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MSHSL moves football, volleyball seasons to spring

By Jason Berghorst

The coronavirus pandemic is now impacting the fall season of Minnesota high school sports.

The Minnesota State High School League governing board voted Tuesday afternoon to move the football and volleyball seasons to spring 2021.

Girls' tennis, cross country and other fall sports will be allowed to begin as scheduled, but with significant modifications to their seasons, based on decisions made by the MSHSL.

Cross country will be limited to no more than two events per week, and there will be a limit of three teams at each event.

Girls' tennis will also be limited to no more than two contests per week, and only two teams can participate at each tennis event.

While football and volleyball teams will be allowed to hold practices this fall, no games will be played until spring.

The MSHSL is developing a "four-season"

plan for the upcoming school year with football and volleyball competing from mid-March to mid-May.

Traditional spring sports will move to a summer schedule that competes from May until mid-July, according to a tentative plan released by the MSHSL Tuesday.

The Star Herald will have more updates and local reaction to these changes in next week's edition and online at www.star-herald.com.

Schools watch case numbers for direction

Districts advised to decide in-person learning based on rate of coronavirus increase in county

By Mavis Fodness

In a special meeting Wednesday, Aug. 5, Luverne School Board members reviewed possible learning models for the opening of the 2020-21 school year.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl recommended waiting until the state-mandated deadline of Aug. 24 before announcing which of the four plans the district will operate under when classes begin Sept. 8.

Parents and students were notified Friday, July 31, a day after the state released guidelines for schools to safely operate under as Minnesota's COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise.

"That model districts begin the school year with is intended to be driven by county level COVID-19 case data," Oftedahl wrote. "The data is collected every week and contains case data based on data for two-week periods."

A formula based on the state Department of Health numbers helps guide district administrators in selecting the best learning model at different case levels and when a district can or should change to a different model.

Learning models include the state's three recommended options plus a fourth locally developed option.

"A local incident command team is responsible for considering all factors including case data before recommending a model for (education) delivery," Oftedahl explained.

The four learning models are:

1.) In-person learning (five-days a week).

2.) Hybrid learning (combination of in-person and distance learning).

3.) Distance learning (all students learning from home, similar to what occurred last spring.)

4.) Online Academy (a learning option for Luverne students if Luverne returns to five-days-a-week in-person learning.)

"The district is aware that parents and families are looking for specific information as soon as possible," Oftedahl wrote.

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Keeping our heads up

Youth commended for performance in (un)fair activities

By Mavis Fodness

The effort to make last week's Rock County 4-H Showcase a meaningful experience didn't go unnoticed by beef project judge DJ Folkerts.

"I hope we don't have to do this again," he said Friday morning, the third of four days of livestock showcases. "Kudos to your program coordinators for having this."

Folkert of Pipestone spent several minutes sharing his observations as he watched the senior beef showman hold the animals.

"You didn't have to be here today," he added. "You've shown a lot of dedication."

A total of 72 Rock County youth participated in the eight in-person livestock shows and/or virtual static project offerings.

Last year, 170 youth showed projects at the fair.

Local adult volunteers and older 4-H youth filled the 82 slots needed to conduct this year's showcase.

"Our volunteers were awesome," said Kelsey Maeschen, Rock County 4-H Program coordinator. "I want to



Mavis Fodness photo/0806 2020 Fair Thursday

Drew Fick keeps his hog's head up as he competes in the swine show at the swine showcase Thursday, July 30.



At left, Kellie VanDerBrink concentrates on the jumping Figure 8 pattern. Right, Hannah Kruse takes her market steer into the ring Friday morning.



County has \$100,000 in CARES aid available

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners approved an additional \$100,000 in CARES grants for distribution to eligible Rock County businesses and non-profit organizations at their regular Tuesday meeting.

CARES Act stands for Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act. Commissioners originally earmarked \$675,000 for distribution

in early July, and as of Tuesday more than \$612,000 has been allocated to 95 businesses and 38 non-profit organizations in Rock County.

Each entity can ask for up to \$5,000 to defray expenses and/or financial losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Prior to Tuesday's additional allocation, just over \$64,000 was still available.

According to auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz, 10 business applications were still pending, with two new business applications yet to be reviewed. There are no non-profit applications pending or new ones submitted.

Deadline to apply for aid is Aug. 15. Applications are available at the Rock County website. The county received \$1.18 million in federal aid.

Luverne sends aid to businesses with direct checks

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their July 28 meeting to change their method of disbursing pandemic relief funds to local businesses.

The CARES Act — the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act — is a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by Congress and signed into law in March in response to the

economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

In addition to using the money to reimburse for direct COVID-19 expenses, expenditures may be made in the form of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.

Money was allocated to states based on population, and states in

turn dispersed funds to counties and local governments.

The city of Luverne agreed to allocate its \$355,983 to 79 local small businesses identified by the Luverne EDA during a previous round of local pandemic relief.

These businesses will receive the money in the form of grants that will

Luverne CARES aid/see page 5

Rock County case numbers reach 75; schools watch rate of increase to make decisions

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County has had 75 confirmed coronavirus cases (as of Tuesday) since health experts began tracking in March.

It's a modest number, considering neighboring counties are in the hundreds, but recent spikes are the more important trend to watch, given that schools decide in-person learning based on the rate of increase. (See the related story).

In-person learning is appropriate if there are fewer than nine new cases of the virus per 10,000 residents reported over the latest 14-day period.

Rock County has nearly 10,000 people, so the math is easy.

As of July 18, the 14-day COVID-19 case rate for Rock County

was 18.06, up from 8.50 cases from the previous 14-day period.

The state's official rate for July 19 through Aug. 1 was released Wednesday after press time, but Minnesota Department of Health data indicates Rock County had 33 new cases in that time (from 40 on July 18 to 73 on Aug. 1).

This would put in-person learning further out of reach for Luverne and H-BC districts if nine is the standard and Rock County's rate of increase is more than 30.

The Star Herald will share the latest updates online and on Facebook as they're released. See www.star-herald.com.

Also, a weekly update will appear on page 2 of the Star Herald print edition.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Township meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, in the township hall.
Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Luverne student registration

New families in the Luverne School District are encouraged to register children for the 2020-21 school year. Call the high school at 507-283-4491 to set up an appointment. The District office is open; the elementary office can be reached at 507-283-4497.

Hospice online fundraiser in August

Sanford Luverne Hospice is moving its annual Charity Dinner and Live Auction fundraiser to an online auction due to COVID-19 restrictions.
The public will be able to bid online on a variety of donated items to support the hospice mission. Watch for upcoming information and bid dates coming in August.

Children's dental clinic Aug. 11

Tuesday, Aug. 11, is the next clinic providing dental care for children ages 0-26, at Rock County Health and Human Services. Call 612-746-1530 or stop by Rock County Health and Human Services to schedule. Exams, X-rays, cleanings and more will be provided. All forms of insurance are accepted. Organized by #LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Steen Carnival and Car Show Aug. 12

Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 5:30-8 p.m. the Steen Reformed Church will be having a carnival and car show. Open to all vehicles. There will be a freewill offering for a meal and carnival games.

Senior food distribution Aug. 20

A.C.E. of SW Mn-Rock Co. will offer its Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) age 60 and older, from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln in Luverne. Call 283-5064. Registration is required for those not already enrolled.

Drive-thru Relay For Life Aug. 20

A drive-through Rock County Relay for Life will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Luverne City Park with a drive-up meal, radio broadcast entertainment and a message from Yvette Van Der Brink, Relay for Life Honorary Chairperson.

Poster boards (instead of luminary bags) are available for a freewill donation at Salon 75 or First Farmers & Merchants Bank, or people can make their own posters with tag board. A virtual 5K can be run or walked anytime Aug. 20-23. Register and get a T-shirt at lurvprintexpress.com/relay5k. Survivor names can be sent to lurockrelay@gmail.com to be put on luminary bags.

Community Education

The Community Education phone number is 507-283-4724. Use the waiver/registration form from the website to register for all classes. The office is closed on Fridays during the summer.

Upcoming classes are:

Cliffline Climbing for Grades 4-12 taught by Roca Climbing and Friends of Blue Mound State Park will be Sept. 12 (morning or afternoon session). No charge, but registration required.

Science Fun for Everyone (morning day camp) on Aug. 14. Meet at Extension Office on Blue Mound Avenue for Grades 1-4 as attended during the 2019-20 school year. Fee is \$15.

Defensive Driving Class 4 Refresher Defensive Driving Class on Aug. 18.

Defensive Driving Class 8 Hour Defensive Driving Class on Aug. 24 & 31. This is the first class you take to get your insurance discount. After this class, you will take a refresher class every three years to keep your discount in effect.

Punt Pass & Kick Competition on Aug. 19 for girls and boys who attended grades 3-8 during the 19-20 school year. Fee is \$10.



Mavis Fodness photos/0806 LHS Band 2020

Luverne High School marching band members stand at attention Monday during the first day of a two-week band camp.

Band starts with low numbers, new routine

By Mavis Fodness

Facemasks and temperature checks became routine when the Luverne High School marching band opened its two-week summer camp Monday.

Last week first-year students went through the same routine during freshmen and colorguard camp, where they learned the basics before joining the 50-member group this week.

Josie Golla, a senior, returns as drum major to the band that is already smaller in numbers.

"I am trying to make the best of it," she said. "Whatever happens, hap-



At left, colorguard member Sadie Kessler practices with the band Monday. At right, band director James Jarvie uses a megaphone to communicate with high school band members.



pens." Half the band's annual competitions have already been canceled, and the effects

of the virus have families cautious about joining large group activities.

"This year will look totally different," said band director James Jarvie.

With almost a dozen fewer members, Jarvie and colorguard adviser Gavin Folkestad spent the weekend rewriting the band's field routine to adapt it to band size and COVID rules.

Members are now placed 6 feet apart, and playing time has been cut by a third to just over six minutes.

The new theme tries

to capture the chaotic and life-changing effects of COVID-19.

School buildings closed in March and remain closed as students attended classes virtually through May during a statewide quarantine.

"There has been a lot of disappointment this year," Folkestad said. "But there are a lot of positives coming out of this."

During the quarantine, students and staff found new hobbies, enjoyed more family time and appreciated activities they love, which, for some, is music.



Colorguard adviser Gavin Folkestad takes Solveig Tofteland's temperature. Band assistant Morgan Van Holland is at right.

Aug. 11 is filing deadline for local offices

By Lori Sorenson

Local leaders interested in filing for office have until Tuesday, Aug. 11, to throw their hats in the ring.

This applies to open seats in school boards, all Rock County municipalities except Luverne and townships that hold their elections in November.

Following are the local government seats open for election and the incumbents currently serving:

Beaver Creek:

Mayor: Josh Teune (has refiled)
Council member: Alan Harnack
Council member: Josh Boomgaarden

Hardwick:

Mayor: Willy Baker

Council member: Richard Hubbling
Council member: Lowell Schelhaas

Hills:

Mayor: Keith Elbers
Council member: Ross Metzger
Council member: Brian Sandbulte

Kenneth:

Mayor: Delbert Ganges-tad
Council member: David Groen
Council member: Paul Tweet

Magnolia:

Mayor: Dennis Madison
Council member: Mary Smook
Council member: Robert Somnis

Council member special election for 2-year term: Jeff DeGroot was appointed to fill Gary Lee's seat to complete the first two years of the four-year position until the next general election.

The seat is now open and will be filled by election.

