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Pandemic prompts new twist on old favorite

Chamber plans socially distanced 58th Hot Dog 'Week'

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Chamber and local leaders are finding ways to continue summer celebrations amid pandemic precautions.

Luverne will observe its iconic Hot Dog Night July 13 through 18 with social distancing modifications.

For example, people are encouraged to order hot dog meals from local restaurants during the week as a way to win gift cards to the participating restaurants.

They include Bluestem Catering, Howling Dog Saloon, JJ's Tasty Drive In, Sterling's Café and Grill, Vinnie's Dang Fine Dine and Wildflowers Coffee Boutique.

The more hot dogs, the more chances to win \$10 gift cards.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said she couldn't remember a summer without the event and felt compelled to keep the tradition going in some small way.

"Hot Dog Night is Hot Dog Night. I have had probably between 50 and 60 calls at the Chamber over the last week and a half to find out if we were having it," she said. "Most of the calls (80 to 90 percent) were from out of town."

So, she and a group of organizers worked out a plan.

The Wiener Dog Races are canceled, but the Wiener Dog Beauty Contest is still on — virtually. People are encouraged to dress up their dogs and message photos on July 15 to the Luverne Chamber through its Facebook page. Winners, to be announced July 16, will receive \$50 gift cards to Rock Veterinary Clinic.

Similarly, hot dogs will be consumed virtually. Individuals or families are encouraged to send photographs of themselves eating hot dogs to the Chamber on July 16 for chances to win one of four \$50 picnic grill packs. Winners will be announced July 17.

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July 4 activities at The Lake included plenty of beach recreation, food vendors, free use of kayaks and general water games. Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said there was a deliberate effort to not plan too many attractions at The Lake in order to encourage social distancing.

Luverne celebrates modified Fourth of July

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

Despite pandemic social restrictions, the Fourth of July in Luverne was a festive holiday amid sunny weather and casual community activities.

In addition to the usual Davis Lake Triathlon and fireworks at The Lake, the day included a Freedom Loop Challenge and free golf cart rides on the Luverne Loop trail and an evening outdoor concert on the lawn of the Courthouse Square.

Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said she was pleased with how the holiday unfolded.

"I heard very good comments about

the day at The Lake and thank everyone who worked on it to make it a success," she said.

She credited Dave Duffy and the family and friends of Mike and Traci Davis for activities at The Lake, which included food vendors, free use of kayaks and general water games.

"I made a pact with the city that if we could have fireworks I wouldn't plan or host anything at The Lake," Lanphere said.

"The social distancing stuff was a challenge to think of things."

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Above, dozens of people took advantage of free golf cart rides along the Luverne Loop Trail which took them around the Veterans Home pond. Above right, fireworks at the lake were displayed above ground so people could view them from socially distanced vantage points.



(Carson Ehde photo)

District pushes contractors to have classrooms ready by Sept. 8 school start

By Mavis Fodness

With two months left before the 2020-21 school year begins, a deadline looms for Gil Haugan Construction, Sioux Falls, and project subcontractors.

Luverne School Board members discussed the construction timeline during their June 25 meeting and afterward toured the campus to assess progress.

"They have known for a long time — our calendar has been in place for two years — Sept. 8 is our start date," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. "We have not hit many deadlines yet."

With no arrangements made to bring in portable classrooms, the actual classrooms in Luverne Middle-High School will need to be finished and ready for students in 60 days.

As of July 1, no classrooms are ready for the sixth- through eighth-grade students and only eight are available for the ninth- through 12th-graders.

Project manager Joel Bornhoft with ICS Builds of Sioux Falls provided a new timeline at the June 25

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Mavis Fodness photo/0709 School Build July 2020

Nathan Meyer with Push-Pedal-Pull of Sioux Falls rolls down the new Cardinal emblem last week in the recently completed weight room in the former Luverne Middle-High School band and choir rooms.

Application process open for CARES funding

By Mavis Fodness

Applications for the distribution of \$500,000 to Rock County businesses are now available.

Commissioners approved the Rock County Small Business Relief Fund application process Tuesday morning during their regular monthly meeting. The first 100 eligible businesses completing the application can each receive up to \$5,000.

A similar application for Rock County non-profit organizations will also be available electronically on the county's website. Paper application forms are available just inside the courthouse back entrance or by calling the auditor-treasurer's office at 283-5060 or email ashley.kurtz@co.rock.mn.us.

To be eligible, businesses must meet all the following criteria as of March 1:

- must be a locally owned and operated for-profit business with a physical establishment in Rock County.
- must have been operating for at least 12 months prior to March 1, 2020.
- must be current on property taxes prior to March 15, 2020, and,

if applicable, any required licenses must be valid and in good standing.

- must demonstrate a COVID-19-related loss.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Non-profit organizations will also be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. A separate fund up to \$175,000 has been set aside for Rock County non-profit organizations to receive relief from COVID-19 expenditures.

Applications from businesses and non-profits will be accepted until noon on Aug. 15.

All approved applicants must sign a grant agreement with the county prior to receiving the grant money. Checks in the amount of more than \$2,000 are published with the commissioners' required public notices.

Tuesday night, after the Star Herald publication deadline, commissioners met with municipal and township entities that all received separate CARES or Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Assistance dollars.

Each entity was to decide how their dollars would be allocated.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Township boards

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, in the township hall.
Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, in the home of Aaron Sandbulte.

Blue Mound Fall Festival canceled

Blue Mound Lutheran Church Fall Festival that was scheduled for Sept. 20 has been canceled due to coronavirus concerns.

Sanford drive-through treats

Sanford clinics in Luverne, Adrian, and Edgerton will host drive-through events to thank the communities for their support.
The drive-through events will take place at the following times.
•Sanford **Luverne** Clinic: Monday, July 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
•Sanford Health **Adrian** Clinic: Tuesday, July 14, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
•Sanford Health **Edgerton** Clinic: Wednesday, July 15, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free summer treats will be available while supplies last. Attendees will be asked to remain inside their vehicles.

Free tax filing help at the library

Free tax help at the library resumes for new July 15 IRS filing deadline that was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.
Volunteers will again take appointments to help area low-income and elderly residents with personal (non-commercial) filing paperwork. Call the Rock County Library, 507-449-5040, to schedule.

Food distribution canceled for July 16 and Aug. 20 due to low participation

Monthly food giveaways at Generations on July 16 and Aug. 20 are canceled due to low numbers of recipients. Call 507-283-4366 or 402-981-5019 with questions.

Community Education

The Community Education phone number is 507-283-4724. The office is closed on Fridays. The updated summer brochure has been posted to the Community Education page of the Luverne Schools website.
Registrations will be accepted with payment by mail or by drop box. Use the waiver/registration form found on page 5 of the brochure.d
We will follow state and public health Covid-19 guidelines, which could change at any time. Continue to watch Facebook and website pages daily for any updates.
Classes that will be offered include: Preschool Play Dates in the Park, Early Play Ball, July Soccer, August Soccer, Cliff Line Climbing, Science Day Camp, Coffey Contemporary Story Writing Illustrating, Coffey Contemporary Cool Off & Paint, Arts and Crafts, Track, Basketball Skills, Volleyball Skills, Golf, Tennis, Weight Lifting (new class), Sanford Power Camp, Football.
These classes are canceled: Morning Rec, Missoula Children's Theatre, Olympic Day Camp, Garden Tour, Twins Trip and Music Man Trip.



Lori Sorenson photo/0709 springbrooke development

Housing construction continues in the Springbrooke Addition of Beaver Creek near the golf course. Nine homes were built at the start of the golf course development, and since Rick Gourley bought the project, three new homes are under construction and several other lots have been sold, spurred in part by a five-year housing tax abatement through the city and county. Springbrooke Events can be seen in the back, right, of this photo, which was taken Wednesday, July 1, facing east.

Springbrooke adapts, reopens in Beaver Creek

By Lori Sorenson

Springbrooke Events is meeting state reopening standards with its spacious indoor areas and plenty of outdoor seating options that meet new social distancing requirements.
Owner Rick Gourley welcomes reopening after weeks of being closed during the pandemic.
“We’re happy we can be in business as opposed to being dark,” he said. “It’s been frustrating to do business under the pandemic restrictions.”
The west side reception hall seats 340, the east side occupancy is 110, and the downstairs capacity is 100.
Gourley said a Father’s Day brunch served as an opportunity to showcase progress at the facility.
With the main-floor event center completed, work has turned to lower level amenities and the golf course itself.
Gourley said the lower level bar and grill are in place with a “more abbreviated” kitchen than the upstairs commercial facility in the events area.
“We’ll have more basic foods downstairs with outdoor grills and appliances,” he said, mentioning a large smoker.
The pro shop and outdoor patio areas are nearly complete (the golf cart parking

area doubles as a stage for live music), along with men’s and women’s changing rooms.
However, the golf course itself isn’t opening this summer as early as planned.

Golf course delayed by irrigation system damage

“We’re hoping and praying the irrigation system is up and running soon,” Gourley said.
He said workers have discovered dozens of irrigation heads were broken, likely from heavy equipment driving on them when the property was hayed.
Crews are working to repair them, rather than replace them. “There are 300 heads out there at \$300 each,” Gourley said. “So, we’re fixing them. It’s a big commitment to get the golf course open.”
Also, he said it’s possible that the irrigation lines may also be damaged by freezing water.
“We heard from a number of people that the irrigation lines had been blown out,” Gourley said.
“But we had flooding in recent years, and water can sit on top and get back into the pipes.”
So the nine-hole golf course remains the final hurdle for Springbrooke’s lineup of recreational offerings.
“We’re excited about the

golf course,” Gourley said.
“It’s a daunting challenge to create a nice green. I don’t think the average person understands what it takes to get a green in the condition it needs to be in for golf.”
He said he especially looks forward to the day when high school golf teams can use it for competitive seasons.
“It will do my heart good to have the H-BC kids come here to golf,” Gourley said.
“When you can get out in the summer in nice weather, I think it’s something anyone can enjoy.”

