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Towne Square work begins

Plans announced for micro winery, local vineyard and Mexican restaurant

By Lori Sorenson

A bulldozer appeared this week on the former Sharkee's lot signaling work is about to begin on the long-awaited Towne Square Addition.

Luverne developer Don Jahnke announced Monday that financing is in place and construction can start this summer on the three-story apartment building.

He also announced a micro winery and Mexican restaurant will be part of the commercial portion of the development.

'The Seven Five Lofts' apartment building has three floors, 27 units

Known as "The Seven Five Lofts," the housing development will offer 27-units as a mix of one- and two-bedroom market-rate apartments geared for single renters or young families.

"We're just so excited to finally get moving on it," he said about the plans that began in 2017.

The project qualified for a federal Workforce Housing Grant through the USDA and the location later became eligible for Opportunity Zone incentives through the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

Meeting requirements of the two federal programs was cumbersome enough, but the process ground to a halt when the government shut down from Dec. 22, 2018, through Jan. 25, 2019.

Since then, Jahnke has been working with lenders on the project to qualify for Opportunity Zone incentives and meet the criteria for the Workforce Housing Grant.

The paperwork fell into place this spring and the bank signed off on financing last week.

"If it weren't the town I live in, I wouldn't have fought so hard to get this done," Jahnke said. "None of this has been easy."

For example, to keep the apartments affordable for working class renters, he was encouraged to build the three-story project without an elevator.

"I just couldn't do that," Jahnke said. "I can't see a single working mother carrying her groceries and her baby up three flights of stairs."

He said he didn't see an elevator as a luxury.

"I don't care if you're 35 years old and healthy. You could get in an accident and need a wheelchair," Jahnke said.

"A lot of this is why developers don't build apartments in small towns. You don't have 500 working class people to pick from to fill these apartments. I want to be able to get any people from any demographic to fill these apartments."

As it is, the apartments will rent for \$895 to \$995 per month.

Without the federal grants and incentives, and without support from the city of Luverne, Jahnke said the project wouldn't be feasible.

"There's a reason developers don't build market-rate apartments in small towns," Jahnke said. "You don't have enough people for it to cash flow."

The Workforce Housing Grant was initially approved to accommodate employees for Tru Shrimp, which fell through. But housing stud-

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Service Over Self youth participants (from left) Amy Chapa, Sophia Lanoue, Leah Wynia, Riley Sneller, volunteer adult professional Darrel Van Aartsen, Holden Overgaard and Gunnar Oldre complete the framework Tuesday morning for a picnic shelter at the Mead Court in Luverne. Mavis Fodness photos

Teens tackle third year of local missions

Photos and text by Mavis Fodness

More than 100 youth and adults began a stay-at-home mission trip Monday when teams disbursed throughout Luverne, Hills and Hardwick to complete projects for local residents.

The third annual Rock the Edge Youth Service Over Self event wraps up Friday with a fun day at The Lake in Luverne after four days of working on various projects.

Participants were divided into 10 teams of 10 individuals who cleaned, constructed and/or painted at various sites.

Among the sites was the home of Deb Bush in Luverne.

"This is a wonderful experience for the kids," Bush said. "They are developing such a good work ethic ... and all the churches are working together."

As workers busily painted Monday, Bush provided them with lemonade. "This is a blessing to me," she said.

The home painting project was one of 50 the youth and adults completed over four days.

Service Over Self is organized through Rock the Edge, a youth group formed several years ago by area churches.

The suggested at-home mission work began three years ago, and application is open to all youth in grades eight through 12.

This year, due to the coronavirus, only outdoor projects were completed, and the fairgrounds in Luverne was used as a central location to allow participants at least six feet of space between each other.



Parker Carboneau (left) shows Cylus Nieman how to use a hammer in between work on the shelter building in Mead Court Tuesday.



Lauren Versteeg (from left), Kayetlin Huiskes and McKenzie VanGrootheest had their own decorating touches at their paint site Monday morning on West Warren Street, marked by the official sign (above).



Luverne to show \$6,000 fireworks July 4, thanks to donation

By Mavis Fodness

Since taking over the Walleye Wind Farm project last fall, NextEra Energy Resources development team planned a series of meetings to explain the proposed renewable energy project in western Rock County.

Pandemic social distancing prevented those meetings, but since December, the company has donated more than \$16,000 to local organizations in the name of community outreach.

The July 4 fireworks display at The Lake in Luverne received \$6,000, meaning local groups didn't need to seek dozens of donations from busi-

Davis Lake Triathlon features Minnows, Sharks

The July 4 Davis Lake Triathlon will be divided into two races. The Minnow Race begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes a quarter-mile kayak course, a two-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run. The Shark Race begins at 9:15 a.m. It includes kayaking for a half mile, biking for nine miles and running for 2.5 miles. Kayaks will be provided for participants, if needed.

nesses and individuals, according to Chamber Director Jane Wildung-Lanphere.

"The fireworks will all be high — no ground fireworks," she said. "People should be able to see from any place in town."

The fireworks display begins at 10 p.m. Rain date is July 5.

Walleye Wind project developer Mike Weich said Rock County residents have shown kindness and respect through the pandemic, and his company is proud to give back.

"We have developments in 37 states, and I can tell you Rock County by far has been among the most generous and welcoming communities

of any place we've worked," he said Monday via teleconference.

In addition to sponsoring Luverne's fireworks display, NextEra also donated to the Luverne High School, Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary, Rock County Food Shelf and the Luverne Area Chamber Stronger Together campaign.

Many of the donations were given without the personal handshake company officials preferred.

"It wasn't as easy to hop on the plane and be in Rock County during this pandemic," Weich said. "The goal

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'This is ridiculous'

Local leaders react to state legislators' failure to act on federal pandemic aid to communities

By Lori Sorenson

Local leaders watched the Minnesota Legislature attentively last week for action to release federal funds to offset economic losses during the pandemic.

But at the end of the day Friday, lawmakers adjourned the special session without voting on a measure to activate millions of dollars of relief for Minnesotans.

In Rock County, Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre was anticipating over \$1 million to offset losses to local businesses that were closed over the past three months.

He shared his frustration Monday after canceling a special County Board meeting that would have prioritized and distributed the dollars locally.

"If you're a resident of Minnesota today, I don't care where you live, you should be ticked off," Oldre said.

"There's \$841 million sitting in a bank in St. Paul that should be working for us. This is ridiculous."

On March 27 Congress passed the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) and distributed funds to states around the nation based on population.

Without action from the Minnesota Legislature, the funds have not yet been released, raising the ire of local governments statewide.

In a scathing commentary released Saturday, the president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Audrey Nelsen, said the people of Minnesota deserve better.

"The special session was a train wreck," she wrote (see her full statement on page 4). "It has been 86 days since Congress passed the CARES Act, and local governments in Greater Minnesota still haven't received a penny."

She blamed Democrats in the House for attaching an unrelated measure to the proposal, and she blamed Republicans in the Senate for abruptly adjourning before the work was done.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said he was "deeply disappointed" with the House, the Senate and the governor for failing to act on the CARES Act funding.

"The City of Luverne and the Luverne Economic Development Authority intend to utilize these funds ... to assist those businesses that were indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic downturn."

Baustian said he was also disappointed that local governments weren't consulted for input on the impact of CARES Act money on their businesses. Luverne is hoping to

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Kenneth cemetery meeting

Kenneth Cemetery Association will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Green Lantern hosts

‘Jubilee Day-ish’ activities Saturday

The Hardwick Community Club has canceled the annual Jubilee Days celebration due to concerns about coronavirus spread among crowds. The Green Lantern Bar and Grill in Hardwick will, however, host several events related to the annual festivities.

A cruise-in “parade and park” of classics, motorcycles, tractors, trucks, etc. will be from 2 to 4 p.m. along with a 3:30 p.m. hay toss in the street. A corn hole tournament will start at 4 p.m. at the Green Lantern, which will host a DJ from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. on the back patio.

Canceled are the Jubilee Days parade, community meal, kiddie pedal pull and inflatables.

Free tax filing help at the library

Free tax help at the library resumes for new July 15 IRS filing deadline that was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Volunteers will again take appointments to help area low-income and elderly residents with personal (non-commercial) filing paperwork. Call the Rock County Library, 507-449-5040, to schedule.

Rock County History Center opening with limited hours

The Rock County History Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday starting June 2. Some safety precautions — with masks and gloves available — will be in place to protect against the spread of coronavirus. The phone number is 507-283-2122.

Community Education

The Community Education phone number is 507-283-4724. The office is closed on Fridays. The updated summer brochure has been posted to the Community Education page of the Luverne Schools website.

Registrations will be accepted with payment by mail or by drop box. Use the waiver/registration form found on page 5 of the brochure.

We will follow state and public health Covid-19 guidelines, which could change at any time. Continue to watch Facebook and website pages daily for any updates.

Classes that will be offered include: Preschool Play Dates in the Park, Early Play Ball, July Soccer, August Soccer, Cliff Line Climbing, Science Day Camp, Coffey Contemporary Story Writing Illustrating, Coffey Contemporary Cool Off & Paint, Arts and Crafts, Track, Basketball Skills, Volleyball Skills, Golf, Tennis, Weight Lifting (new class), Sanford Power Camp, Football.

These classes are canceled: Morning Rec, Missoula Children’s Theatre, Olympic Day Camp, Garden Tour, Twins Trip and Music Man Trip.

Owens joins local firm, is assistant county attorney

By Mavis Fodness

Quality of life and community involvement influenced the newest Rock County assistant attorney to step away from a prestigious law firm to join the two-attorney firm of Klosterbuer and Haubrich in Luverne.

Rock County commissioners recently approved David Owens to assist County Attorney Jeff Haubrich. Don Klosterbuer had been filling the position due to a recent vacancy.

Owens spent four years working for the Traynor Law Firm in Devils Lake, North Dakota. He was one of five attorneys working at the firm.

During his time there, one partner was named a judge to the district court bench and President Trump appointed another partner as a federal judge.

Owens said he wasn’t interested in following his colleagues’ footsteps.

“The bigger firms seem glamorous to most attorneys, but the ‘billable’ requirements can be oppressive and can cut into time where you can actually join friends and family,” he said.

“I was more or less fully autonomous in my last position, and I didn’t want to give that up.”

After leaving the Traynor firm earlier this year, Owens and his fiancée Nicole moved to Brandon, where they purchased a house they share with their two rescue dogs.

Owens spent the majority of his childhood in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where his now-retired military father was last stationed.

Both of his parents were from Alabama, which influenced Owens’ selection of the University of North Alabama in Florence after high school.

He graduated with a degree in choral music/performance/composition.

