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Luverne announces school plan

Elementary students attend in-person middle-high school to use hybrid schedule

By Mavis Fodness

Increasing coronavirus cases in Rock County are driving decisions for the fall learning setup in Luverne Schools for elementary and middle-high school students.

Ninety-one percent of roughly 1,200 Luverne students indicated in a recent survey that they want to return to classes for in-person or hybrid learning, and school officials are considering these sentiments.

Luverne Elementary will begin the 2020-21 school year Sept. 8 with in-person classes. The kindergarten through fifth-grade students will meet daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Only half of Luverne Middle-High School students will attend in-person classes each day in an attempt to put a safe distance between them.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl informed parents Friday about the district's decision in a letter.

"The Incident Command Team assisted the district in the decision on which model to use to start the year," Oftedahl wrote.

"Our current number through the Minnesota Department of Education is 21 cases per 10,000 people, which was indicative of data from July 26-Aug. 8."

The team was able to access more current data from the last week, which had the number of cases down to 13.

"Rock County is seeing numbers trending in the direction we want for all students to be in-person learning (nine cases or lower), but we are not there yet," Oftedahl indicated.

Emphasis is still placed on encouraging families to follow health guidelines to lower the number of cases in the county.

Social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing and avoiding large gatherings are among the practices that will impact how learning is conducted.

"The guidance that is shared is to keep our students, staff, parents and community safe," Oftedahl wrote.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0827 Punt Pass Kick 2020

Alena Sandbulte (center) follows through on her pass as the other second- through fourth-graders wait their turns. Below, Carter Sehr takes a shot at the longest pass is, with Coulter Thone waiting for his turn. At far left are summer recreation coordinator Jon Schomacker and his wife, Kristin.

Informal version of NFL youth activity returns to Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

After not being offered for years, Luverne Community Education brought back a time-honored tradition operated by the National Football League for 56 years.

The punt, pass and kick competition returned to Cardinal Field Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 19.

In a local twist, the second- through eighth-grade students competed to see who could throw, punt and kick a football the greatest distance.

Winners were determined by their combined distances in all three categories.

The NFL stopped sponsoring the local competitions in 2017 along with the national punt, pass and kick championships.

Luverne Community Education presented trophies in two age groups — second- through fourth-grade and fifth- through eighth-grade.

Results for fourth-grade and younger: first Tinley Vandenberg, second Maddox Schomacker, and third Korbin Miles.

Results for fifth-grade and older: first Coy Thone, Kelby Schomacker, and third Carter Sehr.

Terry's Trophies, Luverne, sponsored the football-shaped trophies.



All H-BC students to attend in-person classes daily

By Mavis Fodness

With the coronavirus still circulating within the community, Hills-Beaver Creek School District officials announced Monday school will open under a hybrid learning plan.

It calls for in-person learning at the elementary and secondary schools with social distancing protocols implemented between staff and students.

Face coverings on buses and in

schools are required. H-BC school board members unanimously passed a face mask policy at their meeting Monday night.

In a recent survey, an overwhelming majority of parents (95 percent) indicated they were comfortable sending their students to school under H-BC's Return to Learn Plan adopted earlier this month.

Twenty students (or 5 percent) of the district's 375 kindergarten

through 12th-grade students opted for a semester or a year of distance learning offered through the district.

Of the 350 remaining students, 144 (or 55 percent) would need the district to provide some transportation to and/or from the elementary school in Beaver Creek or the secondary school in Hills.

Routes will be finalized this week.

Under the Return to Learn plan, bus capacity can only be at 50 percent

levels (about 35 students per bus) to provide adequate social distancing between families.

Secondary students (grades 6 through 12) begin classes Tuesday, Sept. 8, and elementary students begin Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Elementary student/parent/teacher conferences are Wednesday, Sept. 2, and Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0827 automania recap

AutoMania attracted nearly 500 classic cars, motorcycles and tractors to SpringBrooke Events, Golf and Grille in Beaver Creek over the weekend.

SpringBrooke Events hosts AutoMania 2020 in Beaver Creek

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 500 cars, hundreds of dogs and an untold number of people descended on the tiny town of Beaver Creek over the weekend for AutoMania at SpringBrooke Events and Golf and Grille.

SpringBrooke owner Rick Gourley bought the AutoMania brand when it didn't return to Brandon after the last show two years ago.

He staged the 2020 event at SpringBrooke as a way to revive AutoMania and call attention to his facility and the community.

Despite what he described as "amazingly oppressive heat," Gourley said he felt good about the weekend.

"People loved the music, the cars and the food trucks," he said. "All in all, we're calling it a huge success."

A surge of classic cars, tractors and motorcycles arrived in the morning, with another round midday, but by 3 p.m. temperatures had climbed into the mid 90s with a heat index over 100 degrees.

Gourley said he understood why some didn't stay. "When the temperature is 96, there's an effect the sun has when you're not in the shade," he said.

AutoMania 2020 in Beaver Creek/see page 5

Beaver Creek City Council considers work on water tower

By Lori Sorenson

The water tower in Beaver Creek may be repainted next summer, and council members met Wednesday night with Chad Edwards of McGuire Iron to discuss details of the project.

According to information he pitched to the council, the 50,000-gallon tank exterior would be repainted in 2021 at a cost of roughly \$64,000. Included in that cost would be safety upgrades and replacing a navigation light at the top.

Edwards said the interior of the tank will need to be sandblasted, repaired where needed and repainted in five years for an additional cost of roughly \$50,000.

At first, work would focus on the exterior.

Edwards said he inspected the inside of the tank and noted dis-

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County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	99	9	+10%
Pipestone	174	10	+5.4%
Nobles	1,827	28	+1.4%
Minnehaha (SD)	4,924	269	+5.8%
Lyon (IA)	136	6	+4.6%

14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people:

Date Range	7/5 - 7/18	7/12-7/25	7/19-8/1	7/26-8/8
Rate	18.06	28.68	30.81	21.25

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

- Schools in counties with fewer than 9 new cases per 10,000 residents in a two-week period could have *in-person classes for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 50 new cases per 10,000 residents in two weeks *would have to be fully online for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 9 and fewer than 50 new cases in two weeks *could have hybrid learning models for students*, age appropriate.

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

LUVERNE - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: HYBRID
HBC - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of August 25, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Historical Society burns building mortgage

By Lori Sorenson

It was a moment for the history books Monday night when members of the Rock County Historical Society Board put a flame to the History Center mortgage.

"I loved it," said President Betty Mann, 90, who has been pushing for the past 20 years to find a respectable, adequate and accessible space to tell Rock County's story. "We were all so excited."

When the Rock County Museum moved in 2016 from the Masonic Lodge building into the remodeled 100-year-old Ford building on Main Street, it was a dream come true for Mann.

"I didn't think I'd ever see the end of this," she said about paying off the Historical Society's \$400,000 loan that helped with the \$1.1 million construction project.

According to treasurer Greg Burger, the Historical Society borrowed \$150,000 to facilitate the \$165,000 purchase of the Herman Motor building and property.

This was paid off early with large donations, but another \$450,000 was borrowed to complete building renovations and an unexpected roof repair.

Burger marveled at the community generosity in supporting the History Center with the \$1 million fundraiser.

"The important thing is that the people of Rock County who pledged to support this honored all their pledges," he said, adding that seven to 10 percent of typical five-year pledges don't follow through.

This, along with several sizable outright donations from the city and county, KAHR Foundation and Mann herself allowed the board to pay off the mortgage a year early.

"I want everyone to know how appreciative we are of the people who supported us with donations, both big and small," Mann said.

"I never thought we would do this in such a short time. We appreciate every penny. It really did add up."

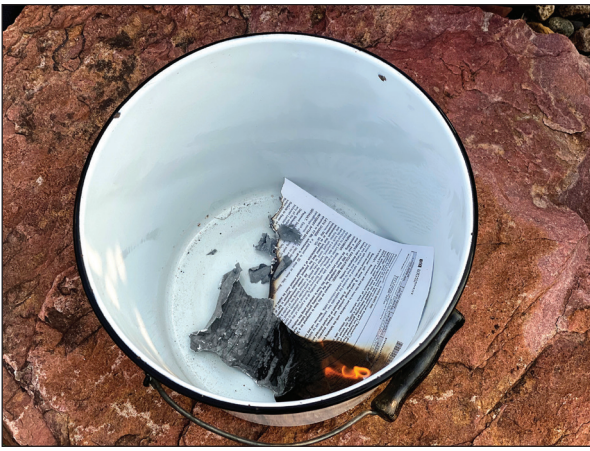


Lori Sorenson photo/0827 history center mortgage burning

Rock County Historical Society board members made their final mortgage payment this month on the \$1.1 million History Center construction project. They celebrated Monday evening with an official mortgage burning at the History Center on East Main Street in Luverne. Pictured are (seated, from left) Al Stoakes, George Langford, Betty Mann, Dolly Remme, (back) Greg Burger, Shirley Klosterbuer, Kathy Heeren, Linda Bakken, Verlyn Van Batavia and Jan Brandenburg. Not pictured are board members Keith Elbers and Jane Wildung Lanphere and building chairman Kyle Oldre. Below, the remaining paper burns in a metal bucket.

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— Betty Mann, president



Mann said it's a relief to no longer have mortgage payments, which will free up some revenue for day-to-day operations.

A handful of devoted volunteers help with displays and routine building maintenance, but to make the most of the community asset, Mann said increased staffing is

necessary.

"We're hoping to soon hire a full-time manager," Mann said.

Burger said the success of the History Center and its financial stability is a testament to the people in the community.

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to the citizens of Rock County for honoring

their pledges and investing in the history of Rock County," he said.

Current hours at the History Center are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday with masks, with pandemic precautions in place and masks and gloves available.

The phone number is 507-283-2122.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Luverne student registration appointments

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.

Meals on Wheels continue in Jasper

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) has provided Meals on Wheels in Jasper through the Sunrise Village, which is now closed. Going forward, meals will be prepared at the LSS Luverne site and delivered to Jasper City Hall

twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. There is also an option to add frozen meals for delivery with the hot meals.

