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No fair Ag Society cancels this year's Rock County Fair

By Mavis Fodness

The fairgrounds in Luverne will be prepared as usual this summer even though the 2020 Rock County Fair was canceled last week.

The Rock County Ag Society Board of Directors met Tuesday, June 2, at the fairgrounds where they discussed whether or not they could conduct the annual event and still meet the state's coronavirus pandemic guidelines.

Board members issued a press release after their June 2 meeting.

"This decision did not come lightly," they wrote. "Following the guidelines from the state and watching how they are progressing during this time, it is uncertain what the restrictions will allow come the end of July. The safety of the people in our community is priority No. 1."

As of June 10, state guidelines recommend only events of 250 people or fewer. Last year thousands of people attended the Rock County Free Fair each of the four days.

The annual event traditionally showcases 4-H general and livestock projects along with nightly grandstand events. The Ag Society has added more daytime attractions and other public events to pull people to the fairgrounds in Luverne.

With the fair now canceled, members will still complete the annual improvements and July cleaning of grounds as usual. "We just want to keep going on with cleaning out of buildings," said board president Adam Kinsinger. "Other than not having the fair, we are preparing like it is."

Last week workers improved areas around the indoor show arena by pouring new concrete pads. The roof of the bathroom facilities near the fairground office will be replaced.

The fair's annual operating budget primarily comes from donations and sponsorships, which will be rolled over to 2021.

Rock County joins Pipestone and Nobles counties that announced in late May the fairs in those respective counties will also be canceled.

4-H prepares for showcase

Minnesota State Fair officials also announced in May that the "Great Minnesota Get-together" was canceled for 2020.

The event was the highlight of the local 4-H program's livestock and general project participants.

The University of Minnesota Extension Service, which directs the state 4-H program, is looking at organizing individual county events to showcase 4-H youth in each of the counties.

No specific details have been released. All in-person 4-H events were suspended in March and remain suspended through June 30.



Lori Sorenson photos/0611 cruise

Buffalo Days Cruise-In cruises town

Luverne's annual Buffalo Days celebration was canceled due to social distancing requirements of coronavirus, but the Friday Night Cruise-In organizers decided last week to show off their classic wheels anyway — with an informal "cruising" Friday Night Cruise-In. Dozens of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors looped around town from 6 to 8 p.m. while residents and visitors enjoyed watching them from lawns, boulevards, sidewalks and outdoor seating areas of bars and restaurants.

At right, enjoying Wildflowers Coffee Boutique ice cream are Brett and Tori Hood and their children Ashton, Jerzey, Tyleigh and Tenzin. Below right, The Christensens from Kanaranzi make a picnic outing of the cruise-in parade under a shade tree along North Blue Mound Avenue. From left are Scott, Kyle, Sierra and Amy Christensen, and Dick and Diane Cylkowski. "Thank you to whoever organized this," Diane said. "It's nice to get out and enjoy Luverne."

Here, Dick and Dolly Remme travel south on Highway 75 Friday evening.



In the photo at left, Don and Jennifer Luitjens turned heads with their jacked up, flag-flying Cummins equipped with an air horn. At right, Ken Vos sent some of his antique John Deere tractors into the cruising loop with drivers (front to back) Arie Van Dyken, Wyatt Vos and Connor Van Hill.



Local troopers, guards sent to Cities

First time for entire State Patrol — more than 600 troopers — at one incident

By Lori Sorenson

When protests turned violent in Minneapolis and St. Paul on May 27, troopers from around the state were dispatched with the Minnesota State Patrol to support Twin Cities law enforcement.

In the days following George Floyd's May 25 death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, dozens of southwest Minnesota personnel in uniform were called to help.

Austin Christensen, Luverne, was among six troopers from Rock County to respond.

He was five minutes away from signing off from a 10-hour shift when

"We're trained in riot control and equipped for the mobile response team, but being down here in Luverne, I figured I'd never have to use the training and the equipment."

— Austin Christensen, Minnesota State Patrol

the all-call went out to Minnesota troopers to head to the Cities.

"We're trained in riot control and

equipped for the mobile response team," he said. "But being down here in Luverne, I figured I'd never have to use the training and the equipment."

So, at 2 a.m. he packed his bags and riot gear, drove four hours, parked his squad in a suburban lot among hundreds of others and boarded a bus with dozens of other Troopers. "You are here because Minneapolis lost the city," they were told.

The bus dropped them off on Lake Street near the Minneapolis police precinct that had been destroyed in riots.

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Kellenberger hired as H-BC secondary principal

By Mavis Fodness

Andrew Kellenberger, a 1999 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School, will return to the school July 1 as its principal.

Kellenberger was one of 13 applicants for the position vacated by Molly Schilling, who was hired by the Adrian district last month as its superintendent.

Kellenberger comes to Hills from Dakota Meadows Middle School, one of two middle schools



in Mankato, where he has been assistant principal in charge of 950 students for nearly three years.

The H-BC School Board approved Kellenberger's hiring Monday night, in their first face-to-face meeting since March.

His salary was set at \$95,000. Kellenberger attended the meeting via Zoom.

"I am excited to come back home," he said.

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Historical Society requests annual \$35,000

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Historical Society would like the county to increase its annual contribution from \$10,000 to \$35,000.

Society president Betty Mann addressed commissioners at their June 2 meeting about continuing a \$25,000-per-year contribution the county has been paying for six years as part of a capital improvement pledge.

"As your \$25,000/year building fund pledge sunsets in 2020, we humbly ask that you continue to support the Rock County Historical Society by maintaining that annual contribution in the future," Mann wrote.

Commissioners tabled a decision on Mann's request and will include it in this summer's 2021 budgeting process.

Commissioner Greg Burger, a member of the Historical Society Board of Directors, abstained from the vote.

Burger presented an update on the \$800,000 capital improvement project that moved the Historical Society to the former Herman Motor Company building and remodeled the former car dealership and service garage into the History Center.

Six years ago, the county pledged \$150,000, or \$25,000 a year, for six years to the building fund. The last \$25,000 payment will be made this fall.

Historical Society directors also plan to make their last building payment this year.

"We have paid down the \$800,000-some loan to \$63,500," Burger said. "If everyone pays their pledges, we hope to be debt-free this year."

The society expects \$82,000 in pledges for 2020. That amount will also retire a facade improvement loan and a small city improvement loan totaling \$17,500.

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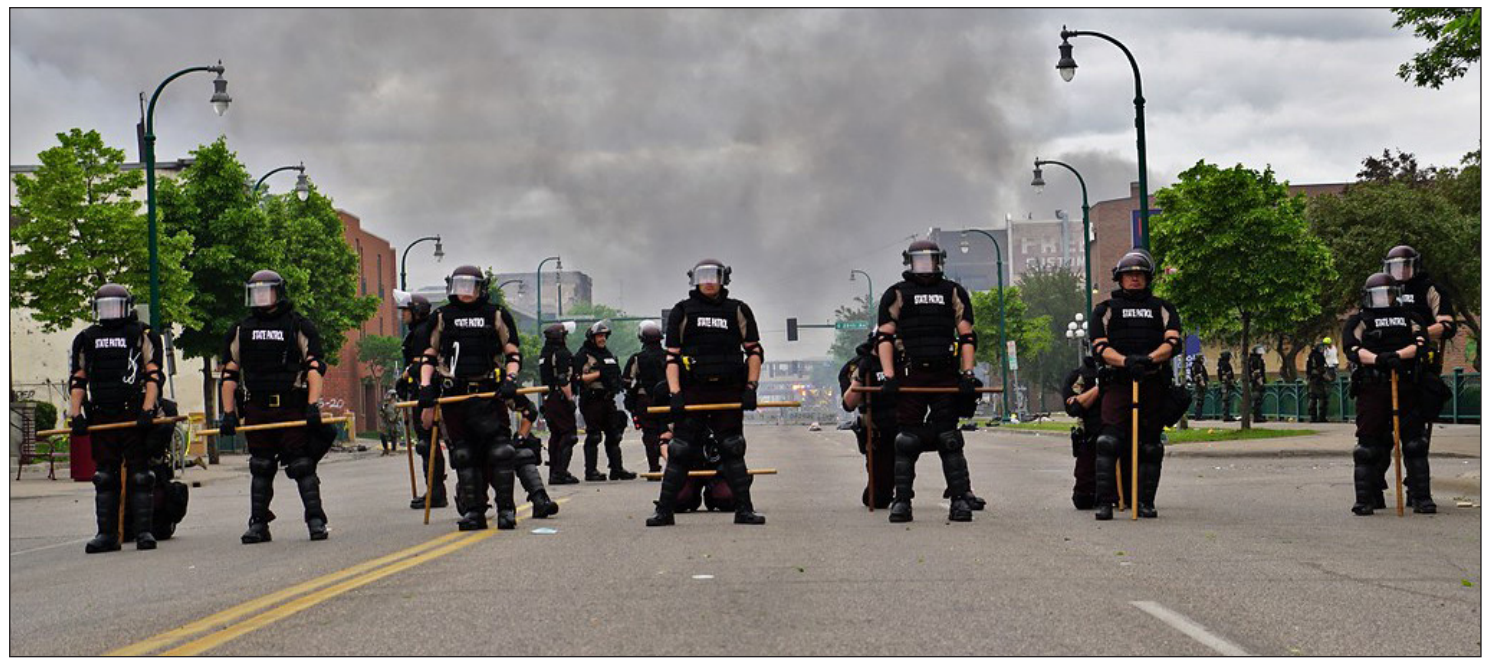


Photo: "Minnesota State Patrol" by Lorie Shaull

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"It was surreal," Christensen said. In the early-morning daylight, he said smoke and dust rose from the rubble of what had once been a South Minneapolis neighborhood.

"I was surprised how bad it had gotten. The air quality was so bad it was hard to breathe." They relieved a line of law enforcement personnel who had worked through the night to establish security for firefighters and public works crews.

Christensen spent the next 14 hours shoulder-to-shoulder with law enforcement personnel he'd never met to control crowds of demonstrators, many who were angry at law enforcement.

"There was a lot of name-calling and cursing," he said.

"But there were a lot of silent supporters, probably residents in the community, who would walk in front of us with small signs that only we could read. They'd say, 'Thank you,' or 'We're glad you're here.'"

At 8 p.m. after 28 hours on the job, he finally got to lie down before his next shift started at 3 a.m. He was exhausted, but he wasn't alone. Nearly every outstate officer reported a similar experience, especially during the first few chaotic days.

... like a war zone'

Lt. Matt Sorenson, rural Rock County, led a group of 30 troopers during his eight-day stint in the Cities.

"Our role was to stop the rioting and looting and protect people and property," Sorenson said. He spent two days jockeying schedules to assign troopers from his Marshall district to help, only to end up with everyone going.

"At first we showed up and went wherever we were needed," Sorenson said about providing security for firefighters at burning buildings and helping on "the line" of law enforcement working to keep demonstrations peaceful.

"At times it was like a war zone," he said, describing cars and buildings torched and destroyed, and angry protestors screaming obscenities in officers' faces. "There was a lot of devastation."

Graffiti and posters proclaimed law enforcement as the enemy, and Sorenson found himself standing on a corner under an oversized hand-written sign, "The only good cops are dead cops."

At the end of what often became 24-hour shifts, many at first found themselves in improvised lodging arrangements, on floors and cots in makeshift staging areas.



Minnesota National Guard image

Soldiers and airmen were first activated in response to civil unrest in the Twin Cities on May 29 followed by the entire Minnesota National Guard being activated on May 30 as part of the largest domestic deployment in our 164-year history. After a night where law enforcement restored some order to the Twin Cities, the Minnesota National Guard tweeted a picture of some soldiers. The picture showed a couple dozen guardsmen sleeping with the caption, "It's been a long night for citizen-soldiers and airmen."