More than golf

The existing course was built below and on top of a rolling hill, but Gourley’s remake of the 89 acres of property puts the greens and fairways down below.
This allowed 12 acres on top of the hill where 32 lots were planned for development.
Gourley envisions either commercial or retail buildings in that area or multiple housing options, which he has completed in Sioux Falls.
Nine homes were built at the start of the golf course development, and since Gourley bought the project, three new homes are under construction and several other lots have been sold and are in phases of design and development.

A housing tax abatement through Rock County and the city of Beaver Creek has also spurred recent construction in the new addition. The program, offered through 2024, offers a five-year abatement of property taxes on newly constructed houses.
Gourley said he’s still planning a future RV park north of the golf course with access from County Road 4.

Background

The venue originally opened in 2001 as the Beaver Creek Golf Course, Drivers Restaurant and Beaver Lodge Event Center. It operated until the housing crisis of 2007-08, when the home sales that were reducing the business’s mortgage payments stopped.
The business remained closed until 2018, when it was purchased by Gourley Properties of Sioux Falls and named for the small brook that winds its way through the golf course.
Since opening last fall, Springbrooke enjoyed steady business and community support, with weddings and events planned well into the summer. But the pandemic forced those events to cancel, and Gourley now said he’s glad to see customers again.
Details can be found at springbrookeeventsandgolf.com or 855-386-1275.

Rock County plans \$3 million in county road projects this summer

By Mavis Fodness

Road improvements of more than \$3 million are scheduled in Rock County and its small cities this summer.
Commissioners approved the lower of two bids, \$2.049 million, submitted by Duninck Inc. of Prinsburg at their June 16 meeting.
The bituminous mill/overlay and concrete curb and gutter repairs will take place in Hills, Steen, Magnolia, Beaver Creek and Hardwick.
County Road 4 in Luverne from U.S. Highway 75 east to Blue Mound Avenue will re-

ceive sidewalk and curb and gutter repairs.
While no timeline has been determined, Oct. 1 is the expected completion date.
Commissioners also approved a mastic process to fill cracks on almost 24 miles of bituminous surfaces.
Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance of Thief River Falls submitted the lowest of five bids. The bid of \$229,480 is almost a third of the engineer’s estimate of \$605,720.
Reduced oil prices and a competitive bid process led to the lower-than-expected bids,

which may mean more crack filling/leveling on county roads, according to County Engineer Mark Sehr.
“There is not a lot of work out there,” he said. “I will see how it is going — we may add more.”
Roadways identified for the crack filling/leveling process include portions of County Road 7 from Hardwick west to the South Dakota border, County Road 6 from County Road 20 south to Beaver Creek, and County Road 4 between Beaver Creek and Luverne.
Almost two miles of new

bituminous overlay will be split among the county’s small cities, with some cities receiving additional roadway improvements.
Magnolia will receive the most extensive improvements to the six blocks that comprise County Road 27 through the city.
One block of Broadway Street, which connects to County Road 4, will receive the most improvements.
Engineers plan to narrow the existing block of Broadway Street, adding green space between the new sidewalks and

new curb and gutter. Roadwork includes regrading and a new aggregate base. When finished, instead of diagonal parking, vehicles must parallel park on the street.
Beaver Creek will also receive a new bituminous surface on County Road 25, a seven-block project through the city. Sidewalk and curb and gutter repairs will also be made.
In Hardwick the four blocks of County Road 28 will receive a new bituminous surface along with curb and gutter repairs.

County Road 23, a six-block roadway in Hills, will receive a new bituminous surface. County Road 24 in Steen will also be resurfaced.
Commissioners approved a bid from AAA Striping Service of St. Michael to repaint striping on county roads 4, 6 and 7 this summer for \$60,121.
Earlier this year, the board authorized an additional \$100,000 for gravel to repair and improve gravel county roads where needed.
Later this fall four box culverts will be at an estimated cost of \$600,000.



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Red accents are prevalent on the equipment in the new LHS weight room (in the photo at left) along with the cardinal school mascot. At right, Gil Haugan Construction workers lay brick for the new elevator shaft (far left) and weld structural steel framing together (far right) for the new commons-performing arts center between the Luverne elementary and middle-high schools.



Middle school classrooms on the first floor of the north wing are in the finishing stages. A six-classroom addition was completed on the east side of the north wing to allow each middle school grade level to have a common gathering space and work study areas outside the classrooms.



The former second floor media center (at left) has been remodeled into a middle school grade level pod with the classrooms (one pictured above) almost finished. Walls are going up in the second floor of the south wing for the new high school classrooms.



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meeting. He anticipates the middle school classrooms on both floors of the north wing will be ready for use in September along with a portion of the high school classrooms in the south wing. However, some classroom areas won't be finished until a month after school begins. "We are pushing hard for them to get all of it done and ready," Bornhoft said.

Some remodeled areas ready for use now
Currently only the west second-floor wing is ready for high school student oc-

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— Superintendent Craig Oftedahl

cupancy. The eight classrooms were completed last September along with the new band and choir suites in the former school auditorium. Finished this summer were district offices on the first floor of the west wing and new spaces for the middle-high school counselor, activities office, staff lounge and middle-high school offices. School board members met in the new boardroom, which is twice the size of the original boardroom in 1965. The larger boardroom allowed more social distancing between board members and will include some new amenities. "I think it's nice," said board chair Jodi Bosch. "It'll be even better when we get (new) furniture and are able to use the microphone system.

There's also much more room for visitors." Included in the tour were the newly completed weight room and physical education classroom constructed in the former band and choir room locations.

Crane movement symbolizes PAC progress
Workers are assembling structural steel framing for the new commons and performing arts center between the existing elementary and middle-high school buildings. A crane lifts the precast concrete floor and roof decking into place. Bornhoft said new construction progresses south to north using the crane. "The further the crane goes north, the more they are getting done," he said. Directly east of the new commons and performing arts center is the new middle school-high school kitchen that is scheduled to be finished late this year. The commons area is slated for completion in February 2021 followed by the performing arts center in April 2021 to wrap up the new construction projects. Voters approved a \$23 million levy in 2018. So far, the district has spent \$15 million.

Farm Service Agency reminds producers of acreage reporting deadlines

Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office before the applicable deadline. July 15 is a major deadline for most crops, but acreage reporting deadlines vary by county and by crop. Contact your FSA county office for acreage reporting deadlines that are specific to your county. "The first step to become eligible for many USDA programs is to file an accurate crop acreage report," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "To file your acreage report, call your local FSA office to make an appointment.

Your local staff is standing by to help you." Due to the pandemic, FSA has implemented acreage reporting flexibilities. FSA can work with producers to file timely acreage reports by phone, email, online tools and virtual meetings. Some FSA offices are open for in-person appointments, but you must call first to make an appointment. County offices can provide producers with maps along with instructions for completing and returning the maps through either mail, email or through commercially available free and secure online tools such as Box for file sharing and OneSpan for eSignature solutions. After

planting is complete, producers should return completed maps and the acreage reporting sheet by the applicable deadline. After completed maps and all acreage reporting information is received, FSA will make software updates and send producers the completed Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign. Producers must return the signed form certifying their acreage report to the FSA office through mail, email or the Box and OneSpan tools by the applicable deadline. The following exception applies to acreage reporting dates: • If the crop has not been

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OPEN HOUSE OUTDOOR BRIDAL SHOWER
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- For each hot dog you order—you can enter a drawing for dining gift cards!
- 35—\$10 gift cards will be given away from each restaurant! Winners notified!
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LOVE YOUR DOG BEAUTY PAGEANT...July 13-15

- "Dress up your dog" and snap a photo
- Message photo July 15 to **f Luverne Area Chamber**
- Win one of 4—\$50 gift cards to Rock Vet Clinic
- **Winners will be announced July 16th**

HOT DOG EATING CONTEST...July 16

- Snap a photo of you and/or your family eating hot dogs
- Message photo July 16 to **f Luverne Area Chamber**
- Win one of 4—\$50 picnic grill packs
- **Winners will be announced July 17th**

HOT-DIGGITY-DOG CHALLENGE...July 16 3:30 to 7:30 pm...Luverne City Park

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How much wood *would* a woodchuck chuck?

(If a woodchuck could chuck wood?)



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter,
contributing columnist

“Yep. It’s a woodchuck.”

I made the declaration with confidence after spending half an hour studying a compelling article titled, “Woodchucks and their droppings.”

The little fella startled me for the first time last week when he emerged from under a wide-leafed plant in my garden.

I greeted his fat little nose and big brown eyes with a lump of dirt followed by a bucket of water. He took no offense and returned the next day to sit on the deck with the cat.

For weeks I’d noticed odd signs in my garden, beginning with the droppings. We don’t have a dog, but the yard suggested we might.

My perennials were under siege. The lilies and phlox had been decapitated. “Where are the tops of my plants?” I blamed deer but didn’t see any deer tracks.

Because I am a bit of an environmentalist wacko, I keep a kitchen scrap compost pile and use the material to amend my garden soil.

While investigating the habits of woodchucks, I learned they are especially fond of watermelon rinds. My tossing watermelon rinds onto the compost pile was the equivalent of putting out woodchuck bait.

So I stopped.

Then I read this, “Mostly herbivorous, woodchucks eat primarily wild grasses and other vegetation, including berries and agricultural crops, when available.”

Berries? My raspberry bushes are absolutely loaded with plump, red berries.

When my rodent garden companion learns the rinds are gone from the compost pile, he can simply waddle over to the raspberry patch and eat to his heart’s content.

So I’ve hatched a plan. It involves a live trap and possibly a cookbook.

At first I wasn’t sure if I should name the woodchuck, but now I think I will.

I’m calling him “Stu.”