Steen:

Mayor: Mel Van Batavia
Council member: Marlin Elbers
Council member: Mark Kruger

Battle Plain Township:

Clerk: Mark Vander Pol
1 Supervisor: Greg Tal-sma

Denver Township:

Clerk: Linda DeSplinter
1 Supervisor: Kyle Hemme

Martin Township:

Clerk: Doug Bos (appointed)
Supervisor: Josh Rheault
2 ballot questions: (1) appointment of clerk; (2) appointment of treasurer

Rose Dell Township:

Clerk: Wayne Uilk
1 Supervisor: Elroy De-Schepper

Luverne School Board:

Open seats are Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Colleen Deutsch.
As of Tuesday, Jarchow filed for re-election and Jeff Stratton also filed.

H-BC School Board:

Open seats are Tami Rauk, Blake Wysong and Tim Bosch. As of Tuesday morning, no one had filed.

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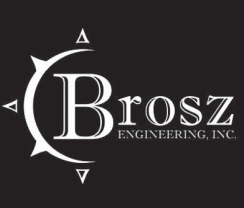
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H-BC schools waiting until Aug. 24 for decision on opening

By Mavis Fodness
Parents in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District want their students to return to in-person instruction this fall and the state's Safe Learning Plan may allow their return.
H-BC Superintendent Todd Holthaus said Gov. Walz's Friday announcement allows the individual school districts to decide which of three learning models will be in use at the elementary and secondary schools.
"We have the tools, now we have to put the procedures in place," he said Monday.
School board members will meet Monday, Aug. 10, to ratify the procedures.
Procedures will include the assembly of a local incident team. The team will examine case data before making a recommendation on which learning option H-BC will start with on Sept. 8.
Learning options include:
1.) In-person learning (five-days a week).
2.) Hybrid learning (combination of in-person and distance learning).
3.) Distance learning (all students learning from home, similar to what occurred last spring.)
Case data is based on Rock County's new coronavirus cases per 10,000 residents over a 14-day period.
As of July 18 (the latest available case data), the COVID-19 case rate for Rock

County was 18.06, up from 8.50 cases from the previous two-week period.
The state guidelines indicate the case rate determines which learning model to use:
• 0-9 cases, in-person learning for all students.
• 10-19 cases, in-person learning for elementary students; hybrid learning for secondary students.
• 20-29 cases, hybrid learning for all students.
• 30-49 cases, hybrid learning for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students.
• 50+ cases, distance learning for all students.
Holthaus anticipates a formal decision will be made between now and the state-mandated Aug. 24 deadline.
"Sooner the better to help families plan," he said.

Survey indicates desire for in-person learning
An early July online survey conducted by H-BC administrators indicated 73 percent of the 194 responding H-BC families preferred in-person learning. Another 21 percent supported the hybrid model, with 6 percent of respondents preferring distance learning.
Staff also supported in-person learning with 72 percent of the 58 respondents agreeing. Another 16 preferred the hybrid model, and distance learning is preferred by 12 percent.

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"As we plan, we value input from our stakeholders."
Comments concerning the state of school can be e-mailed to covidinfo@isd2184.net.

Current 14-day data puts Rock County at 18.06

Under Gov. Tim Walz's Safe Learning Plan, a school district could fully reopen if its county had fewer than nine new cases of the virus per 10,000 residents reported over the latest 14-day period.
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• 20-29 cases, hybrid learning for all students.
• 30-49 cases, hybrid learning for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students.
• 50-plus cases, distance learning for all students.
However, prior to Aug. 24 (the latest date for determining the learning model for opening the school year), case numbers could change.
"Families can help limit the number of COVID-19 cases in Rock County by following CDC (Center for Disease Control) and state guidelines," Oftedahl wrote.
Guidelines include:
• Maintaining social distancing when possible.
• Staying at home when sick.
• Being aware of COVID-19 symptoms and signs.
• Wearing a mask when in public places.
• Practicing good hygiene including hand-washing.
Counties throughout Rock County have some of the highest case rates in the state based on the July 18 data: Pipestone (70.77), Murray (53.87) and Nobles (20.15).

Districts must follow stringent rules
In Gov. Walz's Safe Learning Plan, districts must follow health requirements and best practices in order to conduct in-person and hybrid learning for students and staff inside school buildings.

"While some are eager to get back in the classroom, others have very real concerns about health and safety," Walz said.
"That's why the Safe Learning Plan sets the guidelines for how safely a school can reopen, based on regional data and the expertise of public health leaders and local administrators, while still allowing families, teachers and staff to make the decision to stay home."
These guidelines for in-person and hybrid learning in schools include:
• A masking policy.
• Personal protection equipment for direct support student services.
• Hygiene education and practices.
• Daily cleaning and frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day.
• Building level COVID-19 program coordinator with optional student counterpart.
• Limiting nonessential visitors, volunteers or external groups.
• Discontinuing large gatherings that do not allow for social distancing.
• Social distancing at all times in school buildings.
• School facilities at 50 percent capacity.
• Transportation at 50 percent capacity.
• Sufficient staffing levels to meet the requirements of the hybrid model.
Each district would receive face coverings for every student, educator and staff along with additional money to cover the added operational costs of cleaning supplies, transportation, technology and Wi-Fi access.
Additional financial support would also be given for deploying a comprehensive COVID testing plan and to boost student, family and educator support through additional mental health support and professional development.



Construction on the splash pad (here and below) will be the first item on the list, since it won't interfere with interior activities.

Plans in place for \$4.7 million pool and fitness center remodel, expansion

By Lori Sorenson
The Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center is about to see a \$4.8 million remodel and expansion that will include an outdoor splash pad and 24-hour fitness access.
City leaders, administration and expansion committee members met Thursday night to review plans, final architect drawings and finishing options.
Plans date back to 2016 when citizen input showed the community supported an investment in the facility upgrade.
At Thursday's meeting, principal architect Kyle Raph of Co-op Architecture, Sioux Falls, offered a timeline for construction.
• The Luverne City Council will take it up at an August meeting to sign off on final plans and costs.
• A construction "kick-off" meeting will be in mid-September.
• The council will approve solicitation of bids in November.
• Bids will be received and approved in December.



This drawing offers a glimpse at a community space and lounge area at the facility.

- Groundbreaking will be mid-March of 2021.
 - Project completion is estimated by May of 2022.
- The splash pad will be started first, since it will not disrupt other areas of operation.
The swimming pool will remain

open during construction.
A planned 21,000-square-foot indoor walking track estimated to cost more than \$3 million has been dropped from the plans, possibly to be considered in the future.
The full document can be reviewed online at www.star-herald.com.



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All quotes are to be sealed and mailed to Amanda Rozeboom, Business Manager at Hills-Beaver Creek School District, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit, Hills, Minnesota 56138 and received on or before 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the District Office. Quotes will be publicly opened after the submission deadline.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes in whole or in part. The Board also reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders

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Not funny

Trying times sap creativity

It's a goal of mine to have at least one funny line in every column I write, but there's nothing very funny about the times in which we live.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

Well, I guess facemasks can be funny. Yesterday, wearing a facemask, I sneezed and fogged up my glasses. That was pretty funny.

If you pull your mask off too quickly, you could snap yourself in the face with the elastic strap – which is funny when it happens to somebody else.

Paper masks stick to your lips when you are wearing lipstick. That feels kind of funny.

Wearing a mask while singing in church causes the singer to suck the mask in on the deep inhale. This changes the singer's focus from "A mighty fortress is our God" to "Is this thing really flapping back and forth on my face?"

Putting a dirty, filthy mask on your face that you found under the front seat of your car seems a little funny.

Making faces at people from behind your mask is funny, but who would admit doing that? I don't do it, so I wouldn't know.

Now that I think about it, I guess there is something very funny about the times in which we live.

Being funny has become a challenge.

I've already written about the funny neighborhood woodchuck that has since waddled out of the neighborhood.

I could write about the Covid impulse-buy chickens living in my back yard, but then some "karen" might turn me in to the authorities. There would be nothing funny about that.

My niece has a new rabbit. Rabbits are funny, but I wrote an extensive rabbit series in 2015 – which ended with my bunny, Buddy, going to the park and refusing to come back. That was the day before the fox sighting.

I could write (again) about the stray cat, Not Our Cat, who has lived on our deck for the past four years. She brightens my mornings by leaving dead things on the doormat. Not funny.

But who wants to be known as the local dead and dying small animal columnist? Not me. I need a funny topic.

The pandemic isn't easy.

We can't control that, but we can control how we respond

The coronavirus pandemic isn't easy.

It isn't easy for people who get sick.

It isn't easy for their families and loved ones who can't gather at their bedsides.

It isn't easy to properly grieve losses, COVID or not.

It isn't easy for communities to support residents and businesses.

It isn't easy for our mentally ill who already feel isolated and insecure.

It isn't easy for their caregivers and support programs losing ground without revenue.

It isn't easy for our elderly who fear contact but fear loneliness even more.

It isn't easy for children.

It isn't easy for students.

It isn't easy for teachers.

It isn't easy for families.

It isn't easy for parents work at home while helping children with

distance learning.

It isn't easy for employers juggling work-at-home staff.

It isn't easy for families who no longer have work, due to the pandemic economy.

It isn't easy to wear a mask all day.

It isn't easy to understand the controversy among friends who politicize masks and social distancing.

It isn't easy for anyone.

But this week, the Star Herald would gently suggest that our readers and community members keep in mind that the pandemic especially isn't easy for civic leaders who are charged with deciding policies in our best interest.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

It isn't easy for our governor.

It isn't easy for our mayors, city councils, school board members and school administrators.

It isn't easy to make everyone happy. In fact, no matter what decisions are made, there will be unhappy people. Sometimes very vocal and critical unhappy people.

What is easy? Being kind.

Please be kind, dear Star Herald readers. It costs nothing, but means everything.

It isn't easy to accept outcomes we weren't hoping for, but then, as we all know, the pandemic isn't easy. For anyone.

ED FISCALIER
(dedicated to daughter-
teacher Becky!)



Rall introduces Ghost the puppy to the household

My new Labrador puppy (pictured right) recently joined our family that already includes three Labradors at my house. They all live inside and are all topnotch pheasant hunting dogs. They are Tracer, age 8, Sarge, age 6, and Raider, age 4.

My new puppy is called Ghost. My son served in the United States Marine Corp and we have had a bunch of dogs over the years with names coming from a military background. We decided on Ghost as it is a special operations term used by many of our nation's top military defenders.

I have been associated with a professional training kennel called Round Lake Kennels since 1996. We have trained well over 400 dogs for hire for our customers since that time.

A pro trainer can help you make the most of your dog's talents, but I have said it over and over that what a customer does with a new puppy from the age of seven weeks until we get it in for training at eight months has at least as much to do with how the dog turns out as anything we can do with it afterward.

We have a puppy-training packet that we send home with every new puppy customer, and you would be surprised how many new puppy owners won't take the time to read it.

There are only two things a puppy truly needs to know in the first few weeks when they first get to your home. The first is not to do its outside business on the carpet inside your home, and the other is not to bark.

Does this mean that this all you can teach a puppy? The answer is by all means no. What it does mean is that everything you teach a puppy,



including house training cannot have any corporal element to it.

Puppies have the attention span of a 2-year-old toddler. It is short and always looking to see what it can get into next. You can work on the command sit. If the puppy sits, then great, but it cannot get into trouble or receive negative reinforcement if it fails to comply. The same can be said for all of the obedience commands.