Pursuing a law career was not originally planned.

“Frankly it was sort of an impulsive decision,” he said. “After graduating with a music degree I had no idea what to do.”



Mavis Fodness photo/0618 David Owens Asst County Attorney

David Owens joined the Klosterbuer & Haubrich Law Firm in Luverne in early March, just as the coronavirus pandemic was declared. Three months later he is ready to reassume the duties of assistant county attorney as the court system begins rescheduling hearings.

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— David Owens, attorney, Klosterbuer and Haubrich firm

While in college, Owens assisted a small law firm with social security disability claims. That and an interest in American history (Owens is an avid reader) seeded the idea of becoming a lawyer.

After taking the LSAT, he chose to return to Grand Forks and attend the University of North Dakota School of Law.

“UND was the most cost-effective, and everyone takes the same bar exam anyway,” Owens said.

He was hired by the Traynor Law Firm in 2016 and worked a variety of cases. But two areas, adoptions and aiding vulnerable adults, quickly became his favorite cases.

“(They) were the most

fulfilling by far. Adoptions are one of the only types of cases where everyone leaves the courtroom happy — at least on a state level,” he said.

In Rock County Owens will also handle a variety of cases with focus on child protection, juvenile delinquency, child support and adult mental health commitments.

He will also assist with adult criminal matters and provide legal assistance to the county’s small cities when assigned.

He settled into the new county position in early March and set out learning the nuances of the Minnesota courtroom. He was ready to step into the new role just as the

coronavirus began postponing court appointments.

“It was business as usual until it wasn’t,” he said. “It has been difficult, but I think it has been for everybody.”

For the past three months court hearings have been delayed, and the courthouse itself is less accessible to attorneys.

Zoom meetings and emails replaced most in-person hearings, but as new coronavirus precautions are put into place, in-person hearings are being rescheduled.

Owens said he’s ready to embrace his new position as more face-to-face meetings

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receive \$355,000.

“For Main Street businesses in our communities it’s urgent,” he said. “Now I’m not sure if a few local businesses will make it.”

Follow the money

Lobbyists with the Association of Minnesota Counties, the CGMC and others have followed the Legislature closely since March.

The Legislature failed to act on the CARES money during the regular session, because lawmakers couldn’t agree on a proposal for dispersing the federal funds.

For example, one version said cities smaller than 500 people shouldn’t get aid.

Others said counties should simply disperse to communities as needed.

Thirty days later, legislators took it up in a special session that resulted in a “clean bill” from the Senate with bipartisan support to disperse the aid to Minnesota communities.

However, a \$150,000 million provision for law enforcement reform was tacked on in the House version that ultimately couldn’t find support to pass.

“What kind of kindergarten move was that?” Oldre fumed. “They had a clean bill that everyone agreed on.”

In a conference committee, the added provision was negotiated down to \$50 million, but at the end of the day Saturday, the Senate adjourned the special session without final action on the measure — a move that

was criticized by some as “arbitrary.”

Since then, Minnesota community leaders have been demanding answers from lawmakers about why the CARES Act money still hasn’t reached the people it’s intended to help.

“I don’t know how you could feel good driving your car home on Saturday about how the session ended,” Oldre said.

Now, it will wait 30 days until lawmakers reconvene, but with a November deadline for the funds to be spent, he said communities are running out of time.

“The clock is ticking,” Oldre said.

“Every day that goes by is one less day we in outstate Minnesota have to spend those funds.”

He said he isn’t convinced the money will ever get distributed, and that’s what he fears most.

“There’s \$841 million that should be in the hands of business owners in Luverne and Hills and everywhere else in Minnesota still sitting in a bank in St. Paul.”

Both he and Baustian said they are urging Gov. Walz to use executive powers to release the funds.

“He could do that,” Oldre said.

“He could have done it a long time ago. The question is, why hasn’t he?”

The Star Herald reached out to Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker, both of Luverne, but hadn’t received a response as of Tuesday’s press time.

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'Coping in Crisis'

Brain Health series continues online

By Lori Sorenson

The local Brain Health initiative that started last fall is resuming this week in the form of online community messages.

"It's the next step in the process of making sure we're taking care of ourselves and our mental health," said Sanford's Angela Nolz, who organizes the Brain Health community sessions.

She posted the first online video Sunday introducing "Brain Health: Coping in Crisis," a series of sessions relating to brain health.

"We recently came into a new experience for all of us, the COVID 19 pandemic," said Nolz, an integrated health therapist at the Sanford Luverne Clinic. "This experience has increased some difficult emotions for many of us."

The four- to five-minute video clips posted twice weekly on Luv1LuvAll's Facebook page, will explore:

- basics of wellness.
- sleep.
- nutrition.
- movement.
- mindfulness and nature.
- spirituality.
- relationships.
- substance abuse.

Partners in the online "Coping in Crisis" project are:

•Luv1LuvAll — Nicole Henrichs.

•Southwest Mental Health — Lexi Wieneke and Casey Elbers.

•Healing Path Counseling — Jill Boltjes and Skie Peltier-Anderson.

•Luverne Counseling — Erica Hough, Jessica Koch, Jason Mork and Hanna Sfeldt.

•Sanford Health — Stephanie Pierce, Angela Nolz, Sherri Smith and Sara Schmuck.

•Luverne Public Schools — Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Amy Cook, Stacy Top-Schepel and Cindy Arends.

'Wellbeing Baggies'

To reinforce the message, the group is distributing "Well-being Baggies" to dozens of businesses and organizations in Rock County.

They're filled with healthy snacks, gadgets including stress reliever squeeze balls, wrist bands (printed with the suicide hotline number) and notecards with brain health tips (eat healthy, be active, sleep, volunteer, etc.) and information for local resources.

Items were donated by Southwest Mental Health, Sanford Health, and Luverne Counseling, and supported by the Luverne Area Community Foundation grant funds.

Background

The original series of seven Brain Health sessions at Luverne Community Education stopped in March due to social distancing required by the pandemic.

Topics previously covered were living with depression, brain health basics, healthy relationships, medication and "eco therapy and mindfulness."

Remaining topics, substance abuse and sedentary lifestyle (screen time), are covered in the online sessions.

Nolz said she hopes the virtual Brain Health conversations have as much impact as the in-person meetings have had so far. "This is by no means a replacement for engaging in therapy," she said.

"Rather, it's an introduction to a means of wellness and an introduction to those who provide mental health care in our community."

The Brain Health initiative is an offshoot of Luv1LuvAll community partners that formed through the Blandin Foundation's focus on local poverty. Among those subsets (senior nutrition, dental care access, safe and affordable housing and access to resources), brain health emerged as a community priority.

Nolz and her group have been working to end stigma about mental health in order to encourage people to seek treatment for brain health as they would for any physical health condition.



Mavis Fodness photos/0625 Summer Youth Activities

New state health guidelines released Friday allow student groups of 25 to safely participate together in summer activities. More community education activities in Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne will get underway in July.

Summer activities begin under new rules

By Mavis Fodness

Students participating in Hills-Beaver Creek Community Education summer lifting program are asked a series of questions and have their temperatures taken before each class begins.

The precautions were put into place in response to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

Dylan Gehrke supervises the lifting program for freshmen through senior students.

The three-day-a-week program is in its second week.

On Monday Gehrke asked each of the 17 students entering the high school gym in Hills a series of questions and logged their answers on to a computer spreadsheet.

Questions included:

•Since we last met have you experienced shortness of breath? Sore throat? Cough?

•Have you been exposed to anyone with COVID-19?

Instructor Luke LaRock pointed a device and recorded each student's temperature.

Any questions answered with a 'yes' or a temperature over 100.3 sends the student home.

Students who answered 'no' and whose temperatures were under 100.3 washed their hands with sanitizer and picked up a laundered towel to sanitize equipment after use.

"We are learning about doing different stuff that we should have been doing anyway," Gehrke said.

On Friday, rules governing summer youth sports were loosened. For example, the number of students allowed in a group was increased and guidelines were spelled out for use and sanitation of equipment.

"They can actually shoot and pass the ball to each other," Gehrke said.

More summer youth sports will begin in July.



Hills-Beaver Creek Community Education supervisor Dylan Gehrke (sitting) asks student Kenadie Fick a series of questions before she is allowed to participate in the summer weight lifting program Monday in Hills.

Individuals must sign health waivers to participate in activities. More H-BC and Luverne Community Education summer activities are scheduled to kick-off in July.

H-BC summer activities are listed on the school's website, www.hbc Patriots.com.

The Luverne Community Education updated catalog is available at www.isd2184.net.



Before each summer weight lifting class, student temperatures are taken and recorded. On Monday, Luke LaRock (right) takes Tyson Bork's temperature.

County stays ahead of wind, solar projects

Public hearing to address proposed changes to renewable energy ordinance

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Planning Commission will host a public hearing Monday to consider proposed changes to the local renewable energy ordinance.

Zoning administrator Eric Hartman told commissioners at their June 16 meeting that three areas could potentially change.

•eliminating wind farm setback requirements from property boundaries between participating landowners.

•reducing setback requirements around wetlands.

•allowing some solar farm communication and distribution lines to be above ground.

"As it stands now, they have to be buried, and I've had some questions about maybe allowing some degree of overhead (lines)," Hartman said.

The changes proposed for wind farms bring Rock County's ordinance in line with the state's ordinance, which allows turbines to be closer together when adjoining landowners are both participating in the wind farm development.

"If you are not willing to participate, you still have to be set back the three rotor diameters on the east-west (axis) and five rotor diameters on the north-south axis," Hartman said.

"With the size of these things (turbines) it would be hard pressed to site a turbine without doing a variance to meet that setback standard in terms of property lines."

The setback would also still apply between separate wind farms, Hartman added.

The Rock County Renewable Energy Ordinance was adopted in September 2018.

It outlines permit requirements for wind farms producing up to 5 megawatts (about two to five turbines) of electricity and solar systems under 50 megawatts operated in the county.

Larger production farms are permitted at the state level.

The public hearing is at 7:15 p.m. Monday, June 29, at the Law Enforcement Center in Luverne.

After the hearing, the Planning Commission's recommendations will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

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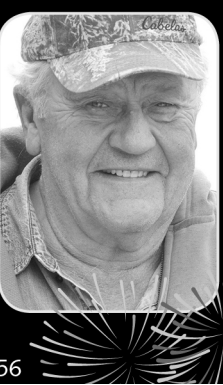
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As a social studies teacher, I've always been interested in politics.

I have loved reading, watching and talking about politics since about seventh grade.

And after voting for over 20 years now, I guess I've pretty well established which side I'm on.

Sure, I've voted for members of both parties, but my general philosophy about the role of government has led me to pretty consistently vote for one party.