Inquiries about LSS Meals on Wheels can be made by calling the LSS Meals Luverne Kitchen toll-free at 866-985-8509.

Hospice memorial service Sept. 2

Sanford Luverne Hospice annual memorial service will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in Luverne City Park.

The program will celebrate the lives of those cared for by the hospice program and will include a butterfly release.

Call 507-283-1805 for details, or email jill.roe-men@sanfordhealth.org.

Blue Mounds State Park cliff line clearing Aug. 29

Join the Friends of Blue Mounds group on Saturday, Aug. 29, in removing brush and invasive vegetation along the cliff line for the Sept. 12 youth climbing event.

Bring your own hand tools, work gloves and eye protection (if possible).

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the climbers' parking lot. A mid-morning snack of donuts will be provided for volunteers.

Yearly or day park pass is required. Follow the Friends of Blue Mounds on Facebook for more details.

Cliffline climbing

Luverne Community Education will offer

Cliffline Climbing for Grades 4-12 taught by Roca Climbing and Friends of Blue Mounds State Park.

Morning and afternoon sessions will be Sept. 12. There is no charge, but registration required. Call 507-283-4724. Use the waiver/registration form from the website to register for all classes.

History Center open with limited hours

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

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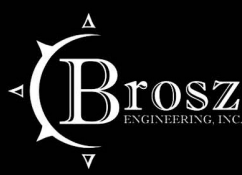
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coloration from iron and manganese, but said there isn't much sediment and it doesn't appear there's much rust or pitting.

"There's definitely some issues going on, but we can get a few more years out of it," Edwards said at the Aug. 12 meeting.

"You guys have done a good job, but it's definitely time to do some work on it.

"... To replace a water tower is \$800,000 to \$1 million, so it's worth it to do the maintenance."

Following the 2021 exterior painting, it would be checked in 2022 for warranty touch-ups.

In 2023 the interior will be cleaned and inspected, and in 2025 it can be drained and repainted.

The council noted that water service to residents would not be interrupted because the city has access to Rock County Rural Water.

With the interior and exterior work, Edwards said the waterpower would be good for decades to come.

"I'll be under dirt before you need to touch it again," he said.

Splash pad nearing completion

The community splash pad in Beaver Creek is nearing completion and donations are coming in — \$83,000 so far — to support the \$195,000 project.

At their Wednesday night meeting, Beaver Creek City Council members reviewed construction progress, noting that the storage tank work has begun.

Concrete will be poured this week and the attachment toys are en route from the Canadian company and are expected to arrive Friday.

Council members reviewed verbiage for a "rules" sign and discussed a sign that would recognize donors who supported the project.

"You guys have done a good job, but it's definitely time to do some work on it."

— Chad Edwards,
McGuire Iron

Street project to affect neighborhoods

Fourth Street and First Avenue (Main Street) are scheduled for construction this summer, and work is set to begin next week.

The Rock County Highway Department will improve the streets (a mill off and overlay), curb and gutter and sidewalks, and many residential driveways will be affected by the construction.

Council member Pat Bender suggested the city attempt to remind residents along the construction route.

"I've had people asking, 'What's with this paint on the sidewalks?' and 'What's with the sticks in the ground?'" Bender said.

"They're wondering how they're going to access their houses and if they can use their driveways and how long it will take."

Blank said she posted a notice in the city newsletter in April, but the council agreed another notice would be appropriate.

"The more information we can provide them, the better," she said. "Some people might be planning a move. ... Are they going to be able to get into their driveways or park a block away and walk in?"

Council member Alan Harnack pointed out that harvest will be started by the time the project is underway, and city maintenance supervisor Travis Helgeson said group shut-offs of utilities will also be necessary.



Mavis Fodness photo/0827 aaker
Standing in front of Bishop John Quinn (center), Kevin Aaker, along with 10 other men, was ordained as deacon Aug. 23 at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus in Winona.

At left, Luverne's Kevin Aaker was ordained a deacon Aug. 23 and will be the first to serve St. Catherine's Church in Luverne and St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. A drive-by reception for Aaker begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at St. Catherine's Church.

Aaker ordained as St. Catherine deacon

By Mavis Fodness

Aug. 23 marked the end of a 10-year journey for Kevin Aaker and the start of a new path of serving people in a more spiritual way.

"Deacon Kevin" and 10 others were ordained at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus in Winona in front of a smaller-than-usual group of friends and family members. Due to pandemic social distancing, church occupancy was limited to 250.

Many parishioners and clergy, like Monsignor Gerald Kosse with St. Catherine's Church in Luverne and St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone, watched by live stream.

Aaker, a Luverne High School graduate, is the first person in the joint parishes to be ordained a deacon. "It is a great moment," Kosse said. "We've been waiting to celebrate."

Aaker's journey began in 2010 with a one-year prerequisite class to become a deacon.

"At the end of that year, the program was stopped to be reorganized," Aaker said. "During those three years I continued studies in lay ministry that the diocese offered."

What emerged three years later was a four-year program, plus a fifth-year of online scriptural studies through the Augustine Institute in Denver.

"Then before we could get the ordination scheduled, COVID hit and everything was put on hold," Aaker said.

Meanwhile, he took care of business at Luverne Auto Body, which he owns with his wife, Mary, and continued his work as a member of the Luverne City Council.

What does a deacon do?

Deacons in the Catholic faith are unpaid and are assigned by the bishop to different parishes to assist the presiding priest.

Aaker has been assigned to assist Msgr. Kosse with the 895 member families in Luverne and Pipestone.

Deacons assist with the rites of baptism, marriage and funerals outside of Mass.

While they can administer communion, they don't consecrate the Eucharist or hear confessions.

Aaker will also continue teaching confirmation classes and leading the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

During church services it is the deacon's role to complete the gospel readings and complete the homily when asked.

Aaker's first homilies will be this weekend at both St. Leo and at St. Catherine's.

He said he doesn't expect much change, except for his title.

"In informal settings I would guess 'Deacon Kevin'; in more informal settings 'Deacon Aaker' will be the norm," he said.

"At work and home I am betting 'Kevin' and 'Grandpa' will be the same as before."

He told the story about a day in 2008 when Father Tom Jennings, then priest at St. Catherine's Church, walked into the business and called him "Deacon Kevin."

"I chuckled and wondered what he was talking about," Aaker recalled. "At that point in my life I had no idea what a deacon was. What surprised me was it kept rolling around in my head."

A drive-by reception is planned for Aaker at 4 p.m. Sunday in front of St. Catherine's Church.

The reception will feature cake-to-take and a basket for cards.

Rock County Tractor Ride 2020 ready to roll Sept. 4

By Mavis Fodness

With 75 tractor "masks" in hand, organizers of the fifth annual Luverne Tractor Ride are ready for the Friday, Sept. 4 event.

Special to the 2020 event is a white "facial" covering meant to be tied in front of tractors to recognize the coronavirus pandemic.

Quality Printing, Luverne, came up with mask design that features a graphic of a tractor pulling a wagon and the words "Luverne 2020 Tractor Ride."

Rodger Ossenfort and Ken Vos came up with souvenir facemasks. Previous souvenirs have been flags or stickers.

"Kenny was sitting at coffee and said we should have face masks," Ossenfort said.

"For our tractors," Vos finished.

Jerry Mann is also helping with the event's organization.

Last year 90 tractors participated in the ride that begins at 8:45 a.m.

This year's destination is Lismore, with tractors taking the back roads to and from the Luverne City Park, where the ride begins and ends. Tractors



Mavis Fodness photo/0820 Tractor Ride 2020

Ken Vos (left), Rodger Ossenfort and Jerry Mann (not pictured) are organizing the Luverne 2020 Tractor Ride set for Friday, Sept. 4, beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the Luverne City Park. The destination for the fifth annual event is Lismore.

will stay off the main black-topped roads where possible.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with tractor masks given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We don't know how many will show," Ossenfort said.

"We'll be down this year."

To join, tractors must be able to travel 12 miles per hour, have no dual wheels and display a slow moving vehicle sign.

The ride typically ends at about 3 p.m. A buddy seat is

required for any passengers.

Social distancing will be emphasized at the noon box lunch gathering at the Lismore City Park and at the ice cream social at the end of the ride at the Luverne City Park. The ride will take place rain or shine.

Correction to election filing story

The Aug. 20 Star Herald story about candidates filing for election incorrectly stated that Doug Bos is stepping down from his position as Martin Township clerk. He does indeed intend to continue in his role as clerk, and the Star Herald regrets the error.

Rock County Auditor Ashley Kurtz offers the following clarification for why the Secretary of State website listed the clerk's position as open with nobody filing for the seat.

"(Bos) is never on the ballot, as he is appointed by the board because no one ever files. He doesn't live in Martin Township so he can't file. Martin Township will also have two questions on the ballot this year.

The first is to make the clerk an appointed position and the second is to make the treasurer an appointed position.

If those both pass, these offices will no longer show up on this candidate filing website. But because they don't have that language approved yet, the clerk position is still up for election this year."

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Instructions are helpful with recipes, product assembly and college orientation

My grade school report cards surfaced during a recent cleaning at my childhood home.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

The yellowed paper told the story of a good student, with mostly As and some Bs, but she had trouble following instructions.

In the section for teacher observations, the line, "Listens well to instructions," sometimes was noted with a minus sign rather than a satisfactory plus sign.

It used to annoy me, but it was true.

I was a good test taker, and when a quiz landed on my desk, I dove right in. There was nothing quite like the sharp point of a lead No. 2 pencil on a freshly mimeographed sheet of paper.

There are many life circumstances when this enthusiasm has served me well, but teachers insist that we also learn to follow instructions.

One sixth-grade teacher drove home the point with a simple 10-question quiz.

I whizzed through questions one through six, but when I was part way through question seven, I noticed many of my classmates had long ago finished and were waiting for direction.

