses that sponsored awards and door prizes.

New Federation Officers

The evening began with the installation of the newly elected Federation Officers.

Installed were president Moriah Flanagan; vice president Dylan Mente; treasurer Hannah Kruse; secretary Michael Kinsinger; assistant secretary/reporter Trevor Mente; youth leaders Joshua Raak and Christian Kruse; Extension committee reps Hannah Kruse and Michael Kinsinger; adult treasurer Candy Reese; adult representatives Kari Flanagan, Julie Hamann, Denise Severtson, Dawn Leenderts, Becky Ossefoort and Kory Kruse.

Ambassador recognition

The Rock County 4-H Ambassadors were the hosts of the program and were recognized for being “on-call” for the county office and for providing youth leadership to many of our county 4-H programs.

The Ambies for the past year were Ryleigh Beers, Moriah Flanagan, Adam Fodness, Caitlin Hartman, Makayla Huisman, Hannah Kruse, Michael Kinsinger, Trevor Mente, Michaela Sandbulte, Jenna Schelhaas, Andrea Severtson, Kris Severtson, Mira Uithoven, Joanna Westphal and McKenna Westphal.

Clubs receive awards

Four-H clubs were also recognized. The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors awards for Community Pride activities.

This year the Livewires Club won top honors for their activities, which included serving a free meal at the United Methodist Church, sponsoring a Haitian student, donating to the food shelf and creating and donating thank-you cards for all 4-H members to use to acknowledge award and auction sponsors.

The Magnolia Juniors Club took second place for their Community Pride project, which included participating in Trunk and Treat,

donating to Fox in Socks, donating hats and mittens to the Bishop Dudley Hospital-ity House, and various other service projects.

The 4-H clubs also compete for awards based on the activities they do as a club.

They receive points for attendance, having project meetings, the percentage of members that do demonstrations and project talks, having recreation, and so on. The first-place Active Club Award was sponsored by Pizza Ranch and went to the Magnolia Juniors. Second place was sponsored by Hometown Shopko and was awarded to the Livewires.

The club recognized for having the highest percentage of members complete their re-enrollment for the new year was Livewires.

Individual honors

Individual recognition was given to a large group of the youngest 4-H members, the Cloverbuds, who are 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade.

Receiving those awards were Klarissa Burkman, Olivia Deelstra, Jed Fagerness, Elijah Graves, Rachel Graves, Claire Knobloch, Hailey Moser, Ella Sammons, Maxwell Sammons, Talya Shanahan, Ava Steinhoff and Tryg Tollefson from BR; Teegan Anderson, Hendrik Bork, Dylan Braucht, Garret Cattnach, Fox Forrest, Nicholas Pamquist, Gabriella Porter and Franklin Uithoven from K9s; Andrew Deutsch, Joshua Honken, Levi Huisman, Makayla Oechsle and Dakotah Sina from DGG; Andrew Deutsch, Joshua Honken, Levi Huisman, Makayla Oechsle and Dakotah Sina from LW; Evan Ossefoort, Josiah Pap, Austin Sandbulte and Kailee Sandbulte from MJ; and Emma Wolf from SD.

Four-H members in their first and second years in 4-H can compete for Clover Power awards by participating in club and county activities through the year.

Recipients included Janica Oechsle and Maria Rops from LW; Dennie Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Layne Saker, Andrea Luitjens and Gretchen Jacobsma of MJ; Lanae Elbers of BR; and Gavin Johnson of WW.

4-H members also compete for awards in two age divisions. The Fantastic 15 Awards go to 15 members in grades 3-6 with the highest points for various activities

For individual award recognition, the clubs names will be abbreviated as follows: BR = Blue Ribbon Club, K9s = County K9s Club, DGG = Denver Go-getters Club, LW = Livewires Club, MJ = Magnolia Juniors Club, SD = Springdell Club, and WW = Willing Workers Club.

such as participating in club activities, attending 4-H camp, exhibiting at county fair, filling out records, and giving demonstrations. The winners received awards sponsored by the Rock County Star Herald.

The Fantastic 15 awards were presented to Lanae Elbers, Sean Elbers, Krista Burkman and Danette Leenderts of BR; Caleb Raak of DGG; Karly Kruse and Leah Kruse of LW; Nathan Kinsinger, Andrea Luitjens, Justin Mente, Janica Oechsle, Dennie Sandbulte, Lacey Saker and Layne Saker of MJ.

