



## Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

- Seat 1 Brian Budenski, Chair  
952-292-6028, term thru 3/17
- Seat 2 Cory Behrendt, Vice Chair  
952-985-5411, term thru 3/17
- Seat 3 Carrie Jennings  
952-469-4976, term thru 3/18
- Seat 5 Kenny Miller  
952-469-4803, term thru 3/16
- Seat 4 Dan Rogers  
952-469-3739, term thru 3/18

## Eureka Planning Commission

Meets monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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952-469-3513, term thru 4/16
- Philip (Phil) Cleminson  
952-985-7240, term thru 4/17
- Fritz Frana  
952-469-3576, term thru 4/17
- Donovan Palmquist  
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- Nancy Sauber  
952-469-5146, term thru 4/18

## Township Contact

- Clerk** – Mira Broyles  
**Deputy Clerk** – Cheryl Murphy  
**Treasurer** – Marcia Wilson  
952-469-3736, Fax 952-469-5525

## Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Address:** 25043 Cedar Ave. S.,  
Farmington, MN 55024

**Drop Box** – Items may be placed in locked drop box near the Town Hall front door.

**E-mail:** [clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us](mailto:clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us)

**Website:** <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

**Phone:** 952-469-3736

## Township Roads:

Dan Rogers 952-985-5411,  
Brian Budenski 952-292-6028

**Building Officials:** 952-469-3736

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**Official Notices** - posted on the bulletin board on the south (parking lot) side of the Town Hall and published in Sun ThisWeek and Dakota County Tribune newspapers.

**Editor:** Jody Arman-Jones, 651-463-2876  
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## 2015 Minnesota Noxious and Invasive Weed Program

Minnesota's Noxious Weed law "(MN Statutes 18.75-18.91) defines a noxious weed as an annual, biennial or perennial plant that the Commissioner of Agriculture designates injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, livestock, crops, or other property. The purpose of the law is to protect residents of the State... There are 29 plant species regulated as noxious weeds in Minnesota" needing to be eradicated or controlled on public and private lands, and cannot be transported without a permit.

**Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture** - 651-201-6000, 1-800-967-2474,

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol>

**Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources** (651) 296-6157

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/index.html>

**Noxious Weed Booklet - Minnesota Dept. of Transportation** –

651-296-3000, 1-800-657-3774

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf>



### Caution! Now Blooming in Eureka!

When the sap of **wild parsnips** comes in contact with humans in the presence of UV light (present on sunny days or cloudy ones) it can cause a rash, blistering, discoloration of the skin, and blindness. The plant is similar in appearance to the dill plant or Queen Anne's Lace, with yellow flowerettes. This year there is a bumper crop of wild parsnips in the Township.

## Solar Energy Moratorium Implemented

Eureka Township has received an inquiry regarding placing a solar "farm" or "garden" in the Township. Solar installation currently requires a conditional use permit, but was designed for residential use rather than large scale commercial uses. At the June 2015 meeting, upon recommendation of the township attorney, the Town Board voted unanimously to impose a six-month moratorium on commercial solar energy projects, in order to allow research regarding conditions to be applied within a conditional use permit. The Planning Commission is tasked with doing the research.