I've identified my team. At least I thought I had.

In fact, I've never been all that good at the "we're right, they're wrong" thing.

While I firmly believe in my political beliefs, I often also see some value in the beliefs of the other party.

Honestly, that's increased a lot lately.

Like so much of life, I think the pandemic and other current events are having an impact on my politics.

Based on my Facebook newsfeed, the stressful events of 2020 have made some people even more partisan and increased their habit of attacking or insulting the other party.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

And I think that's unfortunate.

I've actually found myself questioning the actions of elected leaders on both sides of the aisle.

Some leaders seem to be ignoring or diminishing the pandemic threat while others at times appear to be overreacting.

And through it all, our politicians are still trying to blame the other side.

It's our health vs. the economy. Metro area vs. outstate. Scientists vs. doubters. Police vs. protesters.

Us vs. them. Divide, divide, divide. And it's so frustrating.

Why can't politicians follow the advice of our own government health experts?

Why do leaders insist on using a one-size-fits-all approach for health regulations and police reform?

Why can't elected officials listen to those with other opinions and find compromise?

Of course we know why. They want to be right. They want to defend their group. And they want to win re-election.

Luckily, those of us not running for office don't have to fall into those traps.

I, for one, am finding myself more critical of the people I've voted for lately and more open to some ideas of the other party.

At first that made me kind of uncomfortable.

Now, I feel kind of good about it.

I'm wise enough to know I'm not always right. And neither are the people I vote for.

And that's OK.

If only I could get some politicians and those people on Facebook to agree with me.

CGMC president: Special session a 'train wreck' — Minnesotans 'deserve better'

GUEST OPINION

By Audrey Nelsen, Willmar
President of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

The special session was a train wreck. Between the COVID-19 pandemic, economic downturn and recent civil unrest, Minnesotans need strong state leadership at the Legislature now more than ever.

Instead we got arbitrary deadlines, broken deals and partisan battles.

I'm frustrated at the Senate GOP majority for their insistence on adjourning prematurely. The decision to adjourn June 20 was completely arbitrary, and clearly there is plenty of work left to do.

They have chosen to go home rather than continue to seek resolutions on important issues like the CARES Act distribution, bonding bill and police reforms.

I am also disappointed at the breakdown of the agreement to provide \$841 million in federal CARES Act money to local governments.

The Senate passed a clean bill

that would have distributed money fairly and quickly, but the House DFL essentially killed the bill when they chose to tack on unrelated measures.

It has been 86 days since Congress passed the CARES Act, and local governments in Greater Minnesota still haven't received a penny.

And for months, long before the pandemic, city leaders have been calling on the Legislature to pass a bonding bill that will create thousands of jobs and invest in infrastructure

needs across the state.

Legislative leaders kept saying they were close to a deal, yet nothing tangible materialized. As a result, our communities must continue to delay critical projects that are needed to ensure clean water, safe roads and bridges, and repair other ailing infrastructure.

There is plenty of blame to go around for this disastrous special session. The people of Minnesota deserve better.



The secret to successfully house training a puppy is to develop regular schedule

I was kidding my girlfriend, Cindy Scott, about how excited she would be when the new puppy shows up at our house on or about the 20th of July. She has never house-trained a dog before, and I was really piling it on when I said how much fun it would be.

House training a puppy is not all that hard, but for some dog owners it is just a miserable task. If this is difficult for you, then all I have to say is that you are probably doing it wrong. House training can normally be completed in three to four weeks. I get calls regularly about most basic training issues.

Puppies can normally hold it (wait to be let out or have an accident) for about the same number of hours that they are months old. This means a 2-month-old puppy can usually wait about two hours.

The key to success is one of proper accommodations. When house-training a puppy, that animal is either in your lap or under constant adult supervision all the times.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

If you cannot attend to this dog for a certain period, then it needs to be kenneled up. Kennel size is critical.

They never want to "go" where they sleep. If they are in a large crate and can relieve themselves on one end of the crate and then go nap on the other end, the kennel is too big. I have many plastic kennels of different sizes. I start with a very small one that a cat could fit in. As the dog grows, it can be moved to a larger one.

Everytime the puppy is taken out of the kennel, the first thing they do is go outside. If they do their job then they get lots of love and then some lap time. If you go outside and they don't do their business, no matter how

badly you want to hold them, when you come indoors they immediately go back in the crate.

They get rewarded with extra attention for successfully doing their business outside. They will learn that free time is a reward for doing a good job outside. If the puppy was out just 10 minutes earlier, successful or not, and then is removed from the crate, they go outside again. If that is 5 minutes or an hour, the first trip is outside, and this means carried outside.

If you set them on the floor and expect them to walk outside, you will get a puppy puddle before they even reach the door.

Leaving a puppy in a laundry

room hardly ever works. The room is large enough to "go" at one end of the room and then sleep on the other end. Never mash their face in it or severely admonish them for mistakes. Patience is key. A firm low tone "no" and then a trip outside is all that is required.

If your puppy has never had an accident in the house, even if three weeks has passed, the puppy is most likely not house-trained. Only after they have had an accident and then learned this is not acceptable, and then shown what is acceptable, will the concept be fully ingrained. Repetition works. The best I ever did was three accidents in the house before the puppy had the complete understanding. I have owned and trained 15 personal dogs over the past 25 years.

I keep the right size kennel at the house, in my office and in the truck. Toting around a kennel with a puppy in it every time you move about is a real pain in the neck. Sell off the sizes you don't need after you are done with them. I, on the other

hand, have three kennels of each of three sizes. It takes up room in the shed, but I am nowhere near being done with puppies in my life. I am old, but not that old.

I usually keep my new arrivals on the linoleum in my house for the first few weeks. If there is an accident, it is far easier to clean up. Be very sure to deodorize the spot if an accident happens. You don't want the smell of urine on the living room carpet to be considered potty home base by a young puppy.

If you have more training questions, you can reach out to me at scottarall@gmail.com. My new puppy's name is Ghost. Just like house-training, puppy breath, the only dog breath that ever smelled good, only lasts for about a month. I can't wait to start.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- June 12**
- Complainant on E. Main Street reported vandalism.
 - Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, reported passenger vehicles driving on trails at location.
 - Complainantreported identity theft.
 - Complainantreported an assault.
 - Complainant on 30th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported smoke and something burning at location.
 - Deputy assisted another department in Jasper.
 - Complainant on 85th Street reported trespassing.
- June 13**
- Anabandonedvehicle was reported on County Road 7, Hardwick.
 - Report of open doors on S. Fairway Drive.
 - Complainant on W. Virginia Street reported a man knocking on her window.
 - Complainant on County Road 7 and Highway 23 reported a culvert washed out.
 - Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a two-vehicle accident.
 - Complainant on S. Elizabeth Street, Hills, reported attempted theft.
 - Complainant south of Hardwick reported a vehicle for not stopping.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a patron is harassing the employees.
 - Complainant on N. Ross and E. Main Street, Hardwick, reported someone is drunk and disorderly.
 - Deputy received a noise complaint in Hardwick.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested assistance in locating an open gas station.
 - Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a deceased person.
 - Complainant on W. Main Street reported a theft from garage.
- June 15**
- Open door at the chapel on Highway 75 was reported.
 - Complainant on W. Warren Street reported loud music.
 - Complainant on W. Warren Street requested notification of defendant release.
 - An outage was reported.
 - Complainant on W. Warren Street requested a deputy for property exchange.
 - Complainant on W. Bishop Street requested extra patrol in neighborhood.
- Complainant in Hardwick reported a vehicle following her.
- June 16**
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, near Beaver Creek, reported a stolen vehicle.
 - Complainant on 111th Street, Beaver Creek, reported an abandoned vehicle.
 - Complainant west of 41st Street, Hills, reported a ditch fire.
 - Complainant on E. Main Street requested hotel room assistance.
 - Complainant on E. Christensen Drive requested to speak to a deputy.
 - Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a person with a warrant at location.
 - Complainant on W. Dodge Street and S. Donaldson Street reported a suspicious vehicle.
 - Complainant on Highway 75 and 270, Steen, reported jugs of chemicals at location.
- June 17**
- Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported people are sneaking around her house.
 - A transient on E. Main Street requested a ride to South Dakota.
 - Complainant on 41st Street, Hills, requested a deputy for an issue with construction equipment.
 - Complainant on County Road 8 and 60th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a car accident.
 - Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.
- June 18**
- Complainant on N. Cottage Grove Avenue reported 2 juveniles in violation of curfew.
 - Retrieval of property from residence on W. Warren Street.
 - Parking complaint was reported on N. Freeman Avenue.
 - Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.
 - Complainant on 200th Avenue reported trespassing.
- June 19**
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 2, Beaver Creek, reported a pursuit.
- In addition, officers responded to 6 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 12 animal complaints, 3 papers services, 3 fingerprint requests, 5 burn permits, 1 alarm, 7 purchase and carry permits, 4 stalled vehicles, 9 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks and 2 reports of cattle out.

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Developer Don Jahnke announced that financing is in place and work can start this summer on the three-story apartment building.

Towne Square Development to break ground/continued from page 1

ies show apartment rentals are more than needed in Luverne to meet existing demand plus more than 250 Premium Minnesota Pork workers starting this summer.

Coming soon: micro winery and Mexican restaurant

The overall plan is to transform the entire six-acre area over the next five years into a commercial and housing neighborhood known as the Towne Square Addition.

Jahnke is focusing on the apartments first in order to meet local housing demand, but he announced commercial plans for the Highway 75 corner of the addition.

“Blazing Star Winery,” a micro-winery named for a local wildflower, will feature wine made with grapes grown in a vineyard east of Towne Square in Warren Baker’s land he recently sold to the city.

Jahnke said a friend of his who already has two micro wineries in central and northern Minnesota will plant 4,000 dry-root vines this week for grapes that will be harvested in 2022.

The Mexican restaurant,



Lori Sorenson photo/0625 bulldozer at Towne Square

A bulldozer appeared this week on the former Sharkee’s lot signaling work is about to begin on the long-awaited Towne Square Addition. ‘The Seven Five Loft’ apartments will be first.

“Fiesta Brava,” which is committed so far on a verbal agreement, will be a sister restaurant to the one in Rock Rapids, Iowa, under the same ownership.

City contributions

The city this week will start on the preliminary dirt work to be included in the Tax Increment Financing for the district that was formed from the former Sharkee’s and Mert’s Repair properties.

“This is a really good news story,” Mayor Pat Baustian said Monday.

“We could use some good news right now.”

The project utilized a \$680,000 grant through the

Department of Employment and Economic Development that was set to expire next year.