As 4-H members get older, they expand their involvement in 4-H to include leadership activities. The youth in grade 7 on up compete for the Fabulous 15 Awards and received awards sponsored by Exchange State Bank and Eastern Farmers Coop.

The Fab 15 included Ryleigh Beers, Gretchen Jacobsma, Michael Kinsinger, Christian Kruse, Dylan Mente, Trevor Mente and Michaela Sandbulte of MJ; Whitney Elbers of BR; Andrew Raak, Jacob Raak, Joshua Raak and Kristoffer Severtson of DGG; Hannah Kruse of LW; and Moriah Flanagan of SD.

Project achievement

Achievement awards are “once in a lifetime” awards given to 4-H members who have done significant work over many years in one project area and have shared their knowledge with others.

An achievement award in the area of Veterinary Science was sponsored by Rock Veterinary Clinic and awarded to Moriah Flanagan, member of SD and daughter of John and Kari Flanagan of rural Garretson.

Two beef achievement awards were presented and sponsored by the Sherwood Cattle Company and Rock/Nobles Cattleman’s Association.

Recipients were Dylan Mente, son of Dave and Stacy Mente of rural Adrian and Ryleigh Beers, daughter of Brad and Jane Beers, Luverne.



Submitted Photos

Officers for the 2016-17 4-H year are (front, left) secretary Michael Kinsinger, youth leader Christian Kruse, assistant secretary/treasurer Trevor Mente, (second row) president Moriah Flanagan, treasurer Hannah Kruse, (back) vice president Dylan Mente and youth leader Joshua Raak.

Top adult, member honors

The ultimate youth leader award of the evening is the outstanding youth leader award sponsored by Minnwest Bank. This year’s recipient, based on keeping 4-H a priority in her life, providing leadership to younger members and being a wonderful role model is Moriah Flanagan of the SD club.

The Friends of 4-H recognized a s an



Barb Bork

Honorary 4-H’er for spending Wednesday nights with the horse program a n d providing a positive experience for all horse participants. Also receiving the

Honorary 4-H’er award for her many years of teaching youth sewing classes was Barb Bork. Receiving the 4-H Alumni Award for their many years of giving back to 4-H through involvement in the beef program as well as throughout the entire Rock County 4-H program were Dave and Stacy Mente.

Scholarship recipients

Scholarship recipients were Ryleigh Beers, sponsored by Glen’s Food Center and Reisch Fund; and Megan Popkes, Thea Richards, Andrew Raak, Jenna Schelhaas, Adam Fodness and Mira Uithoven, sponsored by the Reisch 4-H Fund.

Ryleigh Beers also received the regional Andrea Ruesch Scholarship.

Graduating 4-H’ers

Graduating members were Miranda Fick of MJ; Andrea Severtson of DGG; Caitlin Hartman of BR; Casey Klosterbuer of Livewires; Amy Kramer of BR; and Joanna Westphal of BR.

Project achievements

Project Disk Awards were also presented. These are given in each of the project areas in 4-H based on the project records that the youth complete and submit for judging. A group of adult and youth leaders gathered in October to select the top records in each project area. Those top record winners are as follows:

Animal science projects:

Beef: Whitney Elbers, BR; Nathan Kinsinger, MJ; Hannah Kruse, LW; Justin Mente, MJ; Andrew Raak, DGG; Kris Severtson, DGG
Cat: Alexandra Hartman, BR; Danette Leenderts, BR
Dairy: Andrew Raak, DGG; Joshua Raak, DGG
Dog: Michaela Sandbulte, MJ



