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Rendering crews called into action

Local business deals with livestock disposal after pork plants close

By Lori Sorenson

Smithfield Foods in Sioux Falls and JBSUSA in Worthington stopped processing pork last month after coronavirus outbreaks spread rapidly among their workers.

But when that happened, it interrupted a 40,000 hogs per day processing chain that left pork growers scrambling to find other outlets for their market-ready animals.

While some growers trucked product to other more distant facilities, and some tried to delay growth, still tens of thousands of hogs are being euthanized in light of no other options.

Dennis Klarenbeek of D&J Trucking and Rendering saw it coming.

"For three weeks we weren't hauling many live animals," said Klarenbeek, who typically trucks up to 15 loads of cattle per week to JBS in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

"But they closed down, too." And then, last week rendering business started picking up.

"We did nine semi loads this past week, and it's just getting going," he said Sunday.

"My (livestock) guys weren't doing anything, so we started them up."

On his first stop Wednesday, they picked up 4,800 hogs that had been euthanized, and there have been several other loads since then.

"Our rendering plants can only handle so much volume, and we still have to keep up with our regular volume," Klarenbeek said.

He said Klarenbeek and Song typically hauls 450,000 to 500,000 pounds per week, but the demand for rendering services is maxing out the 1.2 million pounds per week capacity in Blue.

It's unclear what the options will be for disposing euthanized livestock (composting, landfilling, burying) if rendering plants can't keep up.

Rendering business/see page 5A



Lori Sorenson photo/0507 graduation banners

On Tuesday morning city crews put up 92 banners featuring Luverne High School seniors on light poles along Main Street in downtown.

Graduation banners honor Luverne seniors

By Lori Sorenson

It's beginning to look like graduation season in downtown Luverne this week with 92 light pole banners honoring students in the Luverne High School Class of 2020.

Brian Remme, city electric utility supervisor, began hanging the banners Tuesday morning. "They really look good," he said. "I think it's going to do something different for Main Street."

Jim Juhl of Myhre Studio photographed the Luverne seniors last month in their graduation caps and gowns (one at a time, observing social distance), and Quality Printing designers put those images on banners that local businesses paid for.

"I think it's great, honestly, that given the circumstances, the community stepped up and did this for the seniors," Remme said.

Security Savings Bank sponsored the portrait sessions, and the light pole banners were paid for by Herman Ford, Loosbrock Electrical Construction, Minnwest Bank, Professional Ag Marketing, Wayne Kruger Construction, Quality Printing, Security Savings Bank, Sunshine Foods and Wayne's Body Shop.

Graduation banners/continued on 6A

Local meat lockers can't keep up with pork processing demand

By Mavis Fodness

When coronavirus outbreaks closed down two of the region's largest pork processors, private consumers turned to local meat lockers to butcher free market hogs.

The sudden demand for service overwhelmed small processors like Jim Susie and Brad Schoneman of S

& S Locker Service in Hills.

They're now booked into September, too late to process a 250- to 300-pound market hog that's ready for butchering today.

Phone calls to the locker have increased with news that thousands of market hogs would have nowhere to go when Smithfield Foods in Sioux

Falls and JBS in Worthington closed last month.

Producers are giving away or drastically discounting live market hogs for people to process on their own.

Many turned to the S & S Locker and other local meat lockers.

"It's been a whirlwind," Susie said.

"We've been getting 30 to 40 calls a day." The locker is busier than ever.

For efficiency, Susie said the locker schedules processing by the day and by the species. In one day they can process four to five head of cattle followed by the next day with

Meat lockers/continued on 5A

Family shares coronavirus experience

By Lori Sorenson

Billy and Rachel Horsman, Luverne, are grateful their coronavirus symptoms weren't as bad as those often associated with the deadly illness.

He contracted it from co-workers at his Sioux Falls manufacturing job, and she got it from him, both of them reporting allergy-like symptoms with a headache and body aches, and only for a few days.

Billy said he got tested because his symptoms were like those of several co-workers who had tested positive for the virus.

"My work has been very concerned with the virus and we are taking all the precautions to avoid the spread of it," he said. "This shows how easily it is spread, even with caution and following the recommended guidelines."

His symptoms started Wednesday, April 15, with a small cough. By Sunday, April 19, he noticed body aches and a mild headache, but no fever. By Tuesday, April 21, he said he felt normal and his temperature remained at 97 degrees the whole time.

His results were sent to the State of South Dakota, which contacted him and asked about everyone he'd been in contact with.

"Yes I was scared," he said about his reaction to the news. "I was scared of my wife or kids getting it and some-

Horsman family/see page 3A



Lori Sorenson photo/0507 horsman family

Billy and Rachel Horsman, Luverne, recently recovered from coronavirus and agreed to share their experience to remind the community that the illness is very contagious and presents many symptoms. They're pictured with infant Cullen and their boys, Eli and Ezra.

Hardwick restaurant struggles to stay afloat

By Mavis Fodness

Weekends typically bring crowds and welcome business to the Green Lantern Cafe and Bar in Hardwick.

But on Saturday, only a handful of customers entered the business, picked up their take-out orders and went home.

Under state order, small business owners like Steve and Linda DeSplinter have removed the cafe's traditional tables and chairs to keep

people from lingering and they locked the entrance to the bar area.

Revenue is down to a trickle, but it's their only option, other than to close entirely

A state executive order closed bars, restaurants and other places of public accommodations to prevent the spread of the coronavirus by 5 p.m., March 17.

Green Lantern/continued on 6A

Buffalo Days canceled

By Lori Sorenson

For the first time in 36 years, Luverne will not host a Buffalo Days celebration this summer.

The event typically brings together thousands of people for a whole weekend of events, including the Friday Night Cruise-In, Saturday parade and Saturday afternoon Arts in the Park.

With social distancing required to slow the coronavirus pandemic, it won't be possible to safely gather for the community celebration that kicks off summer in Luverne. Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere sent a group email Monday announcing the news.

"We will be working over the next

few weeks to try to come up with some family and individual concepts that people can do on their own to stop the spread of the virus by being appropriately social distanced," Lanphere said.

"We have some ideas of activities that people can do by themselves or just with their family that will at least give us the opportunity to be out and enjoy the weather."

She said she's in the process of sending all the vendors money back for all events this summer. "I told them that when and if we get an 'all clear,' I would contact them about July 4 and Hot Dog Night," she said.

"I'm thinking it is not likely we will be able to have anything."





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Thank you to all the staff at H-BC for your hard work and dedication during this challenging time



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State reports 18 local cases; nearby counties in thousands

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Department of Health confirmed 18 cases of coronavirus in Rock County as of Tuesday morning, up from eight cases reported a week ago.

But Minnehaha County has 2,195 (up from 1,939 a week ago) and Nobles has 1,069 (up from 477 last week), both stemming from outbreaks in meat processing plants in Sioux Falls and Worthington.

Rock County Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre said his office and Sanford Laverne are working closely with the MDH to monitor the local coronavirus response.

He said the numbers don't tell the whole story and that it takes several days for confirmed cases to get reported to the public.

"We know there are cases out there, and we know there are asymptomatic people out there," Oldre said. "We need to continue social distancing and wearing

masks if we're out in public."

For now, he said local agencies seem prepared for a "surge" of cases, anticipated this summer, according to CDC and local projections.

"We are just so fortunate to have Tammy Loosbrock and the crew up at the hospital working with us," Oldre said Tuesday. "They are so willing to share input and seek input. That's so important to have that communication."

A new development on the community level this week is the Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corps for prospective volunteers.

Minnesota Responds, which is part of a national initiative, coordinates local, regional, and statewide volunteers to help public health and health care systems in emergencies.

Register at <http://www.mn-responds.org> or call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-5700.



Lori Sorenson photos/0507 palisade drive-by church

Palisade Lutheran hosts 'drive-by church'

Members of Palisade Lutheran Church in western Rock County worshipped with a "drive through" communion ceremony Sunday, May 3, under warm spring sunshine and blue skies. Pastor Laura Phillips administered the sacraments through driver's side windows of cars cruising through the parking lot while observing pandemic precautions with masks and prepackaged grape juice and wafers. The congregation hasn't gathered for a service in several weeks, and many said it was good to make a human connection, albeit from a distance. Phillips also serves First Lutheran Church in Valley Springs and said she connected with about 50 people between the two congregations.