They eventually found lodging and delivered meals (often cold by the time their shifts ended), but this was complicated by pandemic closures that reduced staffing and services for hospitality businesses.

But even during the early days of mayhem, Sorenson said there were sincere individuals among the bad actors.

Glimmers of positivity

"We had people offering us water and sandwiches and saying, 'Thank you for being here to protect us,'" Sorenson said.

"You go there expecting all bad people, because that's what you're getting sent to help with, but you get there and realize there are a lot of good people in the crowd."

The key was to recognize the good among the bad.

"You try to talk to people and tell them we're not against peaceful protest; we're there to keep them safe," Sorenson said.

When it was time to enforce curfew, there were several announcements over loudspeakers that crowds would need to follow the lawful order to disperse or be arrested.

"At the end of the day, they'd notice we were putting on our gas masks, and they'd realize there might be tear gas if they didn't disperse," he said.

"The peaceful people knew what was going to happen and they'd leave. Those who didn't, you could generally figure weren't going to be peaceful."

Historic deployment of Minnesota National Guard

As additional manpower arrived in the Twin Cities, Sorenson said law enforcement leaders were better equipped to coordinate resources among the agencies.

They included police, patrol, sheriff's offices, DNR and on May 30 the Minnesota National Guard deployed 5,000 citizen soldiers.

It was the largest deployment in the history of the organization.

Jonathan Stearns is a specialist with the Luverne unit of the Army National Guard that was deployed May 30 to provide security in the Twin Cities. He spent 14-hour shifts guarding the state Capitol building and the medical examiner's building.

In those locations at that time, demonstrations were more organized and peaceful than those on Lake Street earlier in the week.

He said guardsmen routinely shared conversations with demonstrators.

"People I encountered were pleasant and talkative, and it was an opportunity to spread a positive image and be here for the people of Minnesota," Stearns said.

"I think most people support law enforcement and care for law enforcement. The ones who don't are the ones getting their message out."

Stearns, a 2018 Luverne High School graduate, recently earned his law enforcement degree at Alexandria Technical and Community College

and is seeking a job in law enforcement.

He said he's not deterred by the current national backlash against law enforcement.

"Do as you're trained, talk to all people as if they're normal people like us, and try not to be too authoritative," Stearns said.

"Alex Tech is a top school for law enforcement. I'm trusting the training they gave me and happy to put it to good use."

De-mobilizing includes coronavirus testing

De-mobilizing the troops has proven to be challenging as well, considering potential coronavirus exposure. They were provided options for testing, and as positive cases are reported, two-week quarantines are put in place, further complicating schedules for returning personnel.

"They all have a schedule but they got abruptly disrupted for seven to nine days," Sorenson said. "People came back different days, and the problem is getting coverage without too much overtime."

He said he was grateful for support of rural sheriff's offices and police departments while the State Patrol was in the Cities. "They were more than willing to help us out, and presumably grateful they didn't have to have guys up there."

As of Tuesday, he was still working on getting his Marshall District back to normal.

"We want to get back to our main focus as quickly as possible, which is traffic safety."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Grand Prairie Cemetery meets

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the office room of Orv and Son Plumbing in Ellsworth. Social distancing will be observed. Call 507-290-0368.

Senior nutrition

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln in Luverne. Call 283-5064 pre-registration required.

Food giveaway June 18

The monthly food give-away sponsored by New Life Celebration Church will be 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the Generations parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln St, Luverne. Stay in vehicles and drive past the double glass doors on the building's west side. Volunteers will load the groceries. Walk are to go to east side of the building for pre-packed bags for pickup. Call 507-283-4366.

History Center

The Rock County History Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday starting June 2. The phone number is 507-283-2122.

Community Education

Luverne Community Ed is taking registrations now with payment. Use drop box to left of outside door or mail to 709 N. Kniss Ave. Call 507-283-4724.

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. Register by June 16 for **Paint & Plant**; the Story Writing & Illustrating; Cool Off & Paint from 5 to 7 p.m. June 24 at **Coffey Contemporary Arts**. **Play Dates in the Park NEW START DATE June 15**

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Five candidates file for District 22 Senate seat

By Lori Sorenson

When the filing period closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, five candidates had announced their candidacy for the District 22 Minnesota Senate.

That position is currently held by Luverne Republican Bill Weber, who is seeking election to his third term in office.

Shawna Marshall, rural Luverne, and Roger Elgersma, Pipestone, both filed for that Senate seat as DFL candidates and Brian Abrahamson, Luverne, filed with the Grassroots — Legalize Cannabis Party.

Marshall, the DFL-endorsed candidate, has lived and worked in the Luverne area for seven years. It's her first time running for office, but she was the 2019 precinct chair in the Rock County DFL caucus, a Rock County delegate and state delegate.

"Experience can be gained, knowledge of the details of working in state government can be learned, but having the heart and soul to want to serve the people is something you either have, or you don't," she said. "I believe I have it."

Abrahamson previously ran for election in 2016 for state Senate and in 2018 for state House.

"I wasn't involved with politics until Bernie [Sanders] ran for president in 2016 and called for 'everyday, working class people to run for office,'" Abrahamson said.

"Now that the Grassroots party emerged as a major party, I have decided to run with that party. I believe that there should be more parties in Minnesota, because the DFL (and Republican Party) do not have my best interests in mind."

Joe Schomacker is seeking a third term in the District 22A seat in the Minnesota House of

Representatives. Chris Baumberger, Slayton, is challenging him on the DFL party ticket.

DFL Sen. Tina Smith is seeking re-election to her office representing Minnesota in Washington, D.C., along with nearly a dozen others who filed for that seat.

Republican congressman Jim Hagedorn filed for re-election to his District 1 seat, as did DFL candidate Dan Feehan, Mankato, and Grassroots party candidate Bill Road, Rochester.

No local races so far

Voters won't have many options at the polls this fall among city and county candidates, according to filing information June 2.

Luverne Mayor Pat Bausatian filed for re-election to the seat, which will now be a four-year term, rather than two years.

Dan Nath filed for re-election to the Ward 1 seat on the city council and newcomer Scott Viessman filed for the open seat in Ward 2, currently represented by Lori Hallstrom.

Viessman, a Luverne High School graduate, said he's wading into city leadership simply to be more involved.

"I've been interested in government for 30 years," he said. "I saw this as a local opportunity to contribute to the community I'm from."

Rock County commissioners Gary Overgaard in District 1, Greg Burger in District 3 and Jody Reisch in District 5 all filed for re-election to the County Board with no additional challengers.

The filing period for school districts offices in smaller cities and townships will be July 28 through Aug. 11.

Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz can be reached at 507-238-5040.



Mavis Fodness photos/0611 Lifesaving Award

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge (far right) reads about the May 3 incident that led to the presentation of the Lifesaving Award to Briella John (center), whose actions allowed her mom, Cerissa Heath, to get to the hospital quickly.

Sheriff awards lifesaving award to 9-year-old

By Mavis Fodness

In a special ceremony June 2 on the lawn of the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Rock County officials presented a Life-saving Award to Briella John of rural Kenneth.

"Heroes do not always wear capes, they can come in the form of a 9-year-old girl named Briella," said Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

John was joined by family members including her parents, Kenneth and Cerissa Heath, and the Rock County Commissioners.

Mom Cerissa Heath admits that without Briella's help the outcome of the May 3 incident may not have been as positive.

"I was bucked off one of my horses, knocked unconscious with serious injuries," she said. "When I woke up, Briella told me she was going to get her dad."

The soon-to-be fourth-grader at Luverne Elementary School said her mother gained consciousness in a matter of minutes but was in a lot of pain. A cellphone, normally in Cerissa's back pocket, was nowhere to be found.

Instead of riding on the gravel roads, the mother and daughter had decided to ride along an unfamiliar waterway in the newly disked field north of their rural Kenneth acreage.

Without a phone to call for help, Briella told her mom she would ride back home to get her stepdad.

She calmly removed her jacket and wrapped it around her mother before getting back on



Cerissa Heath (left) is proud of her 9-year-old daughter Briella John's actions of May 3 and the happy ending to a serious horse riding accident. The two were riding Dakota (far left) and Dallas near their acreage northwest of Kenneth when Dallas bucked Heath off, causing serious injuries and a five-day hospitalization.

her horse for the ride back nearly a mile away.

Briella noticed that the early evening air was becoming chilly as she prepared to leave her mom to get help.

"She was getting cold and it was getting windy out," Briella said.

Lying flat on her back, Cerissa was difficult to see in the field of rolling hills.

However, Briella retraced her steps to bring help to her mom. This included her stepdad, Rock County sheriff's deputies, and medical personnel with the Edgerton Fire Department and Pipestone County ambulance.

Cerissa spent five days in a Sioux Falls hospital with multiple rib fractures, and doctors drained a liter of blood from a tube inserted in her chest.

Cerissa said she remembers very little from the ordeal except that she was in extreme pain.

A month after the incident, she's recovered and is looking forward

to riding again. She says she has her 9-year-old daughter to thank for the return to an activity the family enjoys.

"Without her help, things could have been a lot different," Cerissa said, noting that her daughter didn't think it was worthy of an award.

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge immediately agreed that Briella's actions did help her mom.

"When a family member called me to say that Briella was having concerns on whether she did the right thing, it made me think, 'Does this deserve a Lifesaving Award?' and I believe it does," he said.

The certificate presented to Briella is the first in Rock County to be presented to a civilian.

The award is typically presented annually through the Minnesota Sheriffs Association to law enforcement officials who save a life. "We have given out several to deputies but never to a civilian," Verbrugge said.

Gov. 'turns dial' on coronavirus distancing

By Lori Sorenson

After three months of pandemic-driven social distancing, Gov. Tim Walz last week announced another "turn of the dial" to allow business to resume almost as usual in Minnesota.

As of Wednesday, indoor dining, gyms and entertainment venues are cautiously reopening.

"Thank you, Minnesotans, for the sacrifices you've made to slow the spread of COVID-19," Gov. Walz said at a June 5 press conference.

"Thanks to your dedication, we are now in a position to carefully turn the dial toward reopening society. As we move forward, it is more important than ever that we each do our part as we trust and rely on each other to keep our state safe."

Rock County Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre said he's relieved the CDC surge projections in this part of the country turned out to be high.

"We were prepared for a surge — and we still are, but the projections were a bit robust," he said. "Our people did what they were supposed to do by staying home, but the numbers they were expecting didn't happen."

Rock County's total number of cases is 23 since the start of reporting in March. Many of those are recovered and cleared from quarantine.

Phase III "Stay Safe MN" plan includes:

- Restaurants can begin offering indoor dining while maintaining social distancing, requiring reservations, and seating no more than 50

percent occupancy.

- Indoor social gatherings can take place with 10 people or fewer; outdoor social gatherings can take place with 25 people or fewer.

- Gyms, personal fitness and yoga studios, and martial arts may open at 25 percent capacity.

- Indoor entertainment venues, such as theaters and concert halls, can open at 25 percent capacity.

- Recreational indoor entertainment venues such as bowling alleys, arcades, and museums may open at 25 percent capacity.

- Personal services, such as salons, tattoo parlors and barbershops, may increase occupancy rates to 50 percent while requiring reservations.

- Outdoor entertainment venues such as sporting events, concerts, and theaters may open at 25 percent capacity.

- Places of worship can increase occupancy rates to 50 percent.

Oldre said it's nice to have a return to some normalcy, but he said it's important to remember the virus is still circulating. "We need to recognize that we're not out of the woods yet," Oldre said.

"We still need to follow guidelines for social distancing, hand washing and staying home if we're sick."

