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Fair board to vote on 2020 event

Minnesota State Fair is canceled, leaving local 4-H in limbo

By Mavis Fodness

Local county fair organizers will decide in a special meeting next week whether or not the 2020 Rock County Fair will take place.

On Friday the Minnesota State Fair Board canceled this summer's 2020 event instead of modifying the annual 12-day format for coronavirus distancing.

Now local fair organizers are weighing their options.

"We want to do what is safe for our community," said Adam Kinsinger, president of the Rock County Agricultural Society. "We don't want anyone getting sick."

The 10 local fair directors will vote on the matter June 2 after gathering as much information as possible before the special meeting.

"We need to come up with a game plan," Kinsinger said.

Nearly 6,000 Minnesota 4-H'ers including about 50 youth from Rock County regularly showcase projects at their local fairs in order to earn trips to exhibit at the state fair.

The Minnesota Extension Service, which organizes the state's 4-H program, is currently working on an alternate state showcase.

"We will deliver alternative experiences for 4-H animal and general projects," said state 4-H director Jennifer Skuza,

"We're working closely with the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to identify the time and place for these alternatives and have been testing virtual platforms that ensure judging can be offered."

4-H educators are working in collaboration with fair boards and other partners to offer general and livestock project judging at a local level, Skuza added.

"It won't replace the (state) fair but we are committed to meaningful programming," added Extension dean Beverly Durgan.

The 2020 Rock County Fair is scheduled for July 29-Aug. 1.

Since mid-March, in-person 4-H activities have been canceled and are not scheduled to resume until after June 30.

Last fair cancellation was 1944

According to the Rock County History Center, the Rock County Fair has been canceled in the past.

In 1944 and 1945, during World War II, the Rock County Agricultural Society conducted 4-H fairs.

In 1946, the fair was canceled due to the polio pandemic in the county.



Lori Sorenson photos/0528 lhs grad parade

Luverne's graduation parade — about 100 units long — started and ended at school and wound through all the neighborhoods of Luverne. Students and parents later remarked that they were impressed by the strong show of community support. Nearly every block along the route had people cheering, clapping, waving "congratulations" signs and honking horns. (See inside for photos from Adrian and HBC)

'Pomp and Circumstance' ... parade style

Area high school graduates in the Class of 2020 wrapped up the school year with virtual commencements and spectacular community parades over the weekend.

After a long spring of missed events and landmark senior moments, the parades — with fire truck escorts and enthusiastic community support — were a welcome opportunity to celebrate with a little human interaction.

Grad parades/see page 3



Cheering above are (from left, Leah Crabtree, John Bowron, Connor and Madison Crabtree, Jeanne Bowron, Mary Jo Graphenteen, and (in back) Jeff and Johnna Ahrendt.

At left are (from left) Harrison Morgan, Missy Cowell, Amira Cowell, Debbie Boomgaarden and Gayle and Randy Walgrave.



Pictured at right cheering for LHS seniors Meghan Mollberg and Tyler Roberts Sunday afternoon on Carsrud Circle were Linda Mollberg (in back left), children Abel Schelling, Beck Walgrave, Summer Mollberg (with cap and sign), Kaitlyn Roberts (seated), Rod Walgrave (in back, right) and (partially hidden) Hazel Mollberg.



Governor 'turns dial' to partially open businesses

Salons, restaurants take stock of what new measures mean

By Lori Sorenson

Codie Deutsch of 75 Diner and Felicia Hanson of Sincerely Yours listened intently to Gov. Tim Walz's online press conference on May 20.

As they hoped, he announced another round of loosening restrictions on restaurants, salons and other businesses that were closed on March 18 to slow the coronavirus spread.

Deutsch learned Wednesday that her restaurant could serve patrons for outdoor dining.

"I wasn't surprised," she said. "I knew opening June 1 wasn't going to happen, but he's been turning the dial, and you knew there would be another turn before he let it happen."

Deutsch said she and her employees have been filling orders for drive up and take-out breakfast and lunch, but she said they've done very few breakfast meals, and lunch is only a fraction of their usual business.

"Luverne has been supportive, but I would love to just open our doors," she said.

"We had planned a big event for our 2-year anniversary next week but had to put it on hold due to Covid-19."

Under current coronavirus orders, restaurants can add outdoor service to the already allowed take-out and delivery.

In another two weeks, if the coronavirus remains at bay, Gov. Walz will consider "turning the dial" again to allow restaurants to open at 50-percent capacity with safety restrictions in place.

Deutsch said she's considering how to manage outdoor seating with her South Highway 75 restaurant, and she received a donation of outdoor tables to help make it possible.

"I'm hoping that in six months we can get back to the way things were a year ago, but realistically, I bet it's closer to a year before we are back to normal," Deutsch said.



Codie Deutsch, 75 Diner



Felicia Hanson, Sincerely Yours

Business partially open/see page 8

School dismisses with drive-by farewell

Event gives teachers, parents, students chance to connect

By Mavis Fodness

For an hour on Thursday afternoon, May 21, students and parents created a bumper-to-bumper procession through the Luverne Public School parking lots.

They waved, greeted, smiled and celebrated "We Did It!" with pre-kindergarten through senior high teachers and staff who student on the sidelines waiting.

The event was a farewell to the



Mavis Fodness photo/0528 Luverne Farewell

Brody Buntjer holds a sign, "We Did It," with his mom, Kaitlin, in the car.

Wastewater construction on track for 2020 completion

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne City Council met at the wastewater treatment plant Tuesday, May 19, to tour construction on the \$14 million improvement project, now 60-percent complete.

The general contractor, Gridor Construction, Buffalo, has taken advantage of cooperative weather to make progress on Luverne's wastewater treatment facility improvements.

The new sludge storage tank walls are in place, and the crews have turned attention to concrete pours and reinforcement steel for the new storage tank.

Also, a good share of work is

complete on the electrical side of the plant, including the motor control center, electrical conductors and wire that goes to all of the process units.

Equipment has been installed in Oxidation Ditch No. 2, as well as in the primary clarifier and the final clarifier.

Piping and valves have been installed throughout the facility, and progress is underway on metal fabrication and on the process control system.

Water and wastewater supervisor Al Lais told council members the new Oxidation Ditch No. 2 will likely be online by the Fourth of July. At

Wastewater treatment/see page 2



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

History Center opens with limited hours

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

H-BC summer rec 2020 canceled

Hills-Beaver Creek Community Education summer recreation for grades 3 and up has been canceled. All activity fees will be refunded. Personal checks will be destroyed and cash payments will be credited to the family lunch account. Please notify the elementary school secretary if a refund check is desired, 507-673-2541.

Drive-by farewell at H-BC Elementary

Hills-Beaver Creek families are welcome to attend the drive-by farewell for all H-BC Elementary staff and students from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28, around the elementary school in Beaver Creek. Teachers will stand on the west lawn. A special focus will be on fifth-grade teacher Jason Blossom and paraprofessional Ashley Syndergaard who will leave H-BC. Participants are asked to stay in their cars.

Luverne blood drive June 1

The Community Blood Bank and Sanford Luverne will host a community blood drive from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 1, at Sanford Luverne. All donors will receive an event T-shirt and a \$5 McDonald's gift card. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 507-449-2321 or signing up online at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/luvernecommunity.

Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. Only donors with scheduled appointments will be accepted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Ed Summer Brochure

Luverne Community Ed is taking registrations now with payment — Use drop box to left of outside door or mail to 709 N. Kniss.

School of Fish - June 12, page 8 for students who have completed second grade and older, with or without a parent — moved to Elementary Commons for social distancing.

Coffey Contemporary Arts Classes page 11

Paint & Plant; Story Writing & Illustrating; Cool Off & Paint

Free Technology Classes page 12 iPhone/iPads, Live Streaming, Computer Safety, Emotions and Money

Play Dates in the Park page 8 START DATE June 15

Refresher Class Defensive Driving on June 25 see page 17

Wait to register for summer rec (Pages 20-33) and other Com Ed Classes (pages 8-17) that are not mentioned above. Larger group activities will not be held in June. T-ball, baseball, softball and possibly a few other activities will be offered July 6-31, along with soccer in August. Registrations will begin the week of June 22, if allowed. Watch Facebook, website, local radio and newspaper for updates and any revised class dates.

These classes are canceled: Morning Rec, Missoula Children's Theatre, Science Day Camp, Garden Tour, Twins Trip & Music Man Trip.

Things may change. Community Education will be following the state/school guidelines. Watch for future announcements on website, Facebook, newspaper and radio.

Volunteer for 'Minnesota Responds'

Minnesota Responds is a partnership of local and statewide volunteers to assist healthcare systems in emergencies that can overwhelm hospitals and clinics and improve overall response capabilities.

Minnesota Responds is recruiting medical (RNs, LPNs, CNAs) and others with medical type backgrounds, such as veterinary, dental, chiropractor and others. "Non-medical" volunteers are also needed to contribute skills and expertise during the COVID-19 crisis. We are looking for individuals that are working or retired and willing to offer assistance. An individual DOES NOT HAVE to be in the health care field. Anyone interested in helping the community is encouraged.