I was embarrassed to discover that an overlooked sentence at the top of the page had instructed us to skip questions one through nine and answer only question 10.

It was, of course, an exercise to illustrate the importance of being thorough and following instructions, and in failing that test, I had learned an important lesson.

One that I've painfully recalled in adulthood with recipes and product assemblies.

Many failed entrees and

defective products could have been avoided had I read instructions before launching into assembly.

Apparently failure to listen well to instruction is a genetic trait. My youngest and I attended a half-day college orientation last week to prepare for the fall semester.

"Do you have everything you need?" I asked the kid on our way out the door.

"Yep."

"Do you know where we're going?"

"Yep"

After failing to research the specific building on campus where we would check in, the kid and I arrived late to find a roomful of students dutifully parked at tables with laptops open in front of them.

We had no laptop with us, having somehow overlooked that detail in the instructions for the day. Without a laptop, our participation wouldn't be necessary and we were instructed to return — with a laptop — for the Friday session.

The drive home was a bit tense, and my child sincerely apologized for the wasted afternoon.

Was I upset? Yes.

But not for reasons I blamed on the kid.

Not only were we the only ones in the room without a laptop, I was the only mom in the room.

I assumed an orientation involved parents. I *assumed*. ... Rather than seek confirmation online or by phone call.

Welcome to college, students. Good luck with your coursework, and don't forget to read the instructions.

MnDOT Adopt a Highway program celebrates 30 years

More than 3,800 volunteer groups annually help beautify Minnesota's roadways

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is thanking thousands of Adopt a Highway volunteers across the state and encouraging others to clean a section of roadway in celebration of the program's 30th anniversary.

More than 3,800 volunteer groups, ranging from four to 25 people, spent an estimated 272,000 hours cleaning roadway ditches in 2019, picking up 40,000 bags of trash across Minnesota.

This translates into an estimated \$7 million in realized benefit for the state. Of the current roster of volunteers, 475 groups have been with the program all 30 years.

"The Adopt a Highway program is proof that Minnesotans care about their state. Volunteers picking up litter along our roadways also allows our MnDOT crews to focus on other work, like repairing guardrail, mowing and keeping highways safe,"

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said Ann McLellan, statewide Adopt a Highway manager. "It is a win-win situation for all involved."

Volunteers are asked to commit to the program for at least two years and pick up litter on both sides of the roadway a minimum of twice a year. The average length of an adopted roadway is two miles.

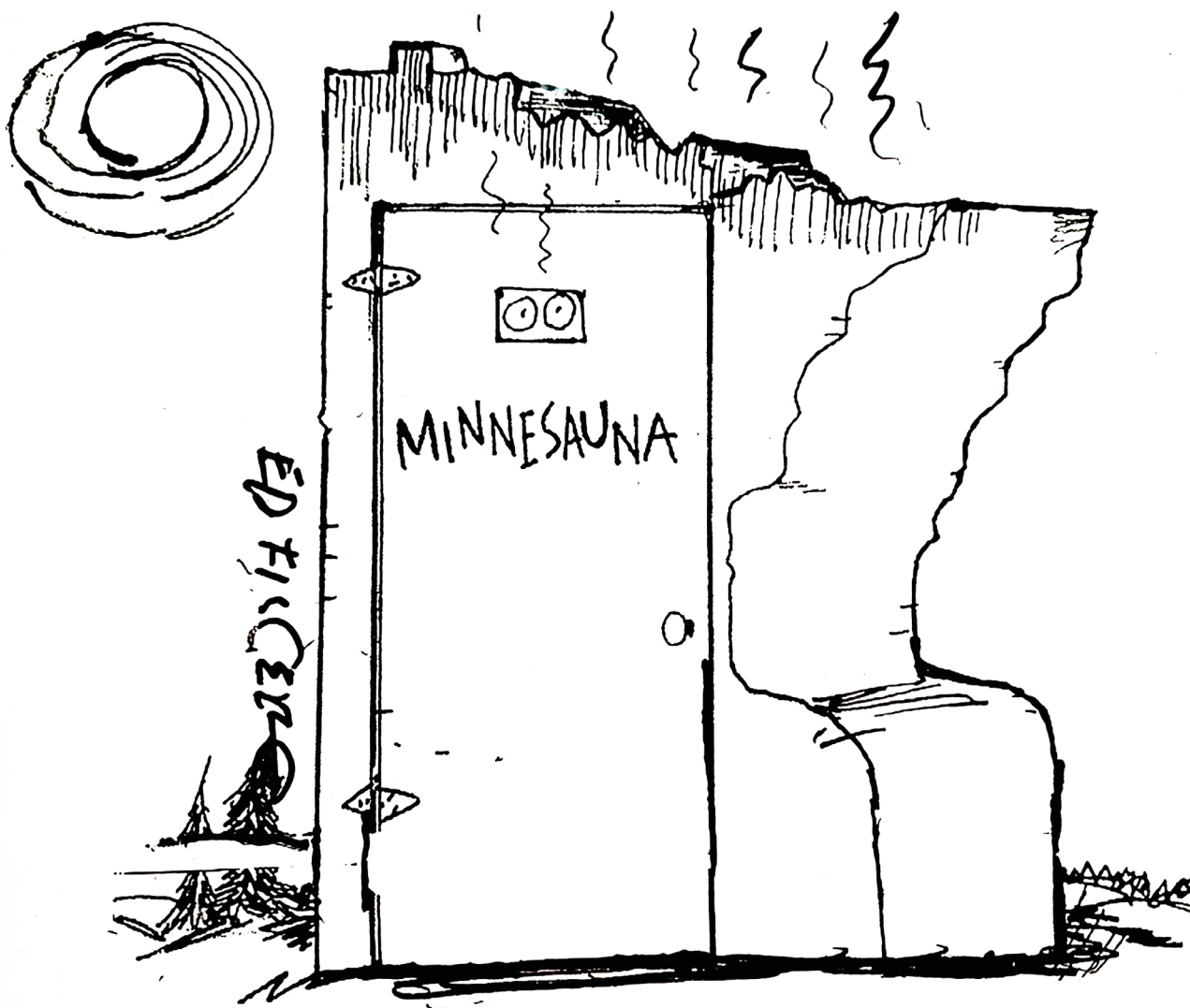
MnDOT provides volunteers with safety training, including new COVID-19 guidelines, as well as trash bags and safety vests. The agency also picks up the filled bags of litter, and posts signs along the adopted segments of roads with the names

of the volunteer groups.

"We still have more than 630 segments available for adoption. Most of those areas are in Greater Minnesota, but we also have many open sections in the Twin Cities as well," said McLellan.

The Adopt a Highway program began in 1990 after then-Governor Rudy Perpich visited Texas to speak with Lady Bird Johnson about the state's anti-litter campaign called "Don't Mess with Texas."

Find more information about MnDOT's program at www.mndot.gov/adopt



Looking back reveals a not-worth-repeating year

As I ponder today's current events, I was wondering what was consuming my thoughts last year at this time.

With a quick look back at my late August 2019 column, I discovered that turning Social Security age was my topic of the week.

So that got me to thinking what was on my mind the year before that and the year before that and so on. So the topic back in 2018 was about hosting the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.

Late August 2017 we were just finishing up co-hosting the USO show at the Palace Theatre. In 2016 I wrote about the Rock River Beer Fest, and the 2015 late August column was about all things "Fall Football and Pheasants."

In 2014 I was busy promoting the LACF fund drive "30 for 30."



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson,
Tollefson Publishing general manager

The 2013 memories are a favorite: My family was busy and excited about putting the finishing touches on our daughter Jenna's wedding that took place two weeks later.

Frankly, there isn't much that I want to remember about 2020.

Now that I am Social Se-

curity age plus one year, I have to reconsider my thinking as to what I deem as old age. In my early 20s, 40 seemed old; at 40, 60 seemed a long way off.

Now that I'm creeping toward my mid-60s, reaching the 70s doesn't seem so old. I just hope there aren't any more years like this one along the way.

Understand school bus warnings

Ask a Trooper question: I was told the fine for passing a school bus, when the red lights are activated and the stop arm is extended, had recently increased.

Answer: State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended. Red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus. In 2017, the fine for a school bus stop arm/red lights violation in Minnesota increased from \$300 to \$500.

Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and/or its stop arm is extended when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads. Motorists are not required to stop for a bus on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median, etc.) — but should remain

alert for pedestrians.

Always reduce speeds in and around school zones and watch and stop for school crossing patrols and pedestrians in both marked and unmarked crosswalks at all street corners.

For additional information see link below to the latest State Patrol video regarding School Bus Stop Arm Safety: <https://youtu.be/TS-4aRELaA8>.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 14
•Complainant on County Highway 11, Steen, reported a possible funnel cloud.
•Suspicious activity was reported at location on E. Warren Street.
Aug. 15
•Complainant on E. Adams Street reported theft.
•Assistance from another agency was provided on S. Main Avenue, Hills.
•An arrest was made on warrant.
•A possible impaired driver was reported at location.
Aug. 16
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle left parked at location.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a fight.
•Complainant on W. Main Street, Hardwick, reported people drinking and driving.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported people outside his door.
Aug. 17
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported an anonymous drug tip.
•Complainant on Roaring Cloud Circle reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant reported a possible scam.
•Complainant on Mag Road, Luverne, found a license plate.
•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported theft from store.
•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a lost bike.
•Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a possible intoxicated driver.
•Complainant in Magnolia reported a fire truck driving around with kids hanging off.
•Complainant E. Oakland Avenue reported keys locked in the car.
Aug. 18
•Complainant on Lincoln Street reported someone may

be breaking into a car.
•Complainant reported suspicious behavior.
•Complainant on 124th Avenue and 85th Street, Luverne, reported a road closure.
•Complainant reported that her vehicle was stolen.
•Complainant on Manfred Drive requested notification of jail release.
•Driving complaint was reported on S. West Park Street.
•Hazmat spill was reported in Hardwick.
Aug. 19
•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a parking complaint.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
•Complainant on W. Harrison Street reported a vehicle break-in.
•Complainant reported a scam.
•Complainant on N. Oakley Street requested to speak to a deputy.
•Roadside assist was requested on the 700 block of County Road 4, Beaver Creek.
Aug. 20
•Deputy assisted USMS on 141st Street, Magnolia.
•Warrant was issued.
•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a dirt bike, not street legal bike, driving on road.
•Property was found.
•Complainant on Park Avenue, Kenneth, reported threats.
Aug. 21
•Complainant at Redbird Field reported kids climbing up the netting.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 8 escorts, 24 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 1 burn permit, 5 alarms, 8 purchase and carry permits, 7 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 1 OFP, 1 curfew check, 1 follow-up.