Moving ahead differently

Changes in annual celebrations are just the first way we can forge a new normal in this pandemic — help to the business economy is next

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

We want to recognize our community activity organizers who are creatively moving forward during this coronavirus pandemic by continuing our annual summer celebrations with interesting social distancing twists.

A thumbs up to the Luverne Area Chamber for their recent activities and the Helping Build Communities Stronger, who are organizing this Saturday’s fireworks display in Hills.

This past weekend the Luverne Area Chamber and other organizers found acceptable social distancing activities to celebrate July 4.

Now the Chamber is organizing Hot Dog Nite (see the news story and ad) with shared images of hot dog eating and wiener dog beauty contest.

An advantage of social distancing is that more family members are doing activities together. Scientists warn that bringing people together in large groups leads to spikes in virus diagnoses.

We need to continue listening to health officials and continue measures that keep everyone safe and healthy in our communities.

One area that hasn’t been

healthy in recent months is our Main Street businesses and restaurants.

The Star Herald is giving another thumbs up to the government leaders who recognize that the federal CARES dollars need to get out to our business owners quickly and efficiently.

On Tuesday commissioners approved a grant application process to disburse \$500,000 to businesses in Rock County.

The simple application is available online and requires people to honestly indicate that COVID-19 has adversely affected their income.

Within days of applying, the county will write \$5,000 checks and the money will be in the hands of those who can use an economic boost.

Tuesday night, commissioners met with municipal and township

leaders encouraging them to disburse CARES funds just as quickly.

While the CARES money will help to abate income losses, our businesses will also need to keep up innovative ways to engage the public to keep their businesses going.

Turning the dial slowly to allow more activities in our communities is the right way to handle the health and safety by keeping all residents in mind.

While the process may not be as fast as some would like, moving forward with caution will prevent surges in the virus and keep from dialing back because we moved forward too quickly.

Let’s continue to manage pandemic restrictions while participating in the normal — but revised — summer activities, eating out and purchasing locally.



Radisewitz appreciates Luverne’s support amid pandemic

To the Editor:

These are unusual times. We are learning new ways to deal with life when it throws a curve ball.

I remember listening to my grandparents tell of the Dirty Thirties, the polio epidemic, the difficulties of too wet, too dry, or storms that damage homes and fields. Those were just stories; now here I am experiencing obstacles that will alter the future I had planned.

There are many ways we can deal with these difficulties, but facing it with gratitude is a secret I have learned along the way. So I

just want to say “Thank You.” Thank you to my community for the continued support for Luverne’s small businesses.

Yes, it is hard to deal with change. Navigating a path that wasn’t needed before this pandemic now has become our new normal.

It’s proven that when we are out of our comfort zones, we grow stronger.

We grow stronger together ... we are not alone. It’s comforting and part of the reason I love calling this community home.

I am grateful to the people

who come to my drive-thru with a smile, even after waiting for several minutes to get their coffee or specialty, for the quick stories or jokes to brighten my day, for those who “pay it forward” and surprise the next person in line, for the generosity of extravagant tips that let us know we are appreciated.

For our chamber, city and county officials and other groups and individuals who seek out creative ways to be progressive and show continued support, I am grateful.

Leah Radisewitz
The Bean

Campaign signs not permitted on state highway right of way

As political campaigns get underway for November elections, the Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds campaigners that state law prohibits placement of private signs on highway right of way in Minnesota.

In addition, state law says that signs may not be placed on private land without the consent of the landowner.

Violation of the law, Minnesota Statute 160.27, is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties may also apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash, creates injury to a

person, or causes damage to a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act prohibits placing advertising devices on public utility poles, trees and shrubs and prohibits painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

MnDOT workers will take down private signs located on the state highway right of way and transport them to the nearest MnDOT truck station where they will be available for retrieval.

County, city and township employees administer these laws

on their roads.

For information regarding the proper placement of campaign signs, right-of-way boundaries, or where to find removed materials, visit mndot.gov or contact the local MnDOT office at 507-304-6100.

See also www.mndot.gov/gov-rel/rw_signs.html.

When placing signs, the best way to avoid an emergency or unintentionally striking an underground facility is to call 811 before digging, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Go to the GSOC website and request that underground utilities be marked near the area of digging.

Ask A Trooper: Speed kills

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I have heard speeding over 100 mph has increased. What is the State Patrol doing about this problem?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol, along with law enforcement agencies across the state, is currently conducting enhanced speed enforcement on the roadways through July 19.

The extra enforcement will target speeding violations as well as aggressive driving.

From April 1-May 21, the Minnesota State Patrol pulled over 232 drivers traveling more than 100 mph.

That’s compared with 93 drivers during the same time period last year, a 149-percent increase. Of the 232 drivers, 179 were 30 years old or younger.

Overall fatal crashes and fatalities from March 16-May 31 increased over last year despite reduced traffic. While a crash can have more than one contributing factor, speed was the most frequently cited factor.

Preliminary reports show speed has already contributed to 36 motorists dying

on Minnesota roads in 2020, compared with 27 at this time last year.

Speeding is not an innocent crime – it puts every motorist on the road at risk:

- greater potential for loss of vehicle control.
- increased stopping distance.

- less time available for driver response for crash avoidance.

- increased crash severity – the faster the speed, the more violent the crash.

Remember that fines double when traveling 20 or more mph over the limit, and if you are traveling in excess of 100 mph, you can lose your license for up to six months.

You can avoid a ticket – and a crash – if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober.

Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 26
•Complainant on S. Second Street, Beaver Creek, reported a stolen car.
•Complainant on County Road 6, Hills, reported possible abandoned vehicle.
•Complainant on W. Hating Street reported an active warrant.
•Subject was reported at location on N. Spring Street with an active warrant.
•Complainant requested to speak with deputy.
•Complainant reported an identity theft.
•Deputy reported door was left open on S. Summit Avenue, Hills.
June 27
•Report of abandoned vehicle on E. Sixth Street, Beaver Creek.
•Complainant on County Road 4, Luverne, reported an abandoned car.
•Complainant on S. Walnut and Gabrielson Road reported locked keys in vehicle.
•Complainant on Edgehill Street requested deputy for some children causing issue.
•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported threats by neighbor.
•Deputy on 1st Street, Jasper, requested to advise OFP to be served.
•Deputy on S. Kniss Avenue reported a pedestrian walking up to his squad.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy.
•Report of pedestrian walling up to deputy on Gabrielson and Donaldson.
June 28
•Trooper noted a suspicious van on west side of Super 8, Luverne.
•Complainant on 190th Avenue, Magnolia, reported erratic driving.
•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported a vehicle for driving conduct.
•Assistance from other department was conducted.
•Complainant on N. Estey Street, Luverne, reported a hit and run accident.
June 29
•Transient and warrant transfer was conducted on U.S. Highway 75 and 11th Street, Steen.
•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, at the Beaver

Creek exit, reported a mini van all over the road.
•Complainant on E. 6th Street, Hills, reported a loud 4-wheeler.
•Complainant reported a possible drunk driver.
June 30
•Complainant on E. Main Street and Rock River Drive reported a trailer with mechanical issues.
•Report of a hazmat spill was reported at location on 120th Avenue, Luverne.
•Scam was reported at location on S. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant in Lyon County reported subject with Rock County warrant.
•Complainant on County Highway 4 and County Highway 17, Manley, reported an intoxicated driver.
•Complainant on Pine Drive reported an abandoned boat.
•Complainant on Pine Drive requested hospital contact.
•Assistant from other department was provided westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne.
July 1
•Complainant requested a weather siren test.
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, mile marker 21, reported reckless driving.
•Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, reported unsafe driving.
July 2
•Complainant reported she ran out of gas, eastbound on Interstate 90 off-ramp, mile marker 12, Luverne.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
•Complainant requested information on subject.
•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported a stolen vehicle.
•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 16, Luverne, reported the road heaved.

In addition, officers responded to 1 transport, 7 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 5 parking violations, 2 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 8 fingerprint requests, 6 burn permits, 3 alarms, 11 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 16 traffic stops, 17 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 4 reports of cattle out and 1 OFP.



Lori Sorenson photo/0709 beaver creek splash pad

MC&R Pools workers Travis Gallop (left) and Jared Sperle prepare the groundwork, Wednesday, July 1, for Beaver Creek's future community splash pad at the city park near the ball diamonds.

Beaver Creek splash pad construction begins

By Lori Sorenson

Groundwork is taking shape for Beaver Creek's community splash pad under construction near the city park and ball diamonds.
MC&R Pools, Sioux Falls, was awarded the bid, \$175,000, for the project that city leaders hope will be supported by grants and donations.
Company president Lorre Colburn said water features like these are attractive to small communities with budgets that don't allow municipal swimming pools.
"This is designed for younger children and you don't have to have a lifeguard like you would for a pool," he said.
"It's the next-best thing, and it keeps people in town."
Beaver Creek's splash pad work started Monday, June 29, and it should be finished within 45 days, depending on the Canadian toy company, which is making the water features.
He said the company had shut down during coronavirus stay-at-home orders, and this delayed the project start date.
The 42-by-62-foot oval splash pad that includes a surrounding 8-foot-wide observation deck is attached to



Lori Sorenson photo/0709 beaver creek splash pad

A wide cement deck will connect the splash pad to the nearby picnic shelter.
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Splash pad pumps, which aren't much louder than air-conditioning units, activate water spray jets for 10, 15 or 20 minutes at a time with the press of a button, similar to a public hot tub.
The jets operate on a timer that allows their use between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Popkes propane tanks in place south of I-90

By Lori Sorenson

Popkes Car Care, Rock Rapids, Iowa, will store and distribute liquid propane on a small piece of ground near the car wash and Bomgaars building south of I-90.
Luverne City Council members approved a conditional use permit for Greg Popkes to build four commercial bulk tanks for retail distribution of liquid petroleum.
In his application, Popkes detailed plans for concrete casings to keep the bottoms of the bulk tanks at least 12 inches above the flood plain for that area.
The city agreed vacate the right of way in order to provide access to the development, and parking and load space have been provided.
At the public hearing there were no written or oral responses by the general public or any of the adjacent property owners who were notified of the plans and the hearing.
The Planning and Zoning Commission approved Popkes' request unanimously and recommended the City Council do the same.