See the city of Luverne ad on page 14 for more information, and see the related story about gyms, pools and recreational facilities reopening.

Correction:

A submitted photograph in the June 4 Star Herald story about donated memorial benches incorrectly identified Kevin Vande Hoef as the "late Kevin Vande Hoef" among the siblings in the family.

Kevin lives in Brandon, and the Star Herald regrets the error.

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'You don't have to say everything you think.'

Well-heeded advice comes from mom with 60 years of spousal experience

I was just learning to read when I handed my mom the anniversary card I'd found in a box on her desk.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

I credit Mom for my own success in marriage.

With all the over-dramatic "ohhs and ahhs" one gives a child for doing a good thing, Mom received the card with appreciation and read it silently.

Then — she collapsed into a heap of laughter and could not stop laughing. She laughed the kind of laugh one laughs when trying not to laugh.

I'm sure my puzzled expression caused her to want to stop laughing — but she could not. Tears rolled down her cheeks. She held her sides. She could not breathe.

Finally, words came out. "Sympathy. This is a sympathy card." She laughed again.

I waited for the definition of "sympathy," realizing it was somehow different than "anniversary." Both were long words ending in "y." Apparently, that was where the similarity ended.

I remember wanting to laugh, too, but I didn't get the joke. Finally, Mom regained her composure and thanked me very much for the lovely card. She explained that "sympathy" means being sad for someone else and "anniversary" is like a birthday.

That was 50-some years ago and Mom and Dad are still having anniversaries.

I credit Mom for my own

success in marriage. Her main teaching was along the lines of, "You don't have to say everything you think." She's right. It's the best marriage advice I've ever gotten, and of course she never actually said it, she modeled it.

As of June 12 she's been modeling it for 60 years.

We're going to celebrate with a party at the farm where they've lived their entire marriage.

Grandkids and great-grandkids are coming from across the country to help celebrate. Forty-some people will share cake and ice cream, music, laughter — and, of course, cards.

Mine will say "Happy 60th Anniversary Mom and Dad, Love Brenda."

Risk of 'turning the dial' may be worth the healing of human contact

Gov. Tim Walz last week announced another "turn of the dial" to allow business to resume almost as usual in Minnesota, effective Wednesday, June 10. (See the front-page story.)

The idea is that our coronavirus case numbers have remained conservative, which has given us time to prepare for what was expected to be a greater "surge" in case numbers than we've experienced.

What does that mean for us as individuals?

We're compelled to give our friends and family the hugs that have been long forbidden.

We're driven to participate in all the social activity that for months we've been deprived of.

We could see previously isolated human beings practically blossom at outings all over in Rock County during the past several days.

The experience of attending a Redbirds game in Valley Springs was enriched by encounters among fel-

low baseball fans that hadn't shared bleachers or lawn space in over a year.

A person could feel the collective sigh of contentment.

Similarly outdoor patios and sidewalk seating at Luverne bars and restaurants were packed (yes, packed — not socially distanced) during the Friday Night Cruise-In that cruised around town.

People hungry for the taste of carnival food were clustered four lines deep at the Indian Taco mobile vendor at the Take 16 curb.

And there were smiles all around. And it felt very good.

But it wasn't very safe. Or very smart.

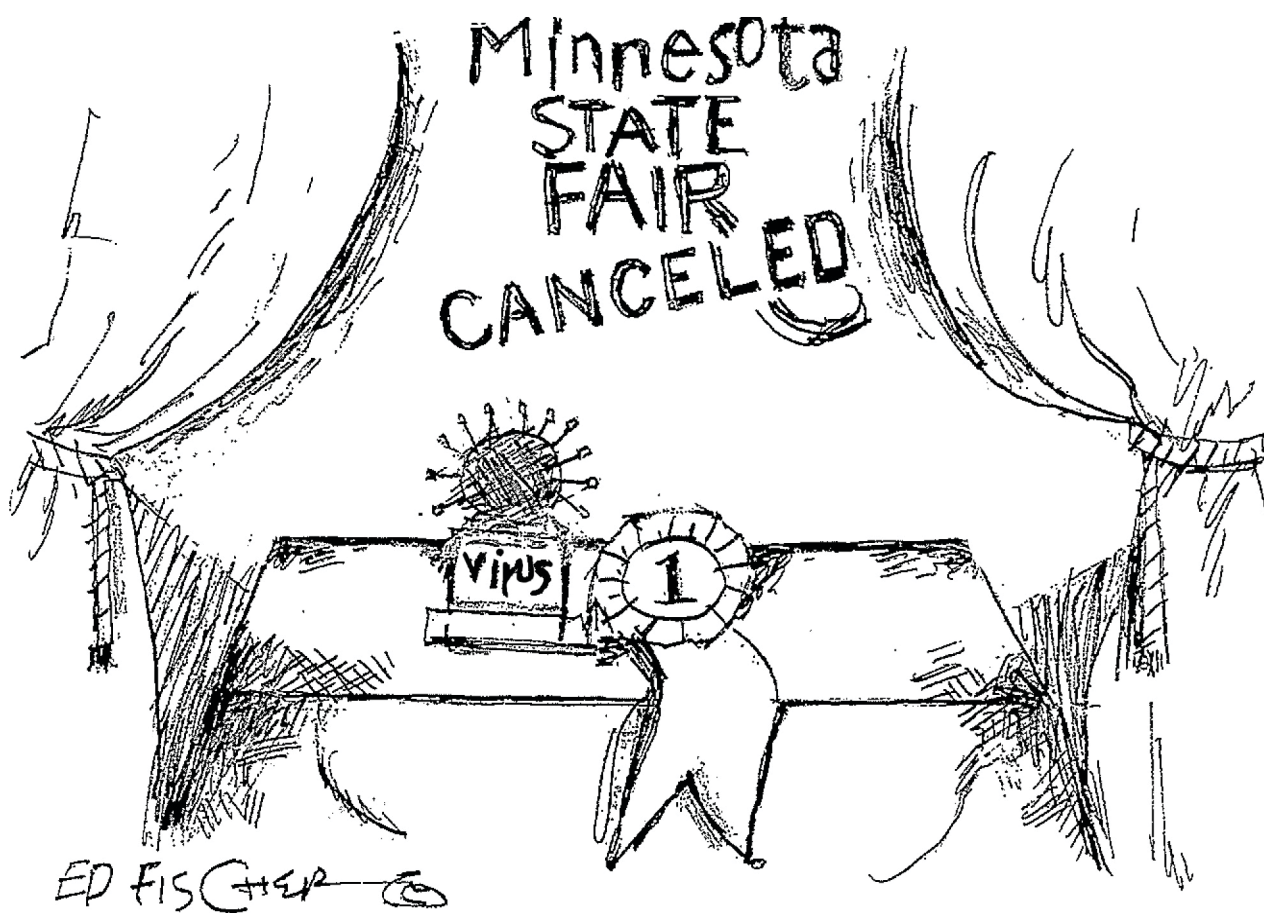
We all know the pandemic isn't over, and we all know the virus is still circulating among us.

Our health is at risk. And we need to be more careful, if not for ourselves, then for the more vulnerable among us.

We know the relaxed social distancing measures will likely lead to more infections, but if laughter is the best medicine, and smiles are good for the soul, it might be a risk worth taking.

Stay safe, Star Herald readers. It sure is nice to see you coming and going at the front counter again, even if exchanging greetings through plexiglass.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL



Prairie outdoorsman shows appreciation for state bird, the loon

My friend Ken Red has wildlife property in Pine County, Minnesota, where there are pheasants, wood cock, sand hill cranes, ruffed grouse and deer.

I am impressed by the difference between my similar spot in southwest Minnesota and his property only 285 miles away. His game species is way more diverse than that of the grasslands in our area.

One bird I really admire that's not found here is the common loon. I was fishing up at Upper Red Lake last weekend and was blown off the big lake so we ventured into some new territory and landed the boat in a little, no-name lake to get out of the wind. We were fishing for blue gills and came across a pair of nesting loons.

They are very beautiful birds and masters of the watery domain, but when on land, they are one of the most awkward birds that exist. I don't know if it was the male or female because both parents share the work of incubating the eggs, but to cover a span of about 10 feet it took more than 30 seconds.

Loons can dive up to 250 feet deep to eat small fish, insects, crustaceans, and in some cases even lake vegetation. They can stay under water for up to five minutes, but they cannot take off in flight from land.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

They need about a 30-yard runway on the water to get airborne. An interesting fact about loons is that they have a different bone structure than other birds. Most birds have hollow bones to lessen their weight and make flight easier.

Loons, on the other hand, have solid bones. This increases their weight, which makes diving for food easier. Hollow bones splinter, rather than break, which is why you don't feed chicken bones to your dogs.

With solid bones you might think loons would be marginal flyers. This is also not the case. They can fly 150 miles at a time. They have been tracked at up to 70 mph when in migration flight.

The female lays between 1-2 olive-colored eggs and incubates them for 28 days. This is about the same length of incubation as pheasants. The majority

of waterfowl incubated for about 31 days. The loon is like upland birds in some respects and like waterfowl in others. Kind of a cool mix, in my opinion.

The adults hang with the young for about a month and they can then dive and feed themselves independently. When it's time to head south, the adults leave the young behind. The current year's offspring will stay in Minnesota for about 2-3 weeks longer and then find their own way south.

Common loons don't become sexually mature until they are 2 to 3 years old. So, they just spend their first few years wishing they were older.

There is no mistaking the call of the common loon. When I hear them, I find it very soothing to my soul. If you ask northern Minnesota property owners, they sometimes have a different opinion. Getting woke up at 5 a.m.

every day when you're trying to sleep in might get old, but for me I don't think it would. I get up pretty early even when I am on vacation.

There is a push that was getting legs this past legislative session regarding loons. Lead fishing tackle is sometimes ingested by loons feeding on the lake bottom. This is fatal to them and a push to eliminate lead tackle died as a result of Covid-19. I don't think this effort is going away and would have passed if not for the pandemic.

The loon population is classified as a species of least concern. This indicates that loons are doing very well and require no special extra protections. It is already illegal to shoot or hunt them. They can be seen here occasionally in the spring on their way to somewhere else.

When one surfaces 10 feet from the boat, they are pretty amazing. They are a very big bird with a sharp bill and coloration not shared with any other bird. I do love the common loon.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 28

- Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported a scam call.
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5 near Beaver Creek, reported a grass fire.
- Department and units out for training on S. Main Avenue in Hills.
- Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a loud disturbance in neighborhood.
- Complainant east-bound of Beaver Creek, exit ramp on Interstate 90 and County Road 4, reported a vehicle on fire.

May 29

- Complainant on County Road 4, Magnolia, reported a black Chrysler all over the road.
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported someone hit the canopy of the building.
- Complainant on W. Main Street reported a fire in town with rolling smoke.
- Complainant on Cashion Drive brought in suspicious envelope/mail that was received.
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a transient in lobby.

May 30

- Complainant on Warren and Estey streets reported an intoxicated female at location.
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested the fire department for alarms going off.
- Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported loud bangs, possibly fireworks; often heard in the neighborhood.
- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

May 31

- Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a stolen phone at location.

June 1

- Deputy assisted the Lyon County Sheriff on 11th Street and 10th Avenue, Hills.
- Complainant on 100th Avenue reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant on W. Gabrielson Road reported a suspicious vehicle.
- Suspicious activity

was reported at location on 140th Avenue, Steen.

June 2

- A stolen vehicle was reported at location on W. Minnesota Avenue, Steen.
- Complainant on 110th Avenue reported trespassing.
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and Hatting Street found a license plate.
- Complainant on N. Davidson Street reported a death notification.