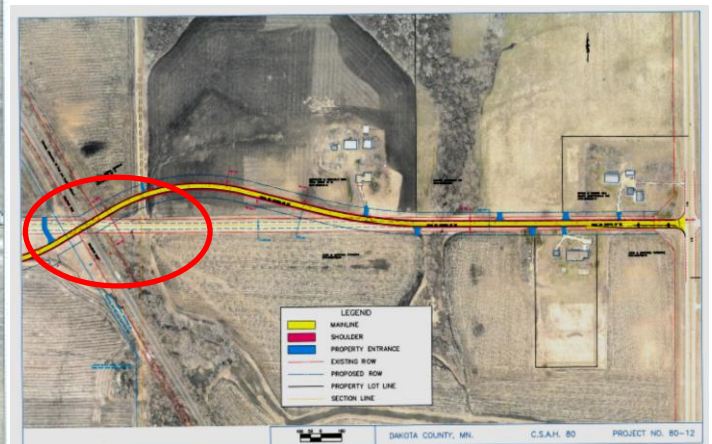
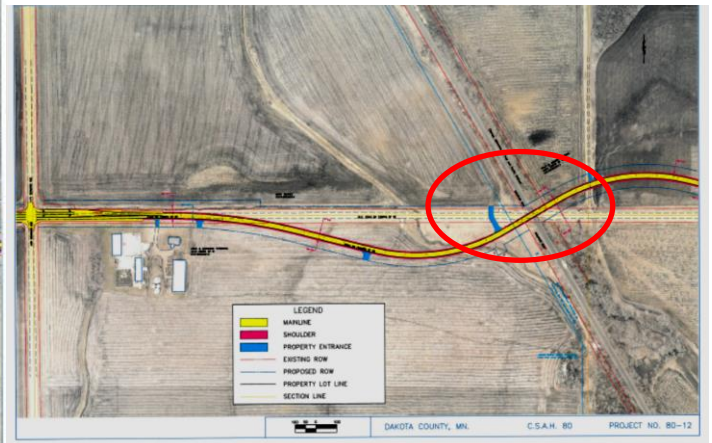
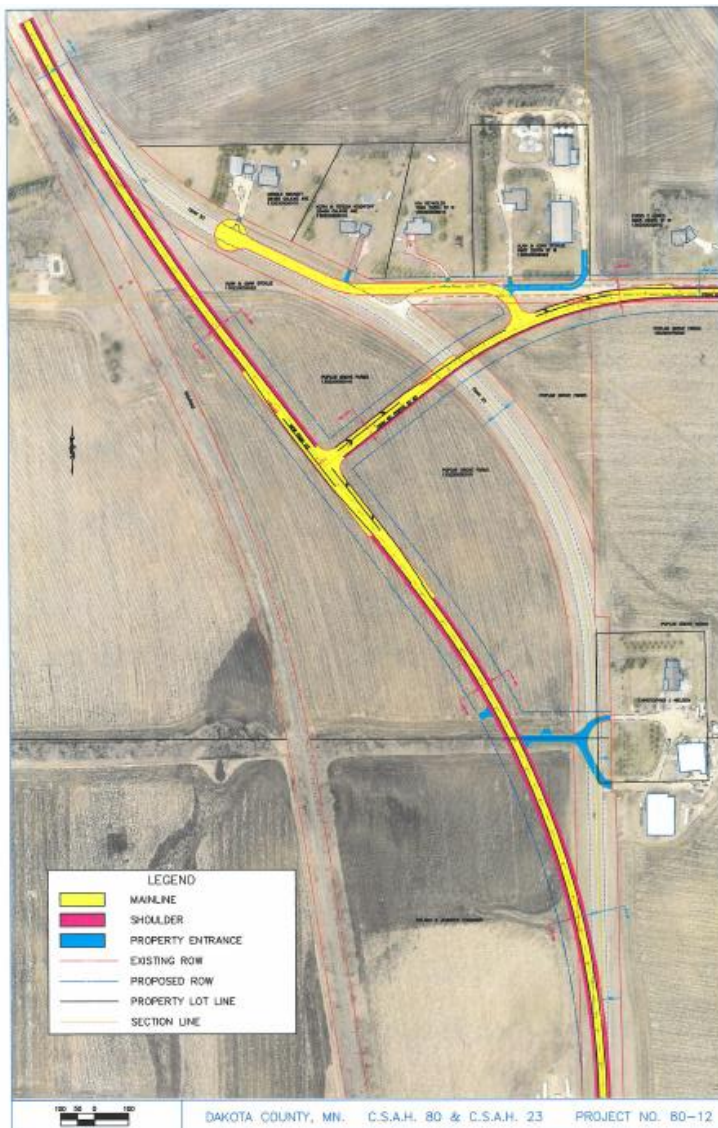
# Proposed Realignment of County Road 23/Cedar Ave. in 2016

Dakota County is proposing significant changes to the area around the intersection of County Road 23 (Cedar Ave./Gambier Blvd.) and County Road 80 (255<sup>th</sup> St. West), including moving County Road 23 west toward the railroad tracks in order to “flatten the CR 23 curves,” and constructing a frontage road on the east side to redirect driveways off of County Road 23 (Cedar Ave./Gambier Blvd.). According to Design Engineer, Tom Anton, “New County highway easements need to be acquired, but there will also be opportunities for releasing current County easements to underlying property owners.”