To register, have personal information, licenses, certifications, competencies, and contact information available. Contact the Minnesota Responds Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Nelson, at Southwest Health & Human Services at 507-829-0227. To register on-line, go to mnresponds.org and click on "Register Now." For the organization information, click on the county in which you live and select SWHHS MN Responds Volunteer Group.



Lori Sorenson photos/0528 wastewater treatment

Luverne City Council members gather at the wastewater treatment plant Tuesday, May 19, to view construction progress.

Wastewater treatment plant construction/continued from page 1

that time, the old Oxidation Ditch No. 1 can be drained and rebuilt.

It is estimated that the plant is now over 60 percent complete, and it is on track to be substantially complete by the end of the calendar year.

At Tuesday's meeting (May 26) the City Council approved its 10th payment to Gridor Construction in the amount of \$779,226.00 for Phase 2 and 3 improvements.

Background

The project is essentially rebuilding and improving Luverne's wastewater facility and replacing major components — some that are original to the 1956 plant.

The work is divided into two major parts.

The first part, to be finished by this summer, will be primarily utilized by Premium Minnesota Pork, which is paying \$6.7 million of the \$14 million project.

The other part of the project, with an estimated completion by this fall, is to improve wastewater treatment capacity for the future growth of the community.



The current oxidation ditch will be drained and rebuilt when the new one is ready to go. Below, crews continue work on the new final clarifier.

Premium Minnesota Pork will require wastewater treatment capacity at more than the city could provide with its existing system.

Luverne's plant capacity was nearly maxed as it was, often operating within 15 percent of the capacity.

The improvements will increase capacity from 1.5 million gallons per day to 2.235 million gallons per day, which is more than enough to accommodate PIP, in addition to future industry.

Another reason for the plant improvement is that

Luverne's NPDES permit was up for its five-year renewal, and MPCA monitoring data revealed a need for enhanced nutrient removal, including phosphorus.

The wastewater treatment project plans include:

- demolition of the 1950s trickling filter.
- oxidation ditch enhancements (two parallel oxidation ditches.)
- replacing the 1955 anaerobic digester with a new one.
- new electrical building with an emergency generator.
- new chemical storage building.
- new oxidation ditch treatment train.
- increasing sludge storage from 650,000 gallons to 1,050,000 gallons.
- increased monitoring, control and automation of treatment processes.

Costs are being financed through bonds over the next 30 years for the plant that's expected to last for the next 50 years.



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Training offered for people with disabilities and parents of children with developmental disabilities

Applications due July 10 for statewide, no-cost

Parents in Policymaking program

The comprehensive advocacy training course Parents in Policymaking is now taking applications from Minnesotans with disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities.

Applications are due July 10. There is no cost for this program. Starting in September, the nationally recognized leadership training is presented in eight sessions over nine months.

"We aim for self-confidence and understanding of disability law and policies. This will help individuals be more effective in advocating for their needs," said Dr. Colleen Wieck, executive director of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

"As they gain experience in speaking up for people with disabilities, many have become leaders in their own communities."

The Minnesota-inspired program is also offered in most states and several foreign countries.

The widely acclaimed leadership training taps into national experts and uses group participation to emphasize learning.

Over the 34-year history, more than 1,080 Minnesotans have become leaders in their own communities, and many have described it as "life changing." Participants become effective advocates for themselves, their children, and others with disabilities.

Sessions cover the history of disability and advocacy movements, inclusive education, supported living, and customized employment. Individuals consider how to influence county, state and federal legislative processes.

The monthly two-day sessions are held on Fridays

and Saturdays from September to May (with no session in December). The March session is on a Sunday and Monday, when participants prepare for and meet with their state legislators at the Capitol.

Costs for the Partners program are covered by a federal grant. Child care and respite allowances are given, and overnight accommodations are provided for those who travel from outside the metro area to attend. Mileage is reimbursed, and meals are provided.

Sessions are held at the Crowne Plaza Aire at 3 Appletree Square in Bloomington, near the Mall of America and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Limited to 40 Minnesotans, participants are selected by a panel of Partners graduates and representatives of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The first weekend session for the 2020 to 2021 program year is Sept. 11-12, 2020. Local experts and nationally recognized leaders in school inclusion, community organizing, governmental processes and disability issues are among the presenters.

Applications are at <http://mn.gov/mnddc/partnersinpolicymaking/class38/index.html> and are due by July 10.

"This program is based on the belief that systems change is best brought about through the efforts of those most affected by them, and we seek to arm these individuals with the tools needed to be successful in the public policy arena," said Wieck.

If coronavirus is still an issue in September, accommodations will be made for social distancing in the classroom.



Luverne High School Class of 2020 took to the streets Sunday afternoon for a graduate parade through Luverne. A virtual graduation replaced the traditional in-person 2 p.m. commencement exercises. The parade allowed the public to give cheers, signs of congratulations and smiles of support to the 91 LHS graduates.

Area graduations celebrated 'to go'/continued from page 1



Hills-Beaver Creek High School conducted a parking lot commencement Friday night. The 17 seniors and their families formed a semi-circle of vehicles in front of the high school and later drove through each student to receive a diploma. **At right**, Whitney Elbers (left) and class valedictorian Kailey Rozeboom deliver the student address. **Above**, Superintendent Todd Holthaus "elbow bumps" 2020 graduate Easton Harnack through the car window.



Adrian High School seniors' names were announced on car radios as the graduates and families drove to the high school front door where gloved and masked school board members handed out diplomas ahead of the parade, escorted by emergency vehicles. The commencement program with recorded speeches was observed online Saturday. **Above**, Julia Bryngelson shares her graduate ride with her pet.

Drive-by farewell wraps up school year for teachers, students, families/continued from page 1

2019-20 school year and Distance Learning that had students learning from home through virtual classrooms and not face-to-face for the past two months.

The procession was led by retirees Karen Willers, Community Education director, Sue Hup elementary teacher and Todd Mann, head custodian, who have worked for the District a combined 116 years.



Mike Jarchow gives the thumbs up to cafeteria workers Cathy Mulder, Holly Barber, Gladys Hemme and bus driver Lloyd Hemme as he and his daughter, Lydia, ride bikes through the parking lot. **Below**, Beth Capistran waves to parade goers.



Pictured **above**, Discovery Time teacher Becky Runnoe (far left) holds her sign high for Harper Voorhees and her sister, Sophia.

Pictured at **left** (from left) are Luverne students Luka Smith, Matthew Gangestad, Isley Smith and Inge Gangestad.



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Some COVID-19 changes should stay as we figure out 'our new normal'

Staying positive was one of my main goals as the pandemic began to impact us in mid-March.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

As the weeks — and now months — have gone on, it's gotten somewhat harder to stay positive for me, and maybe for you, too.

In order to focus on the positive, I've been making a mental list of the changes COVID-19 has brought that I hope remain long term.

Or, to use popular pandemic phrases, these are the parts of "our new normal" that I hope will last even "when this is all over."

As I make my list, I also keep in mind the value of moderation.

Obviously, we've had too much of some of these good things lately. But keeping some degree of them in the future would be good, in my opinion.

First on my list is the **time at home together with family**, especially for those with teenage kids.

I think lots of people can appreciate the less hectic schedules and more family meals.

Next is an **appreciation for milestone events and rites of passage**. We've heard a lot about missing graduation ceremonies, proms, weddings and spring concerts.

I hope in the future we all appreciate more the importance of these and many other events.

Third on my list is our **focus on small and local businesses**. I not only hope that most local businesses survive, but that they thrive due to our continued support long into the future.

The dramatic increase in **online availability of various**

events is next on my list.

When church services, awards programs, graduations and other happenings move to a virtual format, many more people see them than would normally attend in person.

Speaking of graduation, I hope the **increased recognition of graduates** continues past the Class of 2020.

From the beautiful Main Street banners to the fun parade through town on Sunday, this amazing group of graduates has really felt the love and support this year.

And speaking of parades, **birthday and retirement drive-bys** are kind of fun and seem to get more participation than many traditional parties. It might be fun if they keep happening.

Online meetings are also something I want to see continue, to some degree. While it can be nice to meet in person, we've learned that many meetings can be done virtually to save time and travel in the future.

Last on my list is the most important to me: **appreciating school**. I think students, teachers and parents all learned that school is much more than classes and grades.

We know more than ever now that school is also about relationships and routines. School is about community and caring for others.

I, for one, will never take walking into school, greeting kids in the hall, or teaching in person for granted again.

Making my list of what's good and hoping to bring them into the future, whenever and whatever that will be, helps me stay positive. Maybe it does for you, too.

'Nothing wrong with getting help'

Lake Benton mayor says depression, stress shouldn't be a stigma in farm country

GUEST EDITORIAL

Farm stress is certainly not a new concept. My father saw rural suicide rates spike in his farming days in the 1930s. When I was a young farmer just getting started in the '80s, I became super depressed.

Interest rates were as high as 21 percent, while land and machinery values plummeted. Farmers were being foreclosed on, and once again mental health in ag communities declined. I didn't want to get out of bed or go to work. I didn't care about harvest and just wanted to stay in the house.

My wife, Gail, was the one who convinced me to get help, and I'm glad she did — otherwise I don't know where I'd be. I talked to my doctor and he diagnosed me with a severe case of depression. He put me on medication, and when that didn't work, I tried another one and started to feel better.