Rick Peterson photo/0709 popkes tanks

Greg Popkes' commercial propane tanks are lifted into place at their new storage location south of I-90 near Bomgaars and the car wash Thursday, July 2.

Sanford Hospice gala goes virtual

Auction website launches in August for virtual browsing, bidding

Sanford Luverne Hospice has moved its annual charity dinner and auction to an online event to protect attendees and staff during this ongoing pandemic.
"This was a hard decision," said Helen Saum, volunteer and marketing coordinator at Sanford Luverne Hospice.
"When we first postponed the event due to COVID and everything shutting down, we had set a new event date of Aug. 29. But looking at it now and still having restrictions on gatherings, we just can't be sure we'd be able to have the dinner and auction as we know it."
In past years the event involved silent and live auctions, a raffle, as well as a themed dinner that was considered a major social event.
It raised \$72,000 for Luverne Hospice in 2019.
Saum said she expects the revenue to be lower this year without a live auction and the loss of several big-ticket items such as Minnesota Twins

tickets, group outings and gift certificates with expirations unable to be extended.
"The need for a fundraiser is as high as ever but we want to keep people safe and healthy," she said.
The virtual auction will be a new, secure website set up very similar to online shopping. People register to browse and then can choose to bid.
"I hope everyone checks it out even if they didn't have tickets to the scheduled event," Saum said. "There is really something for everyone."
Sanford Luverne Hospice is now calling some people and businesses whose donations were affected to explain the new process and to make sure donations are still coming in and still valid, including extended expiration dates if possible.
"One of the advantages of the online auction is anyone can bid from the comfort of their home, their lake cabin or wherever and whenever it is convenient for them," Saum

said.
"They can use the site on a smartphone, computer or tablet so we are hopeful for a good response to the new format."
Ticketholders and sponsor tables are able to use 100 percent of the cost as a tax deduction. All ticketholders will still be entered into a drawing to the "Trip for Two to San Francisco/Napa Valley" with a year to use the package.
Table sponsors are still eligible to win the prize "Backyard Grill-Out Party for 20 People." Raffle drawing for quilt and cash prizes will be held Aug. 29 and winners will be notified.
Luverne Hospice expects the auction website to be launched Aug. 5 and will promote it then. Call 283-1805 with questions or to donate auction items before July 20.
"I want to thank everyone for their patience," Saum said. "We need and appreciate the continued support of our communities."



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Weather cooperated perfectly for the July 4 holiday, which included a “Songs of America” outdoor concert at the Courthouse Square by Ron and Jane Cote and their son, Wyatt, (pictured right) where over 140 attended.



Fourth of July/continued from page 1

Dozens of people boarded golf carts to enjoy the Luverne Loop Trail Saturday afternoon.

“We had rave reviews from the golf cart rides. We counted over 117 people on car rides during the day so that went really well,” Lanphere said.

“So many people have never been able to see the sites along the trail. Many of them asked us to do it every year and see how things change — and they told us to charge for it.”

The Freedom Loop Challenge invited individuals and families to ride the Luverne Loop path from June 26 through July 4 and answer challenge

questions along the way. Free T-shirts were available to the first 200 people to sign up, and Lanphere said most of them were given away.

“The adults and children that did that really enjoyed the challenge,” she said. “We had lots of comments about the questions. I had the students that work for the Gallery on Saturday make up the questions.”

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“I was really surprised by the num-

ber of people at the courthouse for the concert,” Lanphere said. “I counted over 140 and most of them were people that I had never seen at the events at The Lake.”

She also praised fireworks technicians Jonathon Kurtz and Seth Miller for their role in the fireworks display. “They did an awesome job,” Lanphere said. “We were blessed to have the fireworks themselves paid for by NextEra Energy.”

The CVB paid for the technicians, tax and insurance. NextEra, which is building the Walleye Wind Farm in Rock County, provided a grant of \$6,000 to cover the cost of fireworks.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Students throughout the state of Minnesota will learn about nature through the lens of a camera following a training event for teachers this week in Luverne.

Nature photographer Jim Brandenburg and his wife, Judy, will lead a program Saturday, July 10, at Touch the Sky Prairie and Luverne High School.

“I’m very honored and flattered to be a part of this,” Jim Brandenburg said Tuesday.

He said he’s excited to know that educators, legislators and others are recognizing the opportunities for learning in photography.

“The camera saved my life,” said Brandenburg, who struggled as a student in Luverne High School. “It not only saved my life, it was my magic carpet ride ... I was a lost soul until I got a camera in my hand.”

He said he looks forward to talking to teachers about their role in leading students to digital photography.

25 years ago (1995)

•Graduates of the former Magnolia High School showed up in force last weekend to celebrate their all-school reunion at the VFW, Luverne.

More than 360 Magnolia High School alumni met to eat, drink, dance, and most of all, reminisce about old times. “It just went really, really well,” said Betty (Meyer) Iveland, a Magnolia graduate and current VFW Club employee. “We did lots and lots of visiting, took pictures and a lot of people had old class reunion photos.”

50 years ago (1970)

•“This band, without a doubt, has tremendous pride.”

These words spoken by one of the well-qualified judges at the State V.F.W. Convention held last weekend in St. Paul perhaps best expressed the accomplishments of the Luverne High School Band after they captured the coveted first place in the grand parade on Saturday and an amazing second place in the field demonstration competition the night before.

It all added up to another first for Director Tom Haugen and the nearly 100 members of the band. “We had never been involved in anything like this before,” stated Haugen. “We knew both the judges and the competition would be tough, but we never dreamed exactly how tough it would be up there.”

A very dramatic two days began early last Friday with the bands’ preparations for the field maneuvers that evening at Midway Stadium. Veterans of the competition had informed Luverne what it would be like and what to expect, and the tension mounted. Irons were kept hot re-creasing trousers, razors shortened sideburns, shoes were polished to a gleaming shine and loose strings were cut. The band was provided facilities at

the state fairgrounds.

75 years ago (1945)

•Bjarne Johnson, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Beaver Creek, will recover from first and second degree burns sustained when a gasoline tank exploded in his face Thursday evening.

The boy was home alone, his mother having gone down to get the mail, and his father not yet having returned home. ...

The accident occurred when the lad dropped a lighted match down a pipe which led to an underground storage tank at the Johnson home, known as the former Page residence, in the south part of Beaver Creek. According to Beaver Creek residents, it is a known fact that no gasoline had been stored in the tank since 1917, which is 28 years ago, and Mr. Johnson himself didn’t know the tank was there.

As soon as the match was dropped, the gas exploded and flames roared out of the opening, seriously burning the boy’s face. Without hesitating, he ran to the Henry Sandstede home, little more than a block distant, where he was met at the door by Miss Leone Sandstede. Sensing the seriousness of the mishap, she summoned Mrs. Harry Bendt, a neighbor, to stay with the boy while she went elsewhere to obtain a car. Her first stop was at the Sid Cragoe home, but as his car was not there, the two of them ran to the George DunBar home where Lt. Edward Keehr, a navy veteran home on leave, had a car. Together, Lt. Keehr, Miss Sandstede, Mr. Cragoe and Mr. Dunbar went back to the Sandstede home, got the boy and rushed him to the Luverne hospital.

At first it was thought that the boy might lose his eyesight, but his physician stated this week he believed that he would suffer no serious ill effects from the injury, except, perhaps, some marks on his face. He added it was likely that the child could be released from the hospital by Saturday.

100 years ago (1920)

•The returns made by City Assessor Jas. McKeon disclose that the total assessed valuation of real and personal property for the present year for the city of Luverne is \$4,184,500, of which \$2,837,863 is real estate and \$1,346,687 is personal property. This is a substantial increase in each class over the assessment for last year.

Perhaps the biggest increase, however, is shown in the money and credit returns, which this year total \$1,086,794, as compared with \$722,419 for last year, and the money and credit returns last year were nearly \$100,000 more than that for the preceding year.

Part of the increase in real estate assessed for this year, as compared with that of two years ago, is traceable to the many new homes and business structures that have been erected during the last year or more, and part to a natural increase in the value of property.

Van Meeteren retires from 30-year driving career

Community urged to join card celebration

COVID-19 has had many unintended consequences. For the Community Transit program run by United Community Action Partnership, the missed opportunity to celebrate a dedicated driver is among them.

Leah Van Meeteren retired on April 30 after 30 years as a public transit bus driver. While ongoing restrictions on public gatherings prevent the kind of celebration they had hoped for, Community Transit staff members still want Van Meeteren to know how valued her service was.

They’re hoping many in the community will help shower her with cards and memories.

“Leah provided safe and friendly service to thousands of passengers and drove countless miles over the past 30 years,” said Community Transit Operations Manager Michelle Miranowski. “Everyone misses her.”

Van Meeteren joined Rock County on March 23, 1990, as a driver for the public transit system. It didn’t take long for her to develop a reputation in the best possible ways.

“If you were to ask any passenger or coworker to describe Leah, the first thing you would hear about is her friendly smile,” Miranowski said. “She always had a smile on her face and never hesitated to lend an arm when a passenger needed a little extra help.”

The next thing people would probably note is her commitment to making sure her bus was clean and ready for passengers.

Van Meeteren was notorious for keeping the buses spotless. She would spend the end of each day cleaning windows and washing the exterior, but she didn’t stop when the outside was clean.

“We can only imagine the piles of unclaimed hats and gloves she collected from seats,” Miranowski said. “It had a ripple effect. Leah set a high bar for keeping the buses looking sharp, and other drivers followed suit.”