The grant required a matching investment from the city, which fulfilled that obligation with a \$469,000 investment in improvements (water, sewer, electric, etc.) to the initial four-acre site.

Meanwhile, the TIF district will recapture some of the acquisition and demolition costs.

The city paid \$220,000 for the condemned Sharkee’s property and \$160,000 for the piece that housed Mert’s Repair (that moved to a new shop built on a city lot in the industrial park).

The costs for acquisition, demolition, and site improvements of both lots (nearly \$500,000) will be recouped with future tax increments.

What that means is new owners of the bare lot will pay full taxes on the improved property, but the difference between the current tax amount and the new tax amount will pay down the TIF debt.

After the TIF expires in 25 years, local governments will benefit from taxes paid on the full value of the developed lots.

The multi-phased project could produce up to \$10 million in market value once the whole area is developed.

NextEra/continued from page 1

post moved a little bit ... but it did not affect the progress.”

Walleye Wind project still set to begin next year

Weich said large group gatherings were put on hold, but talks continued with landowners to identify 40 turbine and 15 alternative sites.

NextEra Energy out of Juno Beach, Florida, is planning a 40-turbine, 111 megawatt wind farm with a footprint that includes Beaver Creek and Martin townships and portions of Rose Dell, Springwater, Luverne and Mound townships.

Application for site and construction permits will be submitted to the Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission in early July.

This was originally planned for April.

“We respected the fact that the PUC shifted to a totally remote way of doing business,” Weich said.

The result backlogged the usual PUC permitting process.

Since April, however, NextEra moved forward with the environmental review process and engineering assessments necessary for the project.

A public event is planned for August to detail turbine locations and outline the company’s next steps.

Completion of Walleye Wind Farm is scheduled for December 2021.

CITY OF BEAVER CREEK REQUEST FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted by the City of Beaver Creek, MN until July 6 at noon for the following:

1986 International Plow Truck

VIN# 1HTLCHYP2GHA63347, 11ft plow and sander included, Automatic Transmission

Bids can be mailed to:

City of Beaver Creek, PO Box 74,
Beaver Creek MN 56116

Or dropped off at the City Clerk’s office,
311 E First Ave, Beaver Creek, MN 56116

- Bid opening will be at the Beaver Creek City Council meeting on July 8th at 7pm.
- Vehicle can be seen at the City tree dump on Rock County Road 6, East of Beaver Creek
- The Beaver Creek City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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\$254,900

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Entrepreneurial showcase highlights student-created businesses

By Mavis Fodness

Unbeknownst to incoming Luverne High School senior Rylee Gee and Southwest MN CEO student, the fourth grade valentine box she made from metal led to the creation of a business seven years later.

Gee's business called "OG Metal Design" was one of 13 showcased Wednesday night, June 17, ending the 2019-20 Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program.

Gee's love of drawing allows her to make patterns for 3-D printers. The patterns are sold on eBay for others to make their own finished products.

Participation in the CEO program taught Gee an important lesson.

"I really had to learn to finish everything," she said.

Other students, high school, and their business included:

- Brinna Bloemendaal, junior at Edgerton Public, "Bloem," a social marketing business.

- Quinn Buss, senior, Luverne High School, "Northern Leak Detection," a service that finds leaks in

underground pipes.

- Colby Crabtree, senior, Luverne High School, "Blue Mound Buckets," outdoor apparel.

- Jonathan Eisma, senior, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Edgerton, "Eisma Bookkeeping Services."

- Regan Feit, junior, Luverne High School, "Race to Flatten the Curve," virtual reality running.

- Brenna Henning, junior, Adrian High School, "Ruby & Thyme Bath Co.," all-natural bath-bomb business.

- Teagan Leusink, junior, Edgerton High School, "Tee's by Tea," custom T-shirt design business.

- Bryn Mongeau, senior, Hills-Beaver Creek High School, "Natural 20 Dice," custom Dungeons and Dragons dice service.

- Nathan Nekali, senior, Luverne High School, "T'rny Time," golf club maintenance service.

- Isabel Smeins, senior, Luverne High School, "Basic Babes Clothing," custom clothing designs.

- Austin Taylor, junior, Adrian High School, "Looped In," a computer training business.



Mavis Fodness photos/0625 CEO Showcase 2020

Thirteen students showcased their created businesses to the public Wednesday night, June 17, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Students from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Edgerton and Adrian spent the past school year learning real-life entrepreneur lessons from area business leaders as part of the Southwest MN CEO organization.

Above: Austin Taylor from Adrian High School talks with Shelley Sandbulte.

- Cade Wenninger, junior, Luverne High School, "Sky-genix," a drone photography and videography service.

This is the second year for the entrepreneurial program. The yearlong class is facilitated by Katie Baustian of Luverne with area business leaders.



Right: Rylee Gee with Luverne High School shows her original metal art to Jessica and Gary Blocker.



Regripping of golf clubs is Nathan Nekali's created business, T'rny Time, which he explains to Jim Juhl.



CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Kennedy Gonneman**, bride-to-be of **Connor Hoffman**, will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

A drive-by bridal shower for **Brett Luettel**, bride-to-be of **Seth Nuffer**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 27, at 363 60th Ave., Hills.

Card showers

Orville and Barb Bork will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday, June 29. Greetings may be sent to them at 1269 70th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

Darrell Hoeck will celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, July 4. Greetings may be sent to him at 623 141st Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, June 29: Chef's salad, banana, bread, dessert.

Tuesday, June 30: Sliced ham, coleslaw, dinner roll, fruited gelatin.

Wednesday, July 1: Chicken wild rice casserole, vegetables, pears, bread, cookie.

Thursday, July 2: Taco salad with taco meat, cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, corn chips; red, white and blue poke cake.

Friday, July 3: Closed. Happy Independence Day!

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1895: Hills moves entire business district to higher ground

The following appeared in *The Rose History* in 1911.

Rock County Village of continued from 6-18-20 edition of the Star Herald.

The next item we have to consider in the history of Hills was also an important one — no less than the removal of the entire business section of the town. The village was originally located three blocks west of the present location, on low ground. In 1893 F. C. Finke platted an addition on the higher ground, and early in the year 1895 he submitted a proposition for the removal of the business houses to Summit avenue of his addition, which would place it about midway between the two depots. A meeting of the property owners on main street was held early in April, when Mr. Finke made his proposition, to the effect that in case the move was made each property owner should receive free a lot of relative location to the one on Main street and that each building should be moved free of cost to the owner. On April 20, at another meeting, the proposition was accepted. Ole Sandbo, William Thompson and A. O. Skattum were appointed a committee to represent the business men in the legal transaction. To the committee Mr. Finke delivered a bond, signed by himself, Goodman Anderson, J. C. Steensen and J. R. Wright, pledging the removal of the buildings free of cost and damage. The contract was signed on May 4, and at once the fourteen buildings comprising the business portion of the town were moved to the present site.

After the hard times period, during the closing years of the decade which had ushered in Hills, steady improvement was made. In 1896, although a full recovery from the hard times had not been made, the building improvements amounted to \$12,640, according to the figures of the Hills Crescent. Among the principal buildings were the Hills creamery, implement house and residence of Ole Severson and a residence by P. H. Bly. In 1897 the improvements reached a total of \$13,000, including the Presbyterian church; in 1898



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

they were placed at the same figure; and in 1899 at \$11,550, including the Rock County Banking company's brick block, Wright & Munson's elevator and J. R. Wright's residence.

The year 1902 was an exceptionally prosperous one in Hills, the building improvements for the year amounting to \$53,500, including many handsome residences. On March 13, 1902, the Crescent boasted of the following enterprises: two banks, two department stores, two hardware stores, two hotels, five elevators, two lumber yards, two implement houses, two harness dealers, three fuel dealers, three wall paper dealers, one furniture store, one machine repair shop, two stock yards, one feed mill, one restaurant, one real estate firm, one meat market, one drug store, one confectionary store, one stock buyer, one laundry, one millinery store, one newspaper, one photograph gallery, one barber shop, one shoe repair shop, one bicycle shop, one billiard hall, three dress-making establishments, two railroads, two express agencies, one undertaker, one carpenter shop, seven carpenters, two dray lines, one bakery, five insurance agencies, three painters, one physician, a detention hospital, a telephone system, three churches and three lodges.

The story of the village of Hills will continue in the July 2 edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

- Deb Vogt has been living two miles north of Magnolia for most of the 34 years she has taught in the kitchen classroom of Luverne High School.

Just as the smells of ovens and whirls of sewing machines led the way to her Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) room, her homemade Cardinal flag marks her home.

Vogt hand-sewed and displayed the flag for her daughter Laura's and her son Jesson's graduations.

"I thought I would do it for my retirement," Vogt said with a smile.

Sitting on her front porch, Vogt said her retirement plans include landscaping her yard and tending her garden. ...

Vogt also takes care of a full flower garden and orchard, while her husband, Allan, continues to farm.

25 years ago (1995)

- Luverne Superintendent Norm Miller is looking forward to retirement from his work with the school district, but he doesn't plan to retire from education altogether.

At 57, he's about to embark on a brand new career in education, putting to use his years of experience for the benefit of other school districts in the areas of management, finance, mentorship and facilities.

He and two other retiring superintendents, Don Anderson, Melrose, and Patrick DeSutter, Norwood, are launching the business, The ADM Group Inc. Their newly printed promotional material describes the business as "assessing management systems to assure education results." ...

With a combined 73 years of superintendent experience in ADM, Miller said he feels the business can offer valuable guidance, both for new superintendents and for the districts that hire them.

50 years ago (1970)

- Firemen were called to the August DeBoer farm five miles south of Luverne early Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a fire within approximately 900 recently baled hay bales setting close to the barn. DeBoer guessed the fire originated

from a short in his electric fence which ran next to the bales. Neighbors and friends were able to save about 250 of the bales, but fire and water damaged the remaining 650 bales which DeBoer estimated at 60 cents apiece bringing his loss to around \$350. DeBoer stated that the loss would be partially covered by insurance.

75 years ago (1945)

- Dr. C. L. Sherman announced today that the Luverne hospital will close July 15 for at least two months, due to the inability to secure replacements in the nursing staff.

Dr. Sherman stated that it is impossible for members of the staff to postpone taking much needed rests any longer, and that because competent replacements cannot be secured, his only recourse was to close the institution temporarily.

"It is with deep regret that I made this announcement," he stated. "It is not easy to close an institution whose doors have been open continuously for over 36 years. There is no other alternative that we can take. We cannot maintain the required standard of service without competent replacements. Rather than lower the standard of service, we must close the hospital until a full staff can again be organized."