There is no shame in getting the help you need. Farm stress isn't something you need to take on alone — sometimes you just can't do it yourself. I was on medication for three years before gradually weaning off — but every so often, when I can tell that I am sliding back into depression, I reach out.

Now once again, anxiety and depression is setting in high across agriculture. We've seen a steady decline in profitability for around six years that's really hurting farmers.

With depressed prices, terrible cash flow, soybeans down 15 cents again, unprecedented weather events, a trade war, ethanol and biodiesel plants shutting down — things are looking really tough.

Emotional health and managing farm stress are issues that are very important and close to me. Not only have I struggled personally with farm stress, but I've had three really close people in my life who struggled and died by suicide. There's nothing worse than watching a family go through this.

We need to have a stronger voice and start talking about this in the agriculture community.

If you're depressed or stressed, there's nothing wrong with getting help. It's just like an illness. Like the flu or anything else. There are tools out there to help. The main thing is you have to talk about it; otherwise, things will escalate — and suicide is not an option.

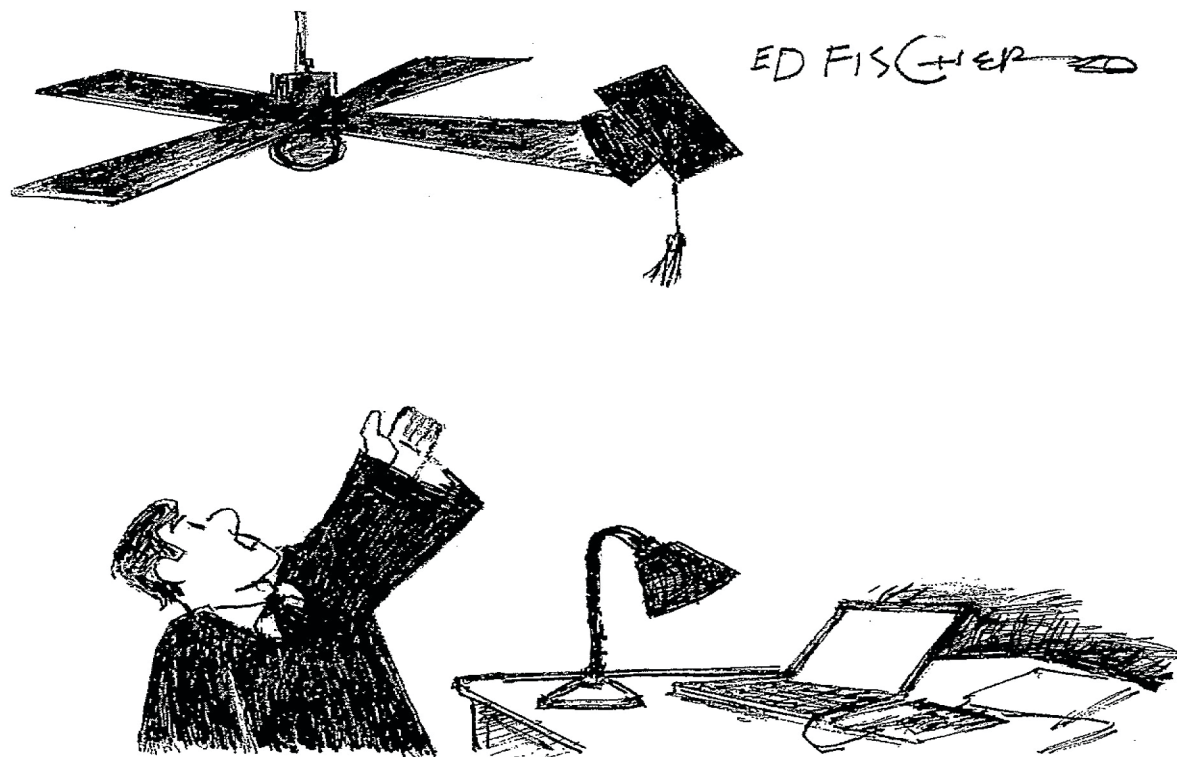
Farmers are very private people and don't like to talk about their own personal problems, but we need to start talking. You're not the Lone Ranger; there are more people struggling with this than you'll ever realize.

There's nothing wrong with getting help.

As a farmer who has experienced the impact of farm stress firsthand, I can't stress enough — don't be ashamed. It's part of life — don't keep it to yourself. Talk to someone; that's the first step. If anyone has a question or concern about a neighbor, friend or spouse, reach out. I would much rather take the time to talk to someone than go to a funeral.

If you or someone else is struggling, reach out for resources. The American Soybean Association (ASA), state soybean organizations, and the United Soybean Board launched a joint campaign during this Mental Health Month, offering tips and resources to help farmers stay healthy while dealing with COVID-19 and other farm hardships. Follow #Soy-Help on social media or visit soygrowers.com for more information.

Bob Worth is a farmer and the mayor of Lake Benton. He is a director and former president of the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association.



Pick of litter is less important than love of the puppy, quality of training

Star Herald editor Lori Sorenson recently told me her son just acquired a black Lab puppy for hunting. Most new puppies go to their new homes at seven to eight weeks of age, so that little one will be about 7 1/2 months old when he gets to use his natural instincts.

As you lean over a small enclosure and there are anywhere from four to 12 little balls of fur clamoring around each other, how do you pick the right one for you? Does it matter which one you pick? What value is there in having the pick of the litter, and is it worth paying more for? These are all great questions.

The order that the puppies get picked is most often determined by who put down their deposit first. I have been associated with many Labrador breeding occasions where all of the puppies were sold before the actual breeding ever took place.

The owner of the sire usually gets the very first pick of either sex



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

as part of the payment of the stud fee. Some stud owners' dogs are bred so frequently that they take a monetary sum instead — or they might end up with 30 puppies in one single year.

I have had the first pick and I have had the last pick, and, in my opinion, it makes almost no difference at all. The only thing getting an early pick does is help to insure they have enough boys or girls to satisfy all of the potential purchasers. If you are the fourth to pick a female and there are only three females in the litter, then you're out of luck and an early pick would have

had advantages.

The order of the pick from a potential talent perspective matters little. Males will often grow just a little larger than their female counterparts. Males don't have heat cycles so you don't have to contend with that. If you choose a female and have no intentions of breeding puppies, then I would get it spayed as soon as your vet recommends.

Males and females hunt equally well. No difference can be seen. If you choose a puppy from a litter where dad is big and robust, the odds the

puppies will carry that size trait is pretty good.

If there are four males to choose from and you pick the smallest one, there is a 50/50 chance he might end up a little smaller than the larger littermates, but there is certainly no guarantee it will be so.

Every legitimate breeder keeps close observation records. Behavior traits can show up early. If there is one puppy that takes off across the back yard all by itself while all the others sheepishly huddle together, this shows a strong outgoing attitude, less fear and more dominance.

Another measure to watch is which individual member of the litter most aggressively chases a clipped wing pigeon across that same yard. These puppies may very well grow up to be a handful for the future owner/handler.

I always pick the highest energy puppy in the litter. The breeder can easily tell you which one is the most

dominant and which is the most laid back.

I have a saying that it is a lot easier to wind them in than it is to wind them up. You can pick the plumbing, the comparable size and get at least a little read on their level of intensity, but that is about all you get when looking at fur balls.

One of the finest dogs I ever had was a leftover. I got him for a reduced rate and he schooled a ton of birds and lots of other dogs in the field. One key thing to remember when it comes to puppies — it is a lot easier to get forgiveness than it is to get permission. Grab one and give it all the love you've got.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 15
 •Complainant on Berkshire Lane, Maple Grove, reported locating stolen skid loader.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported an accident.

•Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported people going too fast in the alley.

•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported a race car driving recklessly near the grain bins.

•Deputy on N. Kniss Avenue requested deputy for standby for a patient discharge.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a drunk male is threatening a female party.

•Complainant on Spring and Lincoln streets reported two people shining a laser pointer in window.

May 16
 •Complainant on Main Street and Kniss Avenue reported a homeless lady hanging around.

•Complainant in Sioux Falls reported a father took his child out of the state.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a woman sitting outside his door.

•Subject reported she is homeless and requesting assistance.

•Subject is requesting information for his friend.

May 17
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported someone is shooting at him.

•Complainant on 50th Avenue and 181st Street, Jasper, reported a rollover.

May 18
 •Assistance from another department was requested on 140th Avenue, Hardwick.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported theft from vehicle.

•Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported theft from vehicle in his garage.

•Report of four young boys riding scooters in the roadway on W. Lincoln Street.

•Suspicious activity was reported at location on W. Lincoln Street.

•Suspicious activity was reported at location on Highway 75.

May 19
 •Complainant found a wallet on E. Barck Avenue and N. McKenzie Street.

•Complainant in Des Moines requested information on a past contact with RCSO.

May 20
 •Complainant on E. Second Street, Beaver Creek, reported a subject is missing.

•Complainant on 161st Street and 100th Avenue reported a reckless driver.

•Complainant in Sioux Falls reported threats.

May 21
 •Complainant on County Highway 17 and 31st Street, Hills, reported erratic driving.

Complainant reported harassing communication.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported that she feels threatened.

•Complainant on 200th Avenue, Kenneth, reported trespassing in fields.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported an unlicensed solicitor.

