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Rock County Commissioners field 80 CARES grant applications

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County officials received 80 grant applications in six days after announcing how CARES Act dollars would be distributed to businesses and non-profit organizations.

As of 4:30 p.m. Monday, 69 of the grant applications were received from businesses that could request up to \$5,000 in federal aid.

Eleven applications came from non-profit organizations who could also request up to \$5,000.

According to County Administrator Kyle Oldre, a review committee met Wednesday morning, July 15, to act on the grant applications. Recipients were notified Wednesday afternoon.

All recipients must sign a grant

agreement before funds are released on Friday.

The review committee will meet every Wednesday until all the dollars are distributed through the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security).

On July 7, county commissioners allocated \$500,000 in business grants. Eligible businesses could apply for up

to \$5,000 to offset economic losses sustained since March 1 due to the coronavirus.

Non-profit organizations in Rock County were allotted \$175,000 and could also apply for up to \$5,000 to offset any financial losses due to COVID-19.

All applications will be accepted until noon Aug. 15.

The county received \$1.18 million of the federal CARES Act dollars including \$44,396 for Rock County communities and townships with populations under 200.

Seven cities and townships fell in the "under 200 in population" category and will receive an allocation

CARES Act county funds/see page 2

Armory plans on track for 2022 opening

Architects release renderings for 47,902-square-foot industrial park facility

By Mavis Fodness

Architects admit it's taking a long time to plan for the new Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center, but the \$16.5 million project will open as scheduled in 2022.

Jay Wiederholt is architecture division manager with TKDA in St. Paul, the design and engineering firm for the new Luverne armory.

"The project has been moving along at a snail's pace," he said Monday. "But the review of plans has still been tracking forward."

Renderings for the 47,902-square-foot facility are at the 60-percent completion stage, and drawings were released last week at the 12-week design development stage.

The facility features recruiting offices, classrooms and assembly hall for monthly guard assemblies. When not in use by guard members, the building, including two full-sized basketball courts, will be available for use by the public.

Once state and federal National Guard officials approve plans thus far, the project will enter a 22-week construction document preparation stage.

Bid letting will be early in 2021, according to Col. Sol Sukut of the Minnesota National Guard Construction and Management Office.

Since the group met in Luverne in September 2019, Sukut said two additional costs were identified and added to the project.

"The recent soil testings found a large amount of clay under the site," Sukut said.

The cost of soil remediation prior to stationing the foundation at the 15-acre site in Luverne's Industrial Park is estimated at \$200,000.

The second added expense involves up to \$1 million for a second 4,500-square-foot basketball court at the armory.

The K.A.H.R. Foundation has agreed to an additional \$1.2 million to cover those additional costs.

Armory renderings/see page 3



This is only a drill

Lori Sorenson photos/0716 water rescue practice

The Luverne Fire Department acquired a 14-foot inflatable watercraft for \$10,000 about six months ago, and Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia said the water rescue practice at The Lake on July 7 was time well-spent. "We just wanted to see what it would be like to pull someone over the side of the boat, and what we would do with a backboard to help load a patient into the boat," Van Batavia said. "That's why we went out a few different times."

Local emergency crews practice water rescue scenarios

By Lori Sorenson

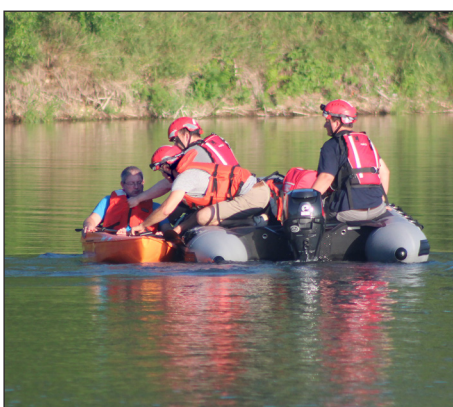
The Lake in Luverne served as training grounds for local emergency responders to practice deep-water rescues Tuesday, July 7.

"Kayaking is popular on the river, and there are a lot of people using The Lake in Luverne," said local paramedic Jill Johnson.

"So, having first responders get experience in the water before an emergency is important."

Other fire departments, ambulance personnel and emergency responders from around Rock County trained at The Lake with simulations of cold-water rescue,

Water rescue drills/see page 10



Above, 'victim' Chad Buss plays the role of a kayaker experiencing chest pain. At right, firefighters and first responders experiment with the best, safest way to remove Buss from the boat.



Beaver Creek residents petition to preserve historic bank

By Lori Sorenson

More than 40 residents in Beaver Creek have signed a petition to preserve the historic bank building that was given to the city by Minnwest Bank in January.

"This town and its history — this community was something," Andrew Blank told council members at their July 8 meeting. "We can tell the world we are somebody ... I feel this would be good for the city."

He and his brother, Aaron Blank, presented the signatures to council members at their June meeting ask-

ing that they postpone selling the 103-year-old building for 12 months while they considered historic uses and sought potential resources.