Her three-decade career led to recognition as a great driver, as well.

Van Meeteren partici-



Leah Van Meeteren participated in the statewide Bus Roadeo, where she earned second place in 2007.

Send cards to:
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pated multiple times in the Minnesota State Bus Roadeo, a skills-based competition held each summer for public transit drivers across the state.

She placed in the top five of the small bus division many times throughout the years.

But she never cared much where she ranked.

Miranowski said, if you ask Van Meeteren about the Roadeos, “With a smile on her face, she will tell you that she enjoyed the friendly competition, and she will remember all the friends she made.”

Since people cannot gather to help celebrate the impact she made, Community Transit staff is organizing a card shower instead.

Anyone who would like to tell Van Meeteren how important her work was or simply wish her well may send cards to: 1578 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for **Melanie VanMeeteren**, bride-to-be of **Nic Johnson**, will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

An open house outdoor bridal shower for **Ann Husfeldt**, bride-to-be of **Lucas Sandager**, will be from 3:30-6 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at 288 20th Avenue, Hills.

An open house bridal shower for **Amanda Barnhart**, bride-to-be of **Fred Moos**, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Firefly Boutique, 210 E. Main Street, Luverne.

Card showers

Dave and Cloyce Smith will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 11. Greetings may be sent to them at 405 S. Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, July 13: Egg bake with sausage, cheesy hash browns, peas, coffee cake, fruit.

Tuesday, July 14: Chicken salad, marinated vegetable salad, fresh fruit, bun, blonde bar.

Wednesday, July 15: Beef tips with mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered beets, dinner roll, ice cream.

Thursday, July 16: Beef casserole, lettuce salad, pineapple chunks, breadstick,

pudding.

Friday, July 17: Chicken and noodles, candied carrots, choice fruit, dinner roll, ice cream.

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.

1893: Hills school district organized into five sections

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village of Hills continued from 7-02-20 edition of the Star Herald.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Since Hills has become an incorporated town, its growth has been steady. Over \$30,000 were expended on building improvements in 1904. The state census of 1905 gave the town a population of 320. In 1908 the building improvements footed up over \$15,000 and in 1909 to the same figure. The census of 19010 showed a population of 398, giving Hills second place among Rock county towns.

The School — The first school taught in Hills was con-

ducted by Miss Jennie Wright. The district had not been organized and the expenses were paid with money raised by subscription. The district, comprising five sections, was organized in 1893, and the school that year was taught by Miss Myra Ferguson in the town hall. The members of the

first board of education were Olaf Skyberg, P. H. Bly and Nels Iverson. In 1894 a block of land was purchased by the district and a two-room frame building was put up at a cost of \$3000. A S. Johnson and Betsey Rovang conducted the first school in the building. As the town grew, the old build-

ing became too small to accommodate the district and in the fall of 1903 an addition was built at a cost of \$3000. Just after its completion, January 7, 1904, the building was totally destroyed by fire. Steps were at once taken to rebuild, and early in September the present four-room school house, 32x72 feet, was completed at a cost of \$7800.

The story of the village of Hills will continue in the July 16 edition of the Star Herald.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuu.net.

LHS releases third, fourth quarter honor rolls

Quarter 3 A Honor Roll

Seniors: Dalwa Alinizi, Isaiah Bartels, Claire Baustian, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Bieber, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Madigan Flom, Kynzie Hamann, Nicole Hoogland, Amelia Jarchow, Kacie Kracht, Jonah Louwagie, Reka Meinerts, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Gunnar Oldre, Stepan Orletsky, Mallory Oye, Tyler Roberts, Nicholas Rogers, Henry Rolling, Ainsley Rysdam, Colton Schutz, Matthew Sehr, McKenzie Swenson, Chanhpa Vang, Austin Watts-Boll, Sydney Wicks, Jordan Winter.

Juniors: Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Cassie Flanagan, Rylee Gee, Josephine Golla, Emma Hinz, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Shelby Kracht, Alex Mann, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske,

Sophomores: Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Saker, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Jacey Smith, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

Freshmen: Justis Ahrendt, Abigail Anderson, Josie Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Egypt Forrest, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Grace Ingebreetsen, Camden Janiszski, Anja Jarchow, Katharine Kelm, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Jocelynn Mann, Lacey Morseman, Priscilla Muehr, Ethan Nath, Logan Ommen, Isabella Oye, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Terssch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Quarter 3 B Honor Roll

Seniors: Bailey Anderson, Martin Anderson, Michelle Arevalo, Tate Baum, Justice Brandt, Quinn Buss, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Hannah Ehlers, Sara Ernst, Jonah Friedrichsen, Madison Gebauer, Meagan Hansen, Alexandra Hartman, Noah Herman, Ivy Hudson, Heather Huether, Anna Huisman, Chandra Javner, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Sophia Lanoue, Kyia Leeds, Carter Loosbrock, Michael Meeker, Nathan

Nekali, Melanie Rittenhouse, Gracie Rozeboom, Riley Siebenahler, Damien Stokes, Cole Stoltenberg, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Meghan Witte.

Juniors: Cooper Arends, Rebecca Austin, Bailey Cowell, Ethan Curtiss, Tyler de Cesare, Justin Dohlmann, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Dyllon Gehrke, Eduardo Godines, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Elisabeth Kelm, Camron Kopp, Hailey Kruger, Destiny Matthiesen, John Miller, Carlton Oftedahl, Sadie Reisdorfer, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Paige Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Haleah Soto, Ethan Teunissen, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Lauren Ver Steeg.

Sophomores: Rylee Anderson, Ayden Bonnett, Luke Bosch, Jordyn Cleaveland, Sam Emery, Jordan Friedrichsen, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Burke Johnson, Trissa Morseman, Catalina Oakes, Alenya Sayavong, Brenn Siebenahler, Macie Swenson, Mia Wenzel.

Freshmen: Gannon Ahrendt, Mariam Alinizi, Gavin Baum, Brady Bork, Avarie Brecher, Tyson Cowell, Sarah Gehrke, Lesly Gomez-Salvador, Lauren Hansen, Nicholas Hansen, Kaleb Hein, Ashlyn Johnson, Tiana Lais, Cole Mann, Mallory Nelson, Carly Olson, Austin Ossefoort, Joseph Remme, Travis Schempp, Mason Smith, Bonita Tiesler, Myles Trimble, Kamryn Van Batavia, Kaylee Voorhees, Ryan Vos.

Quarter 4 A Honor Roll

Seniors: Dalwa Alinizi, Bailey Anderson, Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Bieber, Quinn Buss, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Madigan Flom, Kynzie Hamann, Meagan Hansen, Nicole Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Kacie Kracht, Carter Loosbrock, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Gunnar Oldre, Nicholas Rogers, Henry Rolling, Gracie Rozeboom, McKenzie Swenson, Sydney Wicks, Jordan Winter.

Juniors: Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Cassie Flanagan, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Mia Halverson, Emma Hinz, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Shelby Kracht, Alex Mann, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Sadie Reisdorfer, Ainslie Robinson, Hunter Sandbulte, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

Sophomores: Trista Baustian, Luke Bosch, Seth

Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Grace Sandbulte, Lacie Saker, Madeleine Schmuck, Colin Schoeneman, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Mia Wenzel, Olivia Wieneke.

Freshmen: Justis Ahrendt, Abigail Anderson, Josie Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Egypt Forrest, Lauren Hansen, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Anja Jarchow, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine Kelm, Reese Louwagie, Jocelynn Mann, Lacey Morseman, Priscilla Muehr, Deziree Nath, Ethan Nath, Carly Olson, Logan Ommen, Isabella Oye, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Kamryn Van Batavia, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Terssch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Quarter 4 B Honor Roll

Seniors: Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Alyssa Campbell, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Alexandra Hartman, Amelia Jarchow, Chandra Javner, Sydne Johnson, Sophia Lanoue, Kyla Leeds, Jonah Louwagie, Reka Meinerts, Alyssa Nattress, Nathan Nekali, Samantha Niessink, Mallory Oye, Melanie Rittenhouse, Ainsley Rysdam, Maren Schapp, Matthew Sehr, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Chanhpa Vang, Jacob Von Terssch, Andrew Wagner, Austin Watts-Boll, Meghan Witte.

Juniors: Cooper Arends, Rebecca Austin, Anna Boltjes, Ethan Curtiss, Tyler de Cesare, Justin Dohlmann, Johnathan Dolo, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Eduardo Godines, Katarina Horn, Camron Kopp, Anthony Kramer, Dylan Labat, Destiny Matthiesen, John Miller, Carlton Oftedahl, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Paige Sandbulte, Shaid Shearer, Eric Somnis, Ethan Teunissen, Leslie Van Engelenhoven,

Sophomores: Hunter Ahrendt, Jase Arp, Lauren Buss, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Billi Connell, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Burke Johnson, Noah Mehlhaff, Emely Montes Rodriguez, Catalina Oakes, Jonathan Saarloos, Aleyna Sayavong, Brenn Siebenahler, Luke Thielbar.

Freshmen: Gannon Ahrendt, Mariam Alinizi, Brady Bork, Avarie Brecher, Joshua Evans, Lucas Hansen, Grace Ingebreetsen, Tiana Lais, Isabella Lanoue, Mallory Nelson, Austin Ossefoort, Lola Peterson, Joseph Remme, Mason Smith, Carsen Tofteland, Ryan Vos.



Mavis Fodness photo/0702 HBC Kraayenhof Honored

Kraayenhof honored for 22 years of service

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board chairman Arlyn Gehrke (left) presents a plaque to Helen Kraayenhof, who retired from the district after 22 years of service. Kraayenhof was the district's van and bus driver. "You have been appreciated," said Superintendent Todd Holthaus. "We will miss you." The presentation took place at the district's June 22 board meeting.

OBITUARY

Lena Wiertzema

Lena Wiertzema, 95, Ellsworth, died Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral service was Monday, July 6, at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth, with burial at the Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth.