100 years ago (1920)

- Luverne's fourteenth annual Chautauqua will open on next Thursday, July 1st, for the usual seven days' session. As heretofore the Chautauqua tent will be pitched on the Central school grounds. Two sessions will be held daily with the exception of on Wednesday when three sessions will be held. The afternoon programs will start at 2:30 and the evening programs at 8 o'clock.

Season tickets for the Chautauqua are now on sale and may be obtained at any of the four banks in Luverne, at the department stores of Hawes & Son, and Nelson Brothers, the drug stores of J. E. Treat, John Connell and E. S. Hartenstein, at the Legion café and at the Herald office. ...

The advance reports on the Chautauqua this year give promise that the forthcoming event will be the best in the history of the Luverne Chautauqua.

OBITUARIES

Mary Alsleben

Mary E. Alsleben, 95, died Monday, June 8, 2020, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

A private graveside service will be at Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Mary Elaine Putney was born on May 21, 1925, to Charles and Mary (McNellis) Putney in Hutchinson. She was baptized as an infant and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth, both at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson. She received her education in Hutchinson and graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1943.

On Nov. 27, 1943, Mary married Melvin Alsleben at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. This marriage was blessed with one daughter, Diane. Mary and Melvin resided in Hutchinson and shared 42 years of marriage.

Mary was employed in the office at 3M on March 12, 1947, in Hutchinson and continued for over 40 years. She developed many lasting friendships through the years there, especially with Sumiko (Pete) Nelson, whom she helped adjust to living in Hutchinson from Japan. She retired from 3M in 1987.

Mary was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. She enjoyed bowling, bird watching, reading, watching car racing and crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed volunteering at the local library, the McLeod County Historical Society and

3M functions. Mary spent many summers at the cabin on Spirit Lake in Okoboji.

Mary became a resident at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson on Oct. 18, 2018.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Diane (David) Arends of Brandon, South Dakota; a grandson, Brian (Kimberly) Arends of Luverne; great-grandchildren Cooper Arends and Tyler Arends; sister Faye Prieve of Dassel; brother Donald (Darlene) Putney of Litchfield; sisters-in-law Shirley Burmeister, Beverly Alsleben, Elsie Alsleben, and Dorothy Alsleben, all of Hutchinson, Elnora Putney of Detroit Lakes, and Rosie Putney of Bismarck, North Dakota; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melvin Alsleben; siblings Wally (Marilyn) Putney, Norman (Margie) Putney, Russell (Darlene) Putney, Robert Putney, Wayne (Juanita) Putney, Roger (Marie) Putney, Jack Putney, Dorothy (Sam) Stafne, and Lucy (Richard) Smykalski; sister-in-law Rosella Hanson and her husband, Vernon; and brothers-in-law Roy Alsleben, Ivan Alsleben, Earl Alsleben, Melvin Burmeister, Sam Prieve and William Sandman. Arrangements were provided by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapels in Hutchinson, www.hantge.com.

(0625 F)

Pauline Martin

Zora "Pauline" Martin, 85, died Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. at the church.

Pauline Barrow was born to Laurel Ransom Barrow and Anna Schuchart on Jan. 29, 1935, in Pierre, South Dakota. She grew up in Custer, South Dakota, and graduated from Custer High School. She continued her education and graduated from National College of Business in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Pauline married Robert Harn Sr. in 1953 and four sons were born of that union, Robert, William, Calvin and Tim. The couple later divorced.

She married Richard Adair in 1968, and the couple adopted a daughter, Christine.

Pauline married William Martin in 1994. She was employed by the U.S. government for 22 1/2 years, retiring in 1998. She served at Whiteman AFB, Missouri, and Fort Richardson, Alaska. She received the highest civilian award for achievement.

Music was an important part of Pauline's life, and in addition to high school band and music participation, she sang in church choirs wherever she lived as long as she was able.

Pauline enjoyed making baby blankets for each newborn at Sanford Luverne Hospital, delivering lap robes to residents at Mary Jane Brown Home, and prayer shawls to residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home. She also en-

joyed the outreach program at the First Baptist Church in Luverne.

Pauline found joy in camping, dinner theaters, riding motorcycle with Bill, traveling with Richard, reading, sewing, embroidering and ice racing. She loved playing games, cards, puzzles, fishing and the outdoors. Her home was open to all.

Pauline is survived by her husband, William; four sons, Robert (Oralea) Harn, Colorado, William Harn, Michigan, Calvin Harn, South Dakota, and Tim (Connie) Harn, Wyoming; one daughter, Christine (Allen) Fick, Beaver Creek; grandchildren Kimberly (Gray) Eric, Ellie and Korben, Wade and Wyatt Harn, Kristy (Goodman) Jacob and Ben-Harn, Jennifer, Kylee and Braedon Harn, Gregory (Natalie) Fick and Derek Fick, and Bianca and Micheal Adair; stepchildren Jerry (Mary) Adair, Stan (Nina) Duane (Coleen), Les (Rhonda) Adair, Sherry (Dave) Solomon; several stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sisters Mary Holland, Arizona, Sharon Saunders, Missouri, and Phyllis Dubbe, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; ex-husband Robert Harn Sr. and Richard Adair; her grandparents; two brothers, John and Phil; two brothers-in-law, Don Holland and TD Saunders; two sisters-in-law, Donna Barrow and Beverly Barrow; and stepdaughter Dixie Pethound.

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

(0625 F)

Dorothy Blair

Dorothy Blair passed away Monday, June 15, 2020, at The Deerfield in New Richmond, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Dorothy Avis Allston Blair, aged 96, was born on April 17, 1924, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd, Minnesota, to William Daniel and Edith Pearl (Turner) Allston. She grew up on a dairy farm called "DorDon Acres" near Highway 18, near Brainerd. She sang in the school and church choirs and took lessons for the piano and organ. By the time she graduated from high school with honors in 1942, she could type 160 words a minute. During the summer months she would help on the farm by milking cows and driving the tractor to cut corn.

In the fall of 1942 Dorothy moved to Washington, D.C., to work as a secretary in the War Department and the Pentagon. She attended New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in D.C., the church that President Lincoln attended when he was president.

She returned to Brainerd in 1945 after World War II ended and started working for a group called Christian Endeavor.

During the summer of 1948 at Bible Camp, she met Burton Blair, a farmer from Winnebago, Minnesota. They married on Nov. 26, 1949. Burton and Dorothy moved to Dubuque, Iowa, after they were married so Burton could pursue a degree in Seminary Studies and become a pastor.

While working at the Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek, Minnesota, Dorothy published a weekly, mimeographed newspaper called

"The Beaver Creek Banner" for about five years.

Dorothy and Burton retired from serving churches in 1986 and lived on a small acreage near Valley Springs, South Dakota, for 17 years. They later lived in Luverne, Minnesota, and Brandon, South Dakota, before moving to New Richmond, Wisconsin, in 2012.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her baby brother Robert, her son-in-law C. Scott Feltman, and her dear husband Burton Blair.

Dorothy is survived by her brother Don Allston of Seattle, Washington, and her three children: Marlene (Lyle) Erickson of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Bruce (Brenda) Blair of Welch, Minnesota, and Nola (Klaus) Lebrecht of New Richmond, Wisconsin. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Sunday worship service and funeral will be held in her honor at the Bass Lake Community Church in Winnebago, Minnesota, on Sunday, June 21, at 11 a.m. Bring a camp chair to join friends and families on the lawn of the white church. Following the service and burial in the church cemetery, a picnic style box lunch will be provided. RSVP to 605-681-4713 (voice or text). Memorials can be sent to the Christian Worship Hour of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Spencer-Owen Funeral Home in Winnebago, Minnesota, is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.spencerowen.com.

(0625 V)

Robert De Noble

Robert Lee De Noble, 75, Hills, died Friday, June 12, 2020, at his home near Hills.

A funeral service was Wednesday, June 17, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Lester, Iowa. Burial followed at the Hillside Cemetery in Lester.

Robert De Noble was born June 23, 1944, to Cornelius and Henrietta (Korenberg) De Noble in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He was raised on a farm near Lester and attended school through the eighth grade in Lester.

On Dec. 18, 1964, he married Karen Kooi in the Reformed Church in Lebanon, Iowa. Shortly after their marriage they moved to their current farm near Hills, where they farmed and raised their family.

Robert attended the Bethel Reformed Church his entire life. He enjoyed farming and taking drives to check out the crops. He also enjoyed fishing, mowing the yard, watching old-time TV shows and westerns, and listening to gospel hymns. He liked to play cards and checkers with his children and grandchildren. His favorite place to be was home with his grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife, Karen De Noble; sons Darrell De Noble of Hills, David De Noble of Rock Rapids, Brian (Kristi) De Noble of Hills; daughter Brenda (Kevin) Auch, Freeman, South Dakota; grandchildren Austin and Andrew De Noble and Kaylee,

Paige and Tannen Auch; sisters Lyda (Harold) Timmerman of Rock Rapids, Betty Kooima of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Cheryl (Darrell) Hoekstra of Alton, Iowa; brothers Marlin (Judy) De Noble of Hills and Dwight (Alvina) De Noble of Larchwood, Iowa; sisters-in-law Grada Raak of Milford, Iowa, Bertha (Duane) Vos of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Renzella Kempema of Sioux Falls; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Conrad De Noble; his parents-in-law, Ellis and Christine Kooi; and brothers-in-law Rich Kempema and Cliff Raak.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, www.jurrensfh.com.

(0625 F)

Eldon Walker

Eldon Stanley Walker, 86, Luverne, died on Sunday, June 21, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Public visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the church.

Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Attendees are asked to follow CDC guidelines for mask and social distancing where applicable.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Little Lambs Preschool at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Eldon Walker was born on Nov. 8, 1933, to Harold and Stella Marie (Cook) Walker in Delavan. He was baptized Nov. 8, 1940, at the First Methodist Church in Delavan. He was raised on a farm near Delavan and graduated from Delavan High School in 1951. He continued his education at Mankato Commercial College.

On Feb. 23, 1952, Eldon married Ramona Buegler at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Blue Earth. He was confirmed at that church on March 30, 1953. The couple made their home in Delevan. Eldon worked at Stokley Van Camp in Winnebago until 1962 when he took a job at M.I.D. States Packing Company (later known as Iowa Beef Processors) in Luverne. In addition to his job at the plant, he enjoyed farming throughout the years, before and after his formal retirement, bringing in his last

crop in the fall of 2018.

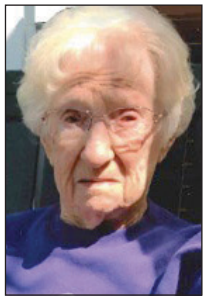
Eldon was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne where he sang in the church choir, served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Elders, as well as serving as vice president and president. He also served on a collection counting team and was a devoted supporter of Little Lambs Preschool. Eldon also served for many years as treasurer of the Luverne Township Board.

