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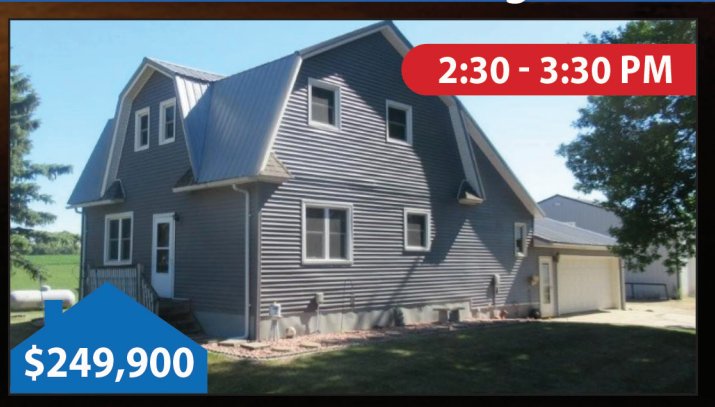
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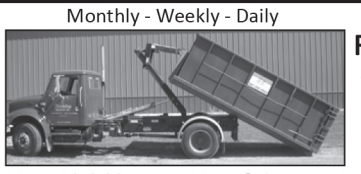
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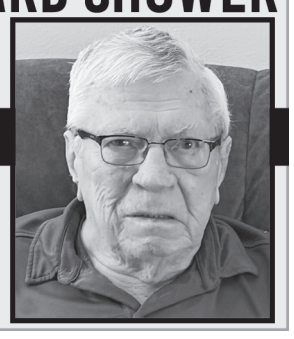
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VOTE 2026

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Rock County STAR HERALD

‘Notes of Gratitude’ set for Nov. 1

Event supports Luverne Street Music, Generations; get tickets by Oct. 28

By Lori Sorenson

More than 80 performers with eight different musical groups will share their talents for a cause on Nov. 1 in Luverne.

“Notes of Gratitude,” will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Generations Event Center where Bluestem Catering will serve cake (including a gluten-free option).

“There are so many people so excited to be performing for this,” said Luverne Street Music co-founder LaDonna Iveland, one of the event organizers. “And they’re not all from Luverne Street Music; many are community members sharing their talents.”

She co-organized the event with Barb Antoine, Corrine Bonnema, Jesse Booker and Kim and Maggie Schmidt.

Notes of Gratitude is similar to the 2025 “Carols and Cakes” fundraiser that featured musical groups and master of ceremony Brenda Winter, who returns to the mic this year.

The deadline to purchase $20 tickets for Notes of Gratitude is Wednesday, Oct. 28. They must be purchased in advance at the Palace Box Office on Main Street. Call 507-283-4339.

Proceeds support two local non-profit organizations, Luverne Street Music and Generations.

Generations is the non-profit organization serving senior citizens in Luverne and Rock County.

Luverne Street Music started 13 years ago when Iveland was driving her three granddaughters to Sioux Falls for violin lessons.

Read the full story in the October 22 Rock County Star Herald or online at star-herald.com.



Lori Sorenson photo/1022 notes of gratitude

More than 80 musicians will perform as members of eight different musical groups in the Nov. 1 Notes of Gratitude event at Generations Event Center in Luverne. A few of them gathered Monday at the Carnegie Cultural Center, which houses Luverne Street Music. They include (front, from left) Corrine Bonnema, Martha Nowatzki, Terri Ebert, Esmiralda Hernandez, Sara Stratton, Nicole Luethje, (second row) Jim Roberts, Amy Jo Roberts, Priscilla Swenson, Susan Schneekloth, Brenda Winter, Fraya Webster, Katie Walgrave, (third row) RaVae Benson, LaDonna Iveland, Melva Schwiedop, Rhonna Jarchow, (fourth row) Ruth Stoakes, Maggie Schmidt, (back) Janice Nelson, Linda Iverson, Barb Antoine and Jesse Booker.