Lena DeBoer was born Sept. 30, 1924, to Hilko and Anna DeBoer at home in rural Ellsworth. She attended school in Ellsworth.

Lena married Herman Wiertzema on Dec. 6, 1944, in Rushmore. After their marriage, the couple farmed near Little Rock, Iowa. In

1950 they had their only son, David. They moved to the farm two miles east of Ellsworth in 1963. They retired and moved into Ellsworth in 1998.

Lena was a lifelong member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth and the Presbyterian Women. She enjoyed her flowers, watching the Minnesota Twins, bird watching, bowling, cooking and baking. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Lena is survived by her daughter-in-law, Jerre Wiertzema, Adrian; three grandchildren, Brian (Mandy) Wiertz-

ema, rural Ellsworth, Carolyn (Jason) Krapfl, Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin, and Jill (Chris) Wolf, Adrian; eight great-grandchildren, Olivia, Daniel and Emily Krapfl, Quentin, Anastasia, Caleb and Cyrus Wolf, and Clara Wiertzema; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman, on Sept. 8, 2008; her parents; her son, Dave Wiertzema, on Jan. 26, 2018; a brother, Harm DeBoer; and two sisters, Fannie Mulder and Jennie Janssen.

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

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MEMORIAL SERVICE NOTICES

Clarence Sieve

Clarence Edward Sieve, 77, St. Kilian, died Thursday, April 23, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A memorial Mass will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at St. Kilian Catholic Church in St. Kilian. Food and fellowship will follow at the Wilmont VFW.

To live-stream the committal service go to <https://www.facebook.com/DingmannFH>. Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Wilmont.

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Joyce Holm

Joyce Thulin Holm, 89, Luverne, died Saturday, June 13, 2020.

A time of fellowship will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 10, at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. A private family graveside service will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. To live stream the graveside service, go to www.facebook.com/DingmannFH.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home, Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(0709 DN)

Alice Severtson

Alice Severtson, 93, Pipestone, died March 25, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills.

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

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FIREWORK FRIDAY

Dusk Fireworks

PARADE SATURDAY

7:00 pm No Contact Parade lineup starts at Valley Springs Elementary (no registration or fee - just show up)

7:30 pm Parade starts

Please follow CDC guidelines and social distance

Hills-Beaver Creek secondary semester honor rolls released

Semester 2 A Honor Roll

Seniors: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Sadie Furstenberg, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Batuhan Kivrak, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Bailey Rozeboom, Jax Wysong.

Juniors: Tyson Bork, Chase Bosch, Calvin Erickson, Abby Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Allison LaRock, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge, Austin Wilhelm.

Sophomores: Austin Allen, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen, Mackenzie Voss.

Freshmen: Olivia Bork, Devon Dysthe, Tyrae Goodface, Jennifer Martinyuk, Britton McKenzie, Brayden Metzger, Leif Tollefson.

Eighth Grade: Grace

Anderson, Peyton Bennett, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Tahliya Kruger, Ty Leuthold, Brynn Rauk, Larissa Steinhoff.

Seventh Grade: Isabella DeBoer, Gracie Fagerness, Lukas Hubbard, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Mazzi Moore, Jack Moser, Amber Wiersema.

Semester 2 B Honor Roll

Seniors: Joslyn Birger, Eve Burgers, Kiara Honken, Kyle Kueter, Bryn Mongeau.

Juniors: Annie Bos, Thomas Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Kathleen Kiers, Tory Knobloch, Jacob Sheppard, Brandon Taubert, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Avery Vise, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Sophomores: Jacob

Axness, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Ethan Kruger, Daniel Martinyuk, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Conner Vande Voort, Kellie Vanderbrink.

Freshmen: Ellynor Klosterbuer, Cody Moser, Noah Swenson, Sophia Vansursum, Joshua Wiersema.

Eighth Grade: Taryn Birger, Riley Bruns, Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Cooper Gehrke, Kyler Hartz, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Damion Meinerts, Justin Roelfs, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Seventh Grade: Cameron Allen, Beau Bakken, Sawyer Bosch, Emma Deelstra, Jackson Gacke, Harli Rozeboom, Kadence Rozeboom, Bailey Spykerboer, Rebekah Swenson, Ashton Taubert, Johnathan Tiesler, Ava Zomer.

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Team America won the team division of the 2020 Davis Lake Triathlon July 4 at The Lake in Luverne. Team members Camden Janiszkeski (left), Kraig Rust and Krista Ahrendt completed the race that included kayaking, bicycling and running in 52 minutes.

Locals win July 4 triathlon

By Jason Berghorst

Participants in the annual Davis Lake Triathlon competed in warm weather Saturday morning.

The triathlon, which is always staged on the morning of July 4 at The Lake in southwest Luverne, included two different races.

The Minnow Race competitors completed a one-third mile kayak course, a two-mile bicycle ride and a one-mile run.

Participants in the Shark Race kayaked for one mile, rode bicycle for nine miles and ran 2 1/2 miles.

Both races included 18-and-under divisions for boys and girls and adult male and female divisions.

The Shark race also included men's, women's and coed team divisions.

In total, 28 individuals and six teams competed in the events.

The team races included all Rock County participants.

Team America of Krista Ahrendt of Luverne, Kraig Rust of Kenneth and Camden Janiszkeski of Luverne won with a time of 52:00.

Team MZD came in second in the men's division with a time of 55:04. Team members were Zach Nolz, Dalton Jacobsma and Matt Sandbulte, all of Luverne.

Third place in the division went to team Dad Bod. Tyson Facile, Aaron Altman and Travis Chapa, all of Luverne, finished in 61.

In the women's division, the Sole Sisters were the sole competitors. The team, comprised of Caitlin Altman, Amy Chapa and Monica Facile, all of Luverne, finished in 63 minutes.

Jenna's Allstars competed in the coed division. Jenna DeBates, Sarah DeBeer and Dave Duffy, all of Luverne,

completed the race in 54:10.

Results for individual classes are below.

Minnow Race

Boys' Division

Kade Oehlke	Sioux Falls	26:33
Ashton Altman	Luverne	27:00
Michael Ykema	Luverne	28:09

Girls' Division

Klaire Oehlke	Sioux Falls	25:14
Anna Alvey	Hartford, SD	31:31
Kwyn Oehlke	Sioux Falls	31:44

Men's Division

Karl Oehlke	Sioux Falls	28:31
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Women's Division

Jessica Alvey	Hartford, SD	31:32
Kelly Oehlke	Sioux Falls	43:37
Susan Flores-Diaz	St Paul	49:37

Shark Race

Boys' Division

Austin Bierma	Sioux Falls	65:03
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Men's Division

Jon Alvey	Hartford, SD	54:10
Jon Bottema	Corcoran	57:43
Robert Baker	Beaver Creek	58:44

Women's Division

Haylee Spronk	Edgerton	61:57
Paula Gonnerman	Luverne	68:30
Maria Ratliff	Sioux Falls	78:42

More ways to win

Luverne Redbirds come from behind to defeat Milroy Irish, cruise by Adrian

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team keeps winning after two road games over the past week, one a hard-fought victory and the other smooth sailing.

The Redbirds, now 8-1 on the season, came back in the final two innings in Milroy July 1 from being down 6-0 to defeat the Irish by one run before cruising to a 13-2, seven-inning victory over the Adrian A's Sunday.

Luverne returns to Redbird Field Wednesday (July 8) to host the Renner Bullets before traveling to Renner to play the Monarchs Thursday night.

The Redbirds then travel to Hadley to take on the Buttermakers Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Luverne 7, Milroy Irish 6

Luverne traveled to rural Milroy to play the Irish in the ballpark in the country Wednesday, July 1.

The Irish scored three runs in the first inning, two in the fourth inning and one in the fifth to take a 6-0 lead over Luverne.

Phil Paquette sparked the Redbirds comeback when he belted a three-run homerun in the top of the eighth inning.

Luverne held the Irish scoreless in the bottom of the inning to trail 6-3 going into the final stanza.

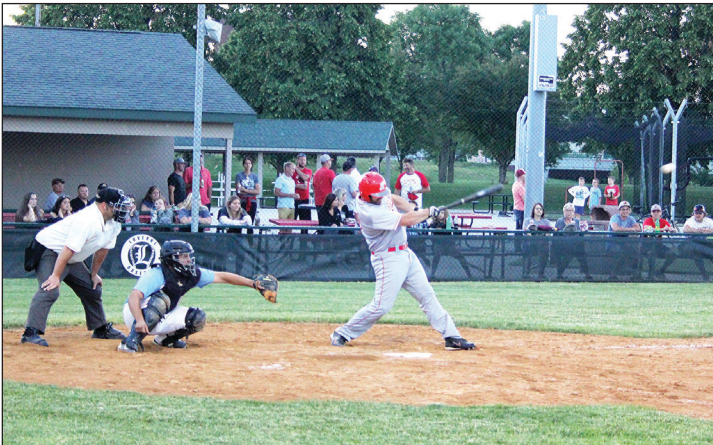
Luverne had the top of the order up when the ninth inning began. Derek Lundgren and Logan Norman both reached base with singles to start the inning, but the next two Redbird batters were out.

Luverne was down to its final out and down three when Declan Beers hit a single that scored a run.

Ben Serie then reached base on an error by the Milroy shortstop to load the bases with the tying run at second base, the go-ahead run on first and two outs.

Tyler Reisendorfer came to the plate and hit a two-RBI single that tied the game.

Jake Haugen was up next. He hit the ball about ten feet



Jason Berghorst photo/0709-Redbirds

Redbird Codie Zeutenhorst, pictured in a game earlier this year, had three hits, three RBIs and scored twice during Luverne's 13-2 victory in Adrian Sunday.

toward third base and made it to first base, which allowed Serieto score the go-ahead run.

Reisendorfer, who had replaced Jake Haugen on the mound during the fifth inning, gave up no runs in the bottom of the ninth to secure the Redbird victory.