Mavis Fodness photo/0827 Railroad Thank You

Rock County Commissioner Stan Williamson (center) offers closing remarks during the outdoor thank you celebration Thursday afternoon, Aug. 20, in Magnolia. Ellis & Eastern Railroad, which operates the Buffalo Ridge Railroad, will spend \$33.9 million to improve the rail line over the next four years.

Ellis & Eastern hosts celebration in Magnolia

By Mavis Fodness

Ellis & Eastern Railroad representatives thanked federal, state and local officials for public support during an Aug. 20 outdoor gathering in Magnolia. Many of the 50 in attendance were meeting each other face-to-face for the first time after working to secure a \$14.4 million federal grant to improve 41 miles of the Buffalo Ridge Railroad. The BRRR runs through the southern third of Rock and Nobles counties and will undergo a \$33.9 million rail rehabilitation project. “This grant is part of a tremendous project that took a significant number of people to complete,” said Jeffrey Cooley with the project’s engineering firm, Civil Design Inc. of Brookings, South Dakota. The four-year project is broken into seven phases. Bridge improvements are first, then tie and ballast improvements beginning in Magnolia. The work will involve 88,000 tons of aggregate and 92,500 wooden railroad ties. “If laid from end to end, it’s 149 miles, roughly, and stretches from the South Dakota border and half way to Wisconsin,” Cooley said. This fall, grant money may be released for the project to begin early. “Steel prices have dropped,” said event host Dan Kippley with Ellis and Eastern. “We want to take advantage of this.” Chuck Ackman, outreach director



Dan Kippley with Ellis & Eastern Railroad opens the Magnolia thank you celebration that included a graphic of the four-year plan to upgrade the Buffalo Ridge Railroad.

for U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, became familiar with the local rail line after the 2014 flood event. “I recall seeing two rails suspended in the air with nothing underneath,” Ackman said. His knowledge of the local rail line and familiarity with federal grant processes was helpful with E&E’s application for the federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant. “I was able to connect them with people who were able to help,” he said. The Buffalo Ridge Railroad Authority (BRRRA), comprised of eight Rock and Nobles county members, consid-

ered not investing \$750,000 for flood repairs needed to keep the railroad as viable infrastructure. Because the authority was able to prove the rail line was owned by public entities, the counties’ expenses were eventually reimbursed through federal flood relief dollars. “Rail is the safest and most efficient way to transport our ethanol throughout our nation,” said Neal Breitbarth with State Rep. Jim Hagedorn’s office. For every gallon of diesel used, one ton of freight can be moved more than 450 miles. “When we use rail, it saves our roads,” said Katie Hatt, Minnesota Department of Transportation inter-agency rail director. She applauded the private-public collaboration on the local grant application. “It’s a wonderful story of partnership,” she said. “We have an important part of infrastructure that is still here today and in use for the future.” The more immediate impact will be the local economic boost of the construction project itself, according to Minnesota Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne. He said labor, supplies and related resources will offset pandemic market disruptions. Rock County Commissioner Stan Williamson was one of three local representatives who traveled to

Rail road celebration/see page 8

Body of missing Marshall woman found in state park

By Lori Sorenson

The body of a missing woman from Marshall was found this morning in the Blue Mounds State Park, and authorities say it appears she took her own life. Sarah Hubler had been missing since Thursday morning when she failed to show up in Delavan to pick up her daughter. The Rock County Sheriff’s Department got involved last night in the search after Hubler’s cell phone pinged off the Magnolia tower around 4 p.m. State Patrol air support, the DNR and the Rock and Nobles County sheriff’s offices began searching the area for the woman and her car, a 2010 blue Chevy Impala. Around 9:30 p.m. the Blue Mounds State Park notified the Rock County Sheriff’s Office that the car had been located in the picnic area parking lot near what used to be the lake at the park. Staff noticed the unoccupied car during evening rounds. When search efforts focused on the park, Hubler’s body was found shortly after midnight in the wetland area of the former lake.



Sarah Hubler had been missing since Thursday morning when she failed to show up in Delavan to pick up her daughter.

Her family was notified around 3 a.m. Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said he’s saddened by the incident and sympathizes with the family. He added that he’s grateful authorities were able to locate her in the park, rather than search for days in the rural landscape around Magnolia. “My fear was that if she was in a cornfield somewhere, we wouldn’t find her until harvest,” Verbrugge said. It’s unclear what brought Hubler to Rock County, but Verbrugge said she had been struggling with mental health and that the case is still under investigation.

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AutoMania/from 1

For the nearly 200 dogs who participated in the Dock Dog competition, they were prepared with cover from the sun and fans when they weren’t in the water. Gourley said he and his staff learned a few things from their first AutoMania and are already planning the 2021 event in Beaver Creek. “Next year we’ll fine-tune it and it will be bigger and better,” he said. “It helped to bring an awareness to our facility and our community, so we’re very happy and will absolutely do it again.”

Luverne Public Schools

SURPLUS SALE

- Ranges - gas and electric
- Chairs • Mailboxes
- Weight room equipment (selling as a lot)
- Smart boards with projectors
- Projectors • Filing cabinets • Desks

UNDER THE CANOPY

THURSDAY AUG 27 • FRIDAY AUG 28

7:30 - NOON

LUVERNE FALL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

THURS, FRI & SAT, SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19

Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer’s Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sales are September 17, 18 & 19. Use the form below to be included in the Rock County Star Herald & Luverne Announcer’s Annual Fall City-Wide Garage Sale, or stop by and fill one out at our office at 117 W. Main St.

Ads must be paid for before they will run.

All of the garage sale ads will be published in the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer with a Garage Sale header & September 17, 18 & 19 date on top of the page - you don’t need to include these in your ad. Also included will be a map divided into 4 areas. The garage sales will be divided by area on the page to assist those going to your sale.

AREA 1

AREA 2

AREA 3

AREA 4

PLEASE! LIST THE AREA YOUR ADDRESS FALLS IN!

Dividing lines are Hwy. 75 (Kniss Ave.) & Main Street – see map

**** NOTE: An additional \$4 will be charged for an additional address placed in an ad. Limit 2 addresses per coupon. ****

Your ad will look like this:

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Sat., 00 am - 00 pm

Group rummage sale! Children’s and adult clothing, toys and other miscellaneous items. Also, baked items and crafts.

Please list your address first and time of the sale second! These words will be counted as part of the ad. Also, specify if sale will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, or Saturday only.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE:

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Questions? Call 507-283-2333



Luverne Street Music strings instructor Andrew Travers (right) and student Logan Mann, Luverne, play violins during a Saturday lesson at the Carnegie Cultural Center.

Luverne Street Music reopens with strings instructor on staff

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Street Music reopened in June with some teachers and students, but this fall lessons will resume full time.

Board president Janine Papik said COVID-19 processes are in place to allow instruction to safely take place in the pandemic.

“Our board truly believes parents and students will be so ready to have some normalcy in their lives,” Papik said, “and these music lessons will be able to offer that.”

Among the lesson offerings will be cello and string instruction by Andrew Travers, Sioux Falls.

“Andrew is such a passionate, personal guy,” Papik said. “I’m excited to have students get connected with him.”

He studied cello performance at the University of Connecticut and he’s trained at the

Music Institute of Chicago and at the Chicago Suzuki Institute.

His resumé includes professional involvement with the Las Vegas Philharmonic, the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra and the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra.

He teaches cello and orchestra in Sioux Falls where he and his wife and sons live.

He said the short drive to Luverne is worth the experience of teaching music in the Carnegie building.

“I love old buildings made to last, and this Carnegie building is so wonderfully restored and kept functional,” Travers said. “It began as a library, but I love that it’s now a temple of music.”

In a video interview Saturday, Papik asked Travers to answer several questions she felt the

community would be interested in having him answer. Among them were:

What do you love about teaching violin, cello and strings in general?

I’ve always loved the sound of stringed instruments and I fell in love with the cello in my fifth-grade year.

What I love about teaching strings to others is that every single person is a different world all to themselves, and I have to discover how to make the world of music overlap with their world so that they understand it.

I find it’s universal that most students really love music in some way or another. So, connecting with each individual student is a joy and challenge, and the limitless uniqueness of teaching — never the same day, never



Strings instructor Andrew Travers, Sioux Falls, is one of the newest musicians at Luverne Street Music.

the same student, always interesting and creative — is

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Hardwick history continues with lodges, fire department

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 8-20-20 edition of the Star Herald.

Hardwick

The Lodges

Four lodges have active organizations in Hardwick, the Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Neighbors of America, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

The oldest of these is Hardwick Camp No. 3851, M. W. A. It was instituted May 11, 1896, by M. H. Carleton. Following were the first officers and charter members: J. F. LaDou, V. C.; J. P. Kennedy, W. A.; E. H. Albrecht, clerk; H. T. Holverson, banker; L. M. Larson, escort; Thomas Kennedy, watchman; D. J. Stoakes, sentry; T. E. Kirby, H. F. Heiden, H. N. Warner, S. A. Dailey, C. J. Moe, Henry Meyer, Ole J. Foss, S. Sanderson, George O. Ross.