Eldon is survived by his wife, Ramona; four children, Debra (Albert) Van Belle of Luverne, Connie (Glen) Boler of Luverne, Vickie (Larry) Ottem of Big Lake, and Thomas (Twila) Walker of Luverne; nine grandchildren, Jason (Teresa) Van Belle, Todd (Chelsea) Van Belle, Nick (Allyson) Van Belle, Andrea (Patrick) Bennett, Nathan (Dana) Boler, Peter (Gina) Ottem, Tyler (Karolina) Ottem, Ryan (Amanda) Walker and Steven (Jacinda) Walker; 21 great-grandchildren; a brother, Maurice (Sharon) Walker of Winnebago; and a brother-in-law, Joe Perrizo of Mapleton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his great-grandson Eli Bennett; and his siblings Eugene Walker, JoAnne (Don) Aschman, Shirley (Dale) Ripley, Barb Stordahl, Don Stordahl and Mary Lou Walker.

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

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17U baseball opens season in Renner

By Jason Berghorst

When American Legion-sanctioned baseball in Minnesota was canceled for the season in May, local youth were unsure if they would play at all this summer.

In order to still offer a season, Luverne leaders and coaches worked to create non-Legion sanctioned teams for Legion and Junior Legion-aged players to begin play once pandemic-related restrictions began to relax in Minnesota.

The Junior Legion-aged team is playing as the Luverne 17-and-under (17U) team, which opened its season last weekend in a tournament in Renner, South Dakota.

The team played three South Dakota teams. Luverne lost to Renner and Watertown and tied West Central.

Longtime Luverne Junior Legion coach Mike Wenninger pointed out how different it is to open the summer baseball season in mid-June with players who didn't have a school season in the spring.

"It was their first three games in many months," Wenninger said.

"Everyone played and we had nine or ten kids pitch," he said. "It tells us where we're at right now."

Renner 5, Luverne 3

Luverne opened its delayed 2020 campaign Friday, June 19, on the road in Renner, South Dakota.

The hosts came out on top 5-3.

Luke Bosch, Braydon Ripka, Kaden Anderson and Kaleb Hein had one hit each in the contest and Connor Overgaard, Harley Wendland and Hein each scored a run.

Anderson started on the pitching mound. He threw for three innings, striking out two Renner batters and giving up two runs.

Zach DeBoer then pitched for two innings. He gave up



Jason Berghorst Photo/17U Baseball/0625

The Luverne 17U baseball team opened its season in Renner, South Dakota, over the weekend. Team members include (front, from left) Luke Bosch, Casey Sehr, Tryg Gangestad, Braydon Ripka, Gavin Reisch, Andy Halverson; (second row) Zach DeBoer, Kaleb Hein, Tyson Cowell, Riley Sneller, Kaden Anderson, Harley Wendland; (back) head coach Mike Wenninger, Connor Connell, AJ Ossefoort, Connor Overgaard, coach Micky Sehr and coach Jared Pick. Missing is Brock Behrend.

three runs and struck out two hitters.

Brock Behrend came in to pitch the final inning. Behrend struck out one batter and gave up no runs.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Bosch	4	1	0	0
Ripka	3	1	0	0
Reisch	1	0	0	0
Sehr	3	0	0	0
Overgaard	1	0	1	0
Anderson	3	1	0	0
Ossefoort	1	0	0	0
Wendland	0	0	1	0
Gangestad	2	0	0	0
Hein	1	1	1	1
Sneller	1	0	0	0
DeBoer	1	0	0	0
Behrend	0	0	0	1
Cowell	1	0	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0

Watertown 7, Luverne 1

The 17U team came up short in the second game of the Renner tournament Saturday, losing to Watertown 7-1.

Luverne's lone run came

in the sixth inning when Casey Sehr scored on a single by Gavin Reisch.

Kaden Anderson, Connor Overgaard and Reisch had one hit each in the game.

Sehr pitched the first four innings for Luverne. He gave up one unearned run, one hit and one walk while striking out three batters.

Luke Bosch pitched the next inning, giving up three runs (one of which was earned) and one hit. He struck out one batter.

Overgaard pitched the final two innings. He gave up three runs, two hits and walked three.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Bosch	4	0	0	0
Anderson	3	1	0	0
Sehr	2	0	1	0
Overgaard	2	1	0	0

Ripka	2	0	0	0
Reisch	1	1	0	1
Ossefoort	2	0	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0
Sneller	2	0	0	0
Hein	1	0	0	0
Behrend	1	0	0	0
DeBoer	2	0	0	0
Gangestad	1	0	0	0
Cowell	2	0	0	0

two runs, three walks and no hits and struck out four.

Luke Bosch pitched the seventh inning. Bosch struck out one batter while giving up one run and one hit.

Kaden Anderson scored two runs in the game. Bosch, Tryg Gangestad and Kaleb Hein scored the other Luverne runs.

Connor Overgaard had two RBIs for the Cardinals.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Bosch	4	1	1	0
Anderson	2	1	2	0
Sehr	2	0	0	1
Overgaard	3	1	0	2
Reisch	1	0	0	0
Ossefoort	0	0	0	0
Cowell	4	0	0	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0
Ripka	3	0	0	0
Gangestad	2	1	1	0
Hein	1	0	1	0
Sneller	1	0	0	0
Wendland	1	0	0	0

Luverne 5, West Central 5

Luverne's third game of the weekend ended in a 5-5 tie.

With the threat of severe weather moving in and a 5-5 score at the end of seven regulation innings, the decision was made to end the game as a tie.

Braydon Ripka pitched three innings for Luverne. He gave up two runs, four hits and four walks while striking out three batters.

AJ Ossefoort pitched the next three innings. He gave up

Luverne Redbirds win big in home opener over Engineers

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds returned to Redbird Field for their first home game of the season Wednesday, June 17.

The large number of fans who attended the game were reminded of social distancing requirements, and a few adjustments were made on the field, but overall the feel of "town team" baseball returned to Luverne.

"It was just great to be back at Redbird Field," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Mauer. "We appreciate all the fan support we had."

Luverne treated the home-opener fans to a 12-1 win over Tracy.

The Redbirds host Ruth-ton Wednesday (June 24) and Jackson Friday night before playing in Tracy Sunday and in Milroy Wednesday, July 1.

Luverne 12, Tracy 1

Jake Haugen was the offensive spark that led the

Redbirds to victory over the Tracy Engineers Wednesday, June 17.

Haugen had three hits, including a double and a three-run homerun, en route to scoring two runs and batting in four runners.

Skyler Wenninger, Declan Beers and Codie Zeutenhorst also scored two runs each in the win.

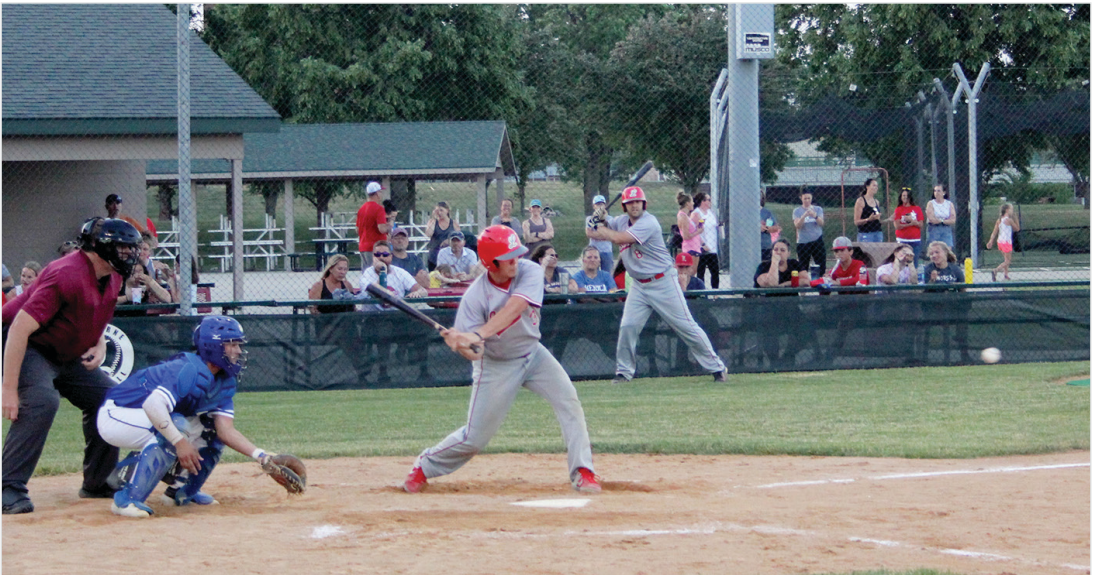
Although Luverne only had six total hits in the game, walks issued by Tracy pitchers and effective base-running led to 12 Redbird runs.

"We didn't have a lot of hits, but there were 13 or 14 walks that helped a lot," Mauer said.

The game was tied at 1-1 at the end of the second inning before Luverne scored three more runs in the third inning.

The Redbirds extended their lead to 6-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning before adding six more runs in the sixth inning.

Codie Zeutenhorst



Jason Berghorst Photo/Redbirds1/0625

The Luverne Redbirds won their home-opener 12-1 over the Tracy Engineers Wednesday, June 17. Skyler Wenninger (batting) scored two runs and batted in another run during the game.

pitched six full innings for Luverne to earn the win. He struck out six batters, issued one walk and gave up three hits and one run.

Ben Serie took the mound

for the final inning, striking out one batter without giving up any walks, hits or runs.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Nath	3	0	0	0
Beers	3	1	2	1

Wenninger	1	0	2	1
Zeutenhorst	3	0	2	0
Serie	2	0	1	1
Haugen	4	3	2	4
Norman	3	1	1	1
Lundgren	1	1	1	1
Gonzalez	3	0	0	0
Brown	0	0	1	0



Joel Vis/Rapid Speedway Photo/0625

Eric Gaul of Luverne won the Hobby Stocks A feature race at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Friday. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Mallie Fick and Meranda Kramer. Back row (from left) are Joey Streeter, Ron Schouwenburg, Brandon Boeve, Shelly Gaul, Steve Schouwenburg, Josh Fick, Eric Gaul and Payton Fick.

19U team defeats Sioux Falls, Fargo

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne 19-and-under (19U) baseball team opened its delayed season by going 2-1 at a Legion baseball tournament in Lennox, South Dakota, over the weekend.

Luverne opened Friday with an 8-6 loss to the host team, before defeating Sioux Falls West 2-1 Saturday and the Fargo Bombers 10-5 Sunday.