June 3

- Complainant reported an accident on S. Donaldson Street.
- Complainant on E. Main Street reported an accident.
- Complainant on Cory Avenue, Adrian, reported a scam call.
- Complainant on the bridge between 140th and 150th reported kids jumping off bridge.
- Complainant on 134th Avenue reported damage from rock debris on the road.
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.
- Complainant on Main and Spring streets reported big aerial rockets going off.

June 4

- Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue thinks someone is at the fairgrounds.
- Complainant in Hills conducted a routine patrol.
- Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported acts of vandalism.
- A 911 outage was reported for Rock County.
- Suspicious activity was reported on N. Kniss Avenue.

June 5

- An accident was reported westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 4, Beaver Creek.
- Complainant on W. Brown Street reported a break-in to their garage.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 8 escorts, 26 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 4 paper services, 8 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 12 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 2 alarms, 7 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 20 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 5 welfare checks and 2 follow-ups.

MPCA hosts public forum for revising Rock River effluent standard

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will host a public online forum at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 11, to provide information about changing standards for wastewater effluent in the Rock River.

"It's important to the city and its waste water treatment," said Forrest Peterson of the MPCA Marshall office.

Luverne's wastewater plant operates on a five-year permit through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), which regulates point sources that discharge pollutants into waters.

When the discharge permit was up for its five-year renewal, MPCA monitoring data revealed a need for better nutrient removal, including phosphorus.

The permit was approved last year with an asterisk that the city needs to address specific pollutants, namely the level of salinity, or salt.

The NPDES cautionary note was one of the reasons truShrimp withdrew its construction plans from Luverne. Investors feared the city's wastewater treatment wouldn't be able to accommodate shrimp processing effluent.

Since then, the city launched its \$14 million wastewater treatment upgrade to address permit requirements and to meet industrial demands.

Premium Minnesota Pork is paying for half of that upgrade — \$6.7 million — in order to support that project and meet its needs when it starts processing this summer.

At the same time, state and



The standards would apply to about 16 miles of the Rock River from Luverne to the Iowa border.

local officials are working with the MPCA to revise the current water quality standard to reflect current science.

Essentially the current permit limit and water quality standard is based on outdated science.

The MPCA is now proposing a site-specific water quality standard for salinity in the Rock River downstream from Luverne's wastewater treatment plant.

If adopted, the new standards would more accurately reflect what is needed to ensure the water can be used for cropland irrigation.

Minnesota rule allows site-specific standards to be developed when local circumstances support a modification to statewide standards. The standards would apply to about 16 miles of the Rock River from Luverne to the Iowa border.

MPCA research shows that the new standard would protect soil health from excess sodium absorption while at the same time

contributing to Luverne's capacity for industrial development.

"Many communities are dealing with waste water issues, meeting the standards, and the often very large cost," Peterson said. "A site specific standard for this stretch of the Rock River will help the city address the requirements and the costs."

To access Thursday's informational meeting via webex, find the link on the MPCA's website, www.pca.state.mn.us/water/site-specific-water-quality-standards, which also provides an access code and password.

To join by phone, call 415-655-0003, meeting No. 962 594 248.

The public comment period closes at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18. Comments may be directed to Scott Kyser at scott.kyser@state.mn.us or 651-757-2665.

After that, the MPCA will prepare a Findings of Fact to submit justification to the EPA Region 5 for final approval.

Phone app connects community to sheriff

By Mavis Fodness

On June 2 the Rock County sheriff's office became the first in Minnesota to have its own phone app to communicate with the public.

"Rock County Sheriff's Office MN" is free through app stores.

At their June 2 meeting, Rock County Commissioners approved an annual support fee of \$2,995 with OCV, LLC of Auburn, Alabama.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said the phone app is funded through the department's E911 fund.

"In my business, the notification with people has to evolve, and this allows us to push out information immediately and effectively," he told commissioners.

The interactive app is downloadable to any smartphone, and about 90 percent of residents own smartphones, Verbrugge said. People check their phones multiple times a day.

The app continues the department's outreach activities and complements the department's use of Nixel and Facebook. What makes the app different is that it's interactive.

Users can report crimes (including the upload of pictures), submit tips, and apply for permits.

The app also displays current inmate information along with outstanding warrants, and the public can tip law enforcement to the wanted person's location through the app.

"The number of warrants needs to be whittled down," Verbrugge said.

Most warrants were issued when individuals did not appear for their court dates, added county attorney Jeff Haubrich.

OCV, LLC was created in 2011 and has developed mobile apps for law enforcement, public safety, emergency management and public health agencies throughout 40 states and Canadian provinces.

H-BC hires Kellenberger/continued from page 1

Prior to becoming assistant principal in the fall of 2017, Kellenberger taught for 12 years in various elementary and middle schools, including Ellsworth, H-BC and Bloomington Public Schools for eight years.

Kellenberger and his wife, Natasha, have three children, Henry (6), Nora (4) and Livia (6 months). A Beaver Creek native, he is the son of LeRoy and Lou Kellenberger.

Community is why Kellenberger wanted to return to his alma mater.

"This is a school and community you want to raise your kids in," he told the Star Herald.

"I applied because I felt I was ready for the next step of leading a building. I am very excited to get to know our students, staff and community members this summer and fall."

Committee reviews 13 principal applicants

Application deadline for the H-BC secondary position was May 26, and that evening the H-BC school board met in regular session via Zoom.

"I am very pleased at what we have coming in," said Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

A hiring committee made up of staff and community members reviewed the applications.

H-BC secondary consists of about 200 sixth-through 12-grade students in the high school building in Hills. The full-time position will oversee the 30 teachers and support staff.

Other duties of the principal include the oversight and implementation of the district's assessment programs, the monitoring of current trends and instructional practices, recommendations for budget requests and expenditures, and communication with parents.

The contract will be for 220 days with compensation determined by the school board.

In other May 26 business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Dan Ellingson as district assessment coordinator.

- Hired H-BC graduate Dylan Gehrke as an elementary teacher beginning the 2020-21 school year. Gehrke replaces Jason Blosmo, a fifth-grade teacher, who resigned earlier this year.

- Extended summer school assignments to Darin DeBoer, Jill Stiefvater and Jil Vaughn. Cost is \$1,200.

- Approved an overload teaching assignment to Scott Harnack for the 2019-2020 school year. Cost is \$4,000.

SOUTHWEST MN CEO TRADE SHOW

Wednesday, June 17

Grand Prairie Event Center

Luverne, MN

Due to Covid-19 we would appreciate you coming to the Tradeshow at your designated time. Wearing a mask will be left to individual discretion. There is a Covid plan in place to encourage social distancing

5:00-6:30 Community members, Supporters, school, personnel
6:30-8:00 Parents, relatives, incoming class, mentors



Thank you for joining us in celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of the 2019-20 SWMN CEO class. The individual businesses are:

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| Brinna Bloemendaal - Edgerton - Bloem | Bryn Mongeau - H-BC - Natural 20 Dice |
| Quinn Buss - Luverne - Northern Leak Detection | Nathan Nekali - Luverne - T'RYNY Time |
| Colby Crabtree - Luverne - Blue Mound Buckets | Scott Nolan - Pipestone |
| Jonathan Eisma - Edgerton - Eisma Bookkeeping | Isabel Smeins - Luverne - Basic Babes Clothing |
| Regan Feit - Luverne - Race to Flatten the Curve | Austin Taylor - Adrian - Looped In |
| Rylee Gee - Luverne - OG Metal Designs | Lindsey Trujillo - Pipestone |
| Brenna Henning - Adrian - Ruby and Thyme Bathco | Cade Wenninger - Luverne - Skygenix Drone Services |
| Teagan Leusink - Edgerton - Teesbytea | |
- Businesses will accept payment of cash or check

Rock County Tax Payers PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

A VIRTUAL meeting of the Rock County Board of Appeal & Equalization is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th 2020 at the Rock County Courthouse, in the Commissioners' Room from 7:00PM -7:30PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a fair and objective forum for property owners to appeal their valuation or classification.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, and the requirements for social distancing-and the need to keep the number of attendees under 10, we will be offering a Zoom Virtual meeting format for those taxpayers who want to address the Commissioners as to their 2020 assessment value which is for the Payable 2021 taxes.

You may call this Toll-Free Telephone number 1-312-626-6799 or by the following:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86579145706?pwd=UUlrMXdlSm5VVFJZMwzMEExOjYyUT09>
 You will then be asked to enter the Meeting ID which is: 865 7914 5706
 The Password is: 621565

Some items to be aware of:

- This meeting is to address taxpayers' concerns about their 2020 Assessment value which is for taxes due and payable in 2021
- This meeting is NOT to discuss taxpayers' real estate taxes due and payable in 2020.
- ALL TAXPAYERS SHOULD HAVE CALLED THE LAND RECORDS OFFICE AT 507-283-5022 TO SCHEDULE A REVIEW AND TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THIS MEETING, IF NEEDED.
- When addressing the County Board of Appeal & Equalization please state your name and the Parcel ID number you have concerns about.
- Each taxpayer will have 5-7 minutes to state their concerns.
- All motions will be made by a Roll Call vote.



Mavis Fodness photo/0611 History Center Request

Betty Mann (center, behind fire truck) leads a tour of the History Center in Luverne for the Rock County Commissioners (from left) Greg Burger, Gary Overgaard, Jody Reisch, Sherri Thompson and Stan Williamson and County Administrator Kyle Oldre (right) Tuesday morning, June 2. Mann requested that the county increase its annual contribution to the Rock County Historical Society from \$10,000 to \$35,000. Commissioners tabled the decision.

Historical society requests allocation increase from county/from page 2

Commissioners tour the History Center

After the June 2 regular meeting, commissioners toured the History Center in Luverne.

Mann greeted them in the main display area at the History Center, surrounded by the curated items she had a hand in bringing to the East Main Street facility.

"I've just turned 90," she said. "I won't always be here to continue doing this."

Society board members propose hiring a paid curator and expanding the

History Center hours, if the county decides to increase the annual contribution from \$10,000 to \$35,000.

The county's current \$10,000 contribution comprises 23 percent of the society's \$43,000 budget for 2020 and includes the operation of the History Center as well as the Hinkly House Museum.

Memberships make up 42 percent with donations comprising 17 percent.

"Last year we ended up losing \$2,400," Burger said during a budget presenta-

tion during the board meeting.

Any capital improvements are dependent on independent donations, the largest donor being Mann herself.

"Betty has been unbelievable in dipping into her personal dollars for a lot of the capital improvements here," Burger added. "This is not going to last forever."

In addition, Mann's display of her personal nutcracker collection is attributed to bringing 5,000 visitors, who signed

the guestbook in 2019, to the History Center.

"The nutcrackers bring them in and we show them everything else," Mann said.

The coronavirus pandemic closed the History Center to visitors since March, but volunteers continued to archive materials and complete research requests.

The center is currently in the process of reopening with limited hours.

Prior to the pandemic, volunteers had worked with members in the county's

small communities to curate more information for the History Center and organize a celebration of the county's 150th anniversary.

COVID-19 has all but postponed all plans.

"We were expecting a tremendous summer celebrating," Mann said. "Maybe next year."

For the rest of this year, focus continues on curating materials along with securing funds.

"I think we have a great building and I hope you do, too," Mann said.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Maeve Cynthia, was born Thursday, May 28, 2020, to **Joseph and Jennifer (Fuoss) Willers**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She joins a brother, Andrew (11). Grandparents are Thomas and Cynthia Fuoss, Sheldon, Iowa, and James and Jill Willers, Luverne. Great-grandparent is Burdell Willers, Brandon, South Dakota.

Open houses

Orville and Audrey Plum will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 13, at the Rock Valley Lunch House in Rock Valley, Iowa. Cards may be sent to 724 Riverview Drive, Rock Valley, Iowa, 51247.