•Complainant at The Lake reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant on 131st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a suspicious vehicle.

In addition, officers responded to 7 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 3 paper services, 11 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 12 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 driver's license check, 4 alarms, 8 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 6 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 3 welfare checks and 2 reports of cattle out.



Luverne drone operator Ryan Gee shared this aerial view of the fire that destroyed a shop near the home of Mark and Amy Overgaard in the Rowe Drive neighborhood where Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia also lives. In the short amount of time it took for crews to arrive, the nearby garage had heated to the point that the inside blinds started melting, and the exterior panes of the garage and house windows began to shatter from the heat. "If those inside panes had popped, it would have been hard to save the house," Van Batavia said.

Fire chief responds to close call at neighbor

By Lori Sorenson

An alert neighbor and quick emergency response saved the home of Mark and Amy Overgaard Friday when their shop was destroyed by fire.

Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia lives in the same neighborhood as the Overgaards on Rowe Drive east of Luverne.

He said he was on the back porch when he heard his wife, Jessica, yell from the front yard. Black smoke was pouring out of the Overgaards' shop.

He said he radioed the Sheriff's Office to dispatch his fire department, and he alerted the Overgaards, who

were inside the house and were just noticing the smoke through their backyard windows.

"We moved a truck and UTV away from the building and then waited for fire trucks to get here," Van Batavia said.

In the short amount of time it took for crews to arrive, the nearby garage had heated to the point that the inside blinds started melting, and the exterior panes of the garage and house windows began to shatter from the heat.

"If those inside panes had popped, it would have been hard to save the house," Van Batavia said.

When firefighters arrived, they focused on cooling the house and garage, which saved them both from interior damage.

"It was a very close call," Van Batavia said. "It was a matter of minutes. If my wife hadn't seen it when she did, the garage and house would have been engulfed."

He said the shop is likely a total loss, and the siding and windows on the house and garage will need to be replaced.

The cause of the blaze is likely a lawnmower that had recently been parked in the shop.

USDA announces direct aid to farmers through Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional

and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

"America's farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavirus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure

our patriotic farmers, ranchers and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers," said Secretary Perdue.

"These payments will help farmers stay afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. American farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work and

determination."

Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be accepting applications from agriculture producers who have suffered losses.

Background:

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent or greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional

significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first funding source is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate

farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020 and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels.

The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter

USDA/see page 12



Laundromat building demolished

The building that used to be home to the Luverne Laundromat and Dry Cleaners in downtown Luverne was reduced to rubble Wednesday morning, May 20.

Lynn Petersen with Chad VerSteeg Excavating used an excavator to grab, push, crush and load the brick building into city of Luverne trucks for disposal at the demolition landfill east of Luverne.

Maavis Fodness photo/ 0521 Laundromat Teardown

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Arlene Wynia will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, May 28. Greetings may be sent to her at 110 S. Walnut Ave., Room 109; Luverne, MN 56156.

Bridal showers

There will be a drive-by bridal shower for **Kristen Reisdorfer**, bride-to-be of **Ian Ruppert**, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May, 31, at the Luverne United Methodist Church, 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

There will be an open house bridal shower for **Hallie Baker**, bride-to-be of **Logan Crosby**, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Reformed Church of Steen. The couple is registered at Target.

MENU

Monday, June 1: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, lettuce salad, peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, June 2: BBQ chicken, creamy cucumber salad, fruit, bun, bar.

Wednesday, June 3: Egg salad, fruit, lettuce salad, bread.

Thursday, June 4: Fish, potato wedges, buttered beets, dinner roll, sherbet.

Friday, June 5: Pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, green peas, fruit, bar.

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.



Lori Sorenson photo/0528 taps nelson

Local brass players join 'Taps Across America'

Retired high school band director Dale Nelson (above) played "Taps" in Luverne's Maplewood Cemetery Monday along with buglers and trumpet players across the country for "Taps Across America." With parades and gatherings canceled over the Memorial Day weekend, brass players were asked to stand on their porches or wherever they may be at 3 p.m. Monday and play "Taps." The idea was a brainchild of retired Air Force bugler Jari Villanueva and CBS "On the Road" correspondent Steve Hartman, who called on everyone else to take in the somber, 24-note reminder of what Memorial Day is all about.



Above: Elsewhere in the community, Heather Johnson played "Taps" from her front porch in Luverne while her son, Burke, echoed on the back patio. (Submitted photo)

At left: LHS band director James Jarvie shared his contribution from South Dakota where he spent Memorial Day with family. Playing taps with him were his father-in-law, Tim Bjorklund (right), and Tim's sister, Barb Jensen (not pictured). (Submitted photo)

State convention goes virtual

Two H-BC students receive FFA recognition

By Mavis Fodness

Local FFA chapters didn't have to travel far to participate in the annual Minnesota FFA State Convention.

The high school students turned to their computers for this year's event May 19-21. Organizers planned speakers, workshops, award presentations and evening activities for chapter members to experience virtually.

As part of the program, the top three placings in individual supervised agricultural experience categories were recognized at the state level.

Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA Chapter members Carter Hartz and Hannah Fick were recognized at the virtual convention.

Hartz, a sophomore, received second place in fiber and oil crops. He works on a farm that produces CBD oil or cannabinoid.

Fick, a junior, placed fifth in agricultural sales at the state level. She works part time at Campbell's Supply in Sioux Falls.

According to FFA chapter adviser Katie Rogers, Hartz and Fick both placed first in their proficiencies in Region IV judging.

In March the two were judged at the state level. First-place winners advance to the National FFA Convention this fall.

All career development events (judging teams) were unable to compete virtually and the contests, including the state CDEs, were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Luverne-Adrian FFA awards local pins, honors

Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter members were recognized May 11 during the Luverne High School virtual awards night.

The chapter's annual awards night was canceled due to the coronavirus concerns, and adviser Dennis Moritz presented only a small portion of the member awards at the school's awards night.

The entire list of award winners for the Luverne-Adrian chapter members is as follows:

Greenhand recipients

First-year Greenhand members were recognized with a bronze pin.

Recipients include Ross Bergman, Lily Ehlers, Lucas Hansen, Nick Hansen, Tori Hemme, Jacob Henning, Claire Hoffman, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Lauren Madison, Cole Mann, A.J. Ossefoort, J.T. Remme,

Luverne-Adrian FFA/continued on page 8

ENGAGEMENT

Ericka Tollefson, Fort Myers, Florida, Travis Luettel, Adrian, and Allen and Susan Nuffer, Hills, announce the engagement of their children, Brett Luettel and Seth Nuffer, both of Hills.

Brett is a 2015 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and a 2017 graduate of Avalon School of Cosmetology. She is employed at Wells Fargo and Regis/Smart Style Salon.

Seth is a 2012 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and a 2014 graduate of Mitchell Tech. He works for Meyer Electric.

The couple is planning a July 18 wedding at the



Brett Luettel and Seth Nuffer

American Reformed Church in Luverne.

1885: Church only structure in town that will become Hills

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

Rock County Village of Hills

Ranking second in size among Rock county villages is Hills, situated in the southern part of Martin township, two miles from the Iowa state line. It is located at the junction of the Great Northern and Illinois railroads, giving it transportation facilities excelled by no other town in the county excepting Luverne. As regards trade territory, Hills has a strategic location, drawing its trade from an area of exceptionally prosperous country — a finer agricultural country than which it has never been the fortune of the author of this volume to see. The village itself



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

is in keeping with the country surrounding. It is compactly built and presents an attractive appearance, being generally regarded as the neatest looking municipality in Rock county. It has broad streets, lined with substantial brick and frame business houses and handsome residences, and shade and ornamental

trees cover the entire townsite.

Although Hills takes a high rank in the matter of size and importance, it is one of the younger villages of Rock county, having come into existence after, and as a result of, the building of the Sioux City & Northern (now a branch of the Great Northern) railroad from Sioux City to Garretson

The first building erected on the townsite was put up prior to this time, however, — long before the location of a village there was thought of. This building was a church, the house of worship of the Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Union (Synod), which was erected in 1885. From that date until late in the year 1889 the church alone occupied the townsite of Hills.

The Illinois Central railroad was built through the neighborhood in the fall of 1887, and men who were following the fortunes of that road founded the town of Bruce, a couple of miles west of the future town of Hills,

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

Gov. Tim Pawlenty's unallotments to Local Government Aid are coming up more frequently in conversations at Luverne City Council meetings.

At Tuesday's meeting, unallotments came up during discussion about routine street maintenance.

The city had let bids for sealcoating streets in the east central part of Luverne and in the Tri-State Addition surrounding the pool and fitness center.

The city's Public Works Department aims to sealcoat every asphalt street in town every eight years in order to keep them in good shape.

This year the city budgeted \$50,000 for sealcoating work. Realistically that amount wouldn't cover the streets due for maintenance according to the eight-year plan, but City Administrator John Call had hoped it would be close.

It wasn't. The lowest bid came in at \$65,000, so the city opted to sealcoat only half the streets using the low bid of \$40,164.15.

25 years ago (1995)

Fred Manfred Jr. is up to his substantial eyebrows in preparation for the revival of his original play "Tongues of Stone."