Box Score							
Luverne	0	0	0	0	0	0	34 7
Milroy	3	0	0	2	1	0	00 6

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	5	2	2	0
Norman	5	2	3	0
Paquette	5	1	1	3
S. Wenninger	4	0	0	0
Beers	5	1	1	1
Serie	3	1	0	0
Reisendorfer	5	0	2	2
Haugen	5	2	1	2
Haugen	4	0	1	1
C Wenninger	5	0	0	0

Luverne 13, Adrian 2

The Redbirds made the short trip east to Adrian to play the A's Sunday.

The visitors came out swinging early scoring one run in the first and exploding to score eight runs off of five hits in the second inning.

Adrian got one run back in the third inning, before Luverne scored two more runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings to build a 13-1 lead.

The A's scored one more run in the bottom of the fifth, but that was not enough to avoid the ten-run rule that ended the game after seven innings.

Declan Beers led the im-

pressive Redbird offense with two homeruns and a double. Beers had three hits, scored three runs and earned four RBIs in the game.

Codie Zeutenhorst also had three hits in the game. He scored two runs and chalked up three RBIs. Logan Norman also scored twice for Luverne.

Derek Lundgren pitched all seven innings for the Redbirds. Lundgren struck out seven Adrian batters and gave up six hits and one walk.

"I thought we had a very strong showing on Sunday," Beers said. "We showed that from top to bottom we are one of the best teams in the league."

Beers pointed out that, although pandemic-related schedule changes have impacted the season, he and his teammates are feeling good about where they are midway through the summer.

"Hopefully we can use this win to jumpstart our shortened season and we will be firing on all cylinders come playoff time," Beers said.

Box Score							
Luverne	1	8	0	2	2	0	13
Adrian	0	0	1	0	1	0	2

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	4	1	2	1
Norman	5	2	2	1
Paquette	4	1	1	1
S. Wenninger	4	1	2	0
Zeutenhorst	5	2	3	3
Beers	5	3	3	4
Serie	5	1	1	0
Haugen	4	1	0	0
Nath	2	1	1	0

SPORTS BRIEF

Bartels earns academic All-State

Isaiah Bartels, a 2020 Luverne High School graduate, was named to the 2019-2020 Academic All-State Boys Basketball team this spring.

The award is presented by the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association. About twenty Minnesota student-athletes from Class AA receive the honor each year.

"This just shows how hard Isaiah worked both on the basketball court and in the classroom," said Luverne head coach John Sichmeller.



Holiday weekend draws fewer racers

By Jason Berghorst

The July 4 weekend was relatively quiet for local dirt track drivers, crews and fans.

Three Rock County drivers raced at two area tracks over the holiday weekend.

Murray County Speedway in Slayton hosted seven classes of racing Friday night and I-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, staged five classes Saturday night.

Murray County Speedway

Jeremy Smith of Luverne placed sixth overall in the IMCAA Modifieds feature race Friday night in Slayton.

Smith placed second in his heat race and started the

feature race in the fourth spot.

I-90 Speedway

Luverne's Cadyn Wessels was the only local driver competing at the I-90 Speedway Saturday night.

Wessels raced in the Hobby Stocks class. He placed third in his heat race before finishing in the eighth spot in the A feature race.

Murray Speedway – July 3			
IMCAA Modifieds A Feature	Luverne	6th	
J. Smith			

MCRA Bombers A Feature			
E. Gaul	Luverne	13th	

I-90 Speedway – July 4			
USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature	Luverne	8th	
C. Wessels			

Outdoors columnist explains 'rules of the road' for different utility terrain vehicles

I was on a daylong, 75-mile wildlife ride on my Polaris Ranger with a few friends Saturday to observe habitat conditions on public lands located in Nobles County.

One of the riders said her friend didn't know what a side-by-side was. A side-by-side is the slang term for a 4-wheeled all-terrain vehicle. I don't know anyone who calls a two-passenger, steering wheel equipped side-by-side an ATV.

They are often referred to as utility terrain vehicles. The kind I ride looks like a 4-wheel-drive golf cart with much higher ground clearance and a much higher horsepower motor than a golf cart might have. It also looks a lot cooler.

There are several classifications of ATVs, and depending on the classification, it



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

determines when and where you can legally ride them. What classification your rig falls in has to do with how much it weighs and how wide the wheelbase is.

Class 1 has a maximum width of 50 inches and a Class 2 has a maximum wheelbase width of 65 inches. Many, but not all, Kabotas manufactured today for farm use are

too big to be classified as an ATV, which makes them illegal to ride on a state ATV trail.

Smaller 4-wheelers and side-by-sides can be driven in road ditches after the primary nesting season for wildlife is completed. This date is Aug. 1. Class 2 ATVs, which also include larger side-by-sides, are never allowed to be driven in road ditches.

Minnesota is quite liberal when it comes to ATV use. You can drive both classes on most township and county roads, but you need to stay as close to the right shoulder as possible. This assumes you have a valid driver's license. Younger drivers need an ATV training certificate. They can be driven on state roads as long as the same rule is applied. No ATVs can be driven on Interstate highways.

As far as riding in town, those rules are regulated city by city. In Worthington you can ride both Class 1 and Class 2 ATVs on city streets as long as the unit has mirrors, turn signals and a permit sold by the city. Each municipality has its own laws, and for that matter, each state.

In Wisconsin you can only

travel on designated ATV roads. This caused us some 20-mile detours trying to get back to our hotel in Clam Lake, Wisconsin.

In Nebraska there is no ATV use at all on any public road at any time unless you are a farmer or rancher. No ATV use at all. I found this very tourist unfriendly. We did ride in some national grasslands in Nebraska, but this was 118,000 acres of no electricity or public facilities like a bathroom or ice.

When you get to South Dakota, they allow all ATV classes on all roads in the state other than interstate highways. I have had ATVs blow by me on Minnesota Avenue in Sioux Falls with regularity. They are truly a basic form of transportation in this state.

Consuming alcohol while driving an ATV is not allowed.

The same rules about intoxication apply just as if you were driving your car. These vehicles are getting very popular, but the regulations surrounding their use have not changed much over the past 15 years.

You can drive on the road past a state park, but you cannot drive through the state park to enjoy the scenery or wildlife. In many cases they are treated like any other car or truck, and in others they are restricted like a wheeler. My state contact told me the reason state parks are off limits is because they think folks would go off road and damage the landscape.

Many people that own these machines will replace the off-road tires with street

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

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

Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship Service — live streamed. Thursdays 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 p.m. — AA Meeting. Sunday 9:30 a.m. — Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — In house worship service with communion — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. — Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday 8 p.m. — AA Meeting and Wednesday, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
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305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
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First Presbyterian Church
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Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

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

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

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

‘Jesus calls us’ over the hullabaloo

One of my favorite hymns is “Jesus Calls Us.” The hymn begins with “Jesus calls us o’er the tumult.” Tumult refers to commotion or confusion; agitation rather than calm.

I was curious, so I looked up synonyms for “tumult” in a thesaurus. One of them listed was “hullabaloo.” Hullabaloo is a word I remember my mom using. You could say that Jesus calls us over the hullabaloo. Maybe that could make a good modern version of the song.

“Jesus Calls Us” was written by a woman named Cecil Frances Alexander, a poet and writer who was married to a pastor named William Alexander. She was very talented and prolific, writing more than 400 poems and hymns during her lifetime.

Once, when she was teaching Sunday school, one of her students asked her if she could explain the Apostles Creed. As a result, she was inspired to write a trio of hymns. One of them is “All Things Bright and Beautiful,” which comes from “I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.” She also wrote “Once in Royal David’s City” to explain, “He was born of the Virgin Mary.” And to explain the death of Jesus, “He was crucified, dead and buried,” she wrote, “There is a Green Hill Far Away.” All of those are classic Christian hymns.

On Nov. 25, 1852, she wrote a poem inspired by the sermon her husband had preached that morning. When she showed it to him, he asked her to come up with a hymn related to the message for the next Sunday about Jesus calling the disciples. She thought for a while and then wrote “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult.” ... Jesus calls us over the hullabaloo in our lives.

The tune it is paired with is called “Galilee” because Jesus called the first disciples when they were beside the sea of

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**Pastor Jason
Cunningham
First Presbyterian
Church, Luverne**

Galilee.

The song is not really as much about Jesus calling those first disciples as it is about Jesus calling us to follow him and to be his people today. It is present tense and personal: Jesus calls us and he calls us over whatever commotion, confusion, agitation or busyness we might be engaged in.

“Our life’s wild restless sea.” That’s a great metaphor for human life: a wild, restless sea, especially in this time of pandemic and protest. So it’s good news that Jesus can call to us over the hullabaloo!

Jesus’ call is persistent and ongoing, saying, “Christian, follow me.” Jesus ... calls ... us Jesus calls us, persistently, in an ongoing way that’s meant to draw us near.

I recently read an observation about Christ’s call and love. The author said, “Just as a planet rushing through space is only a comet or meteor hurtling through space until it is caught by some central sun and begins to revolve around that sun as its center, so my life is an aimless comet burning itself out in self-will until it finds the pull and attraction of Christ’s love and then revolves around him.”

Jesus calls us, over the hullabaloo that we so often experience as part of the human condition. That is a source of great hope!

The song ends by recognizing our need for the grace of Jesus Christ and asks for help in hearing and heeding the call of Jesus. “Jesus calls us, and by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call and then serve and love you best of all.”

In these challenging days, may we hear Jesus over the tumult of times.