2016 4-H Alumni Award winners Stacy and Dave Mente

Goats: Lanae Elbers, BR; Whitney Elbers, BR
Horse: Gavin Johnson, WW; Lacey Saker, MJ; Layne Saker, MJ
Horseless Horse: Lanae Elbers, BR
Pets: Mia Wenzel, K9s; McKenna Westphal, BR
Poultry: Tory Knobloch, BR; Dylan Mente, MJ; Grace Sandbulte, MJ
Rabbit: Michaela Sandbulte, MJ
Sheep: Christian Kruse, MJ; Justin Mente, MJ; Trevor Mente, MJ
Swine: Ryleigh Beers, MJ
General project areas:
Aerospace: Christian Kruse, MJ
Child & Family Development: Gretchen Jacobsma, MJ
Citizenship: Ryleigh Beers, MJ; Josie Scholten, BR
Clothing & Textiles: Krista Burkman, BR; Gretchen Jacobsma, MJ; Hannah Kruse, LW; Karly Kruse, LW; Leah Kruse, LW; Justin Mente, MJ; Megan Popkes, LW
Communication Contest: Krista Burkman, BR
Consumer Ed: Ryleigh Beers, MJ
Crafts & Fine Arts: Krista Burkman, BR; Moriah Flanagan, SD; Elizabeth Klamm, SD; Leah Kruse, LW; Karly Kruse, LW; Allison LaRock, BR; Emily Malsom, SD; Cody Moser, BR; Jack Moser, BR; Samantha Moser, BR; Kaylie Ossefoort, MJ; Lacey Saker, MJ; Sarah Stegenga, WW
Electric: Sarah Stegenga, WW
Engineering Design: Hunter Sandbulte, MJ; Joshua Powell, SD
Exploring the Environment: Jo-Hannah Ladd, BR; Mazzi Moore, BR
Exploring Animals: Ryleigh Beers, MJ
Fishing Sports: Mazzi Moore, BR
Flower Gardening: Brianna Kinsinger, MJ; Hannah Kruse, LW
Food and Nutrition: Krista Burkman, BR; Lanae Elbers, BR; Gretchen Jacobsma, MJ; Samantha Moser, BR
Food and Preservation: Krista Burkman, BR; Candace Porter, K9
Forest Resources: Alexandra Hartman, BR
Global Connections: Andrea Luitjens, MJ

Health: Karly Kruse, LW; Sarah Stegenga, WW
Home Environment: Emily Malsom, SD
Needle Arts: Krista Burkman, BR
Performing Arts: Krista Burkman, BR
Photography: Mary-Frances Ladd, BR; Dylan Mente, MJ; Kaylie Ossefoort, MJ; Candace Porter, K9s; Joshua Powell, SD; Lacey Saker, MJ; Michaela Sandbulte, MJ; McKenna Westphal, BR
Quilting: Ryleigh Beers, MJ; Krista Burkman, BR; Aisha Porter, K9
Self-Determined: Elizabeth Klamm, SD
Shooting Sports/Wildlife: Sean Elbers, BR; Whitney Elbers, BR
Shop/Wood Science: Burke Johnson, K9s; Gretchen Jacobsma, MJ; Austin Ossefoort, MJ; Andrew Raak, DGG
Vet Science: Ryleigh Beers, MJ; Moriah Flanagan, SD; Dylan Mente, MJ
Video: Ryker Johnson, K9s
Youth Leadership: Ryleigh Beers, MJ

Adult recognition

A number of adult volunteers were honored for their years of service and contributions to Rock County 4-H.

Receiving recognition were Gary Overgaard, 40 years; Wayne Brands, Beth Kalass, and Nancy Sandager, 20 years; Hope and Lowell Schellhass, Anne and Craig Stegenga, Harlen Stueven, and Theresa Raak, 15 years; Carrie and Peter Bakken, Maggie and Tim Fick, Mary Flanagan, Gwen Homer, Dave and Dawn Leenderts, Dave and Stacy Mente, and Casey and Lee Westphal, 10 years; Erin deKoning, Kurt and Lanette Elbers, Patrick Flanagan, Dan and Marie LaRock, Kraig and Kristi Scholten, Kris VanDerBrink and Gayle Wenzel, 5 years.

Club Leaders were also recognized. They are Dawn Leenderts from Blue Ribbon, Judy Chesley from County K9s, Denise Severtson from Denver Go-Getters, Michelle Kruse of Livewires, Angie Sandbulte from Magnolia Juniors, John Flanagan from Springdell, and Andrea Johnson from Willing Workers.

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Seven members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club competed at the 35th annual Midwest Open Tae Kwon Do Championships Nov. 5 in Tea, South Dakota. They are (front row, from left) Aaron Kindt, Bode Krueger, Elliott Morris, (back) Tahliya Krueger, Josie Scholten and Rylee Anderson. Missing is Jerzey Hood.

Club members compete at South Dakota event

By John Rittenhouse

Seven members of the Luverne Tae Kwon Do Club found success at the 35th annual Midwest Open Tae Kwon Do Championships stage Nov. 5 in Tea, South Dakota.