H-BC principal to be Adrian superintendent

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek High School Principal Molly Schilling will be the new superintendent in the Adrian School District starting July 1.

Schilling was selected last week from 12 applicants and was one of three finalists for the position to replace retiring superintendent Roger Graff.

Graff announced his retirement in February after 17 years with the Adrian district. His last day is June 30.

Adrian worked with the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) in the superintendent search.

For their next superintendent, Adrian School Board members identified six leadership criteria, such as experience in school finance and management, ability to lead cooperatively and delegate, and demonstrate accountability, honesty and an understanding of administrative procedures.

Schilling best met the leadership criteria, according to board chairman Chris Wolf.

"Molly also processes several intangibles that are hard



Molly Schilling

meetings were live-streamed. Interviews were completed virtually using Zoom.

"This pandemic introduced quite a few unknowns into the process," Wolf said. "We were initially worried that we wouldn't have much of a pool to choose from."

From the pool of 12 applicants, a team of Adrian staff members narrowed the pool to five, with three candidates interviewed by board members.

"Conducting our meetings via teleconference was definitely unique but not an entirely negative process," Wolf said.

"Something is lost when you're not able to sit across the table with the candidates and read each other's nonverbal communication cues. On the other hand, it was easier for our farmer board members to take part in meetings. One member was using his iPad to log onto Zoom from his tractor."

The board set a starting superintendent salary range from \$115,000 to \$130,000 for the full-time position. Schilling will lead the district of 620

students and 71 staff members.

Graff worked under a 110-day contract with a base salary of \$46,000.

Adrian board members are expected to finalize Schilling's contract at their May 18 meeting.

Wolf said Schilling's first priority as she settles into her new position is to learn more about school finance.

"Since she is coming to us as a principal with no superintendent experience, she reassured us that the finance aspect of the job will be a focus, as she is learning her new role in education," he said. "Her references all spoke of (her) willingness to accept new challenges as well as her ability to quickly learn."

Schilling was hired as the H-BC secondary principal last summer. Prior to her position at Hills, she served as the elementary-middle school principal with Little Rock-George, Iowa, for eight years.

In her nine months on the job in Hills, Schilling developed a good rapport with

Molly Schilling/see page 5A

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A note about community events:

The Announcer and Star Herald will not list the activities and events that are canceled; it is assumed that most planned gatherings are canceled, per CDC mandates for safe social distancing. However individual inquiries should be directed toward appropriate planners. See www.star-herald.com, for the latest coronavirus coverage.

Beaver Creek Township meets May 11

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, via Zoom (in order to accommodate social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID19). Anyone interested in joining the meeting through Zoom should contact the township clerk at 507-227-2061.

Springwater Township meets May 12

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the township hall. Social distances will be maintained in the building. Call township clerk Teresa Kramer with questions.

Compassionate Friends meet May 18

Compassionate Friends of Southwest Minnesota will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, via Zoom. To join, call Pat Saum at 507-690-2757 or email: swmncf@gmail.com.

Compassionate Friends is a Laverne-based support group for parents and grandparents who have lost a child at any age for any cause that meets the third Monday of each month.

Free food giveaway May 21

New Life Celebration Church will sponsor its monthly Food Give-Away at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Generations building at 319 E. Lincoln Street in Laverne.

Those arriving in vehicles are to enter on Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building. **Stay in your vehicle.** The food will be loaded for you.

Those who are walking are to go to the east side of the building. Volunteers will have your groceries pre-packed for you. Call 507-283-4366 with any questions.

Community Ed Summer Brochure

Laverne Community Ed Summer Brochure was distributed in the April 26 Laverne Announcer. Peruse the classes and activities, but **WAIT to register until the Governor lifts restrictions. Things may change. Community Education will be following the state/school guidelines. Watch for future announcements on website, Facebook, newspaper and radio.**

Horsman family shares coronavirus experience/from page 1A

thing terrible happening."

In particular, he was worried about their infant son, Cullen, born on March 11, with respiratory complications that kept him in NICU for 15 days.

But they were also concerned about their other young sons, Ezra and Eli.

"We took temperatures multiple times a day and monitored all the kids for symptoms," Billy said. "If any of them did get Covid-19, they didn't show any symptoms."

Because Cullen was born with meconium aspiration and was on oxygen for a couple of weeks, Rachel was especially anxious about protecting him.

"I remember the first few days after Billy was confirmed, I couldn't sleep because I'd obsess about checking his oxygen to make sure it was OK," Rachel said.

When she came down with it, tests were still in short supply and doctors told her to assume she was positive and they both quarantined at home for two weeks.

With so few other cases in the community, both she and Billy said it was difficult to admit they'd tested positive.

"There seems to be such a negative stigma already if you catch it, even though it's a brand new virus and really anyone can catch or spread

it," Rachel said.

"I felt ashamed and didn't really want to tell anyone, but once I started, everyone was super supportive and accepting," Billy said.

"I'm just happy I'm on maternity leave because I'm a nurse at the Tuff Home in Hills and I would've felt terrible if I unintentionally spread it before we showed symptoms," Rachel said.

"But it's been an isolating maternity leave and hard not being able to introduce Cullen to family. I feel for other moms that are having babies through this."

While their symptoms were mild, they said it's im-

portant for people to understand that coronavirus can be present in many different ways, and because it's a new virus, there are so many things doctors and scientists don't know about it.

"People should be aware that they aren't always severe symptoms," Rachel said. "We were very lucky to only have symptoms similar to a cold or allergies with some body aches. But that's the thing, they can be so mild and make it seem like it's masking the illness."

As of noon on Tuesday, there were 18 cases of coronavirus reported in Rock County. See the related story for the latest updates on local response.



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One-shot wonder

*If we're lucky we nail it on the first shot.
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Something truly remarkable happened one gray day in April. I'm still shaking my head over it.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

The high school senior wandered into the kitchen on a Saturday afternoon. "Mom, let's take my graduation photo."

I just about dropped the frying pan. This is the kid who hates to have his photo taken and was dragging his feet for the graduation portrait.

"Now?"

"Yeah. What should I wear?"

"Something with a collar."

I turned off the stove and quickly found "portrait mode" in my iPhone camera.

He returned with a plaid, button-down dress shirt and took a seat at the dining room table. I turned him toward the patio door for better light and took the shot.

"Let me see," the kid checked the preview screen. "I like it."

And he walked away. "But I usually ..."

He disappeared down the basement stairs.

"... take more than one."

I sighed and glanced hopefully at the image.

Both eyes were open. He was looking into the lens. And he was smiling.

I liked it, too. Huh. Guess that's it then.

But there was just one. I never take just one photo. Of anything.

Ask anyone who knows me. There's always a chance to improve on the first one ... or the 19th one, and we can discard the ones we don't need.

Jim Brandenburg once told me professional photography is easy when you shoot a thousand frames for the right one.

I used to take multiple shots of my subjects even before digital technology. I'd save my processing coupons and bring in several rolls of film at a time, eagerly opening the Harold's envelope to see the results of my multiple shutters.

It wouldn't take long to discard the prints that didn't make the cut, and the ones that got framed served to reinforce my compulsive shooting.

"OK, guys, just one more." And then six more shots.

But on this rainy day in April, we nailed it on the first try.

The one-shot wonder became the face of Carson Ehde



The one-shot wonder became the face of Carson Ehde for graduation announcements and for profiles in the school yearbook and Star Herald grad edition.

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It occurred to me that for some things we get only one shot. Life doesn't offer do-overs for the important stuff.

So, we give it our best shot. If we're lucky we get it right. But if we're smart, we recognize a good thing when we see it.

And we see our children for who they are, not who they might have been or who we anticipated they'd be ... but for the distinctly unique and beautiful human beings they've become.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 and to the parents who gave it their best shot.

'The teaching staff of ISD2184 has been nothing short of amazing'

Our teachers deserve recognition for distance learning, tremendous job they do

Thank you, Luverne teachers!

During the past six weeks, I have been reminded many times why I became an educator. It has been and always will be about the students for me.

As a teacher, coach, principal, athletic director, and now as a superintendent, I always wanted students to have better opportunities than I had as a student and participant of extra-curricular activities.