Gentle encouragement and repetition are the key. So why is the previous statement true? A puppy has a body that grows a lot faster than its brain. I have seen dogs with a full-size adult body that still have not matured enough to undergo a formal obedience-training regime.

We don't usually start on formal training until the dog is at least eight months old. This gives the brain time to catch up with the body. Why does a puppy sleep all the time? It is using tons of energy just growing. They can

double in size almost every month. That's why it takes them only about seven months to look like an adult.

Don't try to rush your puppy into becoming an adult too soon. They are only puppies for about six months. They will be a young adult for about six more and then spend the next 10 years in as a full-grown dog.

I have seen many good puppies' natural talents injured by owners who think just because they have mastered one thing that they are ready for the next. I will use math as an example. If you have a sixth-grade student that is just knocking it out of the park in their math class, how many would thrive in a modern introductory analysis class in high school? Very few.

The best training for young puppies is socializing them. This means taking them everywhere you go and introducing them to every sight, sound and differing environment possible. This is training.

Let all of your friends hold them and handle them. Introduce them to as many other dogs in controlled situations as you can. Exposing new puppies will help them be ready for the rigors of more formal training later.

Remember, you can work on "sit," "here," and other obedience commands with your puppy, but do so on a non-negative correction basis if it does not comply.

Ghost has what it takes to be great, but it will take me and the right introductions and the right timing to ensure his success.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com.

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Baustian: Hagedorn not a 'leader for our communities'

To the Editor:

As a 38-year veteran of the United States Air Force and Air National Guard and the father of three children who are currently serving our country in the military, I'm disappointed but not surprised by Congressman Hagedorn's actions.

His vote is a reminder that he's more interested in scoring political points than with fighting for pay raises for our service members.

I've voted for a lot of Republicans in my lifetime, but I cannot support Congressman Hagedorn.

He's belittled the service of Senator John McCain, called a

double-amputee a "half soldier," and he's shown us that he's more interested in peddling conspiracy theories and misinformation than with being a leader for our communities.

On the contrary, I know that Congressman Hagedorn's opponent, Dan Feehan, understands the value of selflessly serving others before himself. A veteran of two tours in Iraq, a teacher, and an acting assistant secretary of defense, Dan has committed his life to serving others.

The decision between the two is not a political one; it's much simpler than that. It is a choice between a man whose first priority is himself and one whose first priority is serving others.

Pat Baustian,
Luverne

Wallig: Flags too similar?

To the Editor:

Now the politically correct, cancel culture morons think the Norwegian flag is too similar to the Confederate flag.

Tear it down; burn it.

Uffdah.

Swat them on the behind with a birch bough and force them to eat lutefisk.

Mark Wallig,
Luverne



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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 24
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy at location.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a suspicious van.
•Heat advisory was issued for Rock County.
•Complainant eastbound of Magnolia at mile marker 17.5 reported a car on fire.
•Complainant half mile north of Kenneth on County Road 3 reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on 1st Street E., Hardwick, requested information about citizen's arrest.
•Complainant on 161st Street, Luverne, reported harassment.
•Motorists required assistance on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek.
July 25
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vandalism to the Garden of Hope stand.
•Complainant on Interstate 90, exit 5, Beaver Creek, reported a vehicle at location with signs asking for gas money.
•Complainant on 50th Avenue, Beaver Creek, requested information on getting property back.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported an assault at location.
July 26
•Assistance from another department to collect information from Pipestone County.
•Complainant on W. Edgehill Street reported open door.
•Report of a tree down at location of Adams and Cedar.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a wanted man at location.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported drugs in room.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported subject with warrant at location.
•Complainant at City Park reported a lady was looking for her family and they think she is confused.
•Complainant on W. Lawn Park Avenue reported kids swerving in front of cars.
•Complainant on W. Luverne Street and Cottage Grove reported a dirt bike on bike path.
•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported he is not getting his meds.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a child smashed pumpkins.
•Complainant on N. East Park Street reported a scam.
July 27
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy for a person in the building.
•Road closure was reported on

50th Avenue from 141st Street to 131st Street, Beaver Creek.
•Assistance from another department was provided.
•Complainant on 21st Street, Ellsworth, reported a trespassing issue.
•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported harassing communications.
•An accident was reported on Freeman and Luverne.
•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported people walking through his backyard.
July 28
•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, exit 1, Beaver Creek reported a driving complaint.
•Report of lost property.
•Report of lost property.
•A fire was reported at location on 21st Street, Steen.
•Complainant on Elmwood Avenue reported an assault.
July 29
•Complainant reported road closed for construction on 110th Avenue between 81st and 91st streets.
•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a scam.
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported harassing communications.
•Complainant on Highway 23 and 161st Street reported reckless driving.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a transient needs a ride.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported property borrowed and not returned.
•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street requested deputy for issues during a property exchange.
July 30
•Complainant on E. Brown Street reported vandalism on a window.
•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported a scam call.
•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported theft from bank account.
•Report of a possible drunk driver northbound on Kniss Avenue.
•Report of a noise complaint on W. Hatting Street.
July 31
•Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported loud music and yelling.
•Assistance from another department was conducted on Ahlers Avenue, Magnolia.

In addition, officers responded to 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 9 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 4 burn permits, 1 impound, 2 alarms, 11 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 16 traffic stops, 15 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, and 1 report of cattle out.



Subway walls go up

Luverne's new Subway building seemed to spring up overnight once construction started in earnest this summer. Franchisee Jeremy Jalas purchased the 85-by-287-square-foot lot in 2017 from Elbers, between

the real estate office and Howling Dog. The new building on South Highway will have drive-through service. Luverne Subway is one of nine franchises Jalas operates in Minnesota and Iowa.

Luverne CARES funds/ from page 1

show up as credit on their utility bills in four installments over the next four months.
On July 28 the council amended that method because CARES Act provisions prohibit grants from being applied directly to a utility bill because it would be considered "revenue replacement," which is not allowed.
Instead, the city will make CARES payments in the form of checks to businesses.
A review committee comprised of City Administrator John Call, Mayor Pat Baustian and Finance Director Barb Berghorst will consider requests or applications from other businesses not included in the 79 predetermined eligible list.
Businesses have had the opportunity to receive funding from other federal programs during the pandemic and other federal programs do not allow eligible expenses to be used for two programs.
Eligible expenses that can be covered by the CARES Act grant include utilities, mortgage or rent payment, payroll expenses, inventory and business license fees.

Licenses, IDs extended for voter registration

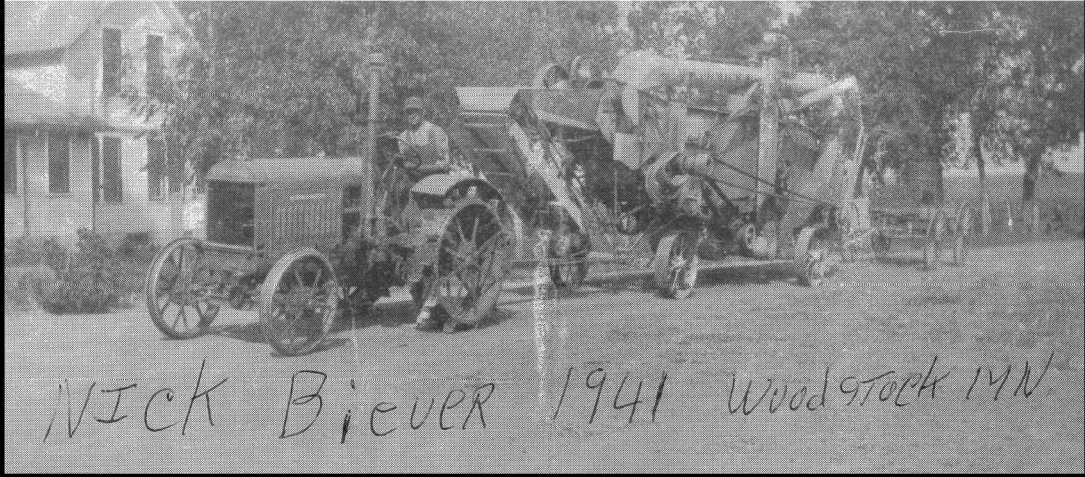
As the primary election nears, the Minnesota Legislature extended the expiration dates of driver's licenses and identification cards in response to the peacetime emergency.
Effective March 29, the expiration date for driver's licenses and identification cards that expire during the peacetime public health emergency or anytime in the month the emergency ends are extended.
The expiration dates are extended two months after the month the peacetime emergency ends. Because the current peacetime emergency ends on Aug. 12, credentials that expire between March 13, and Aug.

31, are valid until Oct. 31.
Credentials that expire in the month following the end of the peacetime emergency are extended for one month after the month the peacetime emergency ends.
This means all Minnesota driver's licenses and identification cards that expire in September are valid until Oct. 31.
The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) automatically extends the expiration dates for these credentials and updates the customer's record accordingly, but Minnesotans will not receive

a new credential with the updated expiration date.
Every extension of the peacetime emergency will delay the expiration date of credentials.
DPS-DVS and deputy registrars have re-opened to provide services, so citizens may also see new credentials that would otherwise have qualified for the expiration extension.
Commercial driver's licenses are regulated through the federal government; they are treated differently and are extended through the federal waiver period only, which is currently Sept. 30.

REMEMBER THESE DAYS?

Wayne Bieber, Luverne, recalls riding on the fender of this 1020 International Harvester as a little boy growing up on the farm near Woodstock. This photo, taken in 1941, shows his father Nick Bieber with threshing equipment that was commonly used at the time. "That's the way we used to do it," Wayne said.



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Celebrating 103rd birthday the COVID way



Mavis Fodness photods/0806 Madge May 103rd Birthday

Madge May's family celebrated her 103rd birthday July 29 with an outdoor, socially distanced gathering under the front door canopy of the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne. Five generations of the May family gathered for the short birthday party, where everyone, including the birthday girl, wore a facemask to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Above: Madge May holds the birthday card colored by her great-great-granddaughter Lennon Zwaan with great-granddaughter MacKenzi Zwaan writing the message for the 2 1/2-year-old.

At left: Granddaughter Staci Zwaan gives a two-handed wave to her grandmother, Madge May, who waves in return.

Below: Posing for a five generation picture celebrating Madge May's (center) birthday were (from left) May's daughter Jan Israelson, great-granddaughter Chazni Zwaan, great-granddaughter MacKenzi Zwaan, holding great-great-granddaughter Lennon, and granddaughter Staci Zwaan.



CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house baby shower for **Shane and Kelsey Kramer** will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at The Lake in Luverne. Instead of a card, please bring a baby book and sign it.

An open house bridal shower for **Katie MaGaffee**, bride-to-be of **Dustin Hanson**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 8, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card showers

Bob and Alice Bofenkamp will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Aug. 6. Greetings may be sent to 2808 E. Orchard Place, #206; Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Everett and Jan Brandenburg will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 7. Greetings may be sent to them at 212 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

A drive-by birthday blessing for **Ralph Hansen** will be from 9-11 a.m. at the Tuff Village in Hills Saturday, Aug. 8. Greetings may also be sent to him at Tuff Village; 301 County Road 6, Apt. 111; Hills, MN 56138.

Ken and Ardie Bowen will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 14. Greetings may be sent to them at 2419 180th Avenue; Edgerton, MN 56128.

COLLEGE NEWS

Bullerman named to UW-Platteville list

Paige Bullerman, Adrian, was named to the Spring 2020 semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Students must earn a 3.75 GPA on a scale of 4.0 for the honor.