The local athletes won a combined three event championships, and every local entry placed in at least one event.

Jerzey Hood had a strong showing by winning both the forms and sparring titles in his division.

Aaron Kindt also claimed a sparring title.

Josie Scholten placed second in both sparring and forms, while Tahliya Krueger finished second in sparring and third in forms.

Bode Krueger (second in sparring and fourth in forms) and Elliott Morris (third in sparring and fifth in forms) placed in two events each, while Rylee Anderson placed second in sparring.

FINAL FALL STANDINGS

South Central District White Division football

JCC	7-0
RWV	6-1
BEA	5-2
Luverne	4-3
Pipestone	3-4
Windom	2-5
St. James	1-6
MCW	0-7

G-H-EC-T	2-6
HL-O	1-7
Nicollet	1-7

BSC West volleyball

Windom	5-1
JCC	5-1
Marshall	5-1
Worthington	2-4
Pipestone	2-4
Luverne	1-5
RWV	1-5

BSC West tennis

St. James	5-0
Luverne	3-2
Pipestone	3-2
Worthington	2-3
Marshall	1-4
RWV	0-5

RRC volleyball

H-BC	10-0
W-WG	8-2
SWC	8-2
RRC	7-3
HL-O	6-4
MCC	6-4
Edgerton	4-6
MLA	2-8
Fulda	2-8
Adrian	2-8
Ellsworth	0-10

South District

West Division football

Cleveland	8-0
E-E	7-1
H-BC	6-2
MLA	5-3
Fulda	4-4
Madelia	3-5
W-WG	3-5

Patriots rake in postseason football honors

By John Rittenhouse

Six members of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School football team collected postseason honors last week.

Four Patriots made the 2016 South District Western Division All-District Football Team and two more H-BC players received honorable mention selections.

Senior Isaiah Vis, one of four All-District selections, also was named the SDWD Back of the Year.

Senior Zach Scholten, junior Trenton Bass and sophomore Garrett Raymon join Vis on the All-District list.

Seniors Jed Burgers and Logan Leuthold landed honorable mention recognition.

District champion Cleveland and runner-up Edgerton-Ellsworth landed five All-District selections each.

Senior Jaiden Zishka, Josh Baker and Nick Douglas and juniors Carter Kopet and Austin Plonsky represent the Clippers on the roster, who were led by Coaches of the Year Kyle Atherton and Erik Hermanson.

Making the squad from E-E are seniors Blake Van Dyke and Mason Sluis and juniors Trey Gilbertson, Jaiden Bloemendaal and Landon Buckridge.

Gilbertson was named the Lineman of the Year and Van Dyke was named the Defen-



John Rittenhouse photo/1123 hbc fb

Six members of the Hills-Beaver Creek football program received postseason honors last week. Isaiah Vis (front, right), Zach Scholten (back, middle), Garrett Raymon (back, right) and Trenton Bass (back, left) made the 2016 South District Western Division All-District Team. Jed Burgers (front, middle) and Logan Leuthold (front, left) received honorable mention.

sive Player of the Year.

Mountain Lake Area matched H-BC by securing four All-District picks.

Seniors Levi Stoesz, Jacob Suess, Junior Garcia and Jacob Wahdan represent the Wolverines.

Fulda, Madelia and Westbrook-Walnut Grove placed three players each on the All-District squad.

Seniors Brandon Everett, Jon Gehl and Justin Dierks made the team from Fulda, while juniors Anthony Ross and Kyle Kuehl and sopho-

more Andrew Quadegrace the list from W-WG.

Seniors Matt Baumgartner and Jordan Osborne and sophomore Angel Samora cracked the list for Madelia.

Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman senior Mitchell Scheff and junior Derek Shoen, Nicollet senior Elijah Northquest and Heron Lake-Okabena senior Kurt Obermoller round out the All-District squad.

Other players receiving honorable mention include Cleveland senior Gavin Wenker and

junior Carter Brink, E-E senior Bailey Fey and juniors Nick Paulsen and Mitch Schaap, MLA junior Kris Menken and sophomore Drake Harder, Fulda senior Ben White and junior Dalton Slinger, Madelia senior Tyler Corbett and sophomore Josh Sletta, W-WG seniors Matt Kleven and Jack Jorgenson, G-H-EC-T juniors Parker Stevens and Quinton Greier, Nicollet juniors Travis Selby and Ean Thomsen and HL-O senior Hunter Zins and sophomore Andrew Madsen.