## Open House Thursday, July 30, 2015, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Eureka Town Hall

The remainder of the project is to expand County Road 80 to two 12-foot wide paved lanes of traffic with paved shoulders, bypass and/or turn lanes at intersections and to extend the road right-of-way. The project includes remodeling or replacing the railroad bridge just east of Denmark Ave. and is expected to begin and be completed in 2016.

Contact Tom Anton at [Tom.Anton@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Tom.Anton@co.dakota.mn.us) or 952-891-7120



Above, circled in **red**, is the railroad bridge just east of Denmark Ave. on 255<sup>th</sup> St. West (County Road 80). The **yellow** line is the proposed realignment of County Road 80.

The proposed intersection of Cedar Ave. (Gambier Blvd./ County Road 23) at 255<sup>th</sup> St. West (County Road 80).



## Road Construction Update

**Dodd Boulevard** - Dakota County Road 9 (Dodd Boulevard) work continues, with Dodd Blvd. closed to thru traffic from 259<sup>th</sup> to just south of County Road 70. For July 17 – 25, the following schedule is planned:

235<sup>th</sup> – 257<sup>th</sup> Streets – Seeding of some areas disturbed by construction.

235<sup>th</sup> St. to Aggregate Products Driveway – Private utilities are relocating their facilities.

Aggregate Products Driveway to 225<sup>th</sup> St. - Private utilities are relocating their facilities, installing pipe culverts along the roadway, seeding areas disturbed by construction.

225<sup>th</sup> Street to End of Project - Finish removing existing pavement, start grading for the new roadway, start placing aggregate for the new roadway.

To receive email updates for this project, email Stacy Reilly at [stacy.reilly@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:stacy.reilly@co.dakota.mn.us). Please include “CP 09-46 Updates” in the subject line. More information may be found

at <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/CurrentConstruction/CR9/Pages/default.aspx>.

**County Road 86** (280<sup>th</sup> St. W.) - bituminous resurfacing from the western Dakota County line to County Road 23 (Cedar Ave.) is tentatively scheduled to start July 24. This work will likely take 1–2 weeks to complete. For more information, see the County website at

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/CurrentConstruction/Overlays/Pages/county-road-86.aspx>.

Contact Ross Beckwith, Construction Engineer, 952-891-7926, [ross.beckwith@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:ross.beckwith@co.dakota.mn.us).

Additionally, a series of projects is scheduled for the next few years on County Road 86 (280<sup>th</sup> St. W.) to the east of County Road 23 (Cedar Ave.). The section in Eureka Township will begin with the design and right of way acquisition in 2016 and 2017, with project completion scheduled for 2018. Please see contact John Sass at 952-891-7130 or [john.sass@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:john.sass@co.dakota.mn.us) for more information or see the County website

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/PlannedConstruction/CR86/Pages/default.aspx>.

### Continued Vigilance Encouraged

The Dakota County Sheriff's office reports continued brazen home break-ins, often while residents are home during the daytime. In addition, a number of cars stolen from Burnsville, Eagan, Apple Valley areas, possibly taken for joy rides, have been abandoned in Eureka Township farm fields and even the stream that enters Chub Lake. The public is encouraged to **call 911** to report *any* unusual noises and happenings.



### Nitrate Pollution Trending Upward

Targeted Townships Results, reprinted from

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/WaterQuality/WellsDrinkingWater/Pages/targeted-townships-results.aspx>

Dakota County was one of the first to join the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Targeted Townships project to test private wells considered to be at risk of high levels of nitrate. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is in the process of updating its plan to reduce groundwater contamination. One feature of the new plan is to identify geographic areas, based on township boundaries, where more than 5 percent of the private drinking water wells exceed the drinking water standard for nitrate.