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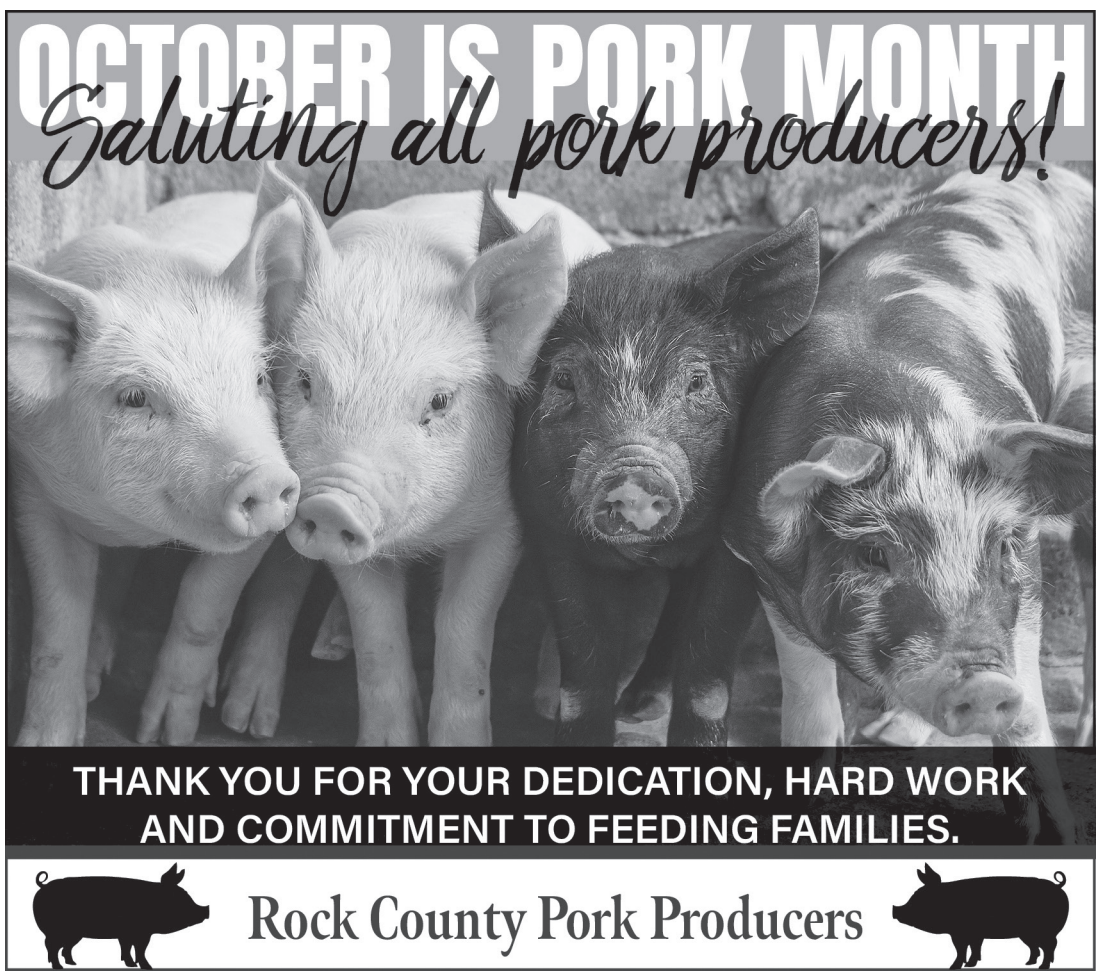
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Community Events

Meetings

Vienna Township Board will NOT meet in October. Next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Rock County Library Board will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the library. This meeting is open to all.

Al-Anon group for friends and family of alcoholics will meet each Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the library at United Methodist Church in Luverne. Use the back northwest door for entrance.

Cookies and Conversation open house Oct. 27

The Luverne Area Chamber will host Cookies and Conversation at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Luverne Loop Trailhead - 601 E. Main Street. It's an open house for casual conversation with your city officials. Stop down and visit with city officials at this event and take this opportunity to ask questions, stay informed, speak up and get connected with city leadership.