Bullerman is majoring in forensic investigation.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Aug. 10: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, coleslaw, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, Aug. 11: Pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, tropical fruit salad, bar.

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread, peach crisp.

Thursday, Aug. 13: Fish, potato, buttered beets, dinner roll, sherbet.

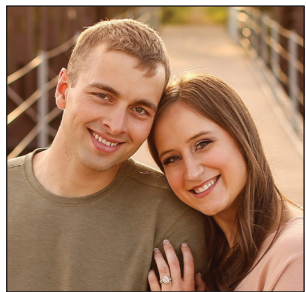
Friday, Aug. 14: BBQ chicken sandwich, pea and cheese salad, oranges, bun, bar.

ENGAGEMENT

Daryl and Mary Kramer, Ellsworth, and Todd and Krista Jasper, Edgerton, announce the engagement of their children Brenna Kramer, Ellsworth, and Brevan Jasper, Edgerton.

Brenna is a 2015 graduate of Ellsworth Public High School and a 2019 graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. She works for TransOva Genetics in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Brevan is a 2015 graduate of Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton and a 2019 graduate of Southwest Minnesota State



Brenna Kramer and Brevan Jasper

University, Marshall. He is employed at Chandler Feed and also farms with his father.

The couple is planning their wedding for Sept. 19, 2020, in George, Iowa.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•In May the Star Tribune reported "Foreclosures in Minnesota in the first quarter rose for the fourth straight quarter, reaching the third highest level during the current housing crisis."

Scam artists are taking advantage of the increase. The number of foreclosure scams continues to rise; from radio ads to online "guarantees," the deceiving messages are reaching hundreds of Minnesotans. "The MN Attorney General's office has filed suits against many modification scam companies," Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership's Ali Joens said. "In the state of Minnesota, a company cannot charge a fee in advance for service ... there are certified counselors that do this for free."

25 years ago (1995)

•Ever since moving to Luverne as a high school freshman, Heather Berning has accomplished a great deal as a golfer.

Berning was a member of three of the past four varsity girls' golf teams which represented Luverne High School at the Minnesota State Championships at the St. Cloud Country Club, and she played her way to the individual sub-section championship in Worthington this spring.

Although she has played many good rounds in high school competition, Berning may have saved her best golf for the summer of 1995. The Luverne senior placed second in the Independent Insurance Agent Classic in mid-July and will tee off in the Minnesota Golf Association Junior Amateur Championship in Cambridge Monday.

50 years ago (1970)

•Police are currently investigating a burglary which occurred sometime between the hours of 10 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday at Bob's Standard Service on the corner of Main St. and Highway 75.

Bob Martin, owner-operator of the service station, discovered the theft upon opening his business on Sunday morning. The bay door of the station's garage was left open. Martin quickly inventoried what had been stolen and figured approximately \$250 cash plus another

\$330 in credit card slips and checks, both personal and travelers, missing. All the items had been kept in a back room at the station.

The building showed no signs of forcible entry. Police figure either a key was used or someone hid inside when the station was closed by Jerry Gieseke of Luverne at 10 p.m. Saturday. Since the burglars used the bay door which Martin discovered in the morning, police place the higher probability in someone hiding within.

75 years ago (1945)

•"Heinie" Bell this week purchased Walt's Café from Mr. and Mrs. William Huemoeller.

He announces that the café will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight daily except Sunday, when it will be open from 12 o'clock noon until midnight.

The café, Mr. Bell said, would feature steak dinners, short orders, sandwiches, lunches and cold drinks, appetizingly served in congenial surroundings.

100 years ago (1920)

•Under the auspices of Dell-Hogan Post No. 123, American Legion, the people of Rock county on next Wednesday, August 11th, will be given opportunity to hear two concerts in Luverne by the nationally famous Million Dollar Band, under the directorship of Harold Bachman.

Sandwiched between the two concerts will be a ball game between the Luverne and Adrian clubs that should be a big entertainment feature, and an appropriate finale to a perfect day is to be provided by a dance at Palace hall, with music by a six-piece orchestra selected from the Million Dollar band personnel.

Director Bachman first came into fame in France through the excellence of the band which he organized among the overseas service men of the United States Army, and since the boys returned home, Mr. Bachman has zealously maintained the high character of his organization, with the result that the band has attained the pinnacle of fame.

OBITUARIES

Richard Leenderts

Richard Eugene Leenderts, 91, Hills, died Monday, July 27, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Friday, July 31, at the Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, Iowa. Private burial for family followed at the Eastside Cemetery in Steen.

Richard Leenderts was born on May 27, 1929, to Abel and Rakie (Mulder) Leenderts on a farm near Ellsworth. He grew up near Steen and attended school at #2 Lyon County District Country School.

On Jan. 19, 1951, Richard married Hendrene Beyenhof on her father's farm in Iowa. They moved to a small house on Alvin Fink's farm, where Richard worked as a hired hand. In October of 1951 Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was a member of the 3rd Armor Division. He had his basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and then served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

After his discharge the couple lived in Hills. Richard bought his father-in-law's milk route in 1951 and delivered milk and cream until he sold the business in 1960 when he began working at the Hills elevator. He left the elevator in October 1969

to begin working at IBP in Luverne. He was employed there until 1983 when he began working for the Rock County Co-Op. He retired in 1995.

In retirement Richard took a part-time job driving the preschool van for the Hills-Beaver Creek School for the next 14 years. He entered the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills in June of 2020.

Richard enjoyed driving his golf cart around Hills with his dog, Jack. He looked forward to daily meetings with the guys at Orv's station for coffee. He especially enjoyed road trips with his wife, Drene.

Richard is survived by four children, Coni (Wally) Hagedorn of Venice, Florida, Darrell (Melanie) Leenderts of Harrisburg, South Dakota, Arlen (Lois) Leenderts of Hills, and Brenda (Scott) Smith of Prior Lake; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sisters Reva Hoff and Henrietta Hughes; and brothers Leonard (Dolores) Leenderts and Harold (Torborg) Leenderts.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hendrene, of 61 years; his parents; and a brother, Jim.

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

(0806 F)

Raymond Dorn

Raymond Theodore Dorn, 93, Luverne, died Friday, July 31, 2020, at Sanford Luverne Hospital.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Aug. 4, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Raymond Dorn was born on Aug. 13, 1926, to Joseph and Catherine (Kellen) Dorn in Adrian. He attended school in Adrian through the eighth grade.

On Jan. 27, 1948, Ray married Vivian Bruns at St. Kilian Catholic Church. The couple moved to a farm near Adrian and began farming. In 1952 they moved to a farm near Luverne. Ray enjoyed being a steward to the land. In addition to time with their family, the couple enjoyed travel and dancing at the VFW with friends. Ray retired from farming in 2001 after 52 years and then helped a neighbor farm for a few years. When his wife, Vivian, fell ill in 1995, he cared for her until her death on March 20, 2002. Ray continued to live in their home and began mowing for Christiansen Farms for several years. He also enjoyed coffee at Glen's with his peers, trying to solve problems and reminiscing about better days in the past. Ray was a member of St.

Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, where he had served as a Eucharistic minister and usher. He was active in the 4-H program and enjoyed helping his children get ready for the Rock County Fair. Ray also enjoyed fishing with his family,

hunting deer and pheasants, card club, and in his later years trips to the casino. Ray loved to visit and joke around.

Ray is survived by five children, Colette (Gary) Peterson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Carol (Tom) Foster of Luverne, Colleen Hemme of Sleepy Eye, Kristy Monger of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mark (Jodie) Dorn of Luverne; 13 grandchildren, Tera, Amy, Matthew, Beth, Jonathan, Todd, Stephanie, Chad, Nicole, Abby, Amanda, Nathan and Marissa; 28 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vivian; a daughter, Mary Ann; sisters Ann Herig, Martha (Sister David), Margaret (Sister Adrienne), and Helen Loosbrock; and brothers Lawrence, Pete, Ed and Wilfred "Red" Dorn.

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

(0806 F)

Joyce Fick

Joyce Elaine Fick, 73, Luverne, died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, at USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, of multiple cardiac arrests.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. A visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. In accordance with Minnesota guidelines, facemasks are required inside the church.

Joyce Brouwer was born on Aug. 7, 1946, to Louis and Gertrude (Baar) Brouwer in Luverne. The oldest of six children, she grew up in both Holland and Woodstock. She graduated from Pipestone High School in 1965 and attended Jackson Technical School for nine months, completing the secretarial course. She then worked in Pipestone at Pawnee Corp. and Modular Homes and later worked in Luverne for Tom Quinn CPA for a short time.

Joyce married Vernon Fick on March 24, 1972, and they moved to the family farm outside of Hills. She loved taking care of her children and being a homemaker. She also enjoyed tending her flower garden, mowing the lawn and offering a helping hand whenever her family needed

her. She also enjoyed scrapbooking.

She and Vernon took many road trips out west with the family, often to the mountains, and enjoyed numerous state parks and monuments while taking in the beauty of the land.

Her grandchildren were her greatest joy, and she loved going to their sporting events. She also enjoyed playing cards with them, and she learned to use FaceTime to talk with them.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Vernon; three children, Tammy (Ken) Bos of Hills, Randy (Kathy) Fick of Beaver Creek, and Susan Buller of New Hope; six grandchildren, Taylor, Madison, Sidney, Kenadie, Amber and Annie; four brothers, Dean (Carol) Brouwer, Robert (Cherlyn) Brouwer, Neal (Peg) Brouwer, and Russ Brouwer; two sisters, Evelyn (Gary) Smith and Sylvia (Dale) Kontz; brothers-in-law Robert (Avis) Fick and Egbert Ohling; sister-in-law Sharon Fick; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her parents-in-law, Louis and Frieda Fick; brother-in-law Eldon Fick; and sister-in-law Darlene Ohling.

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

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1892: New town of Hardwick is 'hustling little village'

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 7-30-20 edition of the Star Herald.

Hardwick

At the close of the year 1892 we find that there were in the new town three general stores, one hotel, one lumber yard, one fuel yard, two grain warehouses, two blacksmith shops, one saloon and one livery stable. Within the year Hardwick had developed into a hustling little village.²⁰ The list of building improvements for 1892 as reported by the local press was as follows: John Scharnberg, hotel—\$3000; School building—\$1000; J. H. Dressen, store building—\$1000; Herman Lenz, store building—\$1000; H. T. Holverson, livery barn—\$800; W. E. Little, residence—\$650; J. C.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Johnston & Co., lumber sheds and office—\$600; A. A. Walvatne, store building—\$500; William Olson, blacksmith shop—\$500; Charles Anderson, residence—\$400; J. B. Reed, residence—\$300; E. Olson, blacksmith shop—\$300; Henry Melarchy, butcher shop—\$200; Total \$11,050.

The survey of the townsite was made September 1 and 2, 1892, by W. N. Davidson. The dedication was made September 12 by A. A. Walvatne and A. W. Sleeper, and the instrument was filed for record September 24.²¹ The original plat

consisted of only four blocks. The streets east and west were named First, Main and Third; north and south the site was divided by Summit street.²²

The founding of new enterprises continued during the early part of 1893. A building was erected and a bank founded, under the management of D. J. Hawley, who in May was succeeded by George O. Ross; D. J. Stoakes opened a hardware store; the first grain elevator was erected by Otter Otterson; Hauger & Sacket put up a building and opened a feed mill. Thereafter for sev-

eral years there was little advancement in Hardwick. The town maintained an excellent grain market, and hundreds of carloads were shipped each year; the few business houses were well supported and the village continued to hold its own with the neighboring hamlets during the lean years of the middle nineties. A directory published in the fall of 1898 showed the following business enterprises:²³ J. B. Iverson, Hulett Brothers & Co. and Heckt Brothers, general merchandise; Q. Stark, hardware; Stephen Brothers, meat market; J. C. Johnston & Co., lumber yard, L. M. Larson, manager; T. O. Tollefson, livery, grain and live stock; August Stroehbeen, Hardwick hotel; Hardwick Elevator company, grain; Holverson & Jargo, grain; E. A. Brown, grain and live stock; Davenport Milling company, grain, J. Case, manager; A.