Card showers

Shirley Honken will celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday, June 21. An open house will be scheduled at a later date. Greetings may be sent to her at Apt. 117L, 301 County Road 6, Hills, MN 56138.

Baby showers

There will be a drive by baby shower for **Allison Verhey** from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Tom and Kelly Dohlmann's back garage, 1205 S. Kniss, Luverne.

MENU

Monday, June 15: Tater Tot hotdish, choice vegetable, choice fruit, cookie.

Tuesday, June 16: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, California blend, dinner roll, fruited gelatin.

Wednesday, June 17: Beef tips with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, dinner roll, bar.

Thursday, June 18: Fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans, brownie.

Friday, June 19: Sausage gravy with biscuit, peas and pearl onions, cinnamon apples.

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.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Luverne nurse honored with DAISY Award

Sheryl Remme, a nurse at Sanford Luverne, is being honored with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize extraordinary and compassionate care that nurses provide patients and families every day.

Remme has worked in Luverne for eight years in surgery, obstetrics and education. She is also a shift coordinator and an OP/Chemo nurse with special training in taking care of patients with cancer.

Remme was nominated by Dianne Ossenfort of Luverne after she gave Dianne's brother what was described as exceptional care.



Submitted photo

Sanford Luverne recently honored Sheryl Remme (center) with the DAISY Award. She's pictured with Sanford Luverne Director of Nursing and Clinical Services Sheila Westfield (left) and Nursing Inpatient Supervisor Lynn DeBerg.

Hahn receives SARE grant

Jennifer Hahn of the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition in Luverne has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) for the project, "Youth Soil Health Investigators."

This grant was awarded as part of NCR-SARE's Youth Educator Program, which supports educators who seek to provide programming on sustainable agriculture for youth.

"Local FFA students will learn on-site from farmers about regenerative agriculture and providing soil health testing services for area farmers," Hahn, said.

The focus is on research

and education.

Funding is based on how well the applicant presents the problem being addressed, the project's relevance to sustainable agriculture in the 12-state North Central region, and how well it aligns with NCR-SARE's goals, among other factors specific to each grant program.

The SARE program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program.

It is part of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Ryan Johnson will return to the Southwest Conference at the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Johnson, a 1993 Worthington High School grad, has been named the new Luverne Middle/High School principal.

Luverne Superintendent Gary Fisher said the offer was made Friday, May 28, and accepted that Sunday.

Johnson has 11 years of teaching experience in the Twin Cities metro area and is excited about returning to the southwest part of the state.

25 years ago (1995)

•Rick White has been at home on Minnesota's prairies for much of his life. As an employee of Minnesota's state park system, he and his wife, Rhonda, have grown accustomed to beautiful scenery and living close to nature.

Now the Whites, originally from Wisconsin, are making their home on the grounds of Blue Mounds State Park where Rick will assume some managerial duties there and will remain the manager at Split Rock Creek State Park.

White has worked with six other state parks in Minnesota over the past 18 years, including Afton, Carley, Split Rock Lighthouse near the North Shore, Beaver Creek Valley and, for the past five years, at Split Rock Creek State Park near Ihlen.

50 years ago (1970)

•The sound of the tornado warning siren here Monday night sent many Luverne residents scurrying to their basements, or outside to see if they see the storm approaching.

Many didn't hear the siren, but a good share of those who didn't had already been alerted to the danger when weather warnings interrupted their television watching.

The Sioux Falls Weather Bureau had issued a tornado watch as early as 4 p.m. Monday. Word of the alert was received at the county radio dispatcher's office about that time. About 11 p.m. the alert was changed to a severe thunderstorm and tornado warning. The storm was moving from southwest to northeast at about 35 miles per hour.

Funnel clouds were reported near Valley Springs, north of Beaver Creek, and west of Kanaranzi. None touched down, however, and when the storm had blown over, there was little damage or no damage, either by wind or hail, reported.

75 years ago (1945)

•Poultry raisers are in a position to relieve the meat shortage right now and in the next few weeks, and at the same time save themselves some money, according to Cora Cooke, extension poultry specialist at the University of Minnesota.

This potential source of ready meat exists in all poultry flocks in the hens that have already quit laying for the summer. They represent only extra cost to the owner since the feed they will eat cannot be expected to bring any return in eggs until well toward Christmas. They are also likely to bring more now than they will later. Another good reason for shipping them promptly is that their removal from the flock is likely to boost egg production on the part of the hens that remain.

100 years ago (1920)

•The Hagen Company, of Sioux Falls, has leased the Coffey building formerly occupied by the postoffice, for a term of five years, and will open a branch store here, starting July 1st, or as soon after as the arrival of the stock and fixtures will permit.

The company will put in a stock of ladies' ready-to-wear clothing and general dry goods.

COLLEGE NEWS

Ridgewater names honor students

Teresa Van Belle, Beaver Creek, has been named to the Ridgewater College, Hutchinson Campus, dean's list for the Spring 2020 semester. To be honored, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

USD honor students announced

Several area students have been named to the dean's list and the academic honors list for the Spring 2020 semester at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

Named to the **dean's list** with at least a 3.5 GPA and at least 12 graded credits are the following students: Adrian: Avery Balster, Hannah Bullerman, Skylar Dingmann, Halle Heitkamp, Caroline Lewis, Skylar Polzine and Ryan Wieneke.

Ellsworth: Devin Dreesen.
Lismore: Jacob Bullerman, Dustin John and Dakota John.
Luverne: Jack Baustian, Gracie Bosch, Matthew Hup, Mackenzie Petersen, Lexi Wieneke and Jenna Zewiske.

Named to the **academic honors list** with at least a 3.5 GPA with fewer than 12 semester credits are the following students: Taylor Recker, Adrian; Cooper Vaughn, Hills; Amanda Sterling, Luverne.

Olson honored at Morningside

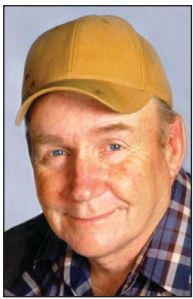
Rylee Olson, Hardwick, was named a Dimmitt Scholar in recognition of high academic achievement for the 2019-2020 year at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

To qualify as a Dimmitt scholar, the candidate must be a full-time student who has completed at least 45 credits of college work with a cumulative grade point average between 3.50 and 3.75.

OBITUARIES

Henry Petersen

Henry George Petersen, 75, Hardwick, died Sunday, June 7, 2020, at his home surrounded by family.



A memorial celebration of Henry's life will be Saturday, June 13, beginning at 3 p.m. and continuing into the night. Friends are invited to drive through the yard to offer their condolences or stay and make their way into the shop to have a beverage at the spool in Henry's memory.

Henry Petersen was born on Dec. 30, 1944, to George and Elnora (Resen) Petersen at Pipestone Hospital in Pipestone. He was raised on the family farm and attended school through the eighth grade. After his schooling, Henry went to work doing road construction. Following his Dad's death, Henry returned to the family's farm north of Hardwick and resumed farming.

On June 4, 1966, Henry married Ann Mortland at the Lake Benton Methodist Church in Lake Benton. They made their home on the farm near Hardwick and were blessed with four children. Henry enjoyed helping others when he was needed. He helped Earl Scott with his cattle. He helped bartend for a while at Kroggies Kegger and KJ Bar. He hauled pigs for New Horizon Farms, as well as Ranco Trucking and Bulluyt Trucking. Henry never did formally retire. He had the opportunity to help plant the 2020 crop and was planning on helping mow hay this summer.

Ann preceded Henry in death on Jan. 17, 2019. He

remained living in their home until his death.

Henry was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. He was currently a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Edgerton and a member of the Arthur Moeller American Legion in Hardwick. He enjoyed his family and coffee time in the shop with cookies for the grandkids. He enjoyed helping family with 4-H projects and learning about animals. Henry also enjoyed happy hour with friends and family in his shop around the spool.

Henry is survived by three children, Beth (Terry) Kalass of Luverne, Hope (Lowell) Schelhaas of Hardwick, and Heath (Keri) Petersen of Edgerton; eight grandchildren, Spenser Kalass (Marni DeBoer), Jasmine Kalass, Jenna and Nicole Schelhaas, and Kenzi, Hank, Huck and Hatcher Petersen; brother Dale (Jean) Petersen of Park Rapids; four in-laws, Rosie Petersen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Eugene Van Huevelen of Chandler, Virginia Yearous of Balaton, and Dan (Priscilla) Mortland of Illinois; and "The Spool Crew".

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann; son Hank; his parents; sister Louise Van Huevelen; brother Loren Petersen; and in-laws Dean (Maryline) Mortland, Delmare Yearous, and Berniece (James) Mortland.

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

(0611 F)

Kimber Siebenahler

Kimber Carol Ann Siebenahler, the dear daughter of Maggie and Nate Siebenahler, was embraced by her Heavenly Father and her loving relatives in heaven.



She was stillborn on Thursday, June 4, 2020. A private immediate family graveside service will be held at Memory Gardens in Luverne.

She is lovingly remembered by her parents, Maggie and Nate Siebenahler of Hardwick; her siblings, Raelyn and Colt; grandparents Mark

and Wendy Siebenahler of Cold Spring and Jerry and Pam Kuhlman of Spicer; aunts and uncles Chelsey (Jim) Evans, Emily (Travis) Thiex, Jesse (Anna) Kuhlman, and Bethany Kuhlman; her great-grandmother, Carol Kuhlman; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

She was greeted in heaven by three siblings.

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(0611 V)

DEATH NOTICE

Irene Van Berkel

Irene Van Berkel, 94, Edgerton, died Saturday, June 6, 2020, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton. Visitation will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the First Christian Reformed Church.

Arrangements are provided by the Colonial Funeral Chapel in Edgerton. www.edgertonburialassociation.com (0611 DN)

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1889: Businesses begin to locate in Hills

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village of Hills, continued from 6-4-20 edition of the Star Herald.

In April the store building of Jacobson & Sexe was moved across the fields from Bruce, and early in May that firm opened a general store one block north of the Thompson store. The same month A. T. Sexe moved his lumber yard from Bruce and installed P. H. Bly as manager. At the same time Ole Lund, the Bruce blacksmith, moved to the more promising village with his family — the first family to locate in Hills — and erected a shop and residence.

Many of the settlers of Martin township and most of the first business men of Hills were Norwegians. When the seventy-sixth anniversary of the independence of Norway, May 17, 1890, occurred, all living in the vicinity joined in celebrating the event, although only the above mentioned people were residents of the town. A bowery was erected and the exercises were held in a downpour of rain. Niels Jacobson was president of the day; Nels Iverson, vice president; Charles Nelson and George Anderson, marshals. The advertising matter promised one hundred guns at sunrise and a mammoth parade, headed by two brass bands.

So early as February a



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

petition had been circulated among the farmers in the vicinity of the proposed town, asking for the establishment of a postoffice, and during the summer the office was established with J. N. Jacobson as postmaster.⁷

⁷Mr. Jacobson served a four year term, being succeeded in 1894 by F. H. Fritz. Olaf Skyberg received the appointment in 1898 and has held the office since. One rural mail route is in operation from Hills. It was established April 1, 1904.

Besides the business enterprises mentioned, a few others were put in operation before the close of the year 1890. Warehouses were put up by Anderson & Finke, who also engaged in the stock business, and A. T. Sexe, and an elevator was built by the J. Q. Adams company. A. Hendrickson, a carpenter, erected a residence late in the year. A correspondent writing November 17 said: "We have every prospect for making a good town ... We have three elevators, one general store, one large hardware store, one blacksmith shop and one large lumber yard, also two stock firms

and two coal and wood firms." From the time the station was opened until the first of the next year over \$7000 worth of freight business was done at the Hills station, according to a statement by the agent, B. F. Heastand. The growth during the first year of its history had been substantial, and the year 1891 opened with more improvements in prospect.