The play will be the culminating event of the 1995 Buffalo Days celebration on June 4. It will also be presented June 9, with rain dates set for June 5 and 10.

Manfred, a Luverne High School graduate and son of the late Frederick Manfred, wrote the play in 1979. It was originally performed by local residents in 1980, 1981 and 1982.

50 years ago (1970)

Much of Rock County found itself at the mercy of an unre-

lenting thunderstorm last Wednesday night and early Thursday morning as the rainfall reports varied from Luverne's 2.76 inches to as much as 6.50 inches recorded in the Steen area.

Most of the destructive aspects of so heavy a rainfall in such a short period of time could be found in the Steen and Hills area with almost all of the basements flooded in both communities. ...

Doug Steffen remarked that things were "quite a mess" at Steen following the five to almost six and a half inches of rain which fell there between the hours of 2 and 5 a.m. Steffen stated that there probably wasn't an unflooded basement in the village.

Damage was even worse south of Steen with thousands of dollars worth of fence washed out and tons of topsoil washed away. Mud Creek, one mile east of Hills and three miles west of Steen, was said by eyewitnesses to have "really been boiling over." Evidence of the swollen stream could be seen Thursday as the rampaging waters tore the shoulders off Trunk Highway 270 for some distance.

One of the biggest losses was suffered by Paul Leuthold, who farms two miles south of Hills, on the Iowa boundary line. He lost four heifers, each weighing about 600 pounds, had about a mile and a half of pasture fence ripped out, and about 15 acres of corn smothered with silt and debris.

75 years ago (1945)

Announcement that Beaver Creek village was the first to make its quota of \$13,825 in war bond pledges during the Seventh War Loan Drive was made by County Chairman Brown Tuesday.

He stated that J. R. Crawford, chairman of the Beaver Creek committee, reported Tuesday morning that they had "gone over the top." No other community in the county has reported that its quota had been reached, Brown said.

Beaver Creek's drive this time was one of the most successful ever held there. Setting a day when the residents were to call at the village council rooms to sign their pledges, the committee obtained over \$8,000 worth of pledges by this volunteer method. Heartened by the fine response, many of these who made pledges doubled their original amount, while meanwhile, solicitors called upon those who did not sign pledges the opening day. By Tuesday morning, they had exceeded their quota.

100 years ago (1920)

The annual commencement exercises of the Luverne high school, which were to have been held last night, were postponed late yesterday afternoon until next Friday evening, June 4th.

This action was the outcome of efforts to clear up the theft of copies of the questions for the state examination held this week. The report was current that not more than three students of the Luverne high school, among whom there might be one member of the senior class, and some students from the Worthington high school were responsible if not directly implicated in the theft of the questions. Strong efforts were made by Supt. Bell and members of the board of education to discover the guilty parties, but no information whatever could be secured from any of the school students.

Yesterday morning it was decided to permit the commencement exercises to take place as planned, but to withhold the presentation of the diplomas from the entire class until the theft of the questions was cleared up. Members of the class protested against having the graduation exercises without awarding diplomas, and late yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the class and the school board it was decided to postpone the graduation exercises until June 4th to give opportunity to sift to the bottom the theft of the questions.

OBITUARIES

Jeanette Vos

Jeanette Vos, 95, Luverne, died peacefully on Saturday, May 23, 2020, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.



A public visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A public graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.

Jeanette Vander Streek was born on Oct. 18, 1924, to Henry and Hattie (Westra) Vander Streek on a farm in Lyon County, Iowa, south of Steen. Her family lived near Steen, Lynden, Washington and Ocheyedan, Iowa. One of Jeanette's favorite childhood memories was traveling with her family by ship to the Netherlands in 1935 to see her grandmother. Jeanette attended school through the seventh grade. When she was 17 years old, her mother died as a result of cancer and Jeanette became the "mother" to her younger siblings.

On Jan. 17, 1950, Jeanette married Dick Vos at the Reformed Church of Steen. Following their marriage, the couple farmed near Kenneth, Hardwick and Luverne. Jeanette was a homemaker and cared for their family. In 1973 she and Dick purchased a house and moved into Luverne. Jeanette kept busy with cleaning houses, wallpapering and painting for others. In 1997 the couple moved to the Centennial Apartments. Dick became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home

in 2003, where he died on Jan. 7, 2007. Jeanette became a resident of the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton, on Dec. 28, 2006.

Jeanette was a member of the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. She volunteered for the Luverne Senior Center and played in the kitchen band. She enjoyed crocheting, word search puzzles, playing board games with friends, bowling and traveling. She also enjoyed playing piano and accordion.

Jeanette is survived by four children, Ken (Phyllis) Vos of Luverne, Darlene (Dale) Dreesen of Luverne, Donna (Verlyn) Smidt of Sibley, Iowa, and Eunice (Keith) Valenziano of Vero Beach, Florida; five grandchildren, Kyle (Amber) Vos, Kristi (Bruce) Van Dyken, David (Lynae) Dreesen, Debbie (Jared) Spronk and Dawn (Mike) Kohle; three step-grandchildren, Nick (Teri) Valenziano, Daniel (Stephanie) Valenziano and Katie (Kellen) Williams; 15 great-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Alberta DeKam of Lynden, Washington; a sister-in-law, Alice Krosschell of Edgerton; and other relatives.

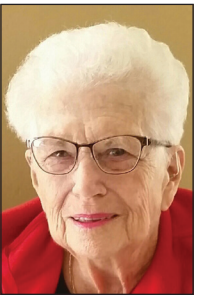
She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; her parents; her sisters, Gertrude Baker and Hattie Brands; and her brother, Henry Vander Streek.

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

(0528 F)

Joyce Wessels

Joyce Elaine Wessels, 91, died Saturday, May 23, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society—Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



A graveside service open to the public will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 29, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Please follow social distancing of 6 feet from those of other households and do not attend if ill. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Luverne Dollars for Scholars Program, the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage or Autism Speaks.

Joyce Reemts was born on March 10, 1929, to Thomas and Marie (Boelman) Reemts on the family farm near Ash Creek in Rock County. She spent her childhood years on the farm with her two sisters. She was baptized and confirmed at the State Line Ebenezer Church. She attended country school in her early years and graduated from Luverne High School with the class of 1947.

She married Norman Wessels on Jan. 14, 1949, at the Presbyterian Manse at the State Line Ebenezer Church. The couple lived for a short time in Rock Rapids and then Ash Creek before settling in Luverne in 1954 where they raised their family. Joyce began working at J.C. Penney Company in Rock Rapids while still in high school. She then transferred to the Luverne store where she worked until 1963. At that time, Joyce became manager of the Montgomery Ward Catalog store in Luverne where she worked until her retirement in 1985.

During her retirement years, she attained her realtor's license and worked for Luethje's Realty out of Luverne. In their later years, the couple enjoyed splitting time between their home in Luverne, their cabin on Lake Shetek, and their winter escape in

Weslaco, Texas.

Joyce was a member of the Luverne Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon, elder, and on various church committees. She belonged to the Esther Circle for over 50 years and then the Mary Circle for three years. She was a past matron of Eastern Star, president of the Luverne Tourist Club and the Mrs. Jaycees. Joyce was the first female president of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce and was active in many civic organizations while involved in business.

She enjoyed spending time watching game shows, especially Jeopardy and the Price is Right, and completing her daily newspaper crossword puzzle. She loved spending time with her family and compiling family and area photo history books.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Norman, of Luverne; her children, Linda Schoon (Dick Knapper) of Luverne and Mark (Lin) Wessels of Rock Rapids; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; her sister, Gladys (Herman) Walker of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and her in-laws, all from Rock County, Enore Boelman, Gertrude Wessels, Donald Schouwenberg, Lowell Wessels, Iva (Edwin) Elbers, Harold Wessels, Theresa Wessels, Douglas (Ginny) Wessels, David (Beverly) Wessels; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Marie Reemts; son, Michael Wessels; her grandson, Andy Wessels; great-granddaughter, Lucille Sailor; and her sister, Dorothy Johnson; brothers-in-law, Stanley Wessels, Darrel Wessels, and Edwin Boelman; sisters-in-law, Sharon Wessels, Jolene Wessels, and Phyllis Schouwenberg; and niece, Kristina Martinez.

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

(0528 F)

Deanna O'Toole

Deanna Bernadette O'Toole, 94, Luverne, died Wednesday, May 20, 2020.



A private family graveside service will be St. Catherine's Catholic Cemetery in Luverne.

Deanna Vatland was born in 1925 in Luverne to Berndt and Mary (Skoland) Vatland, who had both immigrated to Minnesota from Norway. After graduating from Luverne High School in 1943, Deanna moved to Chicago to support the war effort by working in a transistor radio component factory. Upon her return, she worked at the Bell Telephone Company in Luverne.

She met and married Raymond O'Toole in 1947. Together they raised seven children while farming. Deanna helped by managing the milk house, gardening and caring for the family. From the 1960s through the 1980s she worked at various jobs. She co-owned and managed the local Dairy Queen, was a clerk at J.C. Penney's and at Nelson Brothers store, and worked at the Luverne Medical Center.

For many years Deanna volunteered with the Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club, Meals on Wheels, the Luverne Community Hospital, and St. Catherine Catholic Church. She was a companion for elderly community members and

helped raise grandchildren over the years.