T. Martinak, restaurant; T. F. Lange, barber shop; Engebret Olson, blacksmith shop; John Overland, blacksmith shop; August Stroehbeen, saloon; P. E. Matthieson, saloon.

²⁰"No town in Rock county of equal age has come to the front more rapidly and developed brighter prospects of becoming a prosperous business point than Hardwick. It is surrounded by a splendid farming country, which until recently has been sparsely populated, but it is now rapidly coming into the hands of well-to-do and enterprising farmers."—Rock County Herald, December 30, 1892.

²¹The land on Section 35 upon which the original plat was located was originally the plat of the Western Land Company. In 1890 it came into the possession of A. A. Walvatne, who in the summer of 1892 disposed of part of it to A. W. Sleeper.

²²Additions to Hardwick have been platted as follows:

Ross, by George O. Ross, May 10, 1899; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

Kennedy's, by Thomas F. Kennedy and James P. Kennedy, April 28, 1900; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

Houg's by Johanna Houg, July, 1900; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

County Auditor's Outlots, by County Auditor, April 30, 1902; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

Ross' Second, by George O. Ross, January 1, 1901; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

²³Hardwick has maintained a steady and substantial growth and is destined to become one of the most important business points in Rock county outside of Luverne. It has an excellent grain and stock market and has a large and increasing trade from a section of the county which is rapidly increasing in population. Several new buildings have been erected this season and more are contemplated."—Rock County Herald, October 14, 1898.

The story of the village of Hardwick will continue in the August 13 edition of the Star Herald.

DEATH NOTICE

John Kroontje

John Cecil Kroontje, 79, rural Kenneth, died peacefully on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota, with burial at Leota Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, also at the church. In accordance with Minnesota Executive Order, those in attendance are required to wear a facemask.

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

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BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Battle Plain Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Battle Plain Township shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm. Township positions will be voted on November 3, 2020, General Election are as follows:

Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Mark VanderPol at (507) 220-0679 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Mark VanderPol
Battle Plain Township Clerk

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DENVER TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Denver Township

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Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Linda DeSplinter at (507) 220-1513 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Linda DeSplinter
Denver Township Clerk

MARTIN TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Martin Township

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Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Doug Bos at (507) 283-4738 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Doug Bos
Martin Township Clerk

CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Council Members and Mayor City of Beaver Creek, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Beaver Creek City Offices shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm in the office of the City Clerk, 311 E First Ave, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. City offices to be voted on at the November 3, 2020, General Election are as follows:

Mayor (2 year term)
2 Council Members (4 year term)

Contact City Clerk at (507) 673-2266 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Jane Blank
City Clerk/Treasurer

VIENNA TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Vienna Township

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Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Doug Eeten at (507) 283-4285 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Doug Eeten
Vienna Township Clerk

Next up: Hadley

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds advanced to the Final Four round of the Region 13C amateur baseball tournament with a two-game sweep of the Adrian A's.

The second-seeded Redbirds, now 14-2 on the pandemic-shortened season, will play the 8-5 Hadley Buttermakers in the next best-of-three series.

Sixth-seeded Hadley advanced in the tournament with an upset 2-1 series-victory over the No. 3-seeded Windom Pirates.

The Redbirds host the Buttermakers at Redbird Field in Game 1 Wednesday (Aug. 5). The two teams will meet in Hadley Saturday at 2 p.m.

If needed, the third and decisive game will be played in Luverne Sunday at 2 p.m.

The winner of the series will advance to the best-of-three championship series Aug. 12-16 and earn a trip to the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

Three teams from the Region 13C tournament will advance to the state tournament.

The loser of the Redbirds-Buttermakers series will play Aug. 12-16 in a best-of-three third place series to determine the final Region 13C team that will compete at the state tournament.

"At this point, we're guaranteed at least four more games and two more weekends of baseball," said Brooks Maurer, Luverne player-manager.

"We hope to win the Hadley series to get qualified for state the first try," he said. "There's a lot less pressure that way."

Luverne and Hadley have met just once in the regular season, a 10-0, five-inning Redbirds win July 12 in Hadley.

Maurer said his team is not taking Hadley lightly, despite the results earlier this season.

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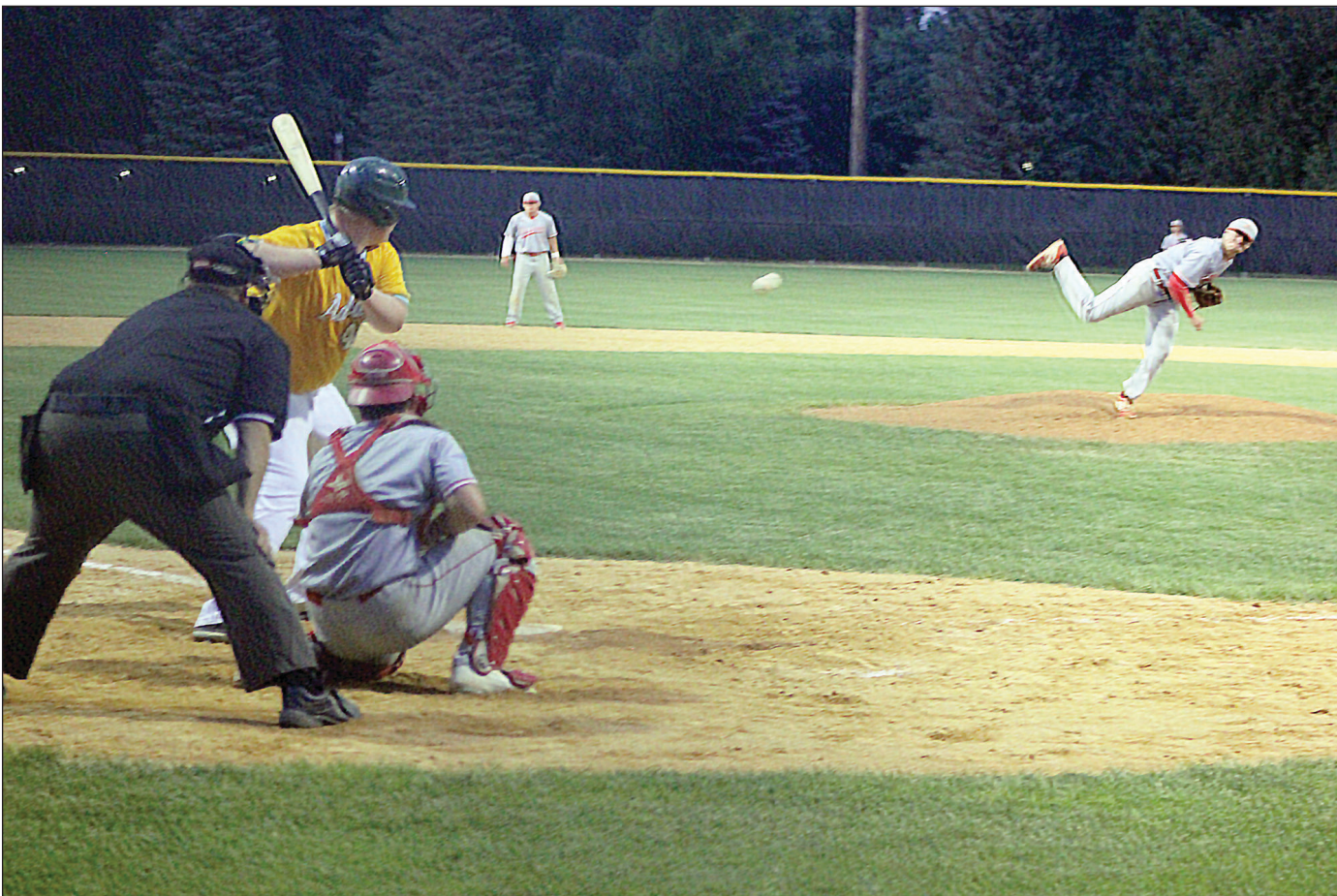
13C Tournament Results
July 29 – Aug. 2
1. Fairmont vs. 8. Pipestone
Fairmont 12, Pipestone 0 (7 inn.)
Fairmont 2, Pipestone 2

2. Luverne vs. 7 Adrian
Luverne 15, Adrian 1 (7 inn.)
Luverne 9, Adrian 5

3. Windom vs. 6 Hadley
Hadley 5, Windom 2
Windom 14, Hadley 0 (7 inn.)
Hadley 11, Windom 7

4. Milroy Irish vs. 5. Jackson
Milroy 5, Jackson 4
Milroy 9, Jackson 5

13C Tournament Schedule
Final Four Aug. 5-9
1. Fairmont vs. 4. Milroy
2. Luverne vs. 6. Hadley



Jason Berghorst photo/0806 Redbirds Reisdorfer

The Luverne Redbirds defeated the Adrian A's 15-1 July 29 at Redbird Field in the first game of the Region 13C tournament. Tyler Reisdorfer was the winning pitcher for Luverne and Declan Beers was catcher.

Birds win first playoff series

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne amateur baseball team took its first step toward returning to the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament this week.

The Redbirds won their first best-of-three playoff series, defeating the Adrian A's 15-1 Wednesday, July 29, and 9-5 Friday, July 31.

Luverne, the No. 2 seed in the Region 13C tournament,

will now play the Hadley Buttermakers, the No. 6 seed, in the final four round (see related story).

The best-of-three series opens in Luverne Wednesday, Aug. 5 at Redbird Field at 7:30 p.m.

Luverne 15, Adrian 1

The Luverne Redbirds came out strong in the first game of the second round of

the Region 13C tournament.

The Redbirds, who had earned a bye in the first round and had not played in ten days, defeated the Adrian A's 15-1 in a seven-inning game played July 29 at Redbird Field.

Phil Paquette scored three runs off two hits and added an RBI for Luverne.

Skyler Wenninger, Declan Beers and Gaige Nath each scored two runs for the home

team.

Ben Serie had three hits in the game for the Redbirds, while Paquette, Wenninger, Zeutenhorst and Nath added two hits each.

RBIs were plentiful for Luverne. Wenninger and Zeutenhorst batted in three runs each. Beers and Tyler Reisdorfer added two RBIs each,

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17U win two, come up short to Hadley

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne 17U baseball team went 2-1 in their final week of the regular season.

The Cardinals defeated Jackson 7-2 and Pipestone 11-2 before coming up short against Hadley

The 17U team hosts an eight-team end-of-year tournament Friday and Saturday.

Games will be played at both Redbird Field and the high school fields. Game times are at 1 p.m, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with team pairings to be determined.

Luverne 7, Jackson 2

Luverne 17U came out on top when they hosted Jackson at Redbird Field July 28. The home team won 7-2.

Casey Sehr had a stand-out game for the Cardinals. Sehr had three hits, including a double, scored two runs and added an RBI.

Luke Bosch also scored twice during the game. Luverne's other runs came from AJ Ossefoort, Connor Overgaard and Tryg Gangestad, who hit a double.