I knew that I had to inspire, motivate, teach, coach, listen, correct, console, counsel, entertain and guide students every hour I was around them. I had to have passion, persistence, loyalty, compassion, empathy, toughness, gratitude, forgiveness and collaboration every day I was with students. That has not changed in 32 years for me as an educator.

Why do I mention the items above? Because what I look for in teachers are many of the qualities that are listed in the previous paragraph. That is exactly what I have seen during this very difficult situation involving the coronavirus pandemic and distance learning.

GUEST OPINION

By Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent of Luverne Public Schools

The teaching staff at ISD2184 has been nothing short of amazing. They have transformed themselves in a short period of time and are making lemonade from lemons.

The staff has always been good. When I came to Luverne five years ago, I told the staff I wasn't interested in being good. I wanted us to be GREAT! They took that to heart.

Even though our current situation was forced, there was no hesitation to hit things head on and do our absolute best.

They have done that. There are no road maps and no perfect ways to do distance learning. We are learning on the fly. Yet, that is the beauty of our group of teachers. They have embraced the challenge and make

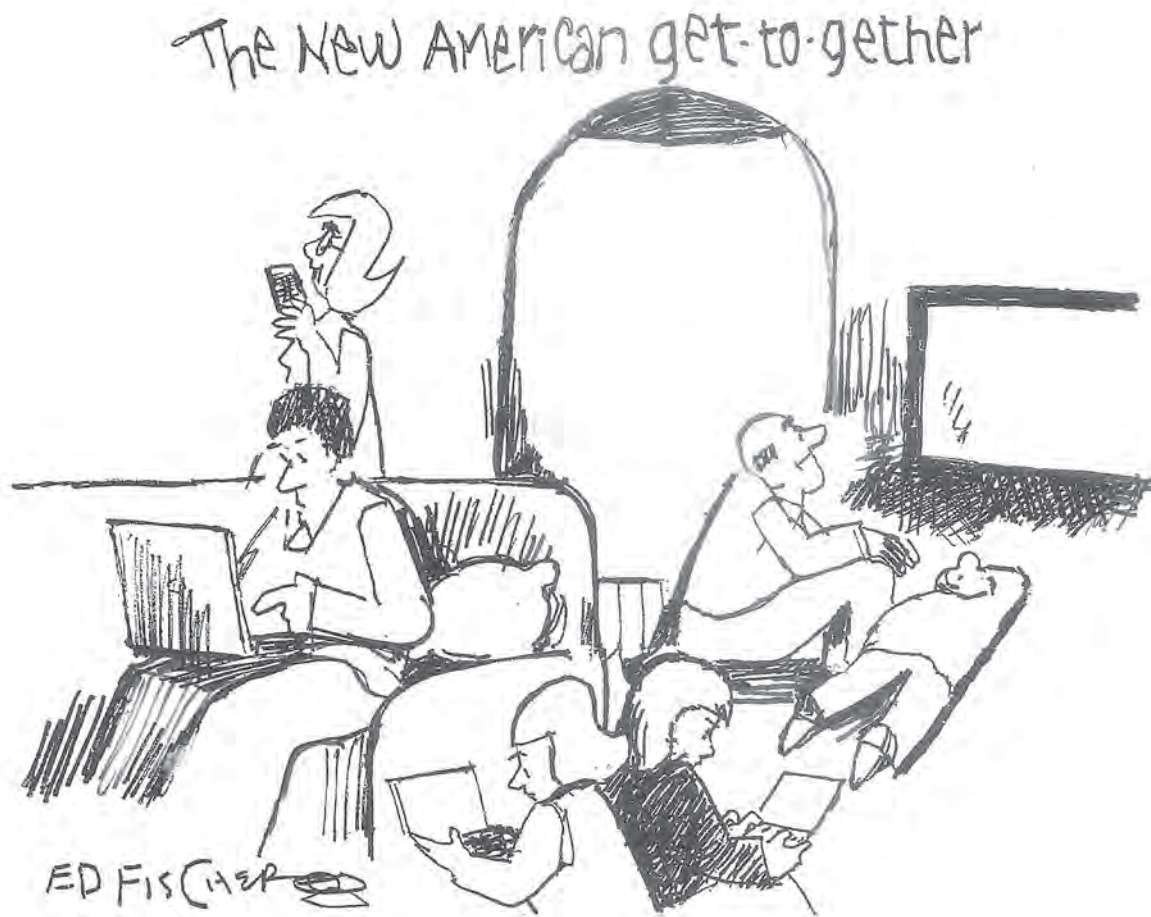
wonderful things happen each day. I am extremely proud of their effort.

Other school personnel and administrators contact me almost daily to see what we are doing and how impressed they are with our plan.

Our principals have done a tremendous job of leading the charge and the teachers have performed with grace and excellence under extreme pressure.

During Teacher Appreciation Week this year, I am hopeful that many of you in the community will also see the tremendous job our teachers do every day and that you respect the position of teacher even more than you may have in the past. They are doing the job and doing it well.

Thank you, Luverne teachers!



We've come too far in this pandemic marathon not to finish

I don't know about you, but keeping track of what day of the week it is has been a bit of a problem for me.

It seems like we've been doing this stay-at-home thing forever when really it's only been six weeks. That said, six weeks is a long time when you don't know from one day to the next what the next day will bring.

Our office has been functioning under essential business protocol since mid-March. At first it was strange, to say the least. Our front office doors have been locked, yet we have tried to maintain some sort of normalcy, and that has now morphed into the new norm, and frankly it sucks.

Everything about our business centers around people. From ad sales to gathering news, we're used to day-to-day, face-to-face contact with people.

The governor from the state to our west keeps telling people that getting through the pandemic is not a sprint but a marathon.

As you can imagine, I am not much of a sprinter but I have run a



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, Tollefson Publishing General Manager

marathon. I know; it's hard to believe, but I did run one. As I trained for said marathon, I kept hearing about this imaginary wall that marathon runners routinely hit.

Maybe one of the reasons I only ran one marathon was because I hit the wall at mile 21 of the 26.2 miles.

I didn't see it coming — one stride I was fine, the next stride I wasn't sure there was going to be another.

I started to walk and I kept saying to myself that I trained too hard and too long for this to end this way.

My only goal from the beginning was to finish the marathon under

four hours. I hit the wall at just under the three-hour mark with only six miles to go. It took me one hour and 36 minutes to complete the last 6.2 miles.

I think many of us have hit the coronavirus marathon wall. Just like running a real marathon, we have all come too far not to see this stay-at-home thing through. I urge you to continue to be safe, continue to practice social distancing, don't let the wall defeat you.

Because once you make it to the finish line, it's not your time that matters; it's the fact that you persevered and toughed it out till the finish.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

April 24
 •Complainant on S. Summit, Hills, reported an abandoned motorcycle.
 •Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported vehicles speeding through town.
 •Complainant at Rez Park in Hills reported motorized vehicles on walking path.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street, Marshall, reported subject held on Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported harassment.
 •Complainant on Adams Street and McKenzie Street reported she hears a child screaming.
April 25
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported damage to a vehicle.
 •Complainant in city park, Hills, reported noise disturbance.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported an accident.
 •Complainant in Kenneth reported reckless driving.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a possible drunk driver.
April 26
 •Complainant at bus garage reported black smoke.
 •Complainant at field approach south of 151st Street reported a field on fire.
April 27
 •Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue requested assistance.
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported harassing communication.
 •Complainant on Highway 23 and 171st Street, Jasper, reported a field fire.
 •Complainant on Main Street reported a suspicious vehicle.

April 28
 •Complainant on Sioux Valley Drive reported alarm due to technical problems.
 •Complainant on Hampshire Circle reported a vehicle with loud exhaust.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported subject was asked to leave and refused.
 •Complainant on Dodge Street and N. East Park Street reported an accident.
April 29
 •Complainant on Lincoln Street reported a small motorcycle on the city street.
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported vehicle theft.
 •Complainant on S. Estey Street reported his house was egged.
 •Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported kids riding dirt bikes on road and through yards.
 •Complainant on County Highway 4, Manley, reported property found.
 •Complainant at Redbird Field reported a fire.
 •Complainant on N. Elm Street reported theft.
April 30
 •Complainant on 200th Avenue reported trespassing.
 •Complainant on W. Warren Street reported illegal burning.
 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 and County Road 7, Hardwick, reported smoke.
 •Complainant on 1st Street, Hardwick, reported skid loader on fire.
 In addition, officers responded to 6 escorts, 10 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 9 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 26 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 2 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 13 traffic stops, 13 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check and 1 report of cattle being out.