Eight Dragons receive awards from district officials

By John Rittenhouse

Eight members of the Adrian High School football program collected postseason honors last week.

Four Dragons were named to the 2016 All-Southwest District West-Sub District Football Team, two other AHS players drew honorable mention and two more Adrian athletes were named to the district's all-academic football roster.

Making the All-District squad include seniors Zach Bierman, Zach Loosbrock, Frank Serrao and Mitchell Wagner.

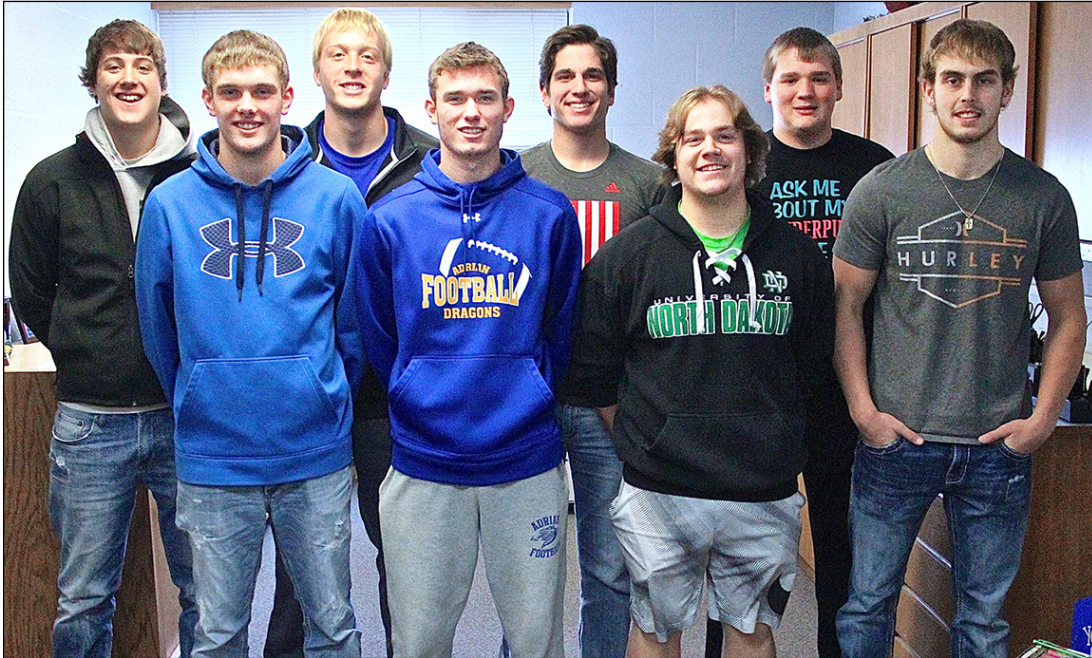
Senior Dylan Gyberg and junior Nick Harder drew honorable mention recognition, while senior Mitchell Lonneman and junior Skylar Polzine made the all-academic squad.

Division champion Minneota secured six all-district selections.

Seniors Alec Bueltel, Tanner Differding, Brendan Reiss and Everett Van Hecke and juniors Isaac Hennen and Alex Pohlen are the Vikings on the squad.

Lakeview and Dawson-Boyd landed five all-district selections.

Seniors Trenton Bahn, Isaac Loe, Seth Plotz, Jake Werner and Jake Wymer represent the Lakers, while senior Eli Weber, juniors Austin Schmitt and Alex Swenson and sophomores Bentley Boike and Colton Husby are the Black-



John Rittenhouse photo/1123 ahs fb

Eight members of the AHS football team drew postseason honors from Southwest District West Sub-District coaches. They are (front row, from left) Zach Bierman, Frank Serrao, Nick Harder, Dylan Gyberg, (back) Mitchell Wagner, Mitchell Lonneman, Zach Loosbrock and Skylar Polzine.

jacks on the list.

Murray County Central and Canby matched Adrian by securing four all-district selections.

Seniors Nick Anthony, Adam Durfee, Andrew Hansen and Justin Merritt represent Canby, while seniors Cole Bassett, Matt McNab and Mason Whitehead and junior Zach Aanenson grace the list from MCC.