Ossefoort was the starting pitcher for Luverne. He gave up two runs, two hits, three walks and struck out three in three innings on the mound.

Bosch pitched the final four innings to earn the win. Bosch gave up no runs, two hits and one walk while striking out one Jackson batter.

Box score						
Jackson	0	2	0	0	0	2
Luverne	3	0	0	4	0	7

	AB	R	H	BI
Bosch	3	2	1	0
Smith	1	0	0	0
Ripka	3	0	1	1
Wendland	1	0	0	0
Sehr	4	2	3	1
Ossefoort	1	1	0	0
Cornell	2	0	0	1
Anderson	3	0	0	0
Hein	0	0	0	0
Sneller	1	0	0	0



Jason Berghorst photo/0806-17U Overgaard

Luverne's Connor Overgaard made solid defensive plays at first base during the 11-2 victory over Pipestone Thursday.

Reisch	1	0	0	0
Overgaard	3	1	1	0
Cowell	3	0	0	0
Gangestad	3	1	1	0

Luverne 11, Pipestone 2

Pipestone took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning against the Luverne

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19U team adds three more to win column

By Jason Berghorst

It was three home games and three more wins for the Luverne 19U baseball team this week.

Luverne hosted Jackson July 28 before playing two five-inning games against Russell-Tyler-Ruthton July 30.

The Cardinals, now 12-3 on the abbreviated season, play their final two games Thursday and Friday in Adrian with opponents to be determined.

Luverne 10, Jackson 0

Luverne 19U had some help from the competition when they defeated Jackson 10-0 in six innings July 28 at Redbird Field.

Jackson pitchers hit four Luverne batters and walked eight more to help the home team get on base.

"We got a lot of free bases which allowed us to score a lot of runs on relatively few hits," said Luverne coach Codie Zeutenhorst.

Luverne's Cade Wenninger took the brunt of the damage, being hit by a pitch three times, and Bailey Cowell earned three walks from Jackson pitchers.

Jackson fielders also committed seven errors during the game to help Luverne base runners advance.

"We took advantage of passed balls to advance when on the bases," Zeutenhorst said.

Ethan Beyer, Jacob Van Dam and Nathan Nekali had two hits each for Luverne and Cowell and Wenninger each scored twice.

Colby Crabtree started on the mound for the Cardinals. He pitched three innings of no hit ball, striking out five and giving up two walks and no runs.

Quinn Buss pitched the final three innings. Buss struck out three and walked two while giving up only one hit and no runs.

Box score						
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luverne	0	1	0	6	2	10
	AB	R	H	BI		
Beyer	2	2	2	2		
Cowell	2	2	2	0		
Wenninger	2	2	0	0		
Crabtree	2	1	0	0		
Van Dam	3	1	2	0		
Nekali	3	1	2	2		
Buss	4	1	0	0		
VonTersch	3	1	1	1		
Anderson	3	0	1	1		

Luverne 2, RTR 1

Russell-Tyler-Ruthton came to Redbird Field July 30 for a rare evening double-header against the Luverne

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Submitted photo

Graphenteen wins title

The 69th Annual Luverne Country Club Women's Club Tournament was played Saturday at LCC. Mary Jo Graphenteen of Luverne, third from left, won her third consecutive club tournament title and fourth overall club championship. Luverne's Jen Stratton, left, was the low net winner. Wendy Evink of Edgerton, second from left, won the first flight and Maren Tollefson of Luverne, far right, won the second flight.

Gaul wins second LSR Enduro race of the year

By Jason Berghorst

Rock County racecar drivers competed at four local tracks last weekend.

In addition to the usual racing in Slayton, Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Hartford, South Dakota, the Rock County Speedway in Luverne hosted the annual Rock County Fair Enduro race Saturday night.

Rock County Speedway

Eric Gaul of Luverne won his second LSR (Luverne, Slayton, Rock Rapids) Enduro Series race of 2020 Saturday night.

The Rock County Fair Enduro race attracted 24 cars racing for two hours or 200 laps, whichever came first.

Gaul finished the 200 laps in just over one hour and 23 minutes. He previously won the LSR race in Rock Rapids June 20.

Stacy Krohnberg of Walters finished in second place

in the Luverne race, just two laps (198) behind Gaul.

Shelby Vitek, Sioux Falls, completed 194 laps and placed third. Luverne's Jasmine Kalass finished 188 laps to place fourth overall.

Rapid Speedway

Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, staged their regular Friday night races July 31.

Luverne's Eric Gaul set the pace for local drivers when he finished second in the Hobby Stocks A feature race. Thomas Kracht of Luverne placed fifth and Cory Kelderman of Hills finished seventh in the same race.

In the Sportsman's A feature race, Spencer Kalass of Luverne finished in third place and Brandon Boeve of Beaver Creek placed eighth.

Scott Overgaard of Luverne led the Rock County drivers racing in the Stock Cars class by placing sixth in the A feature race.

Murray County Speedway

Luverne's Jeremy Smith was the lone Rock County driver to compete at Murray County Speedway in Slayton July 31.

Smith raced in the IMCA Modifieds class and finished in sixth place in the A feature race.

I-90 Speedway

I-90 Speedway near Hartford hosted three local race car drivers Saturday.

Cadyn Wessels of Luverne posted his best finish in an A feature so far in 2020 when he placed third in the Hobby Stocks A feature race.

Below are the local race results from July 31 and Aug. 1.

Rock Co. Speedway – Aug 1

LSR R.C. Fair Enduro Race		
	Laps	Finish
Eric Gaul	200	1
Stacy Krohnberg	198	2
Shelby Vitek	194	3
Jasmine Kalass	188	4
Aaron Fischer	181	5
Greg Vande Velde	174	6
Justin Mann	170	7
Darin Domeyer	168	8
Beckett Brady	157	9
Scott Jones	131	10
Stuart Nelson	131	11

Austin Kruger	112	12
Nathan Miller	108	13
Rod Kramer	102	14
Riley Winquist	87	15
Spencer Kalass	86	16
David Henriksen	80	17
Evan Schettler	80	18
Trevor Van Dyke	80	19
Robert Thompson	69	20
Riley Baker	60	21
Trey Anderson	31	22
Trevor Fluit	23	23
Silas Top	10	24

Rapid Speedway – July 31

A-Modifieds Feature

R. Walker	Kanaranzi	11th
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Sportsman's A Feature

S. Kalass	Luverne	3rd
B. Boeve	Beaver Creek	8th
Kaden Kracht	Luverne	10th

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

E. Gaul	Luverne	2nd
T. Kracht	Luverne	5th
C. Kelderman	Hills	7th
Katie Kracht	Luverne	15th
C. Wessels	Luverne	17th

USRA Stock Cars A Feature

S. Overgaard	Luverne	6th
K. Kremmin	Kenneth	10th
C. Arends	Luverne	17th

Murray Speedway – July 31

IMCA Modifieds A Feature

J. Smith	Luverne	6th
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I-90 Speedway – Aug 1

Street Stocks A Feature

K. Kremmin	Kenneth	15th
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USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

C. Wessels	Luverne	4th
T. Kracht	Luverne	6th

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with Reisdorfer recording an RBI double in the sixth inning.

Reisdorder was the starting pitcher for Luverne. He spent five innings on the mound, striking out five A's batters and giving up two walks, two hits and one run.

Jake Haugen replaced Reisdorfer for the last two innings. Haugen struck out one and gave up no walks, one hit and no runs.

Box score	
Adrian	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1
Luverne	2 4 3 1 4 1 x 15
	AB R H BI
Lundgren	3 1 0 1
Norman	4 1 1 0
Paquette	2 3 2 1
S. Wenninger	2 2 2 3
Zeutenhorst	3 1 2 3
Reisdorfer	1 0 1 2
Beers	2 2 1 2
Serie	4 1 3 1
Haugen	3 1 0 0
Nath	3 2 2 1
Nelson	1 0 0 0
Gonzalez	0 1 0 0
Brown	1 0 0 0
Maurer	1 0 0 0

Luverne 9, Adrian 5

Luverne won the best-of-three series and advanced to the final four round of the Region 13C tournament with a 9-5 victory over the Adrian A's Friday in Adrian.

Adrian jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning before Luverne added eight unanswered runs in the next three innings.

Tyler Reisdorfer got the offense going for Luverne with a lead-off double in the second inning, an inning in which the Redbirds scored four runs.

In the third inning, Ben Serie and Jake Haugen had back-to-back RBI doubles to add to Luverne's growing lead.

"We had a bunch of hits and scored eight runs in the first four innings before they switched pitchers," said Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer. "After that we were kind of shut down and only scored one more run



Jason Berghorst photo/0806-17U Overgaard

Phil Paquette and his Luverne Redbirds produced 15 hits during their 15-1 home victory over Adrian July 29. Paquette had two hits and scored three runs for Luverne.

the rest of the game."

The 8-2 lead after four innings was enough though. Adrian scored one more run in each of the fifth and sixth in-

nings, but it wasn't enough to keep the A's season alive.

Derek Lundgren led the Luverne offense with four hits, two runs and two RBIs.

"Derek had a real good game," Maurer said.

Logan Norman and Reisdorfer also scored two runs each for the victors.

Norman, Reisdorfer, Codie Zeutenhorst and Skyler Wenninger each had two hits for Luverne.

Lundgren was the winning pitcher. He pitched five innings, striking out eight Adrian batters and giving up no walks, six hits and four earned runs.

Haugen came to the mound in relief, pitching the final four innings. He struck out four and gave up two walks, one hit and one run.

Box score	
Luverne	0 4 2 2 0 0 0 1 9
Adrian	2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 5
	AB R H BI
Lundgren	5 2 4 2
Norman	5 2 2 1
S. Wenninger	5 0 2 2
Zeutenhorst	5 1 2 0
Beers	4 0 0 1
Reisdorfer	5 2 2 0
Serie	5 1 1 1
Haugen	4 0 1 1
Nath	4 1 1 0

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"It seems like no matter what happens in the regular season, they (Hadley) find ways to win in the playoffs," Maurer said.

"Overall, their roster is a little more veteran than ours," the Redbird manager said.

Each team in the Final Four series drafts one pitcher from one of the ten Region 13C teams that has been eliminated. The drafted players can only pitch and may not bat.

Luverne has drafted Pipestone pitcher Brandon Alfson for the series while Hadley drafted Tucker Sorenson of the Adrian A's.



The Beaver Creek men's fast pitch softball team placed second at a South Dakota state tournament in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, over the weekend. Pictured are (front, left) Tyler Bush, Caleb Ellingson, Karic Wiertzema, Eric Harnack, Rex Metzger, Brian Bennet; (back) Colton Bass, Tyson Metzger, Steve Esselink, Kale Wiertzema, Chad Rauk and Wade Jellema.



The Steen men's fast pitch softball team placed second at a Minnesota state tournament in Mankato over the weekend. Team members include (front, left) Justin Sandbulte, Tyler Sandbulte, Brian Sandbulte, Nate Sandbulte, Jordan Larson, Dylan Gehrke; (back) Brandon Taubert, Jeff Sandbulte, Casey Taubert, David Top, Clint Rozeboom, Cory Meinerts and Randy Baker.

Steen, Beaver Creek men's fast pitch teams place second at state tournaments

By Jason Berghorst

Two Rock County men's fast pitch softball teams competed at state softball tournaments Aug. 1 and 2.

Both the Beaver Creek and Steen teams finished

as runners-up during the weekend tournaments.