H-BC staff walks ditches to honor seniors

Twenty staff members with Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools spent Friday morning cleaning the ditches along Hwy 270 between Hills and Steen. Traditionally the senior class completes the fall and spring cleanup but due to the coronavirus and the issuance of distance learning, the students were unable to complete the spring event. Instead, senior class advisor Dan Ellingson enlisted the help of secondary and elementary staff to complete the task in their honor.

Cleaning the north side of Hwy 270, east of Hills, are (from left) Dan Ellingson (bending over), Chris Louwagie, Kale Wiertzema, Jason Blosmo and Rex Metzger. At left, H-BC Secondary Special Education Teacher Samantha McGaffee picks up a discarded aluminum can. Mavis Fodness photos/0507 HBC Ditch Cleaning

Schilling is new superintendent in Adrian/from page 3A

students and staff.
 "I love my H-BC family and role as principal in the secondary building," she said. "The superintendent opening in Adrian was an opportunity I could not pass up. Becoming a superintendent has been a goal of mine and is a step up for my career."
 She said she is looking forward to her new role with Adrian schools. "The Adrian District, like H-BC, has a lot of great things going for it that I am excited to add to," she said. "It is

also an opportunity to be closer to home."
 Schilling and her husband, Curt, farm just outside the Adrian School District in the Ellsworth district.
 The couple has three children, two in elementary school and one preschool-aged. Schilling previously taught secondary science at Ellsworth.
 Last fall the Adrian and Ellsworth school districts adopted a pairing agreement in athletics and extracurricular activities.
 "The new sharing agreement between

Adrian and Ellsworth also means that my children and I will be able to attend the same events," she said.
 Schilling joins elementary and secondary principal Cate Koehne and dean of student services Randy Schettler as administrators in the Adrian district.
 Hills-Beaver Creek School Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 11. Board members will discuss the next steps of the soon-to-be open secondary principal position.

Rendering business gears up for livestock disposal/from page 1A

"They're lining us up with the plant managers and they'll tell us when to pick up," Klarenbeek said.
 "This has never been done before, and they warned me going into this that it wouldn't be over right away. ... It's going to keep going on for awhile."
 He said he hopes the meat processing plants can start up again soon to prevent wasting so much food.
 "I don't think they should have completely shut down," he said. "This is a big, big deal for the farmers in our communities."

State plans regional carcass disposal

By Mavis Fodness
 At Tuesday's Rock County Commissioners meeting, County Administrator Kyle Oldre said the Land Management Office has developed a flow chart for producers to follow as they de-populate their swine herds and are in need of carcass disposal.
 The flow chart is a result of coronavirus pandemic conversations among federal, state and local officials.
 The Minnesota Department of Animal Health has recently garnered more discussion after large pork processing plants ceased operations, leaving producers with limited options to market their hogs.

Farmers have donated hogs to food banks that can get the animals slaughtered, and some have taken to social media to sell animals.
 Minnesota has many small meat lockers that are stepping up to process excess pork, but they are getting backed up, too.
 S&S Locker Service in Hills is booked into September, and others around the state are into January. (See the related meat locker story.)

Meat lockers/from page 1A

12 head of hogs.
 This is about as many as five workers can keep up with safely in the small locker at one time.
 "We are doing as much as we can," Susie said. "Everyone wants us to get bigger and process more."
 The current demand has meant long processing days for Susie and Schone-man as well as completing orders seven days a week.
 Susie said he finds himself frequently telling callers and those stopping at the retail counter one important message: There is no meat shortage.
 "I get tons of people coming across the border from Sioux Falls," he said.
 Within two days the locker sold the 200 pounds of hamburger it had available for retail.
 With no place for their market hogs to go, local producers have turned to euthanizing the farm animals and disposing of the carcasses.
 "They don't want to do it, but what else can they do?" Susie said.
 (See the related story about Klarenbeek Rendering's role in the crisis.)

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Green Lantern gets community help to stay open amid pandemic/from page 1A

Last week the state order was extended for the third time and now is slated to expire Sunday, May 17.

"It's been a struggle," Steve said. "We appreciate Hardwick all the time — they come in and still get food — they respect we can't open the doors with the state officials telling us not to."

The March closure order came just as the couple was to celebrate their second year as owners of the longtime business mainstay in Hardwick. The DeSplinters had spent the past year remodeling the building and had postponed a grand opening celebration until this year.

The couple's efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Tom Haas, Hardwick resident and city council member, picked up an order Saturday for his family of four. "We just appreciate that you're open," he told Steve.

Haas is not the only one showing support to the DeSplinters.

"I went to CHS to pay my bill and I was told someone paid \$200 on my account and said, 'They wanted to see the doors stay open,'" Linda said. "Others have ordered a meal for themselves and left a \$100 bill on the counter and said 'Keep it; we need you open.'"

Creditors have deferred loan payments and suppliers have relaxed minimum order requirements as additional ways to help the struggling bar and restaurant business.

"It's overwhelming, to say the least, and it's hard to fight back the tears some days," said Linda, who is now operating the Green Lantern alone.

In the seven weeks since the state order took effect, Green Lantern's employees received furloughs and the six-days-a-week business was reduced to the current 15 hours spread over four days.

The reduced hours of operation means reduced revenue potential, and the governor's order last week means the DeSplinters will have to wait longer and think of how they are going to recover lost business.

"I was mad. I was sad. I was anxiety-ridden," Linda admitted. "All I could think of was — this executive order should not have been 'one size fits all.' As we are finding out now, our economy is suffering."

The Green Lantern on Main Street Hardwick has separate rooms for the cafe, bar, kitchen, steakhouse and game room.

"We've always said this place is way too big," Steve said. "No one uses the game room."

Recently the backroom steakhouse was remodeled into a large party room, and its availability was generating local interest. The room was initiated on March 7 with a surprise 80th birthday party for a local resident.

"The next week we were supposed to have a big 50th wedding anniversary in the steakhouse — that didn't happen," Linda said. "We had the room booked for a graduation party on May 23 — that's not going to happen, but it may at a later date."

The DeSplinters contend that the square footage of their business means they could meet social distancing guidelines and limit crowd sizes using the available rooms. Operating guidelines were recently implemented at bars and restaurants just across the border in South Dakota to operate with reduced occupants instead of being forced to only provide take-out orders.

"If anyone thinks that running just a curbside business and off-sale in a small community like Hardwick is going to pay the bills, think again," Linda said.

"It's not Minneapolis. It's not Mankato. Don't get me wrong; people's health is of the utmost importance. They should practice stay-at-home if needed."

Since the closure order, the DeSplinters have stepped up regular cleanings of counters and doorknobs between take-out customers. They feel they could safely operate differently if given the chance.

"We miss our customers. We miss our employees. We miss our 'families,'" Linda



Mavis Fodness photo/0507 Green Lantern COVID-19 Steve

Steve DeSplinter sanitizes countertops Saturday night in an empty Green Lantern Café and Bar in Hardwick. State officials closed all bars, restaurants and public accommodating venues March 18 to slow the spread of the coronavirus. DeSplinter and his wife, Linda, purchased the Green Lantern a year ago and business is now limited to curbside-pickup meals and off-sale liquor until May 17. **Inset:** Steve and Linda DeSplinter with daughter, Macy (center). **Below:** Recent improvements at the Green Lantern include repairs to the former fireplace in the steakhouse portion of the business.

"We are looking forward to getting back to normal. However, the definition of normal will no longer be what we were once used to, due to this pandemic."

— Linda DeSplinter, owner of Green Lantern, Hardwick

said. "We are looking forward to getting back to normal. However, the definition of normal will no longer be what we were once used to, due to this pandemic."