In 2013, the County conducted a pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness of collecting nitrate samples from private well owners by mail from the cities of Coates, Hampton, and Hastings and the townships of Castle Rock, Douglas, Hampton, Marshan, Nininger, Randolph, Sciota, Vermillion, and Waterford. (Empire, Eureka, Greenvale and Ravenna were added in 2014.) These areas were based on their soils and geology and the percentage of land used in agriculture. The County worked with a private lab that handled test kit mailing and sample analysis. Test kits and sample analysis were free to well owners. More than 2,800 kits were mailed to the targeted communities, and 300 additional kits were sent to interested parties outside the targeted areas. From the targeted area, 667 households returned water samples to the lab for analysis. The lab sent participants their individual results after the sample was received. The project was funded by a \$65,000 grant from the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment.

## Nitrate Pollution Trending Upward

Targeted Townships Results (continued)

The results of the 2013 study were worse than expected. In the study area, 32 percent of the private wells tested exceeded the drinking water standard of 10 milligrams per liter (10 parts per million). Each community exceeded the Minnesota Department of Agriculture threshold of 5 percent of private drinking water wells exceeding the health standard. Below are the results of the 2013 study, along with some of the additional townships tested in 2014 (including Eureka).

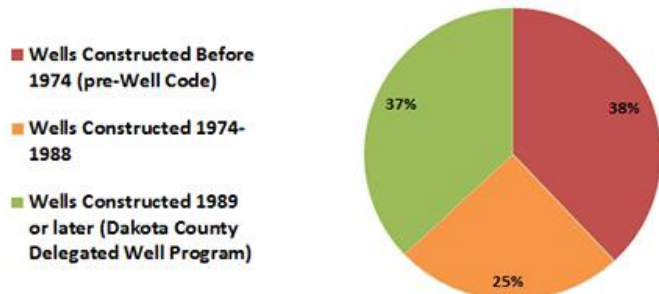
Place	# Estimated Households on Private Well	# of Samples	% Responses	High Nitrate Samples*	% High Nitrate Samples
Castle Rock Twp.	473	102	22%	15	15%
City of Coates	55	11	20%	6	55%
Douglas Twp.	250	66	26%	22	33%
Empire Twp.	220	58	26%	17	29%
Eureka Twp.	525	120	23%	8	7%
Greenvale Twp.	283	58	21%	3	5%
Hampton Twp. and City	326	92	25%	22	27%
City of Hastings	40	2	5%	1	50%
Marshan Twp.	401	114	29%	60	52%
Nininger Twp.	301	87	29%	30	34%
Randolph Twp.	231	48	21%	6	13%
Sciota Twp.	121	30	25%	4	13%
Vermillion Twp.	417	83	20%	35	42%
Waterford Twp.	202	42	21%	11	26%

\* Greater than 10 mg per liter.

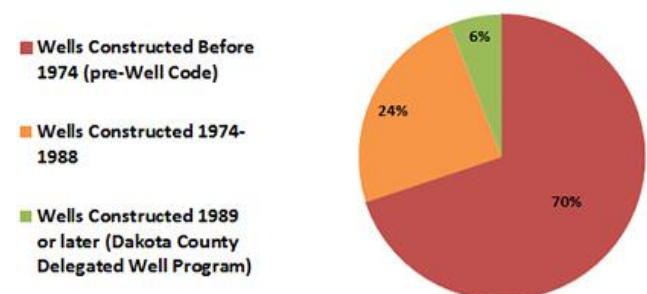
Wells with high nitrate levels tend to be older and shallower. Seventy percent of wells that predate the State Well Code (1974) had nitrate levels higher than 10 mg/L (the drinking water standard).

In the 2013 study area, 38 percent of the households are estimated to have wells that predate the State Well Code (1974); 25 percent are estimated to have been installed between 1974 and 1988, and 37 percent are estimated to have been installed after the County began to directly regulate private well construction.