UMC hosts community meal Oct. 28

The United Methodist Church will host its free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the church fellowship hall in Luverne. All are welcome. A pick-up option is available. Call 507-283-4529.

Trick or treating at Good Samaritan in Luverne Oct. 30

Come to Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home and Poplar Creek for some trick-or-treating from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. All children are welcome to attend. For more information call 507-283-2375.

Say Boo to Hunger Oct. 30 at Trunk or Treat event

Bring a non-perishable food item to the Presbyterian Church's "Say Boo to Hunger" trunk during the Luverne Trunk or Treat event from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in the Luverne Elementary School bus parking lot. The collection vehicle will be parked in the school admin lot, so it will be easy for people to drive by the drop-off. They'll even get a piece of candy! All donations will be delivered to the food shelf. Financial donations can be made to the Rock County Community Foundation – Food Shelf.

Herb Happenings to sponsor free movie Oct. 30

Herb Happenings will sponsor the showing of Ghostbusters at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Palace Theatre. Special guests will be the Sioux Empire Ghostbusters and will make an appearance at 6 p.m. for photos and fun prior to the show! All ages are welcome - one free popcorn and one free drink for all attendees.

Hardwick Fire Dept. will host Trunk or Treat Oct. 31

The Hardwick Fire Department will be hosting their second annual Trunk or Treat from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in front of the Hardwick fire hall. Join for a spooktacular good time!

Notes of Gratitude event Nov. 1

More than 80 performers will share their talents for a cause at Notes of Gratitude at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Generations Event Center. Bluestem Catering will serve cake, with a gluten-free option available. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased through the Palace Theatre Box Office by calling 283-4339. The deadline to purchase is Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Palisade Lutheran Church Harvest Fest Nov. 1

Palisade Lutheran Church in Garretson will be having their Harvest Fest with a basket and bucket drawing from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1. Barbecues, salads, chips and homemade bars will be served - freewill donation. Purchase of a $1 ticket will give you one chance to win a gift basket or bucket. You do not have to be present to win.

Ellsworth Zion Presbyterian Church soup and pie supper Nov. 1

Zion Presbyterian Church of Ellsworth will have their soup and pie supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1. Soups, sandwiches, assorted pies, desserts and beverages will be served - free will donation. There will be raffle items for adults and kids. Bring your family and friends for a great time!

Nutrition for Seniors Nov. 5

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 & older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, as a drive-thru distribution in the parking lot off Maple St., at ACE office location on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required. Please call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

One Warm Coat donations needed!

Please consider donating new or used coats and cold weather accessories. Items may be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School commons for the month of October or at 512 W. Edgehill Street in Luverne. Donations must be new or clean and gently used for both genders and all ages, infant to adult. The coat distribution will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 5 and from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 7 at Luverne Atlas, 101 W. Maple Street, Luverne.

Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick hosts soup supper

Zion Lutheran Church of Hardwick will host its fall soup supper beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. Several homemade soups will be available and will be served until gone. Homemade pies and desserts will also be served. The theme is "Celebrating Our Freedoms," with an opportunity to thank and honor veterans. Free will offerings will be accepted and support is provided by the Thrivent Action Team.

Adrian Veterans Day program Nov. 11

Adrian National Honor Society will be hosting a Veterans Day program at 9:30 a.m. in the Adrian High School gymnasium. Music by the Adrian Elementary School, Adrian MS/HS choir and band and Colors and Presentation of Flags by the Adrian and Lismore Legions. A free breakfast will be served from 7:45 to 8:45 for all vets and their spouses. Guest speaker will be Lon Brinhous.