Deanna was a member of her church circle and a circle of high school classmates. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, the local gardening club, the Luverne Wood Makers Club and Rock County VFW Auxiliary Post

2757.

Deanna had a love for birds and flowers. Her beautiful yard on Main Street brought joy to those going by. She enjoyed welcoming others to her home.

Deanna spent the last several years of her life in the home of one of her daughters.

Deanna is survived by sons Patrick (Brent Dierks) and Mark, daughters Mary Jo (Darrell Hemme), Kathleen (Gary Dahedl), and Barbara (Paul Brehm); grandchildren Brittney (Chris Hall), Alexander (Caitlin Brehm), Andrew (Leah Hemme), Brianna, Madeline, Hanna (Dustin Walters), Sophia and Gavin; four great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Marion Coleman, Ardith Rush and Audrey Bargisen; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deanna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond; two brothers, Anders and Melvin; and two sons, Michael and Jeffrey.

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

(0528 F)

Kim Larson

Kim M. Larson, 66, Owatonna, died Tuesday, May 19, 2020.



A funeral mass will be at a later date. A visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna.

Memorials are preferred to the Mayo Clinic.

Kim Dougherty was born on Nov. 22, 1953, to Bernard and Jean (Duffy) Dougherty in Oelwein, Iowa. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1972 and attended Alexandria Technical and Community College.

On June 15, 1973, she married Larry Larson at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. They lived in Texas for a while where their three children were born. They later moved to Owatonna where Kim worked at several local flower shops before starting her own business designing for wedding events. She also had her own cleaning business. Her husband, Larry, died on June 18, 2014, and she moved to Chisago City and later to Wyoming, Minnesota, to be closer to her family.

Kim was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in

Owatonna. She enjoyed music, gardening, puzzles and anything floral.

She enjoyed her children and her two granddaughters Melana and Ashlynn and cheered them on in all their activities.

Kim is survived by her children, Jessica (Chris Scheuermann) Larson of Rochester,

Mandi (Tyler Wiltse) Larson of Minnetonka, and Mathew (Christine) Larson of Chisago City; two granddaughters, Melana and Ashlynn Larson; siblings Dan Dougherty, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Shawn (Tammie) Dougherty, Red Wing, Shelly (Scott) Golberg of Owatonna, Kelly (Lisa) Dougherty of Sachse, Texas, and Amy (Jim Baldus) Dougherty of Mound; sisters-in-law Sharon (Stephen) Huemoller of Brea, California, and Lurene (Steven) Heard of Topeka, Kansas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Larson; her parents, Bernard and Jean Dougherty; and her parents-in-law, Ludvig and Irene Larson.

Arrangements were provided by Michaelson Funeral Home of Owatonna.

(0528 F)



Girl Scouts donate cookies

Luverne Daisy Scout Mila Rensink, 7, and her mother, Emily Rensink, recently helped deliver 90 boxes of Girl Scouts cookies to local organizations after the annual cookie sale was cut short by the coronavirus pandemic. The regional council, Dakota Horizons, Sioux Falls, made arrangements and had the surplus cookies paid for and instructed troops to donate their extra cookies. In Luverne, contactless deliveries were made to Sanford Luverne, Luverne Fire Department, Rock County Sheriff's Office and Luverne Elementary "to show our appreciation to their commitment to the community through the Covid-19 pandemic," said Emily Rensink, who leads the Girl Scouts Troop #40926 in Luverne with Haylie Vincent.

DEATH NOTICES

Ann Bond

Ann Bond, 73, Steen, died peacefully at Ava's House Hospice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

A private graveside service for immediate family was Thursday, May 21, with a memorial service/picnic to be scheduled at a later date, Covid permitting.

Kinzley Funeral Home in Salem, South Dakota, is in charge of arrangements. (0528 DN)

Larry Griffin

Larry Griffin, 71, Luverne, died peacefully on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

In accordance with Larry's wishes, no funeral service will be held.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0528 DN)

Herald Marske

Herald J. Marske, 94, Luverne, formerly of Worthington, died Friday, May 22, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 29, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington, with visitation prior to the service from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the church. Burial with full military honors will be provided by the Worthington American Legion and VFW at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worthington.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, people attending the visitation and funeral are requested to wear masks.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com. (0528 DN)

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Verne Drive-In opens for the season under social-distancing guidelines

The Verne Drive-In Theater enjoyed positive responses to its season opening night Friday, May 22, in Luverne. New owners, the Kevin Rozeboom family, reported a nearly full house over the opening weekend. Theater operator Doug Rozeboom, and his sister Gracie, who is in charge of business operations, said they're looking forward to new releases in June.

Luverne-Adrian FFA/from page 6

Cameron Wieneke, Harrison Uithoven, D.J. Swenson, Jacob Hansen, Sophie Holmberg, Kaitlyn Jacobs, Morgan Penning, Mckenzie Swenson and Carlton Oftedahl.

Chapter Degree pins

Second-year FFA members who met the criteria were awarded a silver pin.

Earning Chapter Degree pins are Hunter Ahrendt, Chris Aning, Trista Baustian, Drew Fick, Justin Mente, Chase Overgaard, Lacey Saker, Macie Swenson, Peter Baustian and Camron Kopp.

Scholarship pins

Chapter members who achieved a 3.2 or higher grade point average for the first time as chapter members were awarded scholarship pins.

Recipients include Ross Bergman, Jacob Henning, Tori Hemme, Claire Hoffman, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Lauren Madison, J.T. Remme, Cameron Wieneke, Macie Swenson, Cassie Flanagan, Kaitlyn Jacobs and Morgan Penning.

Leadership pins

Several students were recognized for their leadership during the 2019-20 school year.

Those receiving recognition include Ross Bergman, Lily Ehlers, Lucas Hansen, Nick Hansen, Tori Hemme, Jacob Henning, Claire Hoffman, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Lauren Madison, Cole Mann,

A.J. Ossefoort, Morgan Penning, Leah Wynia, Kynzie Hamann, Blake Madison, Mckenzie Swenson, J.T. Remme, Harrison Uithoven, Cameron Wieneke, Hunter Ahrendt, Chris Aning, Trista Baustian, Drew Fick, Justin Mente, Chase Overgaard, Lacey Saker, Macie Swenson, Hunter Sandbulte, Tacey Baustian, Alex Hartman, Meghan Mollberg, D.J. Swenson, Peter Baustian, Justin Dohlmann, Cassie Flanagan, Austin Henning, Sophie Holmberg, Gretchen Jacobsma, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Destiny Matthiesen, Kaitlyn Jacobs, Carlton Oftedahl, Eric Somnis, Justice Brandt and Anita Cole-Kraty.

SAE recipients

Chapter members can participate in one or more of the 47 different proficiency areas as part of the SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects.

Areas of proficiency and recipients include:

Agricultural Sales and Service: Destiny Matthiesen, Leah Wynia, Justice Brandt, Anita Cole-Kraty, Kynzie Hamann, Gretchen Jacobson, Peter Baustian, Cassie Flanagan, Shelby Kracht, J.T. Remme, Justin Dohlmann, Carson Ehde.

Ag Mechanics and Repair: A.J. Ossefoort, Justin Dohlmann, J.T. Remme, Lucas Hansen, Nick Hansen, Hunter Sandbulte, Peter

Baustian, Camron Kopp.

Beef Cattle Production: Macie Swenson, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Shelby Kracht, Eric Somnis, A.J. Ossefoort, Justice Brandt.

Fruit and Vegetable Production: Destiny Matthiesen, Macie Swenson, Anita Cole-Kraty.

Goat Production: Macie Swenson, Lauren Madison.

Sheep Production: Alex Hartman, Blake Madison.

Vet Science Proficiency: Gretchen Jacobsma, Shelby Kracht.

Small Animal Production and Care: Destiny Matthiesen.

Home and/or Community Development: Anita Cole-Kraty, Kynzie Hamann, Gretchen Jacobsma, Peter Baustian, Shelby Kracht.

Swine Production: Kynzie Hamann, Leah Wynia, Blake Madison.

Equine Production: Gretchen Jacobsma.

Dairy Production Proficiency: Austin Henning, Jacob Henning.

Specialty Animal Production: Hunter Ahrendt.

Poultry Production: Macie Swenson.

Star awards

The Chapter Star in Agribusiness: Justice Brandt.

The Chapter Star in Placement: Kynzie Hamann.

The Chapter Star Greenhand: A. J. Ossefoort.

Star Chapter Farmer: Alex Hartman.



Lori Sorenson photo/0528 75 diner

Codie Deutsch learned Wednesday, May 20, that her restaurant could serve patrons for outdoor dining. She and her employees have been filling orders for drive up and take-out breakfast and lunch, but she said they've done very few breakfast meals, and lunch is only a fraction of their usual business. Once reopened, Deutsch expects business to be slow at first.

Businesses partially open/from page 1

"Other states have statistics that have shown people just aren't going out right now. I think I heard that Georgia's restaurants are operating at 15 percent of what they were doing a year ago. This pandemic has everyone a little nervous to be out and about in public places."

Governor turns dial to 25-percent occupancy for salons

For barbershops and salons, being open at 25 percent will allow them to slowly start catching up with clients.