Lac qui Parle Valley and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton place three players each on the team.

Seniors Cole Bungarden and Colton Struxness and junior Peyton Mortenson made the squad for LQPV, while senior Jayden Strand and juniors Jake Fischer and Westin Kirk cracked the roster for R-T-R.

Ortonville senior Nate Treinen and sophomore Tyson Powell and Tracy-Milroy-Balaton senior Spencer Smith and junior Moses Dolan round out the all-district squad.

Other players drawing honorable mention include Minneota senior Blake Nelson

and sophomore Tom Hennen, Lakeview senior Coltan Varpness and junior Austin Kosen, D-B senior Dylan Palmer and junior Tyler Franzky, MCC seniors Kellan Johnson and Pat Platt, Canby seniors Sawyer Hansen and Noah Scott, LQPV juniors Clayton Beck and Evan Benson, R-T-R juniors Jonah Hohnson and Evan Swanson, Ortonville senior Tyler Ruby and junior Nathan Strong and T-M-B seniors Riley Danielson and Bronson Pond.

Jaxon Nelson is adjusting to playing hockey at higher level

All things considered, Jaxon Nelson is adjusting well to his new life.



It's not easy for a 16-year-old to make the jump from high school to Tier 1 Junior Hockey, and Nelson knew it wouldn't be when he decided to join the Sioux Falls Stampede last spring.

The former Luverne High School standout knew there would be a learning curve that goes along with making the transition from being a big fish in a small pond to becoming one of the youngest players in the United States Hockey League.

Playing at a new level of hockey has challenged Nelson in many ways, but that's what he expected

when he decided to skate for the Stampede.

"I was expecting it to be hard (playing junior hockey), so it's been like I expected it would be," Nelson said last week.

"It's been a lot of fun getting to meet new players and having fun with them in the locker room. The difference is there are no bad goalies and players. Everyone is pretty good and that makes playing hockey more fun."

Playing hockey has always come easy for Nelson, especially during high school career at LHS.

Nelson ranked among Luverne's top point producers as an eighth-grader and a freshman, and he reached new heights as a sophomore when he led the entire state in points (113) and goals (70).

I have no doubt Nelson would have led the state in those statistical categories again if he had decided to play hockey at LHS this winter. But I also understand why he decided to forego his junior season in high school.

A player of his caliber needs to be challenged more on a consistent ba-

sis, and honing his skills in the USHL will help Nelson when he joins the University of Minnesota program two years down the road.

"I think there are five other guys in this league who are the same age as I am, and it has been a tough adjustment to make," he said.

"All of our practices are more up-tempo with a faster pace than they were in high school, so you have to be ready to work hard every day. Now that the season is in full swing, I'm starting to get used to it. I've been learning some-

thing new and developing every day, and I've been having fun doing it."

One of the toughest challenges Nelson has faced is adjusting to a new schedule.

He still takes his classes at LHS until 11:50 a.m. before traveling to Sioux Falls for 1:45 p.m. practices Monday through Friday, which include weight-training sessions following practice on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Traveling four or more hours to play road games in arenas that can be tough for the visiting teams to

play in is another challenge Nelson is coming to grips with.

Ultimately, it will be meeting those types of challenges that should lead to more production on the ice for a guy who scored points in bundles as a high school player.

Nelson has recorded six points (three goals and three assists) during 14 games as a member of the Stampede, but expect those numbers to increase on a more consistent basis as the season progresses.

After all, Nelson still is adjusting to the learning curve that goes along with making the jump from high school to junior hockey.

With a little more exposure to the style of play in the USHL, I have no doubt Jaxon Nelson will start scoring points in bundles once again.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Star Herald CHURCH

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Friday, Nov. 25: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, Nov. 26: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Nov. 27: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Catherine with Sunday School and 6 p.m. LCF. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Monday, Nov. 28: 7 p.m. Divorce Recovery. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 4 p.m. Mass at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. RCIA.

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, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Nov. 28: 9 a.m. PERK UP at Edgerton. 7 p.m. Friendship Class. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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, Nov. 24: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Noon decorate church for Christmas. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 1: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 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
Friday, Nov. 25: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Nov. 26: 9 a.m. Decorate sanctuary. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Nov. 27: 8:15 a.m. Worship and Radio Broadcast. 9:30 a.m. Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. Monday, Nov. 28: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes Rehearsal. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Assemble Grace Notes; Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 pm. Communion at Veterans Home. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth meal. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir; Grades 6-9 Confirmation.