Hardwick Veterans Day banquet Nov. 11

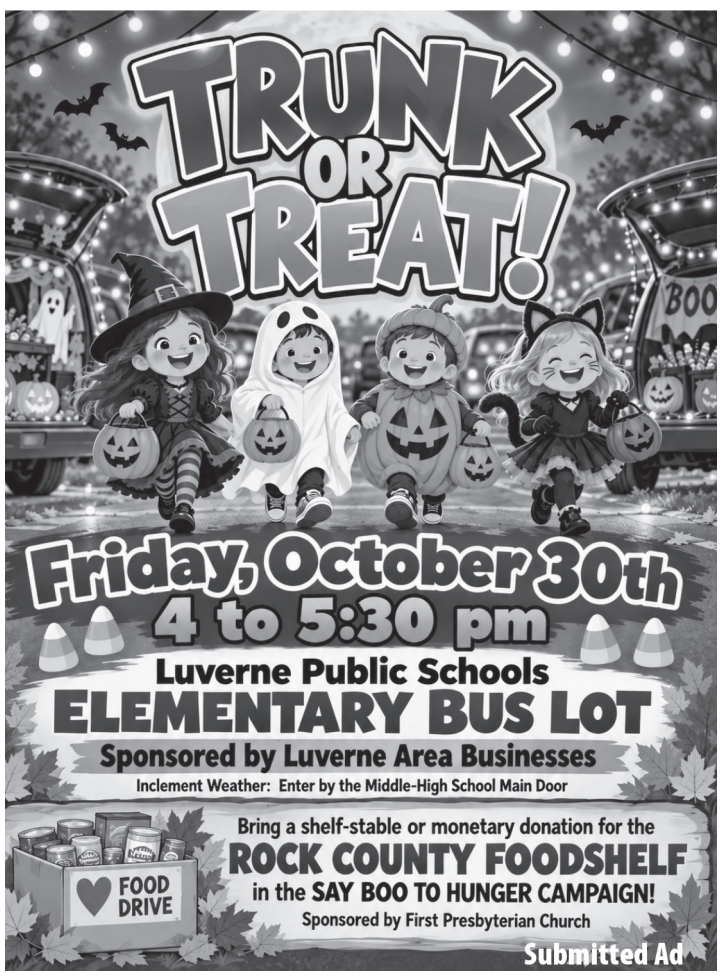
Hardwick will host a Veterans Day banquet Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Community Hall in Hardwick. Social hour will be at 6 p.m. with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Jason Williamson, retired Navy captain pilot. Special patriotic music by Madi Oye Christiansen. Open to the public. Sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion.

S.H.A.R.E. announcement

The Rock County S.H.A.R.E. program will distribute groceries, clothing, hygiene products, socks, underwear, and toys to Rock County residents in need from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the American Reformed Church (304 North Fairway Drive).

Those wishing to receive from the program must **apply by Wednesday, Nov. 18**. Applications are available at Sunshine, the Library, Southwest Health and Human Services, the laundromat, Redeemed Remnants, Sassy Seconds and ATLAS. Note: S.H.A.R.E. will not accept donations of used items. **Financial donations can be sent to S.H.A.R.E.** (PO Box 792, Luverne) or the Rock County Community Foundation (PO Box 623 Luverne), which accept funds on behalf of S.H.A.R.E. For more information call Amy at 507-227-6944 or Monica at 507-820-1100.

Dining & Entertainment





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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
4:00PM - 7:00PM
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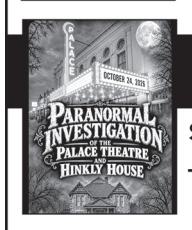
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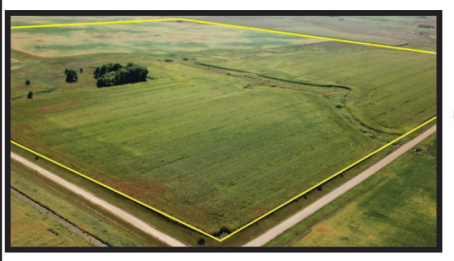
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LAND AUCTION
147.60 DEEDED ACRES
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ROCK COUNTY, MN
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026
10:00 A.M.
AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CIDERY PARKING LOT IN BEAVER CREEK, MN

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
SE 1/4 (excluding 12.40 acre tract) in Section 27, Springwater Township, Rock County, MN

TOTAL ACRES
147.60 w/ 143.20 Tillable Acres

FSA INFO
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
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