Beaver Creek played at the South Dakota state tournament in Sioux Falls. The team went 3-2 in the tournament, losing to Scarlett's 9-1

in the championship tilt.

Steen took the field at the Minnesota State tournament in Mankato. Steen went 4-2 during their tournament and lost to Rock Rapids 12-2 in the championship game.

Both teams' only losses were to the eventual state champions.

Below are the weekend scores for the Beaver Creek and Steen teams.

Beaver Creek scores

Beaver Creek 9, Culvers 1
Beaver Creek 10, Rez Sox 1
Scarlett's 7, Beaver Creek 3
Beaver Creek 12, Crow Bar 11
Scarlett's 9, Beaver Creek 1

Steen scores

Steen 16, Schell's 0
Rock Rapids 13, Steen 11
Steen 11, Isaac's Freeport 4
Steen 5, Castle Rock 4
Steen 11, Ellsworth 5
Rock Rapids 12, Steen 2

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19U team.

Luverne came out on top in the first game 2-1. Both games were five-inning contests.

The score was tied 1-1 when Luverne came to bat in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The first batter struck out before Jacob VonTersch and Ethan Beyer reached base on singles.

VonTersch and Beyer then stole third and second bases respectively. When Jackson attempted to get VonTersch out at third, the ball went into left field and VonTersch was able to score the winning run.

Cade Wenninger pitched all five innings for Luverne. He gave up only one hit and one run while walking two and striking out seven.

Quinn Buss and Beyer led the Cardinals at the plate with two hits each.

Bailey Cowell and VonTersch scored Luverne's two runs.

Box score	
RTR	0 0 1 0 0 1
Luverne	0 1 0 0 1 2
	AB R H BI
Beyer	3 0 2 0
Buss	2 0 2 0
Wenninger	2 0 0 0
Crabtree	2 0 0 0
Cowell	1 1 1 0
Nekali	1 0 0 0
Van Dam	2 0 0 0
Baker	2 0 0 0
VonTersch	2 1 1 1



Jason Berghorst photo/0806-19U Baker

Luverne 19U catcher Hunter Baker tags an RTR runner who was called out at home during his team's doubleheader sweep Thursday.

Luverne 2, RTR 1

Luverne's Ethan Beyer pitched a five-inning no-hitter in the late game of a doubleheader against Russell-Tyler-Ruthton July 30 at Redbird Field.

Beyer pitched the entire game, striking out eight RTR batters and walking five while giving up no hits and one run.

The home-standing Cardinals won the game 3-1.

Luverne had a balanced effort at the plate with Beyer, Quinn Buss, Bailey Cowell, Nathan Nekali and

Hunter Baker having one hit each.

Two of Beyer's hits were RBIs and Cowell added an RBI double.

Cade Wenninger, Nekali and Jacob VonTersch scored Luverne's three runs.

Box score	
RTR	0 1 0 0 0 1
Luverne	0 0 1 2 x 3
	AB R H BI
Beyer	3 0 1 2
Buss	2 0 1 0
Wenninger	2 1 0 0
Crabtree	2 0 0 0
Cowell	2 0 1 1
Van Dam	2 0 0 0
Nekali	2 1 1 0
Baker	1 0 1 0
VonTersch	1 1 0 0

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17U team July 30, but that lead would not be enough.

Luverne went on to score 11 unanswered runs and came away with an easy 11-2 home field victory.

"It was nice to see us come back from being down 2-0," Luverne head coach Mike Wenninger said. "We were able to play a quality Pipestone team and play well."

Casey Sehr and Luke Bosch led the Cardinals at the plate. Sehr scored two runs from one hit while Bosch recorded two hits during the game.

Braydon Ripka started on the mound for Luverne. He gave up three walks and two runs.

Sehr replaced him and pitched for 62/3 innings. He struck out three Pipestone batters and gave up one hit and one walk.

Box score	
Pipestone	2 0 0 0 0 0 2
Luverne	0 0 0 2 2 7 x 11
	AB R H
Bosch	3 0 2
Ripka	4 1 1
Sehr	4 2 1
Connell	3 1 0
Anderson	2 1 0
Sneller	1 0 0
Behrend	1 1 0
Overgaard	3 1 0
Ossefoort	1 0 0
Cowell	0 1 0
Gangestad	2 1 0
Cole-Kraty	2 0 0
Hein	1 1 1
Wendland	0 1 0

Hadley 6, Luverne 2

The Luverne 17U baseball team suffered its first loss since July 11 when they lost to Hadley 6-2 Monday night in Hadley.

Coach Mike Wenninger employed a different pitcher each inning during the team's final regular season game.

Kaden Anderson, Luke Bosch and Zach DeBoer each gave up no hits and no runs while pitching the first three innings.

Braydon Ripka gave up two hits, three walks and four runs during the fourth inning to take the loss for Luverne.

Conner Connell pitched the fifth and final inning for the Cardinals. Conner struck out three and gave up one hit and one run.

Riley Sneller led the offense for Luverne. Sneller had two hits, including a double, and scored one run and added one RBI.

Casey Sehr also had two hits for Luverne, including a double.

Box score	
Luverne	0 1 0 1 0 0 2
Hadley	0 0 0 6 0 0 7
	AB R H BI
Bosch	3 0 0 0
Ripka	2 0 0 0
Reisch	1 0 0 0
Sehr	3 0 2 0
Connell	3 0 0 0
Anderson	3 0 0 0
Overgaard	2 1 1 0
Sneller	2 1 2 1
Halverson	1 0 1 1
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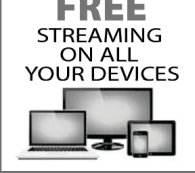
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ISD #2184 School Board meets June 25

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on June 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Tim Jarchow, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Eric Hartman and Shelley Sandbulte. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Jason Phelps, Lauren VerSteeg, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Becky Rahm, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the agenda with the addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Elementary Counselor, presented information regarding the things she did this past school year with the Elementary students. She also introduced us to Ally, her therapy dog, which she began utilizing in her program this past year.

Chairperson Jodi Bosch provided a summary of Superintendent Craig Oftedahl's evaluation that was conducted on May 28, 2020.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the May 28, 2020, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoft with ICS Builds gave a construction update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the School District bills with the School Board. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,262,784.24. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of May 31, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

The following Roof Replacement Bids were received on June 18, 2020:

COMPANY:

America Commercial Roofing	\$634,320.00
Sioux Falls, SD	
Tri-State General Contracting	\$606,665.00
Jackson, MN	
Harvey's Five Star Roofing	\$249,375.00
Spirit Lake, IA	

It was noted that Harvey's Five Star Roofing did not furnish a complete bid and would need to be disregarded. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to accept the bid from Tri-State General Contracting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to adopt the following grant authorization:

The local Board of Education of Luverne Public Schools has authorized Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent, at a monthly meeting on June 25, 2020, to act as the LEA (local education agency) Representative in filing an application for funds provided under Public Law 103-382 for the school year 2020-2021. The LEA Representative will ensure that the school district maintains compliance with the appropriate Federal statutes, regulations, and State procedures currently in effect and will act as the responsible authority in all matters relating to the administration of this application. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to request vehicle fuel quotations for the 2020-2021 school year be received by July 16, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to request quotations for bakery products for the 2020-2021 school year be received by July 16, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to set July 16, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. as the bid date for dairy products for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to have Jim Gilman with Conway, Deuth & Schmiessing, PLLP, conduct the audit of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to give approval to the auditor to make those final transfers and adjustments, when they audit the books, that are necessary and according to general accounting principles, resolutions and standards. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to roll over the current budget into the 2020-2021 fiscal year so that financial business can be conducted beyond June 30, 2020. A revised budget will be presented at a later date. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years for a total membership fee of \$4,134.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association for a membership fee of \$5,706.00 which includes policy services for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

The proposed 2020-2021 School Board meeting schedule was presented. It was noted that there was one error on the schedule – March 12 is a Friday, it should be March 11. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to accept the schedule with this one change. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to leave food service prices the same as 2019-20:

K-5 Lunch	\$3.00 per meal
6-12 Lunch	\$3.25 per meal
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00 per meal
Kindergarten Breakfast	\$0.00 per meal
1-12 Breakfast	\$1.50 per meal
Adult Breakfast	\$2.50 per meal
Adult Lunch	\$4.00 per meal
Milk Break (Elementary)	\$50.00 per year

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to set the following bus driver compensation rates to be effective July 1, 2020:

Regular and Sioux Falls Routes	\$95.00 per day
Preschool Route	\$47.00 per day
Activities Trip	\$15.00 per hour
Daily Rate (Overnight Trip)	\$130.00 per day

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the following Supervisory and Exempt Employees' salaries which reflect a 2.5% increase:

Marlene Mann - Business Manager	\$83,005.00
Wade Hiller – Technology Coordinator	\$76,005.00
Brenda Teal – Admin. Asst/Payroll	\$53,242.00
Brad Goemmel – Transportation Director	\$64,691.00
Ann Rigney – Food Service Director	\$37,738.00

It was noted that reviews were conducted as requested by the School Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the following employment contracts with Administrators:

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent	\$141,283	\$144,674	\$148,435
Stacy Gillette, Elem. Principal	\$121,314	\$124,347	
Jason Phelps, MS Principal	\$101,988	\$104,538	
Ryan Johnson, HS Principal	\$115,938	\$118,836	

These also reflect a 2.5% increase in salary. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann informed the school board of the upcoming election dates. The filing period begins in late July.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to set the two-hour food service worker hourly rate of pay for 2020-2021 at \$13.75 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to set the 2020-2021 substitute teacher daily rate of pay at \$126.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve a maternity leave request from Aimee Richters, Elementary teacher, for 8 weeks from approximately July 4 to September 8, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Lucas Larson as .65 FTE M/HS Social Studies teacher for a salary of \$27,045.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: June 25, 2020

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(08-06)

H-BC School Board meets July 13

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

July 13, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board Member Wysong was absent.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve the agenda.

Proposed Addition to Agenda: Hiring P/T Cook.

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald).

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve minutes 6/22/2020.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Handbooks for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- Preschool Handbook
- Employee/Staff Handbook
- Secondary Student Handbook
- Elementary Student Handbook
- Crisis Management Plan Handbook

Motion by Knobloch, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Review of Yearly Policies:

- 410- Family and Medical Leave Policy
- 413- Harassment and Violence
- 414- Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
- 415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
- 506- Student Discipline
- 514- Bullying Prohibition Policy
- 522- Student Sex Nondiscrimination
- 524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- 616- School District System Accountability (See item 4.11.4)
- 806- Crisis Management Policy

Motion by LaRock, second by Rauk, and carried to approve Non-Substantive Changes in the following policies one and only reading:

- 419 Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices
- 534 Unpaid Meal Charges

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve First Reading of the following Policies:

- 603 Curriculum Development
- 605 Testing Accommodations, Modifications and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students
- 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure
- 616 School District System Accountability
- 618 Assessment of Student Achievement
- 619 Staff Development for Standards
- 802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve resolution for district membership in the MN State High School League for the 2020-2021 School Year-View Why we play video.

Motion by Knobloch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Removing Policy 617-School District Insurance of Preparatory and High School Standards. PERSONNEL:

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve hiring Joan Johnson P/T Cook's Assistant (4 hours).

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve hiring Dylan Gehrke

as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 season pending season will occur.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve hiring Halden Van Wyhe as Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 season pending season occurring.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve hiring Anita Blank P/T Cook's Assistant (6 hours).