Keeping the small establishment atmosphere

When the DeSplinters officially purchased the Green Lantern March 18, 2019, they understood they were continuing a decades-long tradition for the community. Only the post office and grain elevator have carried the same longevity in Hardwick.

The couple moved to an acreage between Hardwick and Jasper in 1991.

"The Green Lantern has been our 'go-to' bar for many years," Linda said. "We remember all the owners — Babe and Kitty, Merle and Marv, Q-ball and Joe, Carrie, Mark and Ryan and, last, J.R.



— we have had a lot of good times up there."

A celebration of ownership was delayed until the couple finished upgrading

and remodeling the two-story building that will eventually include a new roof. Linda recently received an economic development

grant from the city of Hardwick that allowed a more energy-efficient heating and cooling unit for the business.

The decision to stay open means Linda's dream of operating a small business is also still alive.

She previously owned the former Jake's Coffee Shop in Luverne, an 18-month venture that was taken on after spending several years working for local restaurants and bars.

She has spent the last 14 years working as a claims examiner for Avera Health Plans before last year's sale of the Green Lantern brought her goals back into focus.

"It's been a dream to own my own business," she said. "I've worked hard on a business plan, worked out the numbers and decided we could make this work as long as Steve remained employed full time at Billion's. We knew there would be struggles, hard work, a lot of sweat, tears and fights, of course. ... little did we know a year into it we would be up for the biggest challenge, COVID-19."

If a positive element was to come out of overcoming the COVID-19 challenge, it would be the opportunity to move forward with a planned convenience store in the café portion of the Green Lantern.

"This was in the original business plan, but would come at a later time," Linda said. "Now that time is here I think the community would appreciate a local store instead of driving out of town for a couple basic items."

Corn gets planted in record time

By Mavis Fodness

Spring planting 2020 is making history in Minnesota for all the right reasons.

Since Sunday, the state's grain producers are well ahead of corn and soybean acres planted at this time last year and are ahead of the five-year planting averages.

Soybeans have set a planting record.

Last week farmers completed planting 35 percent of the state's anticipated soybean crop, the most planted by this time since estimates began in 1963. The percentage is slightly above the previous record of 32 percent in 2015.

Mild temperatures and little to no rainfall allowed the state's farmers to plant 36 percent of the corn acreage in a week, bringing the amount planted to 76 percent complete.

Corn planting progress is one month ahead of last year and two weeks ahead of the five-year average. Three percent of the state's corn crop is already emerging.

The five-year average for soybeans planted is 10 percent. No soybeans were in the ground a year ago at this time.

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service tracks the state's crop progress and conditions from April through November.

Reports are released weekly on Mondays.

Graduation banners/ from page 1A

They'll be donated to the senior families when they come down this summer.

It's one more way the community has supported the senior students and their families who are missing out on the final moments (including prom, spring activities and graduation) of their final year of high school.

In March all the families of graduating students received red and white yard signs announcing their Class of 2020 seniors in their homes.

Those signs were sponsored by Quality Printing, McClure Plumbing & Heating, Papik Motors, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, and Security Savings Bank for donating to the cost of seniors signs.

Similar supportive gestures are occurring in other local communities. Adrian High School seniors, for example, will also be featured on light poles in their community.

Luverne, H-BC, Adrian and Ellsworth have announced their graduation dates remain in place with details for virtual ceremonies shared later.

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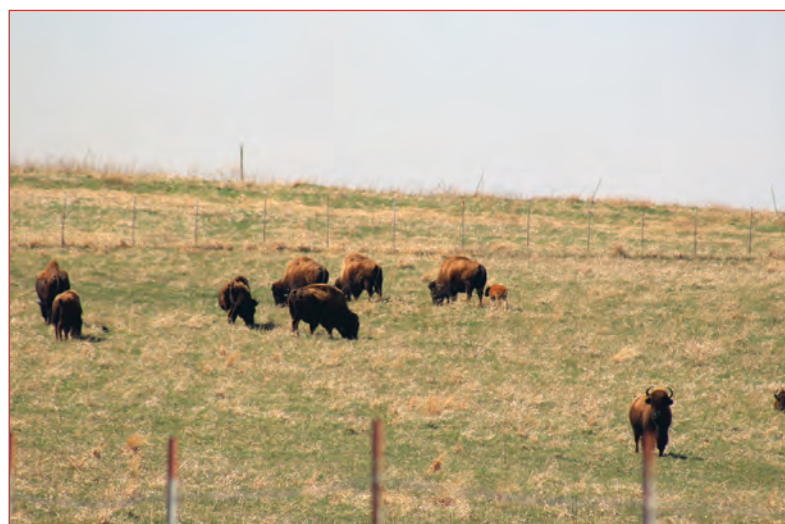
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Mavis Fodness photos/0507 Bison Babies 2020

A mother's love

The first bison calves arrived last week at the Blue Mounds State Park north of Luverne, when three were born on Wednesday and Thursday. According to park manager Chris Ingebretsen, park staff anticipates at least one calf born each week from now through the end of June. The park remains closed to camping, due to the coronavirus pandemic but remains open for daytime visits. The bison and the calves can be viewed from the park's various hiking trails. **Below left:** A newborn calf romps in front of its mother and a yearling bison Friday at Blue Mounds State Park. **Below right:** Bison graze in the afternoon sun.



State park sees record day-use visitors

Officials also issue more no-permit citations than normal

By Mavis Fodness

More visitors are enjoying the Blue Mounds State Park than normal, according to park manager Chris Ingebretsen.

"Day traffic is experiencing well over a 100-percent increase," he said. "People are wanting to get out and enjoy the nice weather we've had."

Camping at the state park north of Luverne was prohibited by the state's Stay at Home order issued in March to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Restrictions were loosened on April 18 when some outdoor activities were allowed, provided people stay at least 6 feet apart.

Last weekend, assistant park manager Tom Sawtelle

noticed the increase in cars in the park's various parking lots. "We have been busier than ever for day use," he said.

He has also been busy issuing permit violations to visitors who do not display either a \$7 daily pass or a \$35 annual permit on their vehicle's dash.

The passes and permits are available for purchase online or at kiosks throughout the park.

Ingebretsen said visitors could scan the displayed barcodes with the smart phones or use the paper registration and place the payment in the lockbox. Visitors can also prepay visits online.

"Buying a permit has become pretty simple," Ingebretsen said.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

1878: Battle Plain Township renamed

Rock County will celebrate its 150th Anniversary this year. The news will be the history of Rock County, townships, and communities. The following appeared in the Rose History of Rock County, printed in 1911.

County and Township Organization — 1870-1878 (continued from 04-30 edition)

Riverside (Battle Plain)

In the early summer of 1877 Major D. E. Runnals and others asked that the northeast corner township be declared organized under the name Riverside. The commissioners created the township July 16, 1877, and provided that the first town meeting be held at the home of C. B. Rolph on August 11. The precinct was duly organized and went under the original name until March 19, 1878, when, notice having been received from the state auditor that another township in the state had a prior claim to the name Riverside, the name was changed to Battle Plain, in honor of the Indian battlefield located within its boundaries. Government land patents have been issued to claimants in Battle Plain township as follows:

Hugh A. Hoy (28), Frank Smith (14), James H. Mansell (2), Peter Landin (30), Nels Nelson (30), James P. Kirkham (30), Otis H. Rolfe (18), Howard F. Oliver (14), George A. Oliver (14), William Wall (26), Jasper Rolfe (18), Major D. E. Runnals (32), Joseph W. Woodfield (10), David Hendershott (4), Daniel M. Hendershott (4), Charles Cowan (32), Francis L. Harrison (20), Charles A. Oliver (24), Christopher N. Remme (26), Alfred Goodwin (22), John J. Gulin (30), William H. Thompson (22), Job Haskell (12), Heirs of James W. Cafferty (26), William Munholland (22-32), James Adams (10), William C. Brockway (8-34), John Boyes (12), Byron T. Huyke (12-32), Charles B. Rolph (28), George Cole (20), William F. Warner (14), Chester Warner (22), Heirs of Samuel T. Warner (26), Jerome Cowan (20), Nehemiah D. Gilbert (6), Charles Crippen (6), Thomas E. Fitzgerald (28), John R. Norton (34), Sarah Norton (34), Edward Harvey (18), Hugh Mitchell (8), Fennimore M. Snow (2), Dennis Harvey (6), Henry D. Sample (10), Frank O. Burhans (8), Sarah J. Brockway (6), Frank L. Cronk (8), Chester O. Wellman (4), Knute G. Oldre (24), Emory T. Thorson (30), Andrew Anderson (30), Stephen Cowan (34), William H. Gordon (18), Ezra F. Cole (20), Lars Knudson (34), Ole G. Hoime (24), Charles W. Mitchell (4), James W. Mitchell (6).