Valentine Lodge No. 1993, R. N. A., was instituted February 16, 1901, with the following charter members: Petra Moe, Minnie T. Case, Emma Piepgras, Marie LaDou, Liza Abbott, W. L. Armstrong, Stella Fellows, Mina C. Dailey, Ella S. Beaty, Lydia Groen, Ella Reed, E. O. Bredekken, S. A. Dailey, L. M. Larson, Florence Bruce, J. F. LaDou, David Fellows, George Piepgras, Clara Peterson, Mary Harding.

Hardwick Lodge No. 90, I. O. O. F., which now has a membership of about fifty, began its organization February 12, 1909, with the following named nine members; M. L. Wahlert, Herman Hemme, O. H. Gravatt, John Oye, Hans H. Hansen, William F. C. Krohn, John F. Krohn, John Holmbeck, M. L. Hatch.

Evangeline Lodge No. 125, Rebekahs, received its charter March 15, 1910. Its first officers and charter members were: Lousie Wahlert, noble grand; Nina Hagedorn, vice noble grand; Tena Hatch, secretary; Dora Ahrendt, treasurer; John Oye, chaplain; M. L. Wahlert, M. L. Hatch, P. D. Whyte, Bertha Whyte, W. O. Larson, T. H. Marxon, Caroyln Paustian,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

Lillian Paustian, Anna Heckt, Maria Oye, H. J. Hemme, Anna Hemme, Emma Will, Nora Piepgras, Anna Wiese.

Fire Department

Hardwick has an efficient fire department with an active organization. So early as the spring of 1899, before the water works system was installed, we find the city council investing \$25 for three patent fire extinguishers. This constituted the fire department of the village for about two years. After the water works plant was installed, in January, 1901, a cart and hose were purchased and a department organized. A reorganization was effected in 1905, when E. Olson was chosen chief. Since that time the department has maintained an active organization. The present officers were W. T. Murray, chief; L. A. Tollefson, assistant chief; E. V. Iverson, secretary; O. H. Gravatt, treasurer.

The Bank

The Farmers State Bank of Hardwick is the only financial institution of the town. It was organized as a private bank in January, 1893, by A. W. Sleeper, E. E. Brintnall and D. J. Hawley. It opened its doors in a lumber office and was under the local management of Mr. Hawley. In May, 1893,

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Help clean up Blue Mounds State Park cliff line Aug. 29

Join the Friends of Blue Mounds group on Saturday, Aug. 29, in removing brush and invasive vegetation along the cliff line to improve routes for climbers and hikers. This will be in preparation for a youth climbing event on Sept. 12.

Bring your own hand tools, work gloves and eye protection (if possible). We will be social-distancing along the routes and will be following safety guidelines.

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the climbers parking lot.



Local family offers gift to RCO

The family of the late Henrietta Elbers recently presented a gift of \$1,485 to Rock County Opportunities, Luverne. From left are Elbers family members Keith Elbers, Kevin Elbers, Kurt Elbers and Sharla Broersma. They presented the gift in memory of Henrietta, who they say loved working at RCO. “We are very appreciative of her recognition of RCO as a valuable part of the community,” RCO Director Elizabeth Schear said. “On behalf of RCO board members, employees and all the people we serve, we thank Henrietta Elbers, her loving family, and all of her friends who gave money in Henrietta’s memory.”

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•There was a time in Rock County when pioneer families didn’t have insurance to protect them financially from the devastation of natural disasters.

The founders of Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company recognized a need for protection, and back in 1885 the business was established in Beaver Creek.

The company, now located on Main Street, Luverne, will observe its 125th anniversary Thursday, Aug. 26.

25 years ago (1995)

•An outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease in Luverne has hospitalized more than 21 people since Sunday, and four others have apparently died from complications involving Legionnaires’ symptoms.

The earliest death traced to Legionnaires’ disease was in July, though health officials aren’t yet sure that death is related to the three since Sunday.

State epidemiologist Dr. Michael Osterholm, said given the incubation period of the infection, these cases are only the first of many likely to be reported in the next week to 10 days. ...

Legionnaires’ disease is a bacterial infection causing flu-like symptoms. The incubation period varies between two to 10 days, but is usually five to six days.

Early symptoms of the disease typically include a run-down feeling, muscle aches, dry cough and a slight headache — without the usual cold and sore throat of flu.

50 years ago (1970)

•Nine new high school teachers and five new elementary teachers will begin their duties as members of the Luverne faculty next week.

High school teachers who are new on the staff include Bruce Phelps, Alexandria, vocal music; Emerson Russman, Little Rock, Ia.,

industrial arts; Linda Johnson, Onawa, Ia., instrumental music; Andria Gudahl, Oldham, S.D., Spanish; Tom Serie, Luverne, junior high math, and head wrestling coach; Catherine Hewitt, Hecla, S.D., girls’ physical education; Douglas Gunderson, Clear Lake, S.D., social science, Ronald Jansen, Tri-mont, junior high math, assistant football and assistant basketball coach; and Mrs. Dolly Siler, Belgrade, junior high vocal music.

New elementary teachers include Ivan Vust, George, Ia., physical education; Julie Schuur, Chandler, sixth grade; Mrs. Jane Gropel, Ivanhoe, kindergarten; Sheila Pederson, Sherman, first grade, and Mrs. Janet Capps, Newcastle, Wyo., fourth grade.

75 years ago (1945)

•Installation of the turbo-generator, purchased by the Luverne city council for use in the power plant here, was begun this week.

The engine part of the equipment was brought here by truck from Canby, Minn. Tuesday, and the rest of the machinery will be here by the end of the week, according to Superintendent Thon.

The turbine will be set east and west in front of the two steam power units now in the plant. No addition to the building will be necessary. Installation will be done by the Pratt Express Co., of Minneapolis.

Supt. Thon said that he expects that it would be “some time in the spring” before it would be put into use.

100 years ago (1920)

•The Luverne Herald recently installed a Goss Comet press, capable of printing 3,500 copies of the paper per hour. This is a splendid improvement and one not often added by small city weeklies. The Luverne Herald, however, is in a class by itself as a country newspaper, and the fast press was much needed to care for its large circulation.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

David and Louise Rogness will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 27. Greetings may be sent to them at 618 W. Warren St.; Luverne, MN 56156.

Open houses

Helen Stuckenbroker will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Stuckenbroker farm. Greetings may also be sent to her at 2357 140th Ave.; Hardwick, MN 56134.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Aug. 31: Hamburger casserole, green beans, peach halves, breadstick, pudding.

Tuesday, Sept. 1: Italian chicken, brown rice, mixed vegetables, pear halves, fruit crisp.

Wednesday, Sept. 2: Country steak with gravy, whole potatoes, squash, bread, mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Sept. 3: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, dinner roll, cookie.

Friday, Sept. 4: Pizza casserole, green beans, peach halves, breakfast, chocolate pudding.

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

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

DEATH NOTICES

Norbert Scheidt

Norbert Nicholas Scheidt, 96, Adrian, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth. A prayer service was Monday, Aug. 24, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian, with burial at the St. Adrian Cemetery. Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0827 DN)

Joan Goebel

Joan Goebel, 62, rural Magnolia, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Arrangements are pending with the Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0827 DN)

Mavis Jarchow

Mavis Maxine Jarchow, 85, Luverne, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at the Luverne Hospice Cottage. A family memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0827 DN)

Robert Maher

The Rev. Robert G. Maher, 89, Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Kenneth, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in St. Anthony West Cemetery. Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com. (0827 DN)

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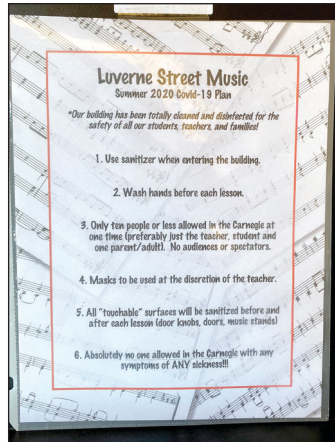
altogether wonderful.

How do you hope to bring your love of music to future string students here in the Luverne area?

As a teacher I am a sensei, I am a master, but I also need to lead by example. I intend to keep playing music as much as I can. And also sharing that music. I don't believe that I could only be a performer. I must be a teacher as well. I must share this passion I have for music and creativity and expression. It is something I could not not do. Teaching is a part of who I am, and it's important to share with others.

How do you think music has played a part in people's lives during the pandemic?

For me personally music has allowed me to survive. I don't know that I would have been able to get through some of the toughest parts of the sense of loss and the trauma of fear and pain and seeing others suffer. ... Whenever I feel overwhelmed or sad, I can always pick up my cello ... it can transport me out of that world and away from that



Concerns about the coronavirus spread prompted Luverne Street Music to implement six rules for entering the building.

trauma, if even for the time it takes to practice my cello. So I think that music is a way to survive and cope with this very, very different world we're living in.

Luverne Street Music is open for students of all ages in all areas, from piano to voice, woodwinds, brass and percussion, in addition to recently added strings.

Staff can be reached at luvernestreetmusic@hotmail.com and 605-321-2055.

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it passed to the control of E. E. Taylor and George O. Ross, and during the next eleven years Mr. Ross conducted the bank. From June, 1904, until after the reorganization D. J. Ross was the cashier and local manager.

The Farmers State Bank succeeded the private institution December 13, 1907, when it began business with a capital stock of \$10,000. The officers of the new concern were E. E. Taylor, president; D. J. Ross, cashier. Other incorporators were B. B. Van Steenburg, A. E. Buck, O. H. Gravatt, H. T. Holverson and C. H. Christopher-son. Mr. Ross was succeeded as cashier April 30, 1908, by O. H. Gravatt, the present officer in charge. In January, 1910, the stock owned by H. H. Buck

was purchased by local parties, and the stock is now owned almost entirely by residents of Hardwick and vicinity. The officers and directors in 1910 were as follows: H. T. Holverson, president; O. H. Gravatt, cashier; M. L. Wahlert and E. E. Taylor. In December, 1910, the capital stock was increased to \$15,000.

The story of the village of Hardwick will continue in the Sept. 3 edition of the Star Herald. Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuv.net.