"I'm booked four weeks out," Hanson said Wednesday after the governor's announcement. "I had two weeks booked when they shut us down. My clients are saying how bad their hair looks, but they're not the only ones."

Hanson operates Sincerely Yours with only one other stylist, Meegan Ross, so she said it won't be hard to manage social distancing.

"We have a pretty good-sized shop," she said. "We just need to go down and figure out where to space things."

There is also a long list of precautions released with the governor's orders, but Hanson said she hadn't yet reviewed them all.

"The information wasn't loading; everyone must have been online at the same time," she said.

But she read enough to know that customers must wait in their cars or outside the building for their appointments. Salon staff will sanitize spaces between clients, who will be quizzed about their health, required to wear masks and limited in what they may bring with them into the salon.

"We have strong stipulations with our board rules already, so this is going to be interesting," Hanson said.

But she added that she, too, wants to be cautious about reopening the community for business.

"Many of my clients are older, and we do work incredibly close to people," Hanson said. "I'm pretty cautious. If we don't stop the spread, I can't go to work."

And she, like many other small owners, needs to start making money again.

"I'm better off than some of the younger ones," she said.

"But I just started getting some unemployment [benefits] after seven weeks without any money coming in."

Cautious approach

With the numbers of new coronavirus cases leveling off, government leaders have been pressured to let up on some of the stay-at-home orders that had shuttered businesses and crippled the economy.

In Rock County, Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre struggled to say what the right call would be if he were in charge.

To keep businesses closed would mean a continued chokehold on a dying economy. To allow too much movement among people could mean a re-fire of the highly contagious virus that medical experts are still learning how to manage.

"Let's just hope people are smart about distancing," Oldre said Wednesday. "And if you're older and more vulnerable, stay home."

As of Tuesday, Rock County had 21 confirmed cases so far. That's one more than the week prior, and two more than two weeks ago.

Minnesota's cases continue to rise, with 21,960 confirmed cases so far, and hospitalizations in the rise. Of the confirmed cases so far, 899 have died and 15,523 were released from isolation.

In nearby Sioux Falls and Worthington, where outbreaks in meat processing plants had sickened hundreds, the numbers have also leveled off somewhat.

Minnehaha County on Tuesday reported 3,289 coronavirus cases so far (compared with 2,978 on May 12), and Nobles County reported 1,478 (up from 1,269 on May 12).

1885: Forty-acre tract set aside/from page 6

which, of course, precluded any idea of founding a town in such close proximity by the Illinois Central interests. But when the line of the Sioux City & Northern was definitely located and grading was commenced late in July, 1889, the farmers living in the vicinity of the point where the new road would cross the Illinois Central interested themselves in inducing the railway company to locate a town at that point.

In August, before track laying was begun, a number of Martin township farmers raised \$1,000 by subscription, with which they purchased of F. C. Finke a forty acre tract on the northeast quarter of section

28. This they turned over to the railroad authorities, with the understanding that a station should be located thereon and a townsite platted. The matter of the establishment of the new town hung for some time,² but the representative of the railroad company accepted the forty acre tract and in September purchased a seventeen acre tract adjoining from William Thompson.

²There appears to be some question as to whether or not a new town will be started at the crossing of the Sioux City & Northern and the Illinois Central near Bruce, in Martin township. A tract of forty acres has been donated to the company for a townsite at the

point mentioned, but it appears that the Central road is opposed to the scheme and it is stated on what appears to be pretty good authority that the Sioux City and Northern company has no intention of putting in a depot there.—Rock County Herald, August 30, 1889.

The story of the village of Hills will continue in the June 4 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 to manmade@iuv.net.

SCHOOL NEWS

Hill-Beaver Creek students selected for All-State band

Hills-Beaver Creek High School sophomore Tess Van Maanen will perform in the Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State program.

Sophomore classmate

Tara Paulsen was selected as an alternate.

Van Maanen, who plays trumpet, auditioned to be one of 565 high school students in one of seven All-State groups. She will

attend a summer camp and later perform with the All-State Symphony in February 2021. Paulsen is a percussionist.

MMEA's All-State is open to band, jazz and choral students, who can be selected twice.

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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 further notice*. 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/stcluverne/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
Wait 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 Altina, 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: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Worship services Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. in honor of Pastor Klatt's retirement. Limit is 75 people. Attendees must call the church office prior to noon Saturday. Services 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: newlifecel@iw.net

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.
igtwlb@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

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

In this together ... with God

"O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!"
Psalm 71

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Laura Phillips, Palisade Lutheran Church, Garretson

Have you noticed that sometimes the shortest of prayers are the best prayers? The verse above is a great example of that. Psalm 71 is a prayer for help, a lament that asks God for refuge, for protection and for hope.

There are always many reasons to call upon the Lord, but we cry out for help especially now in this time of COVID-19.

We see lots of positive messages of encouragement floating around on social media, on billboards and signs. It is always great to be able to look at the bright side. There are many reasons for having an attitude of gratitude.

Yet we must also acknowledge that life is not always rosy. We are allowed to lament our losses, too.

As a pastor, I hope that you have had an opportunity to hear worship services, that you have God's Word in your ear.

While I am healthy, and grateful to be so, I sure miss being in my community of faith. I long to gather together, to share in the Lord's Supper, to have fellowship.

And I would love to go out for dinner with my husband or have a game night with friends laughing around my table. It would have been fun to celebrate graduations in person ... and so on.

Many have endured suffering and loss in this pandemic, and compared to them, I have nothing to complain about. Yet I would guess that every one of us has suffered losses either large or small, and in doing so, God invites us to share that with him.

Many have endured suffering and loss in this pandemic, and compared to them I have nothing to complain about. Yet I would guess that every one of us has suffered losses either large or small, and in doing so, God invites us to share that with him.

To "cast all our anxiety on him, because he cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7

May we remember that our cries to God for help are heard and they are as important as our praise. We are indeed in this together and God is with us, just as God says.

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Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday June 08, 2020.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of CSAH 11; CSAH 23 (HILLS, MN.); CSAH 24 (STEEN, MN.); CSAH 25 (BEAVER CREEK, MN.); CSAH 27 (MAGNOLIA, MN) & CSAH 28 (HARDWICK, MN.)

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Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$60.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-611-009, Etc.". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Engineer
(05-14, 05-21, 05-28)

Notice of public hearing for conditional use permit

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Herried Room at the Rock County Law Courthouse located at 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2020.

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

If you wish to offer comments relative to the public hearings being held and do not need to be present, we ask you to submit that those comments by 12:00 NOON on Monday, June 8. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Rock County Land Management Office, located at 311 West Gabrielson Road, Suite 4, Luverne, Minnesota, or submitted by e-mail to: eric.hartman@co.rock.mn.us

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

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

The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the applications for Conditional Use Permits for the following:

Applicant:	Henning Construction
Location:	W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Gravel mining, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District:	A-1, Limited Agriculture
Applicant:	Henning Construction
Location:	SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Gravel mining, stockpiling, and processing
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	Portions of Section 14 & 11 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Duininck, Inc.
Location:	Portions of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plan
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road
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(05-28, 06-04)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 5

**Rock County Board of Commissioners 9:00 A.M.
Zoom Video Meeting May 5, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Overgaard with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, County Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, Mavis Fodness, and Star-Herald Reporter.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the May 05, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the April 21, 2020, County Board minutes, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

By order of the Chair, the County Board meeting recessed at 9:05AM for Public Hearing to hear and/or review comments regarding (4) Rock Home Initiative (RHI) requests.

Applicant	Legal Description	Estimated Abatement Value
Tyson & Jenna Metzger	Lot 9, Block 3, Spring Brook Addition, City of Beaver Creek	\$4,091
Dianne & Elbert Lee West Jr	Lot 15, Block 3, Spring Brook Addition, City of Beaver Creek	\$2,710
Ronald & Cheryl Hup	Lot 7, Block 3, Park View First Addition; City of Hills	\$3,170
Greg & Erica Kracht	A tract of land in 30-102N-44; Magnolia Township	\$9,525

There were no attendees and no written comments submitted. The Public Hearing was closed 9:12 A.M.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

MAY 5, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,486.90
BMO HARRIS COMMERCIAL CARD	3,870.01
BURLINGTON-NORTHERN/SANTAFE RAILWAY COM	6,029.05
DLT SOLUTIONS	3,356.10
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,775.41
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	2,319.67
LIVERNE/CITY OF	36,439.06
POWERPLAN	2,179.63
RETROFIT COMPANIES, INC	8,857.69
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,500.00
63 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	26,908.44
TOTAL	\$100,721.96

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Williamson, seconded Burger, to approve, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer stated that they are in the process of collecting the first half of property taxes; the total of the first half after collection is \$8.4 million.