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Elk Creek Solar public hearing July 23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

In the Matter of the Applications of Elk Creek Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need and a Site Permit for the up to 80 MW Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: IP7009/CN-19-351 and IP7009/GS-19-495

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: OAH 71-2500-36619

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a remote-access public hearing on the certificate of need and site permit applications of Elk Creek Solar, LLC (Elk Creek) for its proposed 80 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar energy conversion project in Rock County, Minnesota. **Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has suspended in person meetings and hearings. The Commission is using remote-access technology to conduct meetings and hearings to ensure continued public participation and information sharing opportunities.** The remote-access public hearing will be held on the following date and time:

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Remote-Access Hearing (telephone and/or internet)

*The hearing will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. This may occur before the stated end time for the public hearing. If you wish to participate, you are encouraged to join the hearing when it begins.

A portion of the public hearing will be reserved for taking questions and comments. To participate, follow the directions below to access the hearing over the telephone to listen or provide verbal comments (audio only). If you are also interested in accessing the video portion of the hearing, follow the directions below to view the presentation over the internet (video only – no audio). If you wish to watch the video stream with audio, you will need to join by both phone and internet. Written comments may also be submitted during the comment period following the hearing using the methods described in this notice.

Join the hearing by telephone

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To view the presentation, join the hearing by internet (video only – no audio)
Navigate on your computer to: <https://tinyurl.com/9d988x7j> or <https://minnesota.webex.com>
Event Number: 146 468 0999
Event Password: SelfBH4XjP25

Please join the hearing 5-10 minutes prior to the start time.

PUC Docket Numbers 19-351 (Certificate of Need) and 19-495 (Site Permit)

OAH Docket Number OAH 71-2500-36619

Please contact Charley Bruce at 651-201-2251 or publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us, if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble participating.

To find out if the hearing is canceled call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Information on the application review process and documents related to the proposed project including materials from the public hearing, the site permit application, and the environmental assessment are available on the Department of Commerce website: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13739/> and the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (19) and the docket number (495), and select *Search*. You may also find information on the certificate of need at the same address by entering the year (19) and docket number (351) and selecting *Search*.

Project Description

Elk Creek proposes to construct the Elk Creek Solar Project (Project), a solar energy conversion facility with an 80-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) nameplate capacity, in Vienna Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

Elk Creek filed a certificate of need application with the Commission on September 16, 2019. On behalf of the Commission, the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) of the project. The EA describes the human and environmental impacts of the project and methods to mitigate potential impacts.

Elk Creek also submitted a site permit application under the alternative review process (Minnesota Statute 216E.04; Minnesota Rule 7850.2800-3900). Elk Creek proposes to construct the Elk Creek Solar Project (Project), a solar energy conversion facility with an 80-megawatt (MW) AC nameplate capacity, in Vienna Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

Public Hearing and Process Information

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed project and compile the record for the Commission to consider in making a final decision on the site permit application. The Honorable Jessica Palmer-Denig, Administrative Law Judge, will administer the hearing and will provide the Commission with a summary of the public comments received during this proceeding. The public hearing and written comment period afford interested persons the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and agency staff and to offer oral and written comments on the merits of the proposed project, on the environmental assessment, and on conditions to be considered for inclusion in a site permit. The public hearing is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. §§ 216B.243, Subd. 4, 216E.03, Subd. 6 and 216E.04, and Minn. R. 7850.3800.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules. This CN application for this project is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes chapter 216B.243 and Minnesota Rules chapter 7849. The site permit application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules chapter 7850. The rules and statutes are available for review at: www.revisor.mn.gov.

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Written Comment Period

Written comments will be accepted through August 10, 2020, by 4:30 p.m. Please include the docket number (19-495) in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

- Should the Commission grant a certificate of need and site permit for the proposed project?
- Is the proposed project needed and in the public interest?
- What are the human and environmental impacts of the project, and how can these impacts be addressed in the site permit?
- If a site permit is granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in a site permit for the facility?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Comments may be submitted via:

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc, select Comment and follow the prompts.

Email: publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Public Advisor – Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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St. Paul, MN 55101

Important. Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Additional Information

Filing Requirements. Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling): <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/Efiling>.

Full Case Record. Documents related to the certificate of need and site permit applications for the proposed project including materials from the public hearing, the site permit application, and the environmental assessment are available on the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (19) and the docket number (351 or 495), and select *Search*. You may also find information specific to the site permit application and the environmental assessment on the Department of Commerce website: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13739>.

Subscribe to the Docket. To receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter visit: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/Efiling>, select *Subscribe to Dockets* and follow the prompts.

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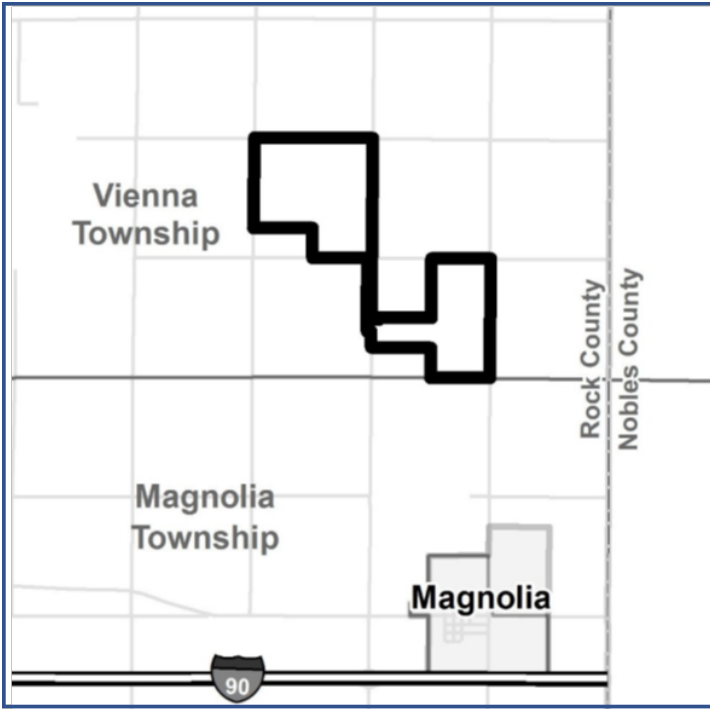
Project Mailing List. Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportuni-

ties to participate or change your mailing preference. Email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call Leesa Norton at 651-201-2246 with the docket number (19-351 or 19-495), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Questions about these dockets or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Michael Kaluzniak at mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us or 651-201-2257 or Charley Bruce, Public Advisor, at publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2251.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in this hearing, please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the hearing.

To request this document in another format such as large print or audio, call 651.296.0406 (voice). Persons with a hearing or speech impairment may call using their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.



ELK CREEK SOLAR PROJECT LOCATION

(07-09)

Luverne School District seeks bids for dairy products

REQUEST FOR BIDS LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota, for the furnishing of the following products:

A. Dairy Products

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Tim Jarchow,
Clerk
(07-02, 07-09)

Luverne School District seeks quotes for vehicle fuels

REQUEST FOR QUOTES LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at the Office of Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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Tim Jarchow
Clerk
(07-02, 07-09)

Wall descent of property

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Kay Ellen Wall a/k/a Kay Wall,
Deceased

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Court File No. 67-PR-20-152

ORDER FOR HEARING
PETITION FOR DESCENT
OF PROPERTY

The Petition of Donald K. Wall, dated the 8th day of June, 2020, having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 20th day of July, 2020, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of Minnesota. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated: June 29, 2020

Douglas E. Eisma
Attorney for Petitioner
EISMA & EISMA
130 East Main Street
Luverne, MN 56156
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/s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

(07-09, 07-16)

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The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

Tim Jarchow
Clerk
(07-02, 07-09)

Filing dates set for election to Dist. 671 School Board

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671 HILLS-BEAVER CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 671 shall begin on July 28, 2020, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2020.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2020.

Dated: June 22, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Tamara Rauk
School District Clerk
(07-02, 07-09)

Veldkamp probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT
Court File No.: 67-PR-20-132

In Re: Estate of

Elmer B. Veldkamp,
Decedent,

NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND
INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated June 25, 2013. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Jim L. Veldkamp, whose address is 152-251st Street, Jasper, Minnesota 56144, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 6-14-20

Attorney for the personal representative:
Mark R. Krogstad
Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, LLP
P.O. Box 1030
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1030
(605) 336-2880
Attorney No.: 0391223

/s/ Terry Vajrt
District Court Judge
/s/ Denise Brandel
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CARDS OF THANKS

An extreme thank you to all that attended Pauline's Memorial on the 27th. It was very sad for me as we'd been together over 25 years but I know she's well again. A big thank you to all the care givers at our Hospice Cottage.

**Thank you to all,
Bill Martin**

We would like to thank everyone who helped us during this difficult time of Don's (Bailly's) passing. Thank you to the friends that stayed with us until help came. Thank you to Rock County Sheriff's Department and Lismore Fire Department. Thank you to Hartquist Funeral Home. Thank you to Pastor Ann at Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you family and friends for all the love and support you offered. Words cannot express our gratitude.

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ACCOUNTANT

OBJECTIVE:

- Help produce financial information for farrow to wean producers by maintaining and performing daily accounting tasks which includes reconciling accounts, preparing reports, performing cash management, and reviewing profitability statements

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Maintain financial records associated with farrow to wean hog producers
- Analyze general ledger accounts to ensure all business transactions are recorded accurately and timely
- Reconcile bank accounts on a monthly basis
- Maintain general ledger accounts by reconciling accounts receivable; inventory; prepaid expenses; fixed assets and depreciation, other assets, accounts payable, and accrued expenses
- Prepare balance sheets, income statements, and other financial statements required under standard operating procedures
- Prepare and submit weekly/monthly reports
- Ensure cost tracking of projects at farms
- Variance analysis
- Year-end close (prepare info for tax preparers and answer questions)

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS

- Detail oriented and highly organized
- Basic understanding of tax basis accounting
- Proven ability to work in a team environment
- Proven ability to problem solve

EDUCATION

- BSC/BA in accounting, finance, or related field
- Qualifications (ACA, CMA) preferred
- Experience: 2+ years year of accounting experience, preferably in the agriculture field

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