Bethany Lutheran Church
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pastorpalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 3:45 p.m. Catechism class. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. 7:45 p.m. Catechism class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Friday, Nov. 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bile Study. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Noon Commons reserved. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify praise team. 8:15 p.m. Choir.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Saturday, Nov. 26: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. No A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Nov. 28: 10 a.m. Sanctuary Care meeting. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 9 a.m. Messenger Fold Team. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 6 p.m. Meal for F.U.E.L. and Confirmation families. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, Dec. 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Nov. 28: 9 a.m. Quilters. 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells; Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Budget.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
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Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF

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, Nov. 24: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day worship with communion. Friday, Nov. 25: 6 p.m. Decorate church for Advent and Christmas. Saturday, Nov. 26: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion; Installation of officers. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; Installation of officers. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Worship. 6:40 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. Catechism/KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Youth Board.

Living Rock Church
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Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
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Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, Nov. 24: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service. 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 25: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. 11:30 a.m. Congregational voters' meeting. Monday, Nov. 28: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 7 p.m. Advent Worship. Thursday, Dec. 1: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Nov. 27: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

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, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia; G1.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Nov. 27: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Nov. 29: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Nov. 30: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Grades 8-9 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Group.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Spiritual Sidewalk Salt

I hope this article finds you free from bumps, bruises or broken bones. I just visited with someone who slipped on the ice and fell face forward, bumping her head on the sidewalk.

The winter season certainly makes walking a potentially dangerous experience. Now you might say, "Hey Mike, you're kind of becoming a sissy aren't you? What's the big deal about walking on ice?"

Well, I used to think that, too, until a few years ago when I stepped outside of a friend's house onto a patch of ice, which was hidden under some freshly fallen snow. Before I even knew what happened, I was lying on my back with severe pain in my shoulder.

I wasn't sure what happened, but I knew it wasn't good. I couldn't lift, or even move my arm, other than a few inches. A few days later I discovered I had cracked my shoulder blade.

Like walking on ice, my spiritual journey is also a potentially dangerous experience.

For one thing, I have this fleshly desire to want to see what some slippery surfaces are like — it's called temptation. And then in addition to my own foolishness and carelessness, the Devil is always looking for ways to trip me up as well. He loves to lure me out onto that which is potentially hazardous, and then when I fall to temptation, he just laughs while I suffer the painful consequences. I don't know about you, but I've suffered enough painful consequences of thinking I can handle playing around on slippery surfaces.

There are so many "icy traps" to look out for, but the good news for us is that there is "spiritual sidewalk salt" available.

First of all, life is full of people who would like to knock us off our feet and yet God is always ready in our time of need to keep us from

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Mike Altena, pastor
American Reformed Church., Luverne

slipping. Psalm 94:18 says, "When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O Lord, supported me."

Or when the enemy of envy begins tempting you to think that God blesses others more than you, and you begin slipping into the ruin of self pity, God reaches his hand out to hold you steady and to guide you through such foolish thinking (Psalm 73).

Psalm 66 is also a great reminder that God "has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping." Oh yes, there may have been those times when he lets us fall, but by his great mercy, he is always protecting us from ourselves and from the Devil.

One thing you and I can be sure of on our life's journey: we will regularly face situations that are very slippery and potentially hazardous to our spiritual wellbeing, but thank God for those cleated shoes that we can put on.

Proverbs 3:21 says that you and I must preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you ... Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.

"Now to him who is able to keep you and me from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more! Amen." (Jude 24-25).

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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.
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set for Jan. 9

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 3, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$97,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Ben Steensma and Larae Steensma, spouses married to each other
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1000312-0001222600-4
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 4, 2014, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 184931
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 4 in Block 6 in Tri-State Addition to the City of Luverne
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 Traveling Hail Circle, Luverne, MN 56156
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-1396-000
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$87,650.31
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: January 9, 2017, 10:00am
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City of Luverne public
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Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Tax Levy
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Administrator of the City of Luverne that a Budget Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.
All persons wishing to be heard should be present at the hearing or present written comments previous to the hearing to the City Administrator. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

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