Michael Earl

Michael Earl, 79, Clarks Grove, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, following health issues.

A private funeral service with burial was Friday, Aug. 21, at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne with full military honors.

Michael Earl was born Oct. 7, 1940, to Joe and Opal (Barclay) Earl in Luverne. He attended and graduated from Luverne High School in 1958.

Following graduation, at age 17, Mike enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country with tours to Hong Kong, Hawaii, and Japan, while being stationed in San Diego. After his honorable discharge from the military, Mike hitchhiked back to Minnesota and worked with his father in the family business. He was later employed in the appliance repair department at Sears.

On April 27, 1962, he married Sharon "Sherry" Bryngelson in Worthington, and soon thereafter they moved to Catalina Island, California. A year later they returned to Minnesota where they raised their three children.

Mike dedicated his professional life to serving as a refrigeration expert and was passionate about his career — whether in teaching refrigeration, serving as a consultant, or operating his own business. In 1969 the family moved to Clarks Grove where Mike served as one of the first instructors at the Albert Lea Vo-Tech College. Mike enjoyed

working with his customers and spent more than 30 years in the area while successfully running his business, Mike's Refrigeration.

He enjoyed golfing, camping, and taking Sherry for rides on his prized yellow 1976 Honda GoldWing. Mike also enjoyed spending time in the kitchen. He was proud of the remodeling and improvements he made to the family home over the years and enjoyed tinkering in the garage. He enjoyed time with the family around the campfire and treasured his family.

Mike served as a city council member in Clarks Grove, was a member of the Albert Lea Elks, the American Legion, and was an avid card club member.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; children Tammy (Matt Callahan) Claussen of Albert Lea, Joe (Robin Straka-Earl) Earl of Plano, Texas, and Todd (Heather) Earl of Clarks Grove; grandchildren Beth (Mike) Lahann, Niki (Wyatt) Krager, Brendan, Payton and Jordyn Earl; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Debbie (Jim) Fox; and sisters-in-law, Carol and Ruby Bryngelson.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Brett Earl, and brothers-in-law Brad and Brian Bryngelson.

Arrangements were provided by Bonnerup Funeral Home of Albert Lea, www.bonnerupfuneralservice.com. (0827 F)

Shirley Nolte

Shirley Ann Nolte, 86, Ellsworth, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020.

A celebration of life was Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Burial was at the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth.

Shirley Christians was born Feb. 24, 1934, to Bill and Hilda (Miller) Christians in Little Rock Township near Little Rock, Iowa. She attended country school and graduated from Little Rock High School in Little Rock. Her favorite high school memory was playing basketball in the state tournament. Following graduation Shirley worked at the Adrian State Bank.

Shirley married Richard Nolte on Dec. 1, 1953. They started their married life in San Diego, California, where Richard was stationed. They then spent a short time in Norfolk, Virginia. After Richard's time in the Navy, they moved to Huron Lake, where Shirley returned to her banking career. After several years they moved to Ellsworth, where Shirley lived the rest of her life. She worked at Campbell Soup until she was employed at Parkview Manor. For 20 years she worked as a med tech and cared for many individuals. She retired from Parkview Manor but soon realized that retirement was not for her. She started working at the Short Stop, which filled her need to be with people. She was

employed there until it closed.

Shirley was an active member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth, where she served as president of the Presbyterian Women as well as in many other capacities. She enjoyed her Bible study group. From 1984 until her death, she served as president of the Ellsworth American Legion Auxiliary.

Shirley considered her family to be her greatest blessing. She was proud of them and enjoyed going to her grandchildren's events. She also liked jigsaw puzzles, cryptoquotes, creating her Christmas village, and painting ornaments for grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by six children, Pat (Rick) Long, Rock Rapids, Iowa, Ken (Rose) Nolte, Pipestone, Deb (Kevin) Grebin, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Cindy (Steve) Heitkamp, Luverne, Mike Nolte, Ellsworth, and Laurie (Steve) Herman, Rock Rapids; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard, on April 9, 2004; an infant daughter; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; and her brother LeRoy Christians.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0827 F)

Daryl Kruger

Daryl Gene Kruger, 82, Ellsworth, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

A funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 20, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. Burial was at Evergreen Lawn Cemetery in George, Iowa.

Daryl Kruger was born on Nov. 19, 1937, to George and Henrietta (Stubbe) Kruger in George, Iowa. He grew up on a farm by George and attended Little Rock No. 5 Country School.

On Aug. 23, 1960, he married Carolyn Wibben. The couple lived near George until 1969 when they moved to Ellsworth. Carolyn passed away on Oct. 15, 2011. Daryl farmed and worked at Sudenga Industries until he retired in 2002. After his retirement he helped area farmers with their harvest.

He enjoyed traveling with Carolyn and had a love for John Deere tractors.

Daryl is survived by two daughters, Brenda (Kevin) Gisolf of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Kristi (Sean) Peterson

of Shakopee; a son, Gene (Stacey) Kruger of Dickinson, North Dakota; four grandchildren, Rick (Brittney) Gisolf of North Port, Florida, Austin (Lexy) Gisolf of Garretson, South Dakota, Dawson Kruger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Noah

Peterson of Shakopee; two great-grandchildren, Xavian and Liam Gisolf of North Port; two stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Florence (Swee) Arends of Ellsworth; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn; his parents; his stepmother, Sena Kruger; two brothers, John Kruger and Albertus Kruger; a sister, Viola Kellen; a step sister, Katherine Kruger; sisters-in-law Ardell Kruger and Grace Kruger; and a brother-in-law, Don Kellen.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0827 F)

Nancy Vance

Nancy Louise Vance, 73, Luverne, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Nancy's life will be at a later date.

Nancy Connell was born on July 11, 1947, to Leo and Delores (Ormseth) Connell in Luverne. She attended Luverne Public School, graduating with the class of 1965.

On Jan. 8, 1966, Nancy married Michael Vance at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Mike entered the service in late March 1966 and was stationed in South Carolina. Nancy stayed with her parents during that time and worked as a clerk at Nelson Department Store. When Mike returned from the service, they made their home in Luverne. The couple was blessed with two daughters, and Nancy transitioned to being a full-time mother. As their daughters grew older, Nancy returned to working various jobs. During the 1980s health concerns forced her into retirement.

Nancy had a great sense of humor, loved practical jokes,

and delighted in heckling her brothers over the years. She was talented in the kitchen, baking and cooking up good things for her family. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, card games, Sudoku, craft projects and was an avid reader.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Michael, of Luverne; daughters Shelly Vance of Hardwick and Vickie (Greg) Fiske of Minneapolis; honorary daughter, Linda Dickman of Hardwick; siblings Tom Connell of Freemont, Nebraska, Richard Connell of Champlin, Dennis Connell of Phoenix, Arizona, Mark (Mary) Connell of Maple Grove and Patricia (Donald) Bents of Worthington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jerry Connell and John Connell; sisters-in-law Karen Connell and LaDonna Connell; mother-in-law Marian Vance; and honorary daughter Paula Dickman.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0827 relay for life

Rock County’s Relay for Life was held drive-through style in Luverne City Park Thursday night, Aug. 20.

Supporters drive through city park for Rock County Relay For Life

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Relay for Life events and activities unfolded Thursday night in the Luverne City Park.

Due to pandemic social distancing, it played out as a drive-through event where supporters could tune in on their car radios to hear speakers and music.

As they circled the park in their vehicles, they could view the posters honoring survivors and in memory of those lost to cancer.

Sunshine Foods donated boxed meals for motorists who offered donations, and Relay for Life Honorary Chairperson Yvette VanDerBrink spoke from under the shade of a park shelter house.

“We were blessed by the support we received yesterday at our Relay for Life event. We appreciate you all so much. Thank you.”

The revised format of the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser dampened the usual festive nature of the event, but local organizers said it was still meaningful.

“We were blessed by the support we received yesterday at our Relay for Life event,” they posted on their Facebook page. “We appreciate you all so much. Thank you.”



At left, American Cancer Society staff member Jennifer Evans visits with passing motorists on the south end of the Luverne City Park. Pictured above, Relay for Life volunteers Amy Chapa (left) and Patti Olson accept donations and hand out boxed meals to passing motorists.

Luverne back to school/from 1

“Our teachers and staff are the front-line workers and they are essential.”

“White” and “Red” groups determine in-person schedule for 6-12 students

Luverne Schools will have in-person elementary and hybrid middle-high school learning through Sept. 18.

Under the hybrid model, middle-high school students are divided by last name and assigned to “Red” or “White” groups to determine which days they attend school in person.

On days they’re not at school, they participate via distance learning from home.

The “Red” group consists of students with last names beginning with A through K, and “White” consists of last names beginning with L through Z.

As school opens Sept. 8, the red group will meet in person on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students assigned to the white group meet Tuesday and Thursdays. The two groups will alternate attending in-person classes on Fridays.

Under this hybrid model, students attend in-person classes from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students at home will be able to connect with teachers from

1:30 to 3:45 p.m. each day.

Construction adds twist

Compounding the Luverne Middle-High School first weeks of school is the ongoing building construction and renovation.

“The building will not be complete when school starts, and we ask for patience and flexibility as we work to secure more space for students,” Oftedal wrote.

“With more space available, that allows the District to address spacing issues and also examine the learning models for possible changes.”

Virtual academy, home-school choices and bus considerations

About 90 students in grades K through 12 enrolled in the virtual academy, Educere, an option that requires students to complete online course work for the semester or for the year.

As of Friday, 11 students will be homeschooled.

About 325 students will need transportation to and/or from school, and buses are allowed to operate at only half capacity.

The district will address those concerns next week.

H-BC back to school/from p. 1

An outdoor secondary open house will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2.

New secondary principal Andrew Kellenberger suggested the outdoor open house format to allow families and school personnel to gather while still maintaining a social distance.

“The open house provides a little bit of ‘normalcy’ and allows students to meet their teachers,” Kellenberger said.