Age of Wells in Study Area



Age of Wells with High Nitrate





## Visit the Township Website

The Township website has been redesigned. Check out the new look

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us/>

Find information on meetings, agendas, land use and building zoning, calendar of events, the newsletter, ordinances, helpful links, contact information and much, much more!

**This newsletter, *Eureka! The News*, is now electronic! If you wish to receive a copy (e-mail or hard), please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736 or [clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us](mailto:clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us) . There will no longer be a blanket mailing to property owners and residents. The newsletter is also available for viewing on the website <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> .**



## 2015 Eureka Township Calendar

Events held at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

July 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for August Planning Commission Meeting
July 30	Thursday	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Open house for CR 23 and CR 80 realignment and paving
August 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
August 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
August 27	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September Planning Commission Meeting
September 8	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
September 14	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
September 24	Thursday	noon	Application due for October Planning Commission Meeting
October 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
October 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
October 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November Planning Commission Meeting
November 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
November 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
November 24	Tuesday	noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission Meeting
December 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
December 14	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
December 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission Meeting

**\*Note: All new structures, most types of remodeling (both interior and exterior), and some types of repairs require a building permit under the Minnesota State Uniform Building Code and Eureka Township Ordinances. If you are in doubt about whether a project requires a permit, please contact the Town Hall at 952-469-3736 or [clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us](mailto:clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us) .**

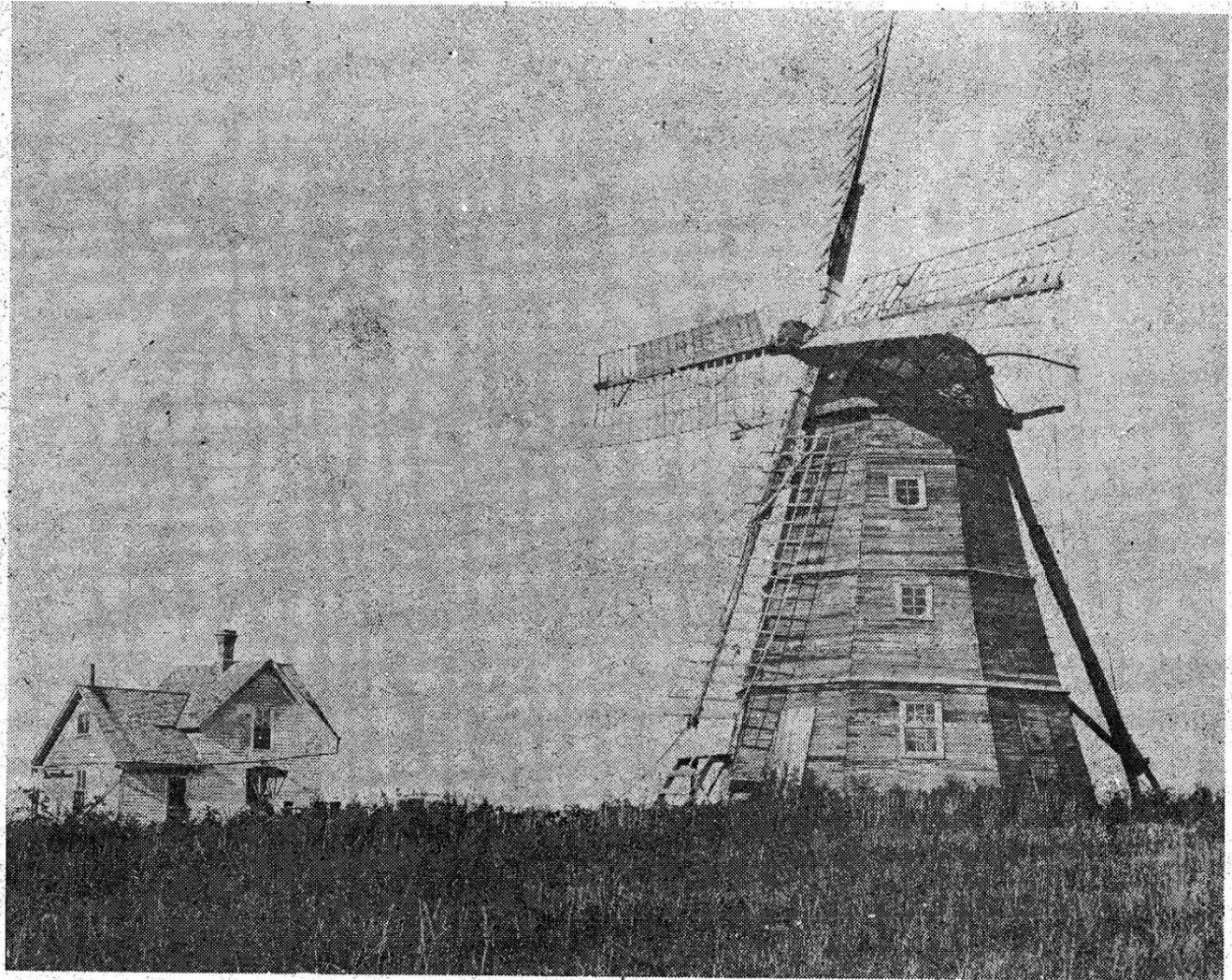
**Also, please check Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning. PLEASE NOTE – As of March 1, 2015, Eureka Township is managing the permitting process for VRWJPO permits.**

Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$5 for a CD disk or can be accessed on the website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, the Eureka Town Hall and the Dakota County Law Library.

## Eureka History Highlights

Regarding the April 215 edition of History Highlight on the topic of the farm that is now Mount Olivet Retreat Center, thank you to Austa Harmer for bringing to our attention that the person from whom the land was purchased for the Retreat Center was Walter Hammer or Hammen and not Walter Hamer, as stated.

### Eureka Township's Holland-Style Windmill



This photo, circa 1892, appeared in the Dakota County Tribune and shows the home of Magnus (Munson) Miller, a Eureka resident who emigrated from Sweden in the 1880's and originally settled on the west side of Highview Ave., about a half mile south of the intersection with 250<sup>th</sup> St. According to family legend, when entering the United States, he was asked what his name was and he responded "I miller," referring to his profession rather than his name and, as happened with many of our ancestors, his last name was inadvertently changed. He earned \$1 a day working as a carpenter, cabinet maker and miller. Mr. Miller lived in this home, and over the years it is believed he brought some 10 siblings from the old country to settle in Eureka, if only for a short time. The windmill was his workshop as well as a mill for both lumber and grain.

The windmill was dismantled in 1905 and parts of it moved to Lakeville where it used a "Mill City" one cylinder gas engine. The entire house was relocated to Holt Ave. in Lakeville, where it still stands today. It remained in the Miller family into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At the time this photo appeared in the Dakota County Tribune, it was the home of Mrs. Laurence Miller. At the time the windmill was dismantled, the family sold the property on Highview Ave. and moved a bit further south in the Township.

Thanks to Kenny Miller for this information about his great-grandfather.



## ADS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LaVerne's Pumping Service

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### South Cedar Garden Center

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**\$5.00 OFF**

Purchase of \$25.00 or more

Valid July 15 – September 19, 2015

Not valid with other offers

**Coupon**

### Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township.

No endorsement of products, services or business status is implied. Eureka landowners and/or residents who wish to advertise their businesses in this newsletter, may place a "business card ad" for the price of \$35.00 per quarter or \$125.00 per annum.

Thank you for your support.

### Diseases Transmitted From Insects to Humans

- West Nile virus: three cases and two blood donors were reported in Dakota County residents from 2010 to 2014. No positive mosquito pools were identified from 2012 to 2014.
- Lyme disease: 88 confirmed cases were reported in Dakota County residents in 2013.



### Pump Your Septic System Every 3 Years

Please remember to pump your septic system every three years. IF you have received a notice of non-compliance, please send a copy of your pumping receipt to the Township to save both your time and money, as well as the Township's!

### Town Hall Site Photo Contest

Periodically, the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), publishes brochures that include photos of the various Town Hall sites around Minnesota. In an effort to update the Eureka photo, shutterbugs are invited to digitally submit their photos to the Town Clerk at [clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us](mailto:clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us).