During the second year of the town's history a two-story town hall costing \$1500 was put up by a stock company, composed principally of farmers residing in the vicinity and a few business men of the town; a \$3000 brick church was erected; Erick Colby established a livery and feed stable; Olaf Skyberg rented a part of the town hall and founded the second general store; Dr. C. P. Bissell put in a stock of drugs in Jacobson & Sexe's store and practiced his profession; L. A. Gilberts and the Midland Elevator company erected warehouses; W. P. King established a photograph gallery; and six residences were built.⁸ A business directory of Hills on November 20,

1891, shows the following: Jacobson & Sexe, general merchandise; Olaf Skyberg, general merchandise; William Thompson, hardware; A. T. Sexe, lumber, fuel, feed and grain, P. H. Bly, manager; C. P. Bissell, physician and drug store; Erick Colby, livery barn; Ole Lund, blacksmith; A. Hendrickson, carpenter; B. F. Heastand, railroad agent; J. Q. Adams & Company, elevator, A. J. Barbour, agent; L. A. Gilberts, grain dealer, John Helgeson, manager; Midland Elevator company, W. F. Johns, manager.

⁸"To say that Hills is booming is not saying much at present. The fact is, we lack words to express the enterprise and thrift noticeable in all lines of business. All our business men are kept so busy that they must put out of consideration both comfort and repose to keep pace with the progress of the town. Lots and building materials go like hot cakes. Houses go up and new business enterprises are established. Hills is destined to become the metropolis of Rock county, to say the least, and the present outlook warrants us in predicting that such will be the case in the no distant future." —Hills Correspondent, September 2, 1891.

The story of the village of Hills will continue in the June 18 edition of the Star Herald.

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MOWING NOTICE: ROCK COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

Landowners are responsible for mowing ditch shoulders. The first mowing should be done by July 1, 2020 and the last one to be done by September 15, 2020. This does not include: Denver, Magnolia, Martin, Springwater, or Beaver Creek.

Teresa Kramer, Sec.
Rock County Township Association

Springwater Township Mowing Notice

Landowners are now responsible for mowing shoulders at least three times per summer, depending on rain and growth. It is recommended that shoulders be mowed by the 15th of June, August and the last mowing between September 25 and Oct. 1st, 2020.

Failure to do so will result in your taxes being assessed at \$100 per half mile, per time.

Springwater Township Board

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We know that more are still needed and according to predictions, will be for some time. If you are willing to make and donate masks we are willing to give you supplies. If you need masks, you can stop in at the Sewing Basket. We have made the difficult decision to not hold any summer classes, so there will be no youth classes. Please continue to watch newsletters and our website for fall listings.

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Luverne Redbirds open season with win

By Jason Berghorst

Local baseball fans have been waiting months for the game to start.

The high school season was canceled due to coronavirus restrictions, and summer teams have also faced delays.

The Luverne Redbirds amateur team is one of over 250 "town ball" teams governed by the Minnesota Baseball Association.

The MBA has been working with the governor's office to develop guidelines that will allow baseball to be played this summer in Minnesota.

Recently the MBA announced that Minnesota teams can play out-of-state games until in-state games are approved.

The Redbirds traveled 13 miles west to Valley Springs, South Dakota, to take on the Brandon Valley Rats Thursday, June 4.

Luverne manager Brooks Mauer said there were some changes to the game experience to factor in social distancing.

"The teams didn't shake hands after the game," Mauer said. "That was probably the



Lori Sorenson Photo0611 Redbirds1

The Luverne Redbirds opened their delayed 2020 season with a come-from-behind 4-3 victory over Brandon Valley Thursday, June 4, in Valley Springs, South Dakota. Jake Hauen pitched three innings and hit a three-run homerun in the ninth inning to take the lead.

biggest thing."

Mauer also noted that there were no concessions sold and most fans brought their own seating and spread out around the field.

For now, the Redbirds have two more games scheduled in South Dakota. The

team travels to Castlewood to play two different teams this Saturday.

"We're hoping to find out soon when and if we can play home games," Mauer said.

Luverne 4, BV 3

Luverne scored its first

run of the delayed season when Skyler Wenninger was sent home by a Tyler Reisdorfer hit to the short stop in the fourth inning.

Phil Paquette hit a triple in the eighth inning, but

Redbirds baseball/see 14

Power Fitness, city pool and rec reopen

By Jason Berghorst

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announced Friday that indoor recreation and fitness centers could reopen with limited capacity and other safety requirements June 10.

Power Fitness in downtown Luverne and the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center were ready for the news.

Both facilities had been closed by state executive orders to reduce the spread of the coronavirus since mid-March.

According to Michelle DeKam, assistant supervisor for the Aquatics and Fitness Center, the facilities are able to open with 25 percent capacity.

"For us, that means open swim can have 56 people, one weight room can have six, the other can have only three and the cardio room can have six people," DeKam said.

Power Fitness owner Brian Beuning said the expansive size of his facility allows the business to easily meet capacity requirements.

"Power Fitness has three fitness levels of approximately 7,000 square feet

of usable fitness area," he said.

"This will allow approximately 50 people to use the facility at any given time."

Beuning said that number is higher than the number of members who normally use the facility at any one time.

"Power Fitness is not concerned about these occupancy mandates," he said.

According to DeKam, cleaning and disinfecting will be a primary goal for the facility.

"People wonder why we can't just be in the water, but it's really about everything that's touched," DeKam said. "The hand railings, the deck, everything gets touched and needs to be cleaned. We also have to be concerned about keeping the swimmers six feet apart on the deck."

The extra cleaning and supervision will require more staff at the pool and fitness center at any given time, even with the reduced occupancy.

DeKam said swimming lesson plans have also changed this summer.

"We will have no parent/child, preschool, or level one lessons," she said.

"There's just too much contact between instructors and students at those levels."

Parents will also not be allowed in the facility during lessons.

"We'll meet the kids at the door, their suits should be on, and then we'll bring them to the cars when done," DeKam said.

She also said there will be no lessons for swimmers coming on buses from neighboring towns this summer.

"We just won't have the space because of social distancing requirements," DeKam said.

Hours for the LAAFC will vary in June as the facility re-evaluates needs.

"We've talked to facility directors from Iowa and South Dakota and they tell us there wasn't the rush of people that might be expected when they first opened," DeKam said.

Instead, she and facility manager Sam Honerman and the rest of the staff are looking forward to a gradual return of customers.

"At this point, we don't plan to require pre-registrations to deal with occupancy requirements but can add that if needed," DeKam said.



Joel Vos/Rapid Speedway/0604 Racing

Colton Arends won the USRA Stock Car A Feature race at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids.

Luverne racer takes checkered flag

By Jason Berghorst

Six Rock County dirt track racers competed at local events over the weekend.

Luverne's Colton Arends placed first in the Stock Car class at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, on Friday to highlight local results.

Two Luverne drivers also raced at I-90 Speedway in Hartford, South Dakota, on Saturday.

Rapid Speedway

Arends found victory for the first time this season on Friday night.

After winning his heat race, the local driver started and finished the A feature in

first place.

Arends placed second last week in the same race at the same track.

Cory Kelderman of Hills led local drivers in the Hobby Stocks class by placing fifth in the A Feature race.

Luverne's Thomas Kracht finished 19th in the same race.

In the Sportsman's class, Brandon Boeve of Beaver Creek placed seventh in the A Feature on Friday night.

I-90 Speedway

Two Rock County drivers competed at the I-90 Speedway Saturday.

Kracht finished 14th in the A Feature of the Hobby

Stocks class.

Cadyn Wessels of Luverne placed seventh in the B Feature of the same class.

Rapid Speedway - June 5
Sportsman's A Feature
B. Boeve Beaver Creek 7th

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature
C. Kelderman Hills 5th
T. Kracht Luverne 19th

USRA Hobby Stocks B Feature 2
C. Wessels Luverne 7th

USRA Stock Cars A Feature
C. Arends Luverne 1st
S. Kalass Luverne 20th

I-90 Speedway - June 6
USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature
T. Kracht Luverne 14th

USRA Hobby Stocks B Feature
C. Wessels Luverne 7th

IN BRIEF

Golf outing set for June 23

The Nobles Country Corn and Soybean Growers and Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Golf Outing will be Tuesday, June 23, at the Adrian Country Club.

Tea time is at 2 p.m. with a steak dinner to follow at 5:30 p.m. Golf and dinner are free for members of either organization, and sign-up and renewal of memberships will be available at the door.

Call the Adrian Country Club at 507-483-2722 by June 21 to reserve your spot.

Enduro races still planned

Although local county fairs have been canceled this summer, the Luverne-Slayton-Rock Rapids Enduro Race Series (LSR) will continue.

The first race of the series is scheduled for June 20 at Rock Rapids. Drivers should register on the LSR Enduro Series Facebook page, or call Randy at 712-470-2036 by June 17.

Upcoming Enduro race dates in the series are Aug. 1 in Luverne, Aug. 15 in Slayton, Aug. 29 in Luverne and Sept. 12 in Rock Rapids.

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.

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne
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Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
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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
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Walt Moser, Pastor

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

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

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

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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 Altena, Pastor

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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. indoor worship service. Livestreaming also available. Thursdays 1-3 pm, 5:30 - 6:30 pm — Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 pm — AA Meeting. Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. ALIVE Youth Group lessons will be led by areas leader as shared. AA Meeting, Wednesday, 6 pm.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
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Jason Cunningham, Pastor

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

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

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

Living Rock Church
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Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

It is God who directs our footsteps

"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:6)

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

These past few months have been a very trying time for our nation and the world. The coronavirus has had millions of people sheltering in place by order of local, state and federal governments. "We have to flatten the curve" became the battle cry.

Sadly, many have lost their ability to earn a living - money needed to feed their families, to pay the utility bills, or to pay the rent or make a mortgage payment. Many are worried and concerned for the future.

During these trying times it may be hard for some to hear that "God is in control" or that "It is God who directs our footsteps." But it is true!

God often uses difficult circumstances to draw people to himself so they can learn to trust him and spend eternal life with him in heaven.

Our gracious Lord also provides for all of our needs. Jesus instructs and reminds us, "For this reason I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? Which one of you can add a single moment to his lifespan by worrying? So do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' Certainly your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matt. 6: 25-33)

This is God's higher purpose: to call you to come to faith in Jesus Christ, your Savior, and enjoy the fruits of faith both here in this world and in heaven when he calls you home to be with him.

God loves you so much that he sent his one and only Son into this world so that he could live the perfect life God expects of us. And then also to die on the cross as real payment for our sins, failures and worries. Jesus did just that! After his crucifixion, our Lord was placed in a grave, only to rise again from the dead three days later. His rising to life guarantees us that everything God promises us in the Bible is indeed true, and that we too will rise again one day.

Faith in Jesus' life, death and resurrection is the **only** way to heaven.

Our Savior taught us this truth: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

We invite you to learn more about how God directs our footsteps and what the Bible says about his plans for you. Feel free to reach out with a phone call or email.

May our loving, powerful Lord Jesus continue to bless you and your family and watch over you throughout the remainder of this pandemic.