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Report
- Committee Meetings: Policy 6/30

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting:

- LTFM 10 year plan
- District Testing Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, July 27
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 10

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve moving to close meeting as permitted by MN Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a) to evaluate the performance of Todd Holthaus, District Superintendent.

RECONVENE MEETING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(08-06)

Blessing descent of property

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Darlene Blessing
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-20-172

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will dated, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on August 17, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. by this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT

Dated: July 13, 2020

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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(07-30, 08-06)

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		☐ James Reibestein	☐ Ahmad R. Hassan
		State Offices	State Offices
		State Senator District 22 Vote for One	State Senator District 22 Vote for One
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			☐ Shawna Marshall
NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING			
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST			
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. 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
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Mike Altena, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. 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
Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship Service — live streamed. Sunday 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. — Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Mondays 8 p.m. — AA Meeting and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Thursdays 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 p.m. — AA Meeting.

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 9:30 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
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
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Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Limit is 75 people. Attendees must call the church office prior to noon Saturday. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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Palisade Lutheran Church
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Laura Phillips, Pastor

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

First Presbyterian Church
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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
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Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

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

Sunday, 9:30 and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12: 5:30-8 p.m. Carnival with a free-will offering meal and carnival games.

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

Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Wednesday, 9 a.m. Quilting.

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Our compassionate Savior

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew
Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran
Church, Luverne

"When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36)

Do any of these adjectives describe you? I think lately in one way or another we have all felt a little troubled and downcast. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shows us one of his strongest traits: his compassion.

The compassion of Jesus here in this account moved him to do something about the hurt that was so prevalent: He sent his twelve disciples with power and authority. He sent them carrying his Word, his life-changing message of salvation through faith in him as the Son of God and Savior of the world.

This message is unlike anything that world can provide, and in a way, we can say that it is exclusively inclusive. We're told that in one sense, Christianity is the most exclusive religion in the world in that there is only one single way to be saved. Jesus himself says in John 14, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Salvation is found in no one else. It's only in Jesus. It isn't in giving enough money, or doing enough good deeds, or trying hard enough. It's only Jesus. It's only believing that he is the Son of God, and that through his perfect life and sacrificial death on the cross that our sins are forgiven and we get to enter through that narrow gate that leads to eternal life.

But in another sense, we can also say that Christianity is the most inclusive religion in the world. Because while there is only one way to heaven, that way is open for all. It's not dependent on anything we are or anything we do — it depends entirely on Jesus.

God's Word, the Bible, clearly teaches that all are perfectly equal — we each deserve exactly the same treatment. Because of sin,

we are all equally deserving of the punishment of hell. And that hard-to-stomach truth is not dependent on the color of your skin or in what country your ancestors were born. But just as we are all equal in deserving damnation, we also are equal in how valuable we are in the eyes of our God. When you look at someone who is different from yourself, remember that God loves them in exactly the same way he loves you. His is a love so deep that it moved him to send his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer hell in their place, so that the narrow path to eternal life could be open to them as well, just as it has been opened to you.

This is the powerful Gospel message that changes hearts, and we are blessed to be able to share it. Pray that the Holy Spirit would send out workers into his harvest field, and pray for those workers already serving there. Pray also that the Lord will provide opportunities for you to talk about your loving, compassionate Savior with your friends and neighbors. During difficult times that cause us to be troubled and downcast, our Lord Jesus brings us the joy of our salvation. He also reminds us that while we are in this world, we will have trouble — but take heart, because he has overcome the world, and through faith has made his victory ours!

Have a blessed, restful and healthy summer. Come to God's house for worship as you have the opportunity. And remember that Jesus, our gracious Lord and loving friend, is always with us.

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Fair 4-H Showcase 2020 participation included 72 youth/continued from page 1

thank all of the parents, volunteers and our 4-H'ers for not giving up and for putting in such a great effort so that we could still have our showcase event."

At the livestock shows, youth and adults in the indoor arena donned facemasks to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

"This is the times we are in," Folkerts said. "We don't know what will happen from day to day."

The Rock County 4-H Showcase took place July 29-Aug. 1, the same dates as the canceled 2020 Rock County Fair.

All fair activities were canceled in June following the announcement that the Minnesota State Fair would also not take place as planned.

Ordinarily local youth compete for project trips to the state fair and to the state horse and state dog shows, which were also canceled.

Instead of state shows, Minnesota 4-H is planning a virtual statewide project showcase.

Local blue ribbon winners can compete in showcase

Minnesota 4-H is hosting a virtual statewide showcase in late August and September for static and livestock projects.

Any Rock County 4-H'er who earned a blue ribbon during last week's showcases is eligible for the statewide showcases.

Each youth can enter two static projects and/or two livestock projects, if each earned a blue ribbon at the county 4-H events.

Members can also do one public demonstration, and one club can do a performing arts presentation.

Project judging for static events takes place Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Livestock judging takes place Sept. 8-13.

A statewide virtual dog show is currently in the planning stages.

Two annual fair activities were successful

Fairgoers were able to take advantage of two traditional fair



Mavis Fodness photos/0806 Fair Food Wednesday

The line to purchase popular fair food was long Wednesday night, July 29, the last of three days for three vendors at the Rock County Fairgrounds. The vendors would normally have been at the fair, but the event was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.



Above: Judge Jamie Goeden (left) explains his choice for champion market lamb by finishing with a fist bump to Christian Kruse (right) while Keagen Jessen watches.

At left: Cloverbud Connor Snell brought his New Zealand rabbit to the Wednesday, July 29, 4-H rabbit showcase.



Above left: It was less busy last week at the Rock County Fairgrounds during the "county fair turned 4-H livestock showcase." Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the normal four-day county fair and Minnesota State Fair were canceled. Right: A sign outside the show ring advises "masks required beyond this point."



activities last week: Eating of carnival food and the endurance races.

Three food vendors spent July 27-29 at the fairgrounds, where the public could purchase food normally available at the fair.

Rock County Ag Society President Adam Kinsinger said vendors indicated they received a good response from the public.

Also receiving a good response were the enduro races Saturday night at the

fairground's racetrack.

Attendance to the popular car feature stayed under the 250-person limit, about a fourth of the usual crowds.

"We normally would have been in the 700 to 800 range," Kinsinger said. "But

with everything going on, we were just happy to be able to have a bit of normal at the track this summer."

Kinsinger, who will begin his second year at the fair helm in 2021, is looking forward to next year.

"We are hoping to have some new and exciting attractions for the whole family with keeping the same Rock County Fair feel," he said. "Something for everyone."

A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*

As you may have read in the July 30 edition of the Rock County Star Herald I along with a rising number of Luverne residents have tested positive for the coronavirus. I can assure you it's no fun. My symptoms were high fever, body aches, and shortness of breath and respiratory fatigue. I want to remind the public that this illness is real and that anyone can contract the highly contagious virus. This is something you want to avoid if at all possible.

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Governor Walz extends Minnesota's COVID-19 peacetime emergency to August 12

Governor Walz announces Safe Learning Plan, statewide mask mandate continues

Minnesota school districts will be granted flexibility in their reopening decisions, depending on the spread of COVID-19 in their communities, under a plan released today by Gov. Tim Walz.

The state will take a "localized, data-driven approach" to reopen schools. The data will measure the spread of the virus and the school's ability to meet health and safety standards.

The "Safe Learning Plan" uses state Department of Health tracking of new virus cases as the first hurdle schools have to jump to be able to reopen.

- To fully reopen, a county would need to have fewer than 9 cases of the virus per 10,000 residents over a 14-day period.
- Schools in counties with higher case counts could attempt to reopen on a more limited basis for full or part-time classes, with younger students getting priority for in-person instruction.
- All schools in counties with more than 50 cases per 10,000 residents would have to be fully online.

The Safe Learning Plan outlines how schools would work with state health and education officials to evaluate how the virus is spreading in local communities, whether school districts are prepared to implement rules about mask wearing, daily cleaning and health screenings, and how teachers and other staff members would be tested if there are cases of the virus in a school building.

- In schools that do open, masks would be required — and provided by the state — for both students and teachers.
- As in the first months of the pandemic, schools that are not fully open would be required to provide free childcare for school-age children of critical workers.
- Schools will also have to accommodate any students that do not want to return to in-person classes with options for full-time distance learning.

The governor said it's important for local school leaders to work with health officials and make the decisions that make sense for their communities — but that they should be prepared to shift gears if necessary.

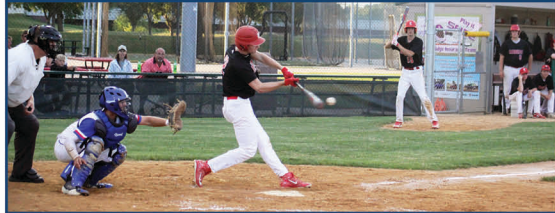
"Throughout the school year, we will need to be flexible and adapt with the fluid nature of this pandemic," Walz said in a statement live-streamed Thursday afternoon.

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 - Indoor dining while maintaining social distancing, reservations required
 - May seat no more than 50 percent occupancy
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 - 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.

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

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.

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Patrick T. Baustian
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U of M Virtual Cover Crop Field Day set for Aug. 18

Rock County cover crop experts put together local virtual event

On Aug. 18 at 1 p.m., the U of M Extension will host a virtual Cover Crop Field Day, "Setting up for Success."

Through this live webinar, researchers and educators will highlight U of M research that provides management tips and considerations to help farmers and ag professionals successfully incorporate cover crops into Minnesota cropping systems.

The program will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with presentations from 1 to 2 p.m. followed by a cover crop roundtable from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Although there will be time for questions and answers after each presentation, the roundtable will provide an opportunity for additional open discussion with attendees.

Registration is free, thanks to support from the Minnesota Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (MN SARE) program.

Topics and speakers are as follows:

- Cover Crops as a Tool in Waterhemp Management? – Gregg Johnson, Associate Professor, Biomass Cropping Systems, Southern Research and Outreach Center, Waseca.
- Balancing the Pros and Cons of Planting Green in Minnesota – Lizabeth Stahl, Extension Educator – Crops, Worthington Regional Extension Office, Worthington.



Lori Sorenson photos/0806 virtual cover crops
Soil health specialist Dawn Madison interviews local cover crop expert Tom Fick for an upcoming virtual cover crop field day series. At right, Michael Walgrave films them near a sign.

sion Office, Worthington.

- Strategies for Interseeding Cover Crops into Corn – Axel Garcia y Garcia, Associate Professor, Cropping Systems, Southwest Research and Outreach Center, Lamberton.
- Cover Crop Roundtable – Anna Cates, Extension Soil Health Specialist, Department of Soil Health, Water and Climate, St. Paul (in addition to

the speakers above).

For more information and to register, go to: <https://z.umn.edu/covercropVFD>. If you cannot attend in person, a recording of the session will be made available through the above website at a later date.

Source: Lizabeth Stahl, University of Minnesota Extension, 507-372-3900 ext. 3912, stah0012@umn.edu

Beware of unsolicited mail seeds from China

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is aware that people across the country have received unsolicited packages of seed from China in recent days.

APHIS is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection and State departments of agriculture to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

Anyone who receives an unsolicited package of seeds from China should immediately contact their state plant regulatory official or APHIS state plant health director.

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Healthy Fun for Kids!

Masks Make a Difference!

Many people who like to sew have been making masks for their family, friends and neighbors during the pandemic.

Masks with bright colors, cool designs, sports logos and popular cartoon characters can be seen everywhere. Who says being safe can't be a little more fun?



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