Under H-BC’s hybrid learning plan, the traditional school day involves frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces throughout the day.

No large gatherings or activities are allowed. Visitors to each building will be limited.

Staff and parents are asked to complete health screenings at home each day. They should self-isolate if any symptoms of an elevated temperature, sore throat, headache or cough are present.

At the elementary school, all classroom instruction will be moved to the larger first floor to allow six feet between students.

At the secondary school, instead of an eight-period day, students will meet in four periods with alternating class schedules every other day to limit movement of students and staff. Secondary students will meet from 8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. daily with elementary students in class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

In other business the H-BC School Board:

- approved the purchase of a new district phone system for \$41,107 and to purchase a school bus not to exceed \$94,000, as recommended by the transportation committee.
- assigned Lois Leenderts as district COVID coordinator and added time necessary to complete COVID/health related tasks;
- added \$1,568 to Nora Wyson’s Math Counts/Math League adviser contract for the 2020-21 school year.
- entered into contract negotiations with current Superintendent Todd Holthaus. His current three-year contract expires in June 2021.



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Rail celebration/from page 5

Washington, D.C., in early March to lobby for the BRRR improvements.

He said one message was reiterated with each meeting about rural southwest Minnesota. “Economic development is very important to us,” he said.

The BRRR was relinquished to county ownership through bankruptcy in the late 1980s. At that time the rail line was in poor condition with limited weight at a speed under 10 mph.

The local rail authority was created in 1987 and the group leased the operation to a private entity. Most recently, Minnesota Southern Railway operated it until 2017, when E&E signed a 15-year lease with a possible 99-year extension.

The BRRR is one of 13 short line railroads in the state

still in operation.

BRRR is unique because of its ability to connect to two of the four major railroads in the state — the Burlington Northern Santa Fe to the east and the Union Pacific to the west.

This allows the negotiations of better shipping prices, according to John Apitz with the Minnesota Regional Railroads Association.

“This will be a successful line,” he said after the Aug. 20 event. “Once the rehab is done, there will be more people who will want to use it.”

Magnolia Mayor Dennis Madison noted that in 1884 railroad officials abandoned a planned town by moving the location a half-mile east, naming it Magnolia.

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Boeve leads pack of Rock County racers

By Jason Berghorst

It was a relatively quiet weekend for local dirt track drivers at area racetracks. Brandon Boeve of Beaver Creek led Rock County racers when he placed fifth in the Sportsman's class at Rapid Speedway Friday night. Local drivers also competed at Murray County Speedway in Slayton Friday night and I-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, Saturday.

Rapid Speedway

Five men from Rock County raced at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Friday night. Beaver Creek's Brandon Boeve set the standard for local drivers this week when he placed fifth in the Sportsman's A Feature race. Scott Overgaard of Luverne finished in seventh place in the Stock Cars A Feature race and Eric Gaul, also of Luverne, placed ninth in the Hobby Stocks A Feature race.

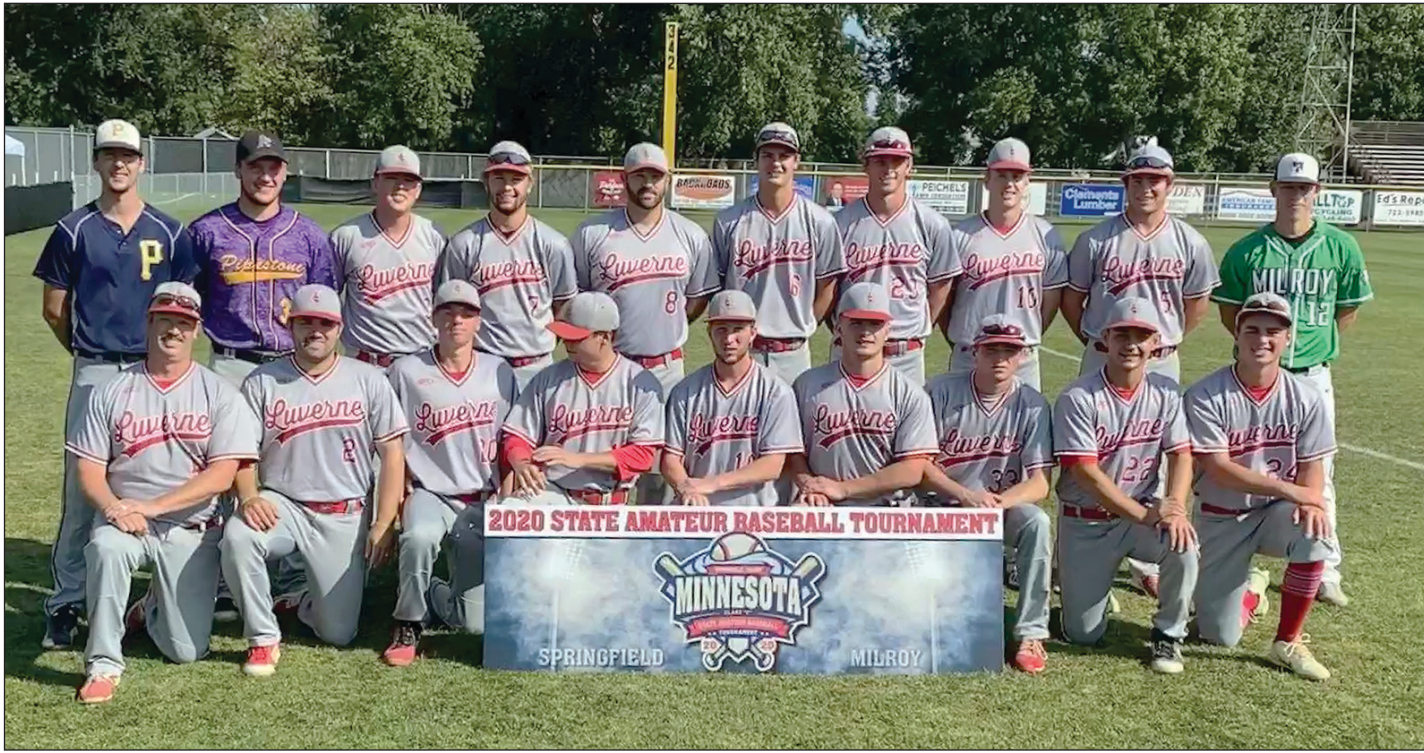
Murray County Speedway

Murray County Speedway in Slayton hosted its usual slate of dirt track races Friday night. Luverne's Jeremy Smith competed in the A Modifieds class. He placed 13th overall in the feature race.

I-90 Speedway

Cadyn Wessels of Luverne raced in the Hobby Stocks class at I-90 Speedway near Hartford Saturday night. Below are the full results of Rock County drivers from Aug. 21-22.

Rapid Speedway – Aug. 21		
Sportsman's A Feature		
B. Boeve	Beaver Creek	5th
USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature		
E. Gaul	Luverne	9th
C. Wessels	Luverne	15th
USRA Stock Cars A Feature		
S. Overgaard	Luverne	7th
C. Arends	Luverne	20th
Murray Speedway – Aug. 21		
IMCA Modifieds A Feature		
J. Smith	Luverne	13th
I-90 Speedway – Aug. 22		
USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature		
C. Wessels	Luverne	20th



Submitted photo

The Luverne Redbirds made their 12th state amateur baseball tournament appearance Saturday with a 5-3 opening win over the Mora Blue Knights in Springfield. Pictured are (front, from left) player-manager Brooks Maurer, Phil Paquette, Ethan Beyer, Tyler Reisdorfer, Gaige Nath, Declan Beers, Quinn Buss, Will Brown, Cade Wenninger; (back) Kobe Lovell (drafted from the Windom Pirates), Brandon Alfson (drafted from the Pipestone A's), Skyler Wenninger, Logan Norman, Codie Zeutenhorst, Jake Haugen, Jaxon Nelson, Derek Lundgren, Ben Serie and Tyler Peterson (drafted from the Milroy Irish).

Redbirds defeat Mora at State

Luverne advances to Round 2 with 5-3 victory

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds opened the 2020 Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Tournament with a win Saturday. Luverne defeated the Mora Blue Devils 5-3 at Riverside Park in Springfield. With the win, the Redbirds advance to the second round of the state tournament and will face the Young America Cardinals Sunday at 2 p.m. in Springfield (see related story).

Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer said he was pleased with the team's effort. "I thought we hit their pitcher really well. Even though we scored five runs, it seemed like more," he said. "There were plenty of times when we smoked the ball right to someone; it could have been eight runs or more in my mind."

Luverne was the visiting team for the contest. After both teams left runners on base without scoring in the first inning, Luverne plated three runs in the top of the second inning.

Tyler Reisdorfer started the Redbird offense in the inning with a single to the outfield.

The next batter, Codie Zeutenhorst, hit a single and Reisdorfer was out at second base.

Zeutenhorst then ad-

vanced to second when Gaige Nath hit a perfectly placed bunt and reached first base.

With two outs and two runners on base, Derek Lundgren stepped to the plate and crushed a stand-up double that scored Zeutenhorst and Nath.

Logan Norman then hit a single that scored Lundgren from second base. Norman advanced to second on a throwing error by the Mora pitcher.

The Redbirds added one additional run in each of the third and fourth innings.

Declan Beers blasted a triple to the fence in the third inning. A single up the middle by Ben Serie then scored Beers.

In the fourth inning, Zeutenhorst hit a single and Nath reached base on a walk before a sacrifice bunt by Lundgren advanced the runners.

A sacrifice RBI by Norman then scored Zeutenhorst for the fifth and final Redbird run of the game.

Mora scored one run in the fifth inning and Luverne held a 5-1 lead until the bottom of the eighth inning.

Brandon Alfson, the drafted pitcher from the Pipestone A's, completed seven innings on the mound for Luverne.



Jason Berghorst photo/0806 Redbirds Reisdorfer

Tyler Reisdorfer, pictured above in a game earlier this season, pitched the final two innings of the Redbirds' 5-3 victory over Mora Saturday. The Redbirds now play again Sunday.