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Forty years equals 1,920 weeks, 14,600 days and 322,560 hours.

Rewind that many years, weeks, days and hours — the Rock County Highway Department's building is 5 years old, and its new office manager is Ed Kraayenhof.

Back to the present, Kraayenhof is getting ready for his last day in the RCHD building. After 40 years he will retire Friday, May 21.

25 years ago (1995)

•Beth Kalass, Luverne, was back to work at Scotty's Thursday, as usual. Nothing in her manner would indicate anything has changed in her life, but her big news is posted on the sign outside the popular local bar and restaurant. "It reads, "Our Beth won \$100,000."

Beth was at work Wednesday night when the lottery numbers were announced on television.

"I watched the numbers on TV. I wrote them down. We always do that so we can show people. I went back to the kitchen to close it down and I checked my tickets. I let out a scream."

She had indeed won \$100,000 on the five numbers 5-15-24-42-44.

The 26-year-old Hardwick native purchased two tickets earlier in the day, as she often does. One ticket used numbers with family birthdays, and one ticket was a quick pick.

"The quick pick is the one I hit on," she said, adding, "People

are tickled that somebody from this area won it."

Wednesday night she and her ticket got a police escort home from work. She hid her winning ticket in a small safe under a pile of towels in the clothes dryer.

Carrying the safe, she and her husband, Terry, traveled to the Twin Cities Thursday evening to stay with friends so they could turn in the ticket and claim her prize at lottery headquarters Friday morning.

50 years ago (1970)

•Jack Bressler suffered a broken leg and is currently a patient in McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, following an unusual accident at the School Bus garage on W. Dodge last Wednesday afternoon.

Bressler reportedly is said to have just returned from his route and walked over to another bus where two co-workers were performing minor adjustments to the engine. Unable to see Bressler behind the massive hood of the bus, one of the workers started the vehicle and it lurched forward pinning Bressler to the garage wall.

As of this week, Tuesday, doctors have not set the leg because of the swelling but they have informed Mrs. Bressler that the cast will probably go on in the latter part of the week. They described the injury as a "clean" break below the right knee and consider Mr. Bressler in good condition.

75 years ago (1945)

•Two cars were stolen from the streets of Luverne on two

successive nights, County Sheriff Roberts reported yesterday.

On Sunday night, a 1934 Chevrolet coach, owned by Russell Tower, was taken from in front of his home. It has not been located.

On Monday evening, a 1936 Ford Coach, owned by S. G. Franks, a magazine salesman working here, was taken from its parking place on Freeman avenue, just off Main street. It was later located in Sioux Falls and returned here.

100 years ago (1920)

•A change in the ownership of the New Meat market took place the latter part of last week, when Morris Behnke and Chris Nelson, who had conducted the business since last December, sold to A. M. Le Lapp and W. M. Ellis. The purchasers were given possession Tuesday.

The Messrs, DeLapp & Ellis sold the market last December to the Messrs, Behnke and Nelson, and until recently had conducted a meat market at Rock Rapids, which they sold in order to again engage in business here.

The retiring firm will likely re-engage in business, in this city, for at the time they sold, Mr. Behnke had a market at Weyauwega, Wis., that required his personal attention, but at about the same time that the Luverne market changed hands. Mr. Behnke succeeded in disposing of the shop at Weyauwega.

The Messrs, DeLapp & Ellis will give their undivided attention to the local meat market. Mr. DeLapp and his family arrived Wednesday from Rock Rapids to again make their home here.



Submitted photo

Javner's design chosen for Tri-State Band Festival button

Luverne High School senior Chandra Javner created the winning design selected for the 2020 Tri-State Band Festival button. The school's fine arts and graphic arts classes submitted selections from which Tri-State Band Festival committee members chose Javner's design. She created the design in Bill Thompson's graphic arts class. Javner is the daughter of John and Deb Javner of Hardwick.

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Let's Pause Farm Foreclosures
It's planting time.

But for many farm families, time is running out. Foreclosure and an end to farming is a real possibility. Farmer mediations with lenders have spiked to the highest level in decades. COVID-19 has added a gut punch to farm families. Mediations require in-person meetings to succeed.

Farmers need more time.
Numerous forced foreclosures will depress all farmers'/bankers' financial statements.

Let's put a PAUSE on Farm Foreclosures.
Thank Rep. Rod Hamilton for co-sponsoring legislation to put a PAUSE on farm foreclosures by extending mediation deadlines through harvest to December 1st. Thank Sen. Bill Weber for sponsoring the original 60-day extension, but ask him to support the bill to further extend mediation deadlines through harvest, to December 1st.

Tell them: It is important they get these bills passed for farmers!

Rep. Rod Hamilton: 651-296-5373; rep.rod.hamilton@house.mn
Sen. Bill Weber: 651-296-5650; sen.bill.weber@senate.mn

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Katie Ryan-Mann

Kathleen "Katie" Ryan-Mann, 59, Brandon, South Dakota, died peacefully at her home on Saturday, April 18, 2020.



A celebration of Katie's life will take place at a later date. Kathleen Ryan was born on April 26, 1960, to Jerome and Virginia Ryan in St. Paul. She attended Stillwater High School and moved to South Dakota in 1994.

Katie married Rich Mann in 2006. She was a 14-year cancer survivor, but despite multiple health obstacles,

she lived her life with gusto. She had a quick wit and found humor in even the most difficult situations. She made everyone around her feel at ease and laugh.

Katie is survived by her husband, Rich; her mother, Virginia; her brothers, Matt (Glenda), Kevin (Marybeth), and Timm (Kevin); and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and her best friend, Randy.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jerome, and two infant sisters.

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LeRoy Thompson

LeRoy (Lee) Arthur Thompson was born to Arthur and Myrtle (Johnson) Thompson on Oct. 15, 1943, in Polk County on a farm outside of Erskine, Minnesota.



He passed away suddenly at the age of 76 on April 8, 2020, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

LeRoy graduated from Luverne High School in Minnesota in 1961 and from Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota) in 1965. After he completed U.S. Naval Flight School as a 1st Lieutenant U.S. Marine, he flew over 600 helicopter missions in Vietnam. In 1970 he gave up a commission as a Marine Captain and returned to the Luverne area where he met Dianne Dreesen.

After getting married to Dianne on Nov. 27, 1970, Lee started his career in the oil industry with Skelly Oil, which became Getty Oil and finally Texaco Oil. That led the family to homes in St. Louis Park, Minnesota; Rochester, Minnesota; Duluth, Minnesota; Clinton, Iowa, where they adopted their two sons, Ryan Lee and Douglas Arthur Thompson. They then lived in Broken

Arrow, Oklahoma, Urbandale, Iowa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Parker, Colorado. Lee retired from Texaco Oil in 1998, and he and Dianne moved to Sioux Falls, SD.

Lee is survived by sons, Ryan and Douglas, both of Sioux Falls; and one grandson, Rylie Thompson; sisters Carolyn (Wayne) Holbert of Santee, South Carolina, and Diane (Jim) Hickman of New Braunfels, Texas; brothers Marty (Anita) Thompson of Chanhassen, Minnesota, and Howard (Elaine Knutson) Thompson of Ham Lake, Minnesota; and brother-in-law, Glen Swanson, of Worthington, Minnesota. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dianne; and his sister, JoAnn Swanson.

Private family services were held at Heritage Funeral Home on April, 16, 2020, with burial at Restlawn Memorial Gardens cemetery.

Arrangements were provided by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.heritagefsd.com.