While the American Legion baseball governing board in Minnesota decided in May not to sponsor a sanctioned season in 2020 due to pandemic concerns, the local 19U team consists of players who would normally play on the Luverne Legion team.

Coach Codie Zeutenhorst said the team plans to play as many games as possible this summer with other area 19U teams.

Luverne's first home game will be tonight (Thursday), June 25, versus Adrian at Redbird Field.

Lennox 8, Luverne 6

Luverne opened the weekend tournament in Lennox with an 8-6 loss to the host team Friday.

Lennox took an early lead by scoring four runs in the first inning.

Luverne then scored three runs in the second inning with three more runs in the seventh inning, including a single by Quinn Buss that scored two runners, but the late rally was not enough.

Ethan Beyer led Luverne at the plate with three hits in the game.

Jacob Van Dam pitched the complete game for Luverne. He gave up thirteen hits and eight runs while striking out four Lennox batters.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Beyer	4	3	0	1
Wenninger	1	0	1	1
Crabtree	3	0	1	0
Van Dam	4	0	1	0
Buss	4	1	0	2
Von Tersch	2	0	0	1
Anderson	3	1	1	0
Nekali	2	1	1	0
Halverson	1	0	1	0
Baker	1	0	0	0

Luverne 2, SF West 1

Luverne won its first game of the young 2020 season by defeating the Sioux Falls West Legion team 2-1 in Lennox Saturday.

In the top of the fifth inning, Luverne's Colby Crabtree hit a sacrifice fly to score Trevor Halverson.

The only other run Luverne would need came in the top of the eighth inning when Jacob Van Dam hit a lead-off homerun.

Cade Wenninger pitched six innings for Luverne. He struck out five hitters and walked two while giving up three hits and one run.

Ethan Beyer earned the

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Luverne drivers take top two Hobby Stocks spots

By Jason Berghorst

Eric Gaul and Thomas Kracht of Luverne highlighted local results during a busy weekend of racing.

Gaul took first and Kracht placed second in the Hobby Stocks A feature race at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Friday.

Gaul also won the first race of the season for the LSR (Luverne, Slayton, Rock Rapids) Enduro series Saturday night at the same track.

Rock County drivers also competed in Slayton at Murray County Speedway Friday and at 1-90 Speedway Saturday.

Rapid Speedway

The Hobby Stocks class attracted 23 drivers to Rock Rapids Friday. At the end of the night, two Luverne men took top honors in the class.

Eric Gaul finished second in Heat 1 before starting the A feature race in fourth place. He worked his way up to taking the checkered flag in the feature.

Thomas Kracht of Luverne started the A feature in fifth place before placing second in the race.

In the Sportsman's class, Kaden Kracht of Steen finished fifth in the A feature. Beaver Creek's Brandon Boeve placed sixth in the same race.

Colton Arends led three Luverne drivers competing in the Stock Cars class. He finished third in the A feature race.

Spenser Kalass placed fourth and Scott Overgaard ninth in the same race.

Murray County Speedway

Luverne's Jeremy Smith

competed in the IMCA Modifieds class at Murray County Speedway in Slayton Friday night.

Smith won his heat race and started the A feature race in the first spot before finishing second.

1-90 Speedway

Luverne's Thomas Kracht had an impressive A feature race in the Hobby Stocks class at 1-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, Saturday night.

Kracht started the race in 22nd place and moved his way up to finishing in third place.

LSR Enduro Series

Eric Gaul of Luverne won both races he entered in Rock Rapids this weekend.

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Joel Vis/Rapid Speedway Photo/0625

Luverne's Eric Gaul earned his second checkered flag of the weekend when he won the LSR Enduro Series race at Rapid Speedway Saturday. Gaul finished first in the Hobby Stocks A feature race at the same track the night before.

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After earning the checkered flag in the A feature of the Hobby Stocks class Friday night, Gaul also came in first during the LSR Enduro series race Saturday night. The LSR series was scheduled to include six enduro races with two races each at tracks in Luverne, Slayton and Rock Rapids.

Restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic caused some changes to the original schedule with the first race of the series staged Saturday in Rock Rapids. Twenty cars entered the Saturday race. The next race in the series will be July 11 in Slayton.

Rapid Speedway – June 19 Sportsmans A Feature

K. Kracht	Steen	5th
B. Boeve	Beaver Creek	6th

Hobby Stocks A Feature

E. Gaul	Luverne	1st
T. Kracht	Luverne	2nd
C. Kelderman	Hills	18th
C. Wessels	Luverne	20th

Stock Cars A Feature

C. Arends	Luverne	3rd
S. Kalass	Luverne	4th
S. Overgaard	Luverne	9th

I-90 Speedway – June 20

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win for Luverne when he took the mound for the final two innings. Beyer struck out four Sioux Falls batters and gave up one hit.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Beyer	3	1	0	0
Wenninger	3	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	0	0	1
Van Dam	4	2	1	1
Von Tersch	4	2	0	0
Buss	3	0	0	0
Anderson	2	0	0	0
Nekali	3	0	0	0
Halverson	3	1	1	0

Luverne 10, Fargo 5

Consistent scoring throughout the game led Luverne to its second win of the three-game tournament.

Luverne defeated the Fargo, North Dakota, Bombers 10-5 in Lennox Sunday. Luverne scored one run in each of the first, second, and third innings before plating three runs in the fourth inning and four more in the fifth inning.

Colby Crabtree, Nathan Nekali and Ethan Beyer all had two hits for Luverne. Nekali scored three runs, including a homerun in the fifth inning, while Crabtree and Beyer added two runs each.

Crabtree and Quinn Buss also had three RBIs each for Luverne in addition to taking care of the pitching duties during the game.

Crabtree was on the mound for the first five innings and earned the win. He struck out eight Fargo batters and gave up four hits, three walks and five runs, four of which were earned.

Buss pitched the final two innings. He struck out one batter while giving up one hit and one walk.

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Beyer	5	2	2	2
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Crabtree	3	2	2	3
Van Dam	2	0	0	0
Buss	2	1	0	3
Von Tersch	4	0	0	0
Anderson	3	0	1	0
Nekali	2	2	1	0
Halverson	2	0	1	0



Mavis Fodness photo/0625 Flags Half Staff



Remembering pandemic on the 19th

In Minnesota on the 19th of each month, all U.S. flags outside of state and federal buildings in Minnesota are to be flown half-staff from sunrise to sunset. The directive, from Gov. Tim Walz, is to remember, mourn and honor lives lost due to COVID-19.

Above, Carolyn Sievert lowers the flag to half-mast outside of the Hardwick Post Office Friday.

At left, Dennis Madison lowers the flag at the city of Magnolia/post office building Friday morning.

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Star Herald CHURCH

The Star Herald reached out to churches for their worship information in the absence of in-person worship services, due to coronavirus social distancing. Those that responded are listed here. Those that would like to have information posted here should call the Star Herald or email editor@star-herald.com.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stccluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

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

We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays and at 6:30 pm on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

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

Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service can be viewed live on Facebook through a link on the website: www.fbcluverne.org or directly on our Facebook page: First Baptist Church of Luverne MN. Services are posted to the website on Tuesday and are available to view, along with past sermons. Vast Channel 3 will also air our service Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Beginning Saturday weekly in-person worship services 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Limited seating is available. Register online by 5 p.m. on the church website or by calling the church office. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 PM and Fridays at 6:30 PM. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 AM.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Online worship and devotions at home. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

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

9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 PM and Wednesdays at 4 PM. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship Service — live streamed. **Thursdays 1-3 pm** — Rock County Food Shelf curbside. **Saturday 8 pm** — AA Meeting. **Sunday 10:30 am** - Worship Service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. ALIVE Youth Group lessons will led by areas leader as shared. **Monday 8 pm** — AA Meeting and **Wednesday, 6 pm**.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Worship through Facebook Live at regular 10:15 time on Sunday morning. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
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Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
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Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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110 N. Oakley, Luverne
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills will be online only until further notice. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills MN Sunday morning at 10:30AM. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

How are you ‘holding up’?

How are you “holding up” as you deal with lingering COVID-19 restrictions on business and gatherings? If you’re like me, you want things to get back to normal sooner than later!

Let me assure you that the churches in Rock County (and beyond) have been praying for you. We cry out to God for healing for those who have been sickened by COVID-19. We ask God to comfort those who have lost friends or loved ones to this disease. We seek God’s provision for those who have lost hours at work or who are pinched by changes in the markets that hurt producers and consumers alike.

We give thanks for health care providers and others whose service may expose them to the virus. And we pray for wisdom for our leaders as they, like us, are responding in unprecedented ways to complexities of the situation.

Many years ago I memorized the first chapter of the New Testament book of James. I’d have to do some intense reviewing to be able to quote it by heart again. But a few of the verses are still with me: “My brothers, consider it pure joy when you fall into various trials, knowing this: that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. But let perseverance finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.” (James 1:3-4)

There’s a lot of sound wisdom in these verses. I’m still learning what it means to consider “pure joy” life’s circumstances that are difficult and unpleasant.

The key is to remember that trials aren’t random. Instead, they are tools that God can use to bring about good things in our lives. I don’t like the sharp edge of adver-

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By Pastor Roger Sparks
Luverne Christian
Reformed Church

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sity. But it’s a joyful thing to know that God uses trials to shape us, to form us, to make us more like Himself.

A hymn by Caroline Sandell Berg (1855) says it well:

*God has given, He has taken,
But His children ne’er forsaken;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

What about you? Do you expect God to use trials for good in your life? I hope you do. I’m looking forward to when all restrictions on gatherings are lifted. Germs or not, I’m looking forward to handshakes! I’m looking forward to when we’ll be able to fill completely our church buildings and make the rafters echo with praises to God.

God is good. And since He has already given us the greatest possible gift (see John 3:16) may we trust that He will also help us with lesser things.

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Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 29. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Monte Zwaan
Location: SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 16 of Clinton Township, T101N, R 45 W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot to more than 1000 Animal Units
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use permit is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of a total confinement barn housing 2400 head of finishing swine. The total capacity of the existing feedlot is 720 animal units.

The proposed expansion shall consist of a total confinement barn housing 2400 head of finishing swine, which will increase the capacity by 720 animal units.

After the expansion, the site will house 4800 head of finishing swine. Manure from the 2 total confinement barns will be stored in a poured reinforced concrete pit under the floors of each of these barns. Total animal units after the expansion will be 1440 animal units.

To help mitigate the risk to public health by following the recommendations from the Department of Health and Human Services, along with Governor Walz' statewide response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the total number of attendees present at the meeting will be limited in order to meet the Governor's requirements of 10 or less.