Alfson struck out four Blue Devils and gave up no walks, three hits and one unearned run.

He was replaced by Reisdorfer, who pitched the final two innings for Luverne.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Mora's first two batters reached base with a single and a walk.

A hard-hit RBI single by the next batter scored Mora's second run of the contest.

The next batter struck out, but a wild pitch then scored another Blue Devil from third base to make the

score 5-3 with one out.

Mora then loaded the bases after a walk and a hit-by-pitch. With the bases full and only one out, Reisdorfer struck out the next two batters to end the inning and preserve the Redbird lead.

"Reisdorfer started the inning a little shaky – which is unusual – but he came up big with two strike-outs with the bases loaded," Maurer said. "That was huge."

Reisdorfer struck out five total and gave up two walks,

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Next up: Young America Cardinals

By Jason Berghorst

With a first-round 5-3 win over the Mora Blue Devils Saturday, the Luverne Redbirds advanced to play the Young America Cardinals this Sunday.

The second-round game will be played at Riverside Park in Springfield at 2 p.m.

The Redbirds enter the game with an 18-4 record while the Cardinals, champions of Region 7C, are 11-5 on the pandemic-shortened season.

Young America had a bye in the first round of the state tournament. This is their eighth overall, and fourth consecutive, state tournament appearance.

The Cardinals finished third in 2018.

"They are a very good team," said Brooks Maurer, Luverne player-manager.

"Some in the media and on Twitter and other places have them picked to win the whole thing."

Young America, of the Crow River Valley League, defeated Watertown 7-6 and Waconia 3-2 in the final four round of the very competitive Region 7C tournament.

The Redbirds' Sunday tilt will be similar to last year's second-round match-up.

In 2019 Luverne faced New Market, a team that was also projected to be in the hunt for a state championship, and lost a close 1-0 game.

Maurer is reminding his team that anything is possible at this point in the season.

"We just have to go out and play our game and hope it's good enough to win," the Luverne manager said.

The winner of Sunday's game will be one of 16 teams to advance to the third round played over Labor Day weekend.

State Amateur Tournament Region 13C Teams

Aug. 21 7:30 p.m. in Milroy
Randall 4, Hadley 3

Aug. 22 11:00 a.m. in Springfield
Luverne 5, Mora 3

Aug. 28 7:30 p.m. in Milroy
Waconia vs. Fairmont

Aug. 30 2:00 p.m. in Springfield
Luverne vs. Young America



AutoMania features Dock Dogs

The Dock Dog show and competition attracted hundreds of dogs to a 30,000-gallon temporary pool Friday and Saturday during the AutoMania event in Beaver Creek.

Above, Riggs completes a 17-foot, 9-inch leap Saturday with his human companion, Jennifer Trevillian, West Des Moines, Iowa. Riggs is a 9-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever that's considered a master among his peers.

At right, a golden retriever named Bailey leaps for 12 feet, 10 inches.

Lori Sorenson photos/0827 automania dock dogs



Cardinals open tennis season with 6-1 victory over Trojans

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne girls' tennis team opened the 2020 season with a victory Monday in Luverne.

The Cardinals defeated the Worthington Trojans 6-1, winning all three doubles matches and three of four singles contests.

The tennis team joins the cross country team as the only Cardinal sports allowed to compete this fall because of pandemic restrictions.

The tennis season will be shortened with no more than two matches per week, limited travel and only dual match-ups allowed. The possibility of post-season tournament play is yet to be determined.

Luverne's second-year coach Jon Beers is optimistic about the new season, even if there are a lot of unknowns.

"We're returning a lot of varsity talent this year with ten girls who saw varsity action last season," Beers said.

That returning experience was on display Monday against the Trojans.

Roz Oye, returning at No. 1 singles, defeated Worthington's Kessey Aljets 6-1, 6-2.



Jason Berghorst photo/0827 Girls Tennis

Luverne senior Roz Oye is returning to the No. 1 singles spot for the Cardinal tennis team this fall. Oye defeated her Worthington opponent 6-1, 6-2 Monday afternoon. The Luverne team won the match 6-1.

At No. 2 singles, Luverne's Elise Jarchow is also returning to her same position on the team. On Monday Jarchow defeated Marah Darling 6-1, 6-1.

Mia Wenzel, who played No. 4 singles much of last season for Luverne, is at No. 3 singles in 2020. Wenzel lost to Ivy Jenson

6-3, 7-5.

At No. 4 singles, Luverne's Ainslie Robinson was victorious over Taya Oberloh 6-2, 6-1.

The Cardinals swept all three doubles matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Solveig Tofteland and Lauren Ver

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Thank you for the many cards, kind words and expressions of sympathy after Mom's passing. Thanks to Jeff Hartquist for helping us with the funeral arrangements, and to Pastor Ann for the meaningful service. Also thanks to all who visited her and sent cards during her years at Mary Jane Brown. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Family of Lena Pearl Kephart
(8.22-8.27)

The family of Joyce Fick would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and acts of kindness in the loss of our wife, mom and grandma. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Vernon Fick, Ken and Tammy Bos & family, Susan Buller
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Star Herald CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, Aug. 27: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Aug. 29: In-person worship service in Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30: 9 a.m. Worship service. Limited seating is available. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Tuesday, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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

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
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
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, 10:30 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. Tuesday, Sept. 1: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 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 services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30 a.m. 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
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Limit is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
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Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

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

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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 a.m. 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.

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.

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

‘It can be hard to be thankful’

“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1

Giving thanks to God is something that Christians are supposed to do as part of our practice of our religion. It is easy to thank God for good things that happen, or for crises averted. But it is more difficult to give God thanks when things are not going well.

Today is Aug. 27, 2020. In a usual year, the State Fair would be beginning today, full of food on a stick, animals in barns, rides on the Midway, and thousands of people eating, drinking, sweating, laughing, shouting, and observing what it means to be a Minnesotan.

This is only one event on a list of things that are not happening this year. There was no county fair. Vacations or trips have been postponed and/or canceled. Summer sports looked very different (if they happened at all), and some school fall sports have been rescheduled to the spring. Parents and students are nervous about what the coming school year will be like. It seems that there is much to grumble about, and when one is grumbling, it can be hard to be thankful.

Yet, even in the midst of this topsy-turvy spring and summer, looking toward a fall filled with more of the same, there are still things for which we can give God thanks. We can be thankful for good weather. We can be thankful for the loving presence of family and friends in our lives. We can be thankful for food, clothing and shelter. And we can be thankful for the presence of God in our lives,

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ann Zastrow
Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

Start seeing things to be thankful for, and then give thanks for them.

and the gifts that God gives each day, such as sunrises, sunsets, rain, breezes and smiles.

It can be difficult to be thankful when life is going well (it is easy to forget to say thank you), or when life is difficult (it can be hard to see beyond our own situation), but it is always appropriate to thank God.

I challenge each person to come up with three things to be thankful for each day this week. As you sit down to eat, talk about it with your family. Or share a thanks time when you tuck your kids into bed, or with your spouse before you call it a night. Or share your thanks experiences in a phone call, email or text message to a friend or far-away family member.

Start seeing things to be thankful for, and then give thanks for them. And above all, be thankful for God's steadfast love which does endure forever.

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expenses. An account has been set up at First Farmers and Merchants
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Thank You

A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

We're All in This Together



A citizen contacted me last week about a concern that several downtown retailers were not wearing masks in their stores and were not asking patrons to wear masks when shopping in their store. The citizen was concerned for personal health reasons, but the information concerned me on a much broader level. The city of Luverne — its council and its staff members — worked quickly and furiously to allocate \$355,000 in federal CARES Act funds to local businesses as soon as we were able. That's not the point, though. It's what we do as public servants, and we're proud of what we do for the citizens we work for. But as United States citizens and Minnesota residents we are all taxpayers supporting this effort to help our local businesses suffering under the pandemic economy. We want them to do well. Why wouldn't they want us as patrons to do well also? By this point in the pandemic "game," most everyone has figured out that masks do help control aerosol viruses, and at the very least it's a courtesy to others to wear them and ask our patrons to do the same. On a more local level of economic aid, our amazing Rock Solid Program helped sell \$256,000 in gift cards to local businesses – think about all the people and generosity that went into that program. Please return the favor by using masks in your businesses. It's a small favor, considering the outpouring of local support. Further, the Luverne City Council helped out in May by granting 79 businesses (including these same downtown retailers who aren't using masks) with \$100,000 of utility payment relief. The concerned citizen asked why we aren't enforcing masks under the governor's "mask mandate." Out of curiosity, I checked with other cities in Minnesota our size to see what they were doing. Truth be told, mask wearing is a matter of courtesy and respect for everyone around us. It's not the sort of thing city leaders should be asked to enforce. But along the way, I did find out that many cities have done very little for their businesses by way of economic relief. Even CARES Act funds were used for public safety programs, not for economic relief. We — meaning taxpayers in the community — have gone out of our way to help our local businesses. Because why? Because what's good for our businesses is good for all of us. "We all do better when we all do better," to quote the late Paul Wellstone. So, please, business owners, managers and leaders, wear masks and ask your patrons to do the same.





**COME ON
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WE CAN DO THIS!**

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 members of the Luverne Education Association know in-person learning is what's best for our students. We want to be back in school with them. In order to do that we need to make sure it is safe to reopen buildings. It is going to take work from everyone in our community to make that happen. Luverne educators want your help. Let's join together as a community and commit to following the state and CDC guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask. Maintain social distancing. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often. Clean and disinfect surfaces. And, stay home if you are sick. We want our school buildings to not only reopen, but to stay open. We can do this, not only for the health and safety of our students and educators, but our entire community.

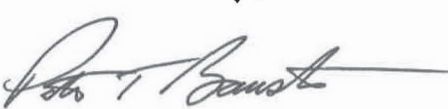
- Becky Rahm and Amy VonHoltum, Co-Presidents Luverne Education Association



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

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Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