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NEW LISTINGS

405 S Josephine Dr. Hills, MN
This 3 bedroom has one of the best locations in town for as it is located across from the city park. This is a "3" bedroom home which has received many updates in the past few years. Large master bedroom - renovated main floor bathroom, kitchen has received upgrades as well. Hardwood floors can be found in the home - the yard is a delight with beautiful landscaping, large deck overlooking the spacious back yard. Storage shed included as well. Lower level has a large finished family room and a 3rd bedroom with a legal egress. For the handy person there is a workshop in the lower level as well. To appreciate this home it must be seen.

609 W Main St. Luverne, MN
Looking For A Cozy Cottage With Virtually Maintenance Free Exterior - This Is It! This Is A Charming Two Bedroom Home With A Lot Of Living Space. There Is A Large Spacious Living Room, Large Dining Area, Ample Size Kitchen And Two Nice Sized Bedrooms. The Bathroom Has The Original Subway Tile and there are original hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen appliances are included with the sale.

316 W Brown St Luverne, MN
Stunning custom details inside and out with this 5 bedroom 3 bath Arts and Crafts style home. Welcome friends and family to your charming front porch, chat by the gas fireplace in your formal living room featuring gorgeous hardwood floors, coffer ceiling, custom built-ins, and leaded glass windows. Enjoy cooking and entertaining in your fabulous Architectural Millworks kitchen, boasting a one of a kind center island, floor to ceiling pantry, and stainless steel appliances. Cozy tv room or 5th bedroom, and updated full bath finish the main level. Retreat to the upper level, spacious master with an abundance of storage, 2nd bedroom and full bath with walkout to a balcony. The basement level features media/game area, two bedrooms, a 3/4 bath, laundry and a huge storage room for life's extras. Recent upgrades are extensive from new windows, doors, siding, roof, insulation... Large corner lot, patio area with fire pit, and 3 stall garage are a few of the exterior perks. A must see!

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OBITUARIES

Jack Beyer

Jack Beyer, 81, died Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Jack and his twin sister were born on Jan. 15, 1939, to Paul and Luella (Winterfeld) Beyer in Luverne. The family moved to Phoenix in 1953. Jack served in the Army National Guard from 1960-1968.

On Nov. 17, 1961, Jack married Lucille Piotter. Jack worked in banking for 43 years, rising from bookkeeper to vice president and manager. He retired in 2001.

Jack was confirmed in the Lutheran church on June 22, 1948, and served the church in many capacities over the

years. He was an avid card player, loved to garden and landscape, and enjoyed golf and tennis.

Jack is survived by his wife, Lucille; two daughters, Deborah (Creighton) Donovan and Pamela (Edward) Grass; grandchildren Stephen and Andrew Donovan and Nathan and Natalie Grass; his twin sister, JoAnn Strege, Luverne; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Boyd Beyer.

(0507 F)



Paul Buss

Paul Lewis Buss, 85, Ash Creek, died peacefully on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



In accordance with Minnesota Executive Order and CDC guidelines, a private family burial will be held on Friday, May 1, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Paul Buss was born on Aug. 2, 1934, to Dick and Sarah Jane (Nicloy) Buss on the family farm north of Steen. He was raised there for eight years before the family moved to a farm west of Ellsworth for the next two years. The family then moved to a farm west of Kanaranzi for the next eleven years. At this time, Paul completed his education through the eighth grade at District 24 country school. Following his schooling, he remained living and helping on the family farm.

On Nov. 9, 1955, Paul married Noma Hicks. The couple resided in the Rowena, South Dakota, area for a short time before moving to their home in Ash Creek. Paul spent his summers working at Hanson Silo until 1986. His winters were spent helping local farmers.

In 1986 Paul formally retired and went into the salvage business where he could often

be found cleaning and recycling copper. His wife, Noma, died in August of 2004. Paul continued to live in their home until entering Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown home in Luverne in November of 2018.

Paul enjoyed woodworking, fishing, embroidery, wooden lawn ornaments and playing Farkel and other card games. He was very content with living a simple life and loved having a good conversation with anyone who had a moment to visit.

He is survived by his six children, Howard (Nancy) Buss of Hardwick, Debra (William) Tiesler of Ellsworth, Vernon (Cheryl) Buss of Valley Springs, South Dakota, Ralph Buss of Ash Creek, Sharon (Randy) Schomacker of Luverne, and Timothy (Wendy) Buss of Hills; 16 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Noma; an infant daughter, Nancy; his parents; one brother, Richard; and one sister, Nina Mae Eernisse.

An online registry and a video honoring Paul's life can be found at the Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne website, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Pamela Abell

Pamela J. Abell, 65, Luverne, died Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at her home of complications from cancer.

In accordance with Minnesota Executive Order and CDC guidelines, a private family service and burial will be Friday, May 8, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. The service will be recorded and placed onto the Hartquist Funeral Home webpage by Friday afternoon for others to view. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Pamela Jo Bode was born July 31, 1954, to John and Virginia (DeMunck) Bode in Luverne. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She received her education and graduated from Luverne High School in 1972.

In 1973 Pam married Lloyd Reif in Luverne. They had two sons, Paul and Joseph.

On Feb. 2, 1980, Pam married William Virkus Sr. in Granite Falls. In addition to his four children, Cindy, Jon, Bill Jr. and Jason, their marriage was blessed with two additional sons, John and Christopher. The couple later divorced.

Pam married Gary Abell on Dec. 31, 1993. She was blessed with two additional stepchildren, Traci and Timothy.

The couple became members of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. In addition to raising her children, Pam

worked various jobs throughout her life including doing homecare for disabled adults and youth in their homes through Habilitation Services. She and Gary purchased Smokey Bear's Pizza in 2005, where they worked until Gary died on May 30, 2010. Pam continued the business until her retirement in 2016.

Pam is survived by her children and stepchildren, Paul (Julie) Reif of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Joseph Reif of Luverne, Cindy (Steve) Taylor of Sioux Falls, Jon (Vicki) Virkus of Sioux Falls, Bill Jr. (Jen) Virkus of Litchfield, Jason (Laura) Virkus of Blaine, John (Lana) Virkus of Brandon, South Dakota, Christopher Virkus of Luverne, Traci Sherman, Hendricks, and Timothy (Brandi) Abell of Alexandria; six grandchildren; 24 stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 19 great-stepgrandchildren; a sister, Mary (Leon) Pick of Luverne; a brother, Mike (Rita) Bode, Maple Grove; a brother-in-law, Ron Raabe of Hartford, South Dakota; an aunt, Wanda Briggs of Luverne; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gary; a grandson, Michael Worlie; and a sister, Pat Raabe.

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

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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

All Masses, including Sundays, and all church activities at St. Catherine are suspended until May 15. In the meantime, we can still be "together as church" as we join Msgr. Gerald Kosse as he celebrates a private Mass that will be live streamed each Sunday at 9 a.m. Visit the link to St. Catherine's Facebook page: <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 am and 6:30 pm. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays and at 6:30 pm on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

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

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

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

Online, TV and Radio Worship. Pr. Ann, Pr. Ron and organist Beryl Haugen will be recording worship services until we can meet together as a group. Each week we will update our recorded1 worship. Online: Sundays at 9 a.m., our worship service can be viewed live from our website at www.graceluverne.org on the Facebook insert, or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 PM and Fridays at 6:30 PM. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 AM.

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

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

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

Join us for live online worship Sundays at 9:30 AM at www.arcluverne.org/watch-live/ or on our Facebook page @arcluverne. Services can also be viewed at a later time through these same avenues. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 PM and Wednesdays at 4 PM. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship Service – live streamed. Thursdays 1-3 pm – Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 pm – AA Meeting. Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service - Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. ALIVE Youth Group lessons will led by areas leader as shared. Monday 8 pm – AA Meeting. May 6 Wednesday, 6

pm - Last Day of FUEL and Confirmation. 8 pm – AA Meeting.

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

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

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Sunday Morning Service will be recorded at 5:30 p.m. with necessary personnel and will be available on the Vast channel 3 Tuesday at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and online at the chamber website. Pastor Klatt is available for family visits in their homes by invitation or at church for groups of less than 10 for the purpose of worship and prayer.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelbration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
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: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

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

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

Cross walks

Search for the local victory signs

As the weather is getting nicer out, I have been walking more around my neighborhood. I have enjoyed seeing the grass turn from winter brown, to a few blades of light green, to darker green lawns. I have watched the trees and bushes go from bare branches to little leaf buds. Some trees actually looked yellow as the green leaves popped out in their light green baby clothes.