If you wish to offer comments relative to the public hearings being held and do not need to be present, we ask you to submit that those comments by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Rock County Land Management Office, located at 311 West Gabrielson Road, Suite 4, Luverne, Minnesota, or submitted by e-mail to: eric.hartman@co.rock.mn.us

If you wish to actively participate in the public hearing process itself from an off-site location, we are providing live access to the meeting through a teleconferencing service. To access the meeting, dial the following phone number: (425)436-6320; Then when prompted, enter the access code number: 108575

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

(06-18, 06-25)

H-BC School Board meets April 13

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
April 13, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:01 p.m. via ZOOM Meeting.

Board members present via ZOOM Meeting were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Schilling, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve the agenda. Chairman Reading of Electronic Meeting Information.

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald).
PATRIOT PRIDE:
-Lily Top--Sioux Valley Energy Billboard winner
-Senior Recognition Night Wednesday, April 8, 8:20 pm to 8:40 pm #bethelight
-JBS Pork- Worthington, Donation of #300 lbs of Pork Loin
-Parents and HBC Staff--Fabulous work and support!
-Taryn Rauk--Worthington Globe All Area Basketball Team Recognition
-NextEra Energy for their gift to purchase Fire HD tablets at the Elementary School.
Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve minutes 3/23/2020.
Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve bills.
Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve NextEra Energy donation for Elementary School Fire HD Tablets \$2,051.73.
Motion by Rauk, second by Wysong, and carried to approve Regular Board of Education meeting April 27, 2020 as remote Electronic Meeting.
Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve increasing district credit card limit to \$10,000.
Motion by Knobloch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Health and Hospitalization premium rates for the 2020-2021 School Year.
PERSONNEL:
Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve accepting the resignation of Katie Rogers as Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor at the end of 2019-2020 school year.
DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:
•Secondary Principal Report
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
•Legislative Update
•Committee Reports:
-Staff Development/TAB 4/8/2020
Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting:
DATES TO REMEMBER:
•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 27
•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 11
Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(06-25)

Public hearing set for June 29

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 7:15 p.m. at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering amendments and additions to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance and which amendments and additions shall pertain to the Renewable Energy Ordinance, which regulates the installation and operation of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) of less than 5000 kilowatts (or 5 megawatts) and Solar Energy Systems of less than 50,000 kilowatts (or 50 megawatts), pursuant to M.S. 216F, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, and Solar Energy Conversion Systems, pursuant to M.S. 216C.25, 500.30, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 1325.1100. Those portions of the renewable energy ordinance subject to change shall include wind turbine setbacks to property lines and setbacks to wetlands, and the standards for the installation and placement power and communication lines in large solar farms.

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We appreciate the patience and understanding of the citizens of Rock County as we are working to protect the health of the public, while minimizing the disruption of our operations.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Zoning Administrator by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

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Duncan probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of

Court File No. 67-PR-20-139

Mary A. Duncan aka
Mary Adeline Duncan
aka Mary Duncan,
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 2020, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, on Petition of Douglas A. Duncan for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named Decedent, and for the appointment of Douglas A. Duncan, whose address is 209 E. Barck Ave., Luverne, MN 56156, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed to administer the Estate, to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524-3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 6/15/ 2020

District Court Judge,
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/s/ Denise Brandel
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(06-25, 07-02)

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Marvin Kroontje Estate Sale at 301 Luverne Street, Magnolia. Friday, June 26: 2-8 p.m. and Saturday, June 27: 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Motorized wheelchair, walkers, other medical supplies, tools, mini fridge, microwave, kitchen items, bedding, books, dressers, shelves, DVD's, records, sewing machine, so much more - many items are new! (6.18-6.27)

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Luverne Mn 56156

If interested call
507-920-5595

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to our family and friends for the gifts and cards we received for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We appreciate all of you.

**Thank you,
Loren and Jan Reese**
(6.25-6.27)

SERVICES

WE HAVE SEVERAL CREWS OF BEAN WALKERS.

We also pick rock, put up and take down fences. We will do any type of farm work. Call 712-943-2084, 712-251-3277 or 712-899-5219

EMPLOYMENT

CCSI is actively seeking caregivers to assist individuals who have developmental and or physical disabilities in their own home with housekeeping duties, personal cares, program goals and more. We are seeking individuals who are friendly, compassionate and dependable to work PT, FT and overnight block schedules. Our block schedules offer fixed days and hours, include every other weekend and rotating holidays. Most schedules offer an average of 38 hours per week and are benefit-eligible positions. CCSI has a new starting wage! For information on the current block schedules available, please contact Brenda at the CCSI office in Worthington at (507) 376-3171 extension 2. CCSI is an EEO/AA Employer. (6.13-7.1)

EMPLOYMENT

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JOIN OUR TEAM

Truss Pros in Pipestone, MN is hiring assemblers to join their team!
Come work in a relaxed environment with competitive pay and comprehensive benefit package.
Hiring for both day and night shift.
To apply, go to www.uslbm.com/careers and search for listings in Pipestone, MN.

STUDENT WORKER Housekeeping

The MN Veterans Home is accepting applications for a part-time student worker to assist with Housekeeping services.

Duties include sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, soiled linen and trash removal, cleaning bathrooms, and other related assigned tasks. Applicants must be enrolled in secondary, post-secondary or graduate study programs. Must be able to work independently with limited direction. This position will be scheduled every other weekend, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Hourly wage: \$15.00.



Apply online: mn.gov/mmb/careers
Call 507-920-0000 for additional information. AA/EOE

MN VETERANS HOME Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Applications are being accepted for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) positions.

Evening shift: 2:45 pm – 11:15 pm.
\$21.08/hr - \$28.51/hr depending on experience. Every other weekend and some holidays required. Excellent insurance benefits. Paid vacation, sick leave and holidays.

On-call (PRN): Multiple positions available to substitute on both day and evening shifts. View complete job announcements and apply online: <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers> For additional information call 507-920-0000. EEO/AAO



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A recycling symbol consisting of three chasing arrows forming a triangle. Below the symbol, the words "REDUCE", "REUSE", and "RECYCLE" are stacked vertically in a bold, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a rounded rectangular border with two small dots at the top and bottom. Two stylized leaves are positioned on either side of the text, and there are small dots on the left and right sides of the border.

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS

Do you have questions about:

- LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
- WARTIME SERVICE VS PEACE TIME
- DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTED INJURY OR ILLNESS
- ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED VETERANS
- PENSION
- SPOUSE OF A VETERAN WHO DIED FROM SERVICE CONNECTED CONDITION
- DEATH PENSIONS TO SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILDREN
- BURIAL BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- DENTAL BENEFITS
- CHAMPVA
- TRICARE AND TRICARE FOR LIFE
- VOCATIONAL REHAB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- VET CENTERS
- EDUCATION BENEFITS
- LIFE INSURANCE
- HOME LOAN GUARANTIES
- AGENT ORANGE (Vietnam and Blue Water Navy)
- POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
- BENEFITS FOR FEMALE VETERANS
- STATE BENEFITS
- OBTAINING MILITARY RECORDS AND AWARDS
- CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS
- NATIONAL GUARD VS ACTIVE DUTY

Veterans Linkage Line™
minnesotaveteran.org | 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838)

Help for veterans and families

Help Support the

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Rock County
 by calling the Luverne Chamber of Commerce or the Veterans Services Office.

Rock County Veterans Services

507-283-5061
M-F: 8 a.m. to Noon
Rock County Courthouse

A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian
We're All in This Together
City parks
are open!
Please continue
to follow social
distancing
protocol.

mn.gov/covid19
m MINNESOTA

Governor Walz's Executive Order Under Phase III of the Stay Safe MN Plan

Things are trending in the right direction, but we must continue to Stay Safe Minnesota.

Pools are open across the state, but will require safe social distancing and capacity limits. Masks are NOT required inside the Luverne Aquatic Center

- 1. Restaurants**
 - Indoor dining while maintaining social distancing
 - reservations required
 - May seat no more than 50 percent occupancy
- 2. Social gatherings**
 - Indoor social gatherings can take place with 10 people or less
 - Outdoor social gatherings can take place with 25 people or less
- 3. Gyms, personal fitness, yoga studios, & martial arts**
 - May open at 25 percent capacity
- 4. Entertainment venues**
 - Indoor entertainment venues such as theaters and concert halls, can open at 25 percent capacity.
 - Recreational indoor entertainment venues, such as bowling alleys, arcades, and museums may open at 25 percent capacity.
 - Outdoor entertainment venues, such as sporting events, concerts, and theaters may open at 25 percent capacity.
- 5. Personal services**
 - Personal services, such as salons, tattoo parlors, and barbershops, may increase occupancy rates to 50 percent while requiring reservations.
- 6. Places of worship**
 - Places of worship can increase occupancy rates to 50 percent.

*The City of Luverne will work with local Restaurants and Bars to help them with outdoor seating where possible.

Further clarification located at:
<https://mn.gov/governor/news/#/detail/appld/1/id/434917>

LUVERNE IS TAKING ACTION

The Luverne city council approved a resolution giving John Call the authority to review and approve the use of public sidewalks and concurrence with Mark Sehr County Engineer and Evan VerBrugge Sheriff. This approved measure will be in effect until the local emergency ends or the city council decides to terminate it. The city will provide the necessary traffic safety barriers and help alleviate any regulatory barriers that a business might have in order to expand their outdoor seating capacity.

EMPLOYER PREPAREDNESS PLAN REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Businesses and employers providing food and beverages for outside on-site consumption (such as bars, restaurants, bakeries, grocery stores and convenience stores) must develop and implement a COVID-19 Business Preparedness Plan that addresses the following components. Businesses must ensure the Plan is evaluated, monitored, executed, and updated under the supervision of a designated Plan Administrator. Employers must ensure the Plan is posted at all of the business's workplaces in readily accessible locations that will allow for the Plan to be readily reviewed by all workers, as required.

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- Develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan
- Open for outdoor dining or curbside pickup/delivery only
- Ensure at least 6 feet of distance with maximum on- premises capacity to no more than 50 persons
- Limit table service to 4 persons, or 6 if part of one family unit
- Require reservations; do not allow walk-in customers
- Require masks or face shields to be worn by workers
- and strongly recommend masks for all customers
- Establish regular disinfection routine and train workers

For Minnesota-specific information on the virus, along with resources about keeping yourself and those around you safe, the MDH <https://www.health.state.mn.us/> website has everything you need. Otherwise, read more from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/> on how to stay healthy and safe.




I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.

Luverne

MINNESOTA

Love the life!

Sincerely,



Mayor Patrick T. Baustian