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Galagan probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Cecilia W. Galagan, a/k/a Cecilia Galagan,
a/k/a Cecelia W. Galagan, a/k/a Cecelia Galagan,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-20-125

**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 22nd 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 May 10, 2000, and for the appointment of Annie Lange, whose address is 300 E. 8th Street, Adrian, Minnesota 56110, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a 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 personal 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 22, 2020

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

Paul A. Vis
Attorney for Petitioners
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #297550

(06-04, 06-11)

Luverne School District seeks bids for roof project

REQUEST FOR BIDS LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Luverne School District is requesting bids for the 2020 re-roofing project as described in the construction documents. Bids will be received by Independent School District No. 2184 until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Luverne, Minnesota.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the above time and place. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked on the lower left-hand corner "Sealed Bid Enclosed - Roofing" with the name and address of the bidder and the date and hour of the opening and addressed to:

Superintendent of Schools
Independent School District No. 2184
709 North Kniss
Luverne, MN 56156

Each bidder must accompany his bid with a Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or Certified Check equal to 5 percent of the amount of the bid payable to the Owner as a guarantee of prompt execution of the Contract in accordance with the Proposal and Contract Documents and that he will furnish bond acceptable to the Owner covering performance of the Contract.

Copies of the plans are on file in the District Office.

Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, Minnesota, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

Tim Jarchow
Clerk
(6-4, 6-11)

City of Luverne sets public hearing for June 23

CITY OF LUVERNE
COUNTY OF ROCK
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF A PORTION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE §412.851

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City Council on the 23rd day of June, 2020, in the Council Chambers of City Offices located at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, at 5:00 p.m., or by telephone or electronic means according to MS §13D.021 due to the COVID-19 health pandemic.

The public hearing is to consider the vacation of a portion of the right-of-way in Block 2 in Sater's Creek Addition, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

A complete copy of the legal description is available for inspection by any person during business hours in the office of the City Clerk, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota. Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, please call the City Clerk's Office at 507-449-9898 to schedule an inspection, or request an email copy at jmead@cityof-luverne.org.

Published upon order of the City Council of Luverne, Minnesota.

City of Luverne, Minnesota
By /s/ Jessica Mead
City Clerk
(06-11, 06-18)



CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN, 56156. Questions about this report should be directed to Barbara Berghorst at (507) 449-9900.

Summary Financial Report Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations Governmental Funds For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	Total 2019	Total 2018	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 2,501,224	\$ 2,346,963	6.57 %
Special assessments	913	857	6.53
Licenses and permits	81,030	81,025	0.01
Intergovernmental	2,537,691	2,458,231	3.23
Charges for services	859,617	825,037	4.19
Fines and forfeits	13,742	13,828	(0.62)
Investment earnings	262,440	79,290	230.99
Miscellaneous	341,546	65,830	418.83
Total Revenues	\$ 6,598,203	\$ 5,871,061	12.39 %
Per Capita	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,248	11.93 %
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	\$ 815,892	\$ 794,627	2.68 %
Public safety	1,295,288	1,254,223	3.27
Public works	1,054,649	996,616	5.82
Culture and recreation	1,262,616	1,168,031	8.10
Conservation and development	358,208	594,967	(39.79)
Capital outlay			
General government	274,204	42,362	547.29
Public safety	448,385	249,195	79.93
Public works	2,533,288	329,192	669.55
Culture and recreation	622,879	541,485	15.03
Conservation and development	21,069	21,646	(2.67)
Debt service			
Principal	396,356	389,356	1.80
Interest and other costs	52,423	65,548	(20.02)
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,135,257	\$ 6,447,248	41.69 %
Per Capita	\$ 1,933	\$ 1,370	41.12 %
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 890,225	\$ 1,286,581	(30.81) %
Per Capita	188	273	(31.08)
General Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,829,124	\$ 2,779,612	1.78 %
Per Capita	599	591	1.37

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds December 31, 2019

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	602 Sewer	604 Electric	609 Liquor	Other Proprietary Funds	
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 1,539,272	\$ 12,371,207	\$ 8,518,491	\$ 496,483	\$ 1,002,176	\$ 23,927,629
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)						
Accrued interest	3,580	16,068	19,256	997	1,964	41,865
Accounts, net	130,212	95,349	382,988	-	58,126	666,675
Loans	2,782	2,782	2,782	-	5,992	14,338
Delinquent special assessments	341	-	-	-	-	341
Intergovernmental	-	584	-	-	-	584
Due from other funds	-	-	774,000	-	-	774,000
Inventories	43,164	43,164	586,255	165,055	-	837,638
Prepaid items	-	-	336	-	-	336
Total Current Assets	1,719,351	12,529,154	10,284,108	662,535	1,068,258	26,263,406
Noncurrent Assets						
Restricted assets						
Cash and temporary investments	390,799	1,122,815	248,490	-	5,047	1,767,151
Special assessments receivable						
Noncurrent	362	345	-	-	585	1,292
Loans receivable - noncurrent	33,507	33,507	34,344	-	72,168	173,526
Capital assets						
Land	102,967	218,528	369,325	78,860	99,968	869,648
Buildings	973,702	559,156	1,565,539	107,064	79,566	3,285,027
Improvements and infrastructure	12,661,319	9,385,626	20,706,842	26,721	1,869,607	44,650,115
Machinery and equipment	396,102	509,222	889,843	69,280	822,313	2,686,760
Construction in progress	680,523	6,032,610	594,745	-	615,489	7,923,367
Total capital assets	14,814,613	16,705,142	24,126,294	281,925	3,486,943	59,414,917
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,608,450)	(6,337,302)	(12,973,559)	(159,813)	(1,460,790)	(27,539,914)
Total Capital Assets (Net Of Accumulated Depreciation)	8,206,163	10,367,840	11,152,735	122,112	2,026,153	31,875,003

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Total Noncurrent Assets	8,630,831	11,524,507	11,435,569	122,112	2,103,953	33,816,972	223,714
Total Assets	10,350,182	24,053,661	21,719,677	784,647	3,172,211	60,080,378	1,580,782
Deferred Outflows of Resources							
Deferred pension resources	11,990	20,246	13,479	9,124	7,291	62,130	22,069
Deferred other postemployment benefits	225	376	281	89	127	1,098	317
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	12,215	20,622	13,760	9,213	7,418	63,228	22,386
Liabilities							
Current Liabilities							
Accounts payable	26,434	73,856	578,049	5,237	18,281	701,857	5,145
Contracts payable	16,586	1,145,267	122,504	-	13,600	1,297,957	-
Retainage payable	29,110	38,440	13,612	-	27,423	108,585	-
Due to other governments	1,289	-	22,782	13,535	4,626	42,232	-
Accrued interest payable	37,916	72,989	22,163	-	-	133,068	-
Wages and related benefits payable	3,463	6,904	6,453	2,732	2,357	21,909	6,339
Customer deposits payable	9,383	8,326	41,327	1,971	5,047	66,054	-
Compensated absences payable - current	12,479	21,968	23,424	5,179	11,017	74,067	82,364
Bonds payable - current	343,500	1,041,500	185,000	-	-	1,570,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	480,160	2,409,250	1,015,314	28,654	82,351	4,015,729	93,848
Noncurrent Liabilities							
Compensated absences payable	41,570	78,609	92,269	13,636	31,334	257,418	323,104
Bonds payable	2,862,926	10,819,654	4,673,679	-	-	18,356,259	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	7,723	12,946	9,660	3,061	4,377	37,767	10,895
Net pension liability	123,401	208,370	138,722	93,897	75,040	639,430	227,138
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	3,035,620	11,119,579	4,914,330	110,594	110,751	19,290,874	561,137
Total Liabilities	3,515,780	13,528,829	5,929,644	139,248	193,102	23,306,603	654,985
Deferred Inflows of Resources							
Deferred pension resources	26,199	44,233	29,448	19,933	15,930	135,743	48,216
Net Position							
Net investment in capital assets	5,234,737	6,934,051	8,750,425	122,112	2,026,153	23,067,478	172,165
Restricted for debt service	431,174	1,356,687	-	-	-	1,787,861	-
Unrestricted	1,154,507	2,210,483	7,023,920	512,567	944,444	11,845,921	727,802
Total Net Position	\$ 6,820,418	\$ 10,501,221	\$ 15,774,345	\$ 634,679	\$ 2,970,597	\$ 36,701,260	\$ 899,967

Adjustment to Reflect the Consolidation
of Internal Service Fund Activities Related
to Enterprise Funds 410,401

Net Position of Business-type Activities \$ 37,111,661

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	602 Sewer	604 Electric	609 Liquor	Other Proprietary Funds	
Operating Revenues						
Charges for services/sales	\$ 1,717,393	\$ 1,344,299	\$ 6,823,255	\$ 1,435,526	\$ 861,942	\$ 12,182,415
Cost of sales	-	-	-	(1,055,863)	-	(1,055,863)
Service income	18,169	44,486	91,554	-	7,324	161,533
Other income	4,690	150	85,943	150	1,355	92,288
Total Operating Revenues	1,740,252	1,388,935	7,000,752	379,813	870,621	11,380,373
Operating Expenses						
Personal services	231,061	392,283	364,895	159,860	146,784	1,294,883
Supplies	148,617	111,750	793,783	35,630	52,969	1,142,749
Other services and charges	482,207	632,421	1,598,904	94,212	244,082	3,051,826
Power purchased/delivered	-	-	3,487,943	-	-	3,487,943
Depreciation	367,480	336,004	906,935	7,360	133,386	1,751,165
Pension expense	(36,580)	866	59,651	4,753	1,004	29,694
Total Operating Expenses	1,192,785	1,473,324	7,212,111	301,815	578,225	10,758,260
Operating Income (Loss)	547,467	(84,389)	(211,359)	77,998	292,396	622,113
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)						
Property taxes	-	7	-	-	-	7
State grants and aids	-	1,358	-	-	-	1,358
Special assessment income	268	701	-	-	940	1,909
Investment income	64,484	289,891	347,466	17,995	35,156	754,992
Rental income	3,720	988	3,825	-	7,067	15,600
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	-	12,000	(10,108)	-	8,403	10,295
Pension revenue	287	484	322	218	174	1,485
Interest and other costs	(92,489)	(85,400)	(170,388)	-	(11)	(348,288)
Interest on customer deposits	(23)	(21)	(1,616)	-	-	(1,660)
Amortization revenue (expense)	2,099	(856)	7,427	-	-	8,670
Contributions to component unit	(40,000)	(65,000)	(70,000)	-	(40,000)	(215,000)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(61,654)	154,152	106,928	18,213	11,729	229,368
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions and Transfers	485,813	69,763	(104,431)	96,211	304,125	851,481
Transfers Out	(75,000)	(120,000)	(470,000)	(45,000)	(220,000)	(930,000)
Capital Contributions From Others	-	3,450,000	-	-	-	3,450,000
Capital Grants and Contributions	46,369	75,654	-	-	143,748	265,771
Change in Net Position	457,182	3,475,417	(574,431)	51,211	227,873	3,637,252
Net Position, January 1	6,363,236	7,025,804	16,348,776	583,468	2,742,724	33,064,008
Net Position, December 31	\$ 6,820,418	\$ 10,501,221	\$ 15,774,345	\$ 634,679	\$ 2,970,597	\$ 36,701,260

Change in Net Position as Shown Above \$ 3,637,252

Adjustment to Reflect the Consolidation
of Internal Service Fund Activities
Related to Enterprise Funds. 25,115