The County Board took action on the following Rock Home Initiative applications:

- Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the RHI application for Tyson and Jenna Metzger for an estimated abatement of \$4,091.00 effective , declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
- Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the RHI application for Ronald and Cheryl Hup for an estimated abatement of \$3,170.00, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
- Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the RHI application for Diane West and Elbert Lee for an estimated abatement of \$2,710.00, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
- Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the RHI application for Greg & Erica Kracht for an estimated abatement of \$9,525.00, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented (2) Classification Abatement requests for parcel 19-0004-000 and parcel 03-0181-000, stated that the parcels were incorrectly classified as Non-Homestead; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to

approve the correction, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. The Auditor/Treasurer stated that she will issue new tax statements with the correct classification and tax total.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, informed the County Board that his Highway Engineer appointment was set to expire and requested approval for re-appointment of another 4-year term; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

The Engineer requested approval to set a bid letting date of June 8 at 11:00 A.M. for the following road projects:

- SAP 067-623-003 (Hills)
- SAP 067-628-004 (Hardwick)
- SAP 067-625-006 (Beaver Creek)
- SAP 067-624-004 (Steen)
- SAP 067-627-003(Magnolia)

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the June 8 bid letting date, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

The Administrator presented a COVID-19 Pandemic event update stating that the Governor extended the Stay-at-Home order to May 18th, therefore county operations will remain the same with the exception of Library where they will be conducting curb side pickups. Once that is lifted, commerce will begin moving forward with small gatherings; county departments have operational plans in place once the Stay-at-Home order has been lifted.

The Administrator presented an update regarding Emergency Management's response for agriculture due to the closing of the pork processing plants located in Worthington and Sioux Falls as producers are being forced to de-populate their herds and figure out carcass disposal. Proper disposal has been stymied between the state agencies of MCPA and Animal Board of Health but they continue to move forward with producers and local and regional agencies in developing a plan.

The County Board was in receipt of the District VIII meeting scheduled for June 4 and will be conducted in a virtual format.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: no meetings.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: no meetings. Commissioner Thompson presented information regarding a local promotion entitled Rock Solid Gift Card Campaign in which the Chamber, Star-Herald and KQAD radio are fundraising to assist with a gift card telethon in an effort to support local businesses; fundraising proceeds will be used as a bonus amount to gift card purchases. Commissioner Thompson inquired if the county would be interested in contributing to the fundraising effort. After consider discussion, it was determined not to participate.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: stated that he had delivered PPE supplies to the Jasper Ambulance.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Nursing Partnership virtual meeting.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: no meetings.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to adjourn, declared carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. (05-28)

Rock County Highway Department seeks proposals by June 15

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BITUMINOUS MASTIC TREATMENT / S.A.P. 067 - 030 - 015
BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. JUNE 15, 2020
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 15, 2020.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the "Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions" as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

The project consists of a Bituminous Mastic Treatment. The project is located on various roads in Rock County.

The major items of work are: 206,800 pounds of Bituminous Sealant for Void-Filling.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. S.A.P. 067-030-015".

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(05-21, 05-28, 06-04)

Notice of public hearing for variance

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Herried Room at the Rock County Law Courthouse located at 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:10 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2020.

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

If you wish to offer comments relative to the public hearings being held and do not need to be present, we ask you to submit that those comments by 12:00 NOON on Monday, June 8. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Rock County Land Management Office, located at 311 West Gabrielson Road, Suite 4, Luverne, Minnesota, or submitted by e-mail to: eric.hartman@co.rock.mn.us

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

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

The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application submitted by Ashley Nye and Collin Lyndorff for a variance to allow the placement of a new non-farm dwelling less than 1/2 mile from an existing feedlot owned by Jim and Betty Sherwood and operating as Sherwood Cattle Company. The proposed dwelling would be located in the NE 1/4 of Section 12 of Kanaranzi Township, T101N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota.

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

(05-28, 06-04)

Piepgras Farm Partnership assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: PIEPGRAS FARM PARTNERSHIP
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
1389 45th Street Steen, MN 56173 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: John J. Piepgras
Address: 1121 Michigan Ave. Wilmette, IL 60091
Name: David G. Piepgras
Address: 3175 Maywood Rd. Rochester, MN 55902
Name: Jane N. Piepgras
Address: 3175 Maywood Rd. Rochester, MN 55902

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ John J. Piepgras Date: 04-13-2020
MAILING ADDRESS: None provided
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: jjpiepgras@gmail.com
PHONE NUMBER: 847-920-1326

(05-21, 05-28)

Tweet probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Court File No. 67-PR-20-118
Larry Gene Tweet, a/k/a Larry Tweet
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of June, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated April 15, 2009, and for the appointment of Paul Tweet, whose address is 1959 181st Street, Kenneth, Minnesota 56147, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: March 15, 2020 /s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

/s/ Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #158343

(05-28, 06-04)

LAWN & GARDEN

Lawn Care: Lawn aerating, garden tilling, mowing, thatching, lawn edging, hedge trimming; and other odd jobs. Free estimate, 507-227-2445. (5.16-6.4)

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED - Program Supervisor. Program Client Community Services Inc., is accepting applications for a Program Supervisor to oversee two of our consumer homes. Applicants must have either a two or four year degree in a field related to service provisions, and at least two years of work experience with consumers with developmental disabilities or related conditions. Applicants must have organizational skills including time management and planning ability, critical thinking and problem solving skills, ability to manage daily operations of each house and duties assigned. The supervisor will be able to write and manage a master schedule for all staff, manage household budgets and household accounts and demonstrate an understanding of Coordinated Service and Support Plans (CSSP). Complete job description is available upon request by calling Virginia Rath, Program Director, at (507) 376-3171 extension 7. CCSI is an EEO/AA Employer. (5.9-5.28)

EMPLOYMENT

Client Community Services, Inc. is hiring Caregivers in Luverne! Caregivers assist individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities with daily living skills, housekeeping tasks and more. We have PT, FT and overnight positions available. We offer paid training, benefits and a NEW STARTING WAGE! For more information on specific openings and hours available, please contact Linette at (507)283-2062 or 283-4170. Job postings are available on our website at www.clientcommunityservices.org. CCSI is an EEO/AA Employer. (5.9-5.28)

Spring has Sprung! Come and work with a great team at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth, MN. PVM is hiring for the following positions: Laundry Aide/Housekeeper-PT •C.N.A.-PT-evenings •C.N.A.-FT - 3-11 p.m. •C.N.A.- FT - 11 p.m.-7a.m. •C.N.A.-PRN •LPN/RN- PT- evening/overnight •LPN/RN- FT- 11 p.m.-7 a.m. •LPN/RN-PRN •MDS Coordinator/RN-PT-hours vary. Please call Suzanne, Director of Nursing at 507-967-2482 for more information about the Nursing Dept. positions. Please call Scott, Administrator at 507-967-2482 for more information about the laundry/housekeeping position. (5.16-6.4)

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USDA announces direct assistance to farmers through coronavirus program /continued from page 1

Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to ongoing market disruptions.

Non-specialty crops and wool

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible.

Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of Jan. 15, 2020. A payment will be made based on 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of Jan. 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total

payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between Jan. 15, 2020, and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16, 2020, and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based

on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter.

The second part of the payment is based on a national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter.

There is a limit of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Ap-

plicants who are corporations, limited liability companies, or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation.

Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their in-

come is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Applying for assistance

Producers can apply for assistance beginning May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap.

Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the sign-up process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed.


Applications will be accepted through Aug. 28, 2020.

More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS

Do you have questions about:

- LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
- WARTIME SERVICE VS PEACE TIME
- DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTED INJURY OR ILLNESS
- ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED VETERANS
- PENSION
- SPOUSE OF A VETERAN WHO DIED FROM SERVICE CONNECTED CONDITION
- DEATH PENSIONS TO SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILDREN
- BURIAL BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- DENTAL BENEFITS
- CHAMPVA
- TRICARE AND TRICARE FOR LIFE
- VOCATIONAL REHAB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- VET CENTERS
- EDUCATION BENEFITS
- LIFE INSURANCE
- HOME LOAN GUARANTIES
- AGENT ORANGE (Vietnam and Blue Water Navy)
- POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
- BENEFITS FOR FEMALE VETERANS
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A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*

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

#StaySafeMN

➔ Retail stores, malls, and other main street businesses can reopen if they have a safety plan and operate at no more than 50 percent occupancy.

Gyms remain closed.

➔ Minnesotans may gather with friends and family in groups of 10 people or less.

Social, civic, community, faith-based, leisure, or religious gatherings are prohibited for groups over 10 people.

Continue to follow these safe practices:

- Wash your hands often
- Get tested if experiencing symptoms
- Maintain social distance
- Wear a mask
- Stay home when able




Maintain social distance

Symptoms of Coronavirus

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus.** People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Fever
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

WHEN TO SEEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION

Look for emergency warning signs* for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

Information from CDC.GOV

mn.gov/covid19 m MINNESOTA

Governor Walz's Executive Order for JUNE 1ST

1. Restaurants, bars, brewery's

Outdoor dining only
6 feet between tables
50 total people
Party size limited to 4 unless single family, then 6
Reservations required
Workers must wear masks
People dining strongly encouraged wear masks, especially when ordering

*Ask cities to be creative to find out door seat space if businesses don't have outdoor patios or decks


2. Personal services, hair salons, barber shops

Inside at 25 percent capacity
Wear masks
Appointment only

3. Campgrounds

Campsites must practice social distancing
Details on DNR website

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




COMING JUNE 1

Bars and restaurants open for patio and outdoor service
mn.gov/covid19


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

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



Love the life!

Sincerely,



Mayor Patrick T. Baustian