Neighbors have been doing spring yard cleanup chores — getting the dry fall leaves out of the bushes, pulling stalks from lilies and leaves of hosta plants to make room for new growth to spring up. Rakes have been put to use, and new muscles and blisters have been found at the end of the day.

I have also noticed more than just nature on my walks. I have seen amazing chalk drawings and inspirational and encouraging messages on driveways and sidewalks. The cool part about chalk drawings is that with each rain, or shower with a hose, the old is washed away, and there is a new, fresh page to draw and write on.

But there are other things I notice on my walks. I like to see how many crosses I can see. I know that some of my neighbors have white crosses in their yards, but these are not the only crosses I can see. Some windows have crosses painted in them, from Easter art projects. There are fence crosses where horizontal and vertical boards overlap. Sometimes driveway cracks form crosses. Or tree branches, if you look at them from the right angle, or shadows on the ground. There are LOTS of places in our neighborhoods and community that have crosses, if we just look for them.

We are still in the Easter season, the 40 days between Easter, Jesus' resurrection after his death on a cross, and

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ann Zastrow, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

They (the apostles) were trying to figure out life, and the "new normal" in which they found themselves.

Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came rushing down on the apostles in Jerusalem, and they started spreading the Good News of Jesus throughout the known world.

During this time of waiting, the disciples and others of Jesus' friends were hunkered down, much like we are now. They were trying to figure out life, and the "new normal" in which they found themselves. Life was tricky, and scary, not very different from some of what we are experiencing now.

The ever-present crosses outside of Jerusalem were meant by the Romans to be signs of warning, but they were actually signs of victory! Yes, Jesus died, but he also rose from the dead!

So, I challenge you – take a Cross Walk. Look for crosses as you walk around your neighborhoods or drive around town. See how many you can find — pre-made or nature-made, permanent or temporary.

And remember that the cross the Romans meant for harm and destruction, God used for good and blessing. Happy cross hunting!

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NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given as provided in Minnesota Statutes 204B.33, that a general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 AM Tuesday May 19, 2020 and ends at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Candidates may file in person or by mail if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.09, subdivision 1a may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidates' absence from the state. Be aware that the Legislature and/or the Governor may take actions that could affect some of the processes due to the COVID-19 situation. Please call our office at the time of filing at (507) 283-5060 to check on processes at that time.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.

FEDERAL OFFICES

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Ten Presidential Electors

One United States Senator

One United States Representative for District 1

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The place of filing for state legislative offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

One State Senator for District 22

One State Representative for District 22A

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Supreme Court Associate Justice (One Seat)

Incumbent:

Paul Thissen (Seat 4)

Court of Appeals (Four Seats)

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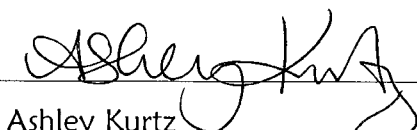
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Elected at Large, but must be a resident of nominating district, which includes Townships of Clinton, Magnolia and Kanaranzi and Cities of Magnolia and Steen

Soil & Water Supervisor District 4

Elected at large, but must be a resident of nominating district, which includes Townships of Beaver Creek and Martin and Cities of Beaver Creek and Hills



Ashley Kurtz
Rock County Auditor-Treasurer
Rock County, Minnesota

SRDC public meeting set for May 14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) will hold a public hearing on its budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) on Thursday, May 14, 2020. To protect the health and well-being of our community, Commission members, and staff during this time, SRDC will offer a virtual option for public attendance and participation at the public hearing. A link in which the public may stream and participate is found below. The Hearing will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until all persons wishing to offer a testimony have been heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN. Copies of the proposed budget are also on file with each county auditor, county coordinator, city clerk, and township association chair in Region 8.

To join the meeting:

1. View streaming video with audio (requires internet connected computer or cell phone): from internet connected computer, follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81381924860>.
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Summons for an adverse claims action

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Quiet Title

Henry W. Wallin
Plaintiff,

vs.

Carol L. Bernardin and any
unknown Personal Administrators,
successor Personal Administrators,
heirs, successors and assigns of the
above Defendant and all
unknown persons claiming any
right, title, estate, interest or lien
in the real estate described
in the Complaint herein,

SUMMONS

Defendants

Court File No 67- CV-20-71

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an Answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

That this action involves the determination of title to the following described premises, located in Rock County, to wit:

The South Four (S.4) feet of Lot Four (4) of Lot Five (5), in Block Ten (10), of Original Plat of the City of Hills, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any.

The object of this action is to determine the adverse claim of said Defendants and each of them in or to the hereinbefore described real estate, and to obtain judgment that the Plaintiff is the absolute owner in possession of said real estate, and that none of said defendants have any right title, estate, lien or interest whatsoever in or to said real estate, or any part thereof.

Dated: March 6, 2020

/e/ Glen A. Petersen I.D. #290506
Glen A. Petersen
Petersen Law Office PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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Lorraine Berghuis
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While we learn to live with the new normal in our community for the next several weeks, we are determined to make the best of it.

So, please be aware that the Rock County Star Herald remains committed to reporting on news and information that offers glimpses of our community a week at a time ... every week, every month, every year. As we have for nearly 150 years.

We plan to continue our normal publication schedule for the Rock County Star Herald and the Luverne Announcer, despite the fact that our coverage of community events and activities looks anything but normal. And we'll continue sharing news online at www.star-herald.com — for free — during the coronavirus stay-at-home order to make sure everyone has access to the important updates. (Of course, a subscription to support our work is appreciated.)

Knowledge is power, and as we spend less time in face-to-face dialogue with each other, publications like ours can help maintain the sense of community we share. We need to share good news with each other, so that while our community is honestly aware of the challenges we face, we can still be uplifted by our continued joys and successes. That is what community newspapers do. Connect community members ... with shared experiences, both good and bad.

We ask that you keep us posted on the news in your world at editor@star-herald.com. Especially your good news, but also your heartaches. Because that's how life is — good and bad.

Accuracy matters more than ever

Because the pandemic is the most talked-about event of our time, it is also the least accurately talked-about event of our time.

We encourage you to do what good journalists do and go to the primary sources of information as directly as possible. For more information on the virus — symptoms, preventative measures and recommendations — go to the CDC website at CDC.gov.

A final word

Tomorrow will belong to those who make the best use of their time today. Change, even unwelcome change, brings opportunities. New ways of doing things will present themselves.

Those who use this uncomfortable time to observe the changes and prepare for their effects will be far more likely to find prosperity on the other side. Stay healthy, stay vigilant and never allow complacency to set in.

We wish good health to our readers and advertisers and look forward to the day we can shake hands with you again amid new opportunities awaiting us on the other side of this crisis.

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

From our community health care professionals:

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [added six symptoms to its covid-19 list](#), suggesting health experts are learning more about the growing number of ways physicians see the virus affecting patients. Issues that could appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus are:

- Chills • Repeated shaking with chills • Muscle pain
- Headache • Sore throat • New loss of taste or smell

Everyone can work to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or sleeve, or a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands afterwards.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom or before eating. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face – especially your eyes, nose and mouth – with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you have cold- or flu-like symptoms, for seven days after your illness onset or three days after your fever resolves without fever reducing medicine, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.

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

Help US keep YOU informed!

The City of Luverne occasionally needs to contact customers with important notifications. Please provide contact information so you will receive notifications about City services. You may receive automated messages about changes in City Operations including the City Offices, Liquor Store, Pool & Fitness Center, Refuse and Recycling pickup, Electric, Water & Sewers services as well as temporary water shutoffs, planned electric outages and other important messages.

Please update your contact information by completing the online form at www.cityofluverne.org/info.

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

City parks are now open! Please continue to follow social distancing protocol.

Mask manufacturing and needs in the community:

Currently between Barb Bork and her Sewing Basket sewers, St John's Lutheran Church, and many other individual community sewers, more than 1000 cloth masks have been made and handed out to organizations in the health care field or educational field in Rock County. If you know of anyone in need of cloth masks please let either Barb Bork know at (507) 227-1589 or myself at 507-920-7406. We have more masks coming in so please let us know if you can use some and we'll get them to you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



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