Change in Net Position of Business-type
Activities \$ 3,662,367

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	601 Water	602 Sewer	604 Electric	609 Liquor	Other Proprietary Funds	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities						
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 1,719,413	\$ 1,388,405	\$ 7,084,989	\$ 1,435,889	\$ 871,852	\$ 12,500,548
Cash paid to suppliers	(675,367)	(787,783)	(5,918,570)	(1,217,934)	(293,580)	(8,893,234)
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	(278,685)	(400,056)	(258,267)	(157,193)	(147,535)	(1,241,736)
Other receipts	4,275	2,173	4,147	218	8,181	18,994
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	769,636	202,739	912,299	60,980	438,918	2,384,572
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities						
Transfers to other funds	(75,000)	(120,000)	(470,000)	(45,000)	(220,000)	(930,000)
Payment to component unit	(40,000)	(65,000)	(70,000)	-	(40,000)	(215,000)
Loans made	-	-	(1,175)	-	-	(1,175)
Loan payments received	5,376	7,060	8,999	-	11,580	33,015
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	-	-	(15,000)	-	-	(15,000)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	(196)	(17)	-	-	-	(213)
State aids received	-	1,358	-	-	-	1,358
Property taxes received	-	7	-	-	-	7
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	(109,820)	(176,592)	(547,176)	(45,000)	(248,420)	(1,127,008)

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Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities							
Proceeds from bonds issued	-	11,009,975	-	-	-	11,009,975	-
Acquisition of capital assets	(330,284)	(4,578,339)	(2,064,183)	-	(468,620)	(7,441,426)	-
Capital grants received	72,971	119,438	-	-	226,216	418,625	-
Payment from developers	-	3,450,000	-	-	-	3,450,000	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	12,000	8,000	-	37,999	57,999	-
Principal paid on long-term borrowings	(334,500)	(200,500)	(150,000)	-	-	(685,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges paid on long-term borrowings	(94,985)	(21,370)	(201,363)	-	-	(317,718)	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(686,798)	9,791,204	(2,407,546)	-	(204,405)	6,492,455	-
Cash Flows from Investing Activities							
Interest received	66,153	284,632	351,774	18,227	35,956	756,742	54,392
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	39,171	10,101,983	(1,690,649)	34,207	22,049	8,506,761	129,167
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1	1,890,900	3,392,039	10,457,630	462,276	985,174	17,188,019	1,156,835
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31	\$ 1,930,071	\$ 13,494,022	\$ 8,766,981	\$ 496,483	\$ 1,007,223	\$ 25,694,780	\$ 1,286,002
Cash and Cash Equivalents are Comprised of							
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 1,539,272	\$ 12,371,207	\$ 8,518,491	\$ 496,483	\$ 1,002,176	\$ 23,927,629	\$ 1,286,002
Restricted assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and temporary investments	390,799	1,122,815	248,490	-	5,047	1,767,151	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,930,071	\$ 13,494,022	\$ 8,766,981	\$ 496,483	\$ 1,007,223	\$ 25,694,780	\$ 1,286,002
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities							
Operating income (loss)	\$ 547,467	\$ (84,389)	\$ (211,359)	\$ 77,998	\$ 292,396	\$ 622,113	\$ 82,191
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities							
Depreciation	367,480	336,004	906,935	7,360	133,386	1,751,165	45,172
Other income related to operations	4,275	2,173	4,147	218	8,181	18,994	528
Interest paid on customer deposits	(23)	(21)	(1,616)	-	(11)	(1,671)	-
(Increase) decrease in assets							
Accounts receivable	(20,703)	79	83,596	-	821	63,793	5,404
Special assessments receivable	(242)	(11)	-	-	547	294	-
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventories	(43,164)	(43,164)	(162,693)	13,664	-	(235,357)	-
Prepaid items	-	-	(336)	-	-	(336)	(295)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources							
Deferred pension resources	19,421	21,517	3,689	8,912	7,625	61,164	24,754
Deferred other postemployment benefit resources	24	(33)	(85)	(1)	-	(95)	10
Increase (decrease) in liabilities							
Accounts payable	(38,277)	439	183,454	(41,780)	4,196	108,032	(6,020)
Due to other governments	341	-	2,902	640	290	4,173	-
Wages and related benefits payable	543	1,597	3,556	583	490	6,769	1,064
Deposits payable	393	(114)	963	431	37	1,710	-
Compensated absences payable	(2,534)	(54)	47,046	180	1,827	46,465	25,968
Other postemployment benefits liability	(9,077)	(10,149)	(3,540)	(2,848)	(4,072)	(29,686)	(11,120)
Net pension liability	(38,597)	(7,014)	50,180	889	(1,884)	3,574	(14,339)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources							
Deferred pension resources	(17,691)	(14,121)	5,460	(5,266)	(4,911)	(36,529)	(17,206)
Total Adjustments	222,169	287,128	1,123,658	(17,018)	146,522	1,762,459	53,920
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 769,636	\$ 202,739	\$ 912,299	\$ 60,980	\$ 438,918	\$ 2,384,572	\$ 136,111
Schedule of Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities							
Book value of disposed/traded of capital assets	\$ 1,381	\$ 178,483	\$ 554,756	\$ -	\$ 30,647	\$ 765,267	\$ -
Capital assets acquired on account	45,696	1,183,707	136,116	-	41,023	1,406,542	-
Special assessments levied	242	11	-	-	-	253	-
Amortization of bond (premium) discount	(2,100)	856	(7,426)	-	-	(8,670)	-

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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GARAGE SALES

Rummage Sale in Luverne: 500 Phyleon Drive. Thurs., June 11; Fri., June 12; Sat., June 13 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Luverne hockey jackets; miter saw, tools; wine sets; clothing 2x-3x men's and ladies; new bird-cage; dog kennel; desk chairs; large air hockey table; easel; Cape Cod dishes, leftse board, salad maker and juicer; lots of jewelry; old wooden wash stand; lots of miscellaneous. (6.6-6.11)

Connell Family Rummage Sale: 212 SE Park. Fri., June 12 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., June 13 9 a.m.-? Luverne. Farmhouse decor; kids play table; linens for full and queen beds; cabinets; 2 large oak bath vanity cabinetry; bathroom mirrors; wall mounted medicine chest; fridge; some kids clothes boys 9-24 mo., name brand women's S-M and plus-size clothing, shoes size 9-10 adult; couch, 2 chairs and 3 end tables; toys and lots of Misc. Everything is priced to sell. (6.6-6.11)

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God's Blessings,
Margaret Gonnerman
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EMPLOYMENT

Direct Support Professionals
Positions Available in Luverne and Pipestone
Hiawatha Manor, Inc. is looking for individuals with a willingness and desire to make a difference in the lives of individuals experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities in a community based setting. Individuals will assist in teaching life skills, provide direct care and should have characteristics of compassion and respect.
Luverne: Sleep Overnight shifts one or two days a week
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We offer flexibility in setting up a schedule that works for you with competitive wages and paid time off. No experience required, we will train. Background check required.
Hiawatha Manor, Inc. Apply at 107 5th Ave. NE Pipestone
Applications can be requesting by calling 507-825-5697 or texting 507-820-1940

Southwestern Mental Health Intake Specialist

Avera Partner
Southwestern Mental Health Center is currently seeking applications for a Full-Time Intake Specialist position at our Luverne, MN office.
Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, with extended hours on Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
The Intake Specialist is responsible for the general functioning of the Front Office duties. Provide face-to-face and phone reception services to all clients, families, vendors, agencies, and co-workers. Enters new client data into Information System, completes clinical transactions in system. Assist Lead Intake Specialist with completing Initial Intake packets, Face-to-Face Intake packets, consent to treatment agreement, fee agreements and release of information & annual updates.
Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite. Must be able to perform basis operations on a computer within the Windows operating system.

Apply online at Southwestern Mental Health
Please apply at: <http://www.swmhc.org>
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4. Click on Luverne, MN and search for this position to apply.
If you need further assistance,
Email: david.vinzant@swmhc.org
Phone: 507-283-9511
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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED
FULL TIME INFORMATION SYSTEMS ASSISTANT
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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted
Hardwick Maintenance Manager

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This is a permanent part-time position.

Applications and general job summary are available in the city hall lobby or by e-mailing Tammy Johnson, City Clerk at cityofhardwick@alliancecom.net. Include your name and address, an application will be mailed to you.

Please submit applications to: PO Box 31, Hardwick, MN 56134 OR the City Hall Drop Box before June 30, 2020.

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EMPLOYMENT



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 3 days per week & every other weekend
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NOW HIRING

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Requirements:

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- CPR/First Aid certification a plus.
- Valid MN Driver's license is required.

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Redbirds baseball season opens/continued from page 8

Luverne was unable to score any runs.

The Redbirds trailed the Rats 3-1 entering the top of the ninth inning.

Ben Serie and Reisdorfer were on base when Jake Haugen hit a three-run homerun to clear the bases and give Luverne a 4-3 lead.

The Redbird defense and

Reisdorfer on the mound held Brandon Valley scoreless in the bottom of the ninth to earn the victory.

Haugen pitched the first three innings for Luverne and Derek Lundgren took the mound for the next three innings.

Serie then pitched one inning before Reisdorfer closed out the game and earned the win.

Redbird manager Brooks Mauer said he and his team were happy to not only get the first win, but just to play the first game.

"It was the first time it's felt like a normal night for several months," Mauer said.

"It was just good to be out on the field and back around baseball."

Box score	AB	H	R	BI
Nath	3	0	0	0
Beers	4	0	0	0
Paquette	3	1	0	0
Weninger	4	0	1	0
Serie	3	1	1	0
Reisdorfer	4	0	1	0
Lundgren	4	0	0	0
Norman	2	2	0	0
Gonzalez	1	0	0	0
Haugen	2	1	0	0
Brown	2	0	0	0

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS

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Help for veterans and families

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Rock County
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Rock County Veterans Services

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Rock County Courthouse

In honor of local veterans consider a gift to the Luverne Area Community Foundation's

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS FUND

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Gifts can be named in honor or memory of a person who has served
Example:

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*LACF will publish honor/memorials received through June 24th in the 4th of July issue of the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer

How to give: Write a check to LACF, include a note with person's name and branch of service and mail to PO Box 623 Luverne, MN or go to www.luvacf.org and place a credit card gift. Go to "donate now", click on the Rock County Veterans Fund and follow the prompts.

We look forward to honoring these special service men and women. Questions please contact Emily Crabtree, Executive Director at emily@luvacf.org or 507-220-2424

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

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

mn.gov/covid19

MINNESOTA

Governor Walz's Executive Order for JUNE 10TH

Starting Wednesday, June 10, people will be able to head inside to restaurants and bars. Gyms and fitness studios can resume operations. Pools will be open across the state. But all of that will require safe social distancing, strict capacity limits, and wearing masks. Under Phase III of the Stay Safe MN plan:

1. Restaurants

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

2. Social gatherings

- Indoor social gatherings can take place with 10 people or less
- Outdoor social gatherings can take place with 25 people or less

3. Gyms, personal fitness, yoga studios, & martial arts

- May open at 25 percent capacity

4. Entertainment venues

- Indoor entertainment venues such as theaters and concert halls, can open at 25 percent capacity.
- Recreational indoor entertainment venues, such as bowling alleys, arcades, and museums may open at 25 percent capacity.
- Outdoor entertainment venues, such as sporting events, concerts, and theaters may open at 25 percent capacity.

5. Personal services

- Personal services, such as salons, tattoo parlors, and barbershops, may increase occupancy rates to 50 percent while requiring reservations.

6. Places of worship

- Places of worship can increase occupancy rates to 50 percent.

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

Further clarification located at:

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

STAY SAFE MN



LUVERNE IS TAKING ACTION

At the Luverne city council meeting that took place on Tuesday, May 26, the council approved a resolution giving John Call the authority to review and approve the use of public sidewalks and concurrence with Mark Sehr County Engineer and Evan Verbrugge Sheriff. This approved measure will be in effect until the local emergency ends or the city council decides to terminate it. The city will provide the necessary traffic safety barriers and help alleviate any regulatory barriers that a business might have in order to expand their outdoor seating capacity.

EMPLOYER PREPAREDNESS PLAN REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

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

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

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

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



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

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Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick T. Baustian