"The only way to preserve the building is to not sell it," Aaron Blank said.

The council tabled the request and put it on the agenda for the July meeting last week when passions for historic preservation met with practical considerations of maintenance and handicap accessibility.

Beaver Creek bank/see page 2

Luverne EDA offers zero-percent loans

By Lori Sorenson

Another form of financial relief is available for local businesses affected by the pandemic economy.

Luverne Economic Development Authority took action Monday on federal aid through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBE) Program Revolving Loan Fund.

In 2013 the LEDA received a \$150,000 grant from the USDA to establish the RBE Revolving Loan Fund, which at the time supported Luverne's Façade Improvement Program.

LEDA used matching grants so that improvements could be funded with a 35-percent loan (from RBE revolving loan fund) and a 35-percent grant from the city with the rest from private equity.

LEDA director Holly Sammons said her office loaned out \$150,000 and granted \$150,000 to

complete 13 façade improvements in the L-shaped downtown district.

"Now all of those loan dollars have revolved back into our loan fund and the USDA is encouraging cities and EDAs to update their policies to better serve businesses affected by COVID 19," Sammons said Monday.

With the updates, funds are available in the form of a zero-percent five-year "quick loan" to all Luverne businesses (not just downtown) for a wider list of projects.

In this case there's no matching grant, but Sammons said it may be useful for some businesses.

"This is a small fix option we can do for the interim, as the USDA has allowed us some flexibility," she said. "I've had a couple of businesses ask about a loan

Luverne EDA offers loans for businesses/see page 3



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Dental Services resume clinics July 30

Children's Dental Services will resume clinics Thursday, July 30, for ages 0-26 at Rock County Health and Human Services on Roundwind Road in Luverne. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment or stop by Rock County Health and Human Services for assistance in scheduling.

Exams, X-rays, cleanings and more will be provided. All forms of insurance accepted. Organized by #LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Bloodmobile in Luverne July 27

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations by appointment only from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "LuverneMN" to schedule an appointment.

Senior food distribution Aug. 20

A.C.E. of SW Mn-Rock Co. will offer its Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) age 60 and older, from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln in Luverne.

Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Registration is required for those not already enrolled.

New Life Celebration food distribution canceled for July 16 and Aug. 20

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.

Drive-thru Relay For Life Aug. 20

A drive-through Rock County Relay for Life will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Luverne City Park with a drive-up meal, radio broadcast entertainment and a message from Yvette Van Der Brink. Relay for Life Honorary Chairperson.

Poster boards (instead of luminary bags) are available for a freewill donation at Salon 75 or First Farmers & Merchants Bank, or people can make their own posters with tag board.

A virtual 5K can be run or walked anytime Aug. 20-23. Registration and T-shirts are available at luvprintexpress.com/relay5k. Survivor names can be sent to luvrockrelay@gmail.com to be put on luminary bags.

Blue Mound Fall festival canceled

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

History Center limited hours

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

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.

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.



Mavis Fodness photo/0716 Commissioners Meeting July 7

Rock County Commissioners met with municipal and township leaders July 7 to outline plans for spending \$1.18 million in CARES Act money. The county is offering \$500,000 in grants to Rock County businesses and an additional \$175,000 to non-profit organizations. Rock County cities and townships with populations greater than 200 also received CARES Act money and will need to decide how to disburse the dollars within their communities.

CARES Act funds distributed locally/continued from page 1

from the county.

Cities/townships include:

- Hardwick, \$14,014.
- Kenneth, \$4,596.
- Steen, \$13,712.
- Battle Plain, \$4,550.
- Denver, \$4,075.
- Vienna, \$3,450.

Each township and city with populations over 200 people received direct CARES Act allocations.

Cities/townships include:

- Luverne (city), \$355,983.
- Hills, \$50,327.

- Beaver Creek (city), \$21,547.
- Magnolia (city), \$15,746.
- Luverne Township, \$11,550.
- Beaver Creek Township, \$9,275.
- Martin Township, \$9,175.
- Clinton Township, 6,700.
- Springwater Township, \$6,125.
- Kanaranzi Township, \$6,000.
- Mound Township, \$5,675.
- Magnolia Township, \$5,025.
- Rose Dell Township \$5,025.

At the July 7 meeting in Luverne, commissioners discussed with municipal and township representatives how CARES

dollars could be distributed.

"This is truly local government control on how the money is spent," Oldre told the group.

Oldre recommended that city and township supervisors reach out to their respective organizations to determine acceptable expenditures.

Cities and townships have until Nov. 15 to distribute the ACT funds. All unallocated funds come back to the county to be spent by Dec. 1.

After that any unspent dollars are returned to the state.

Beaver Creek residents petition for bank/continued from page 1

The former bank, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, appraised at \$35,000 this spring when the council voted to sell it for approved uses only.

For example, it wouldn't be sold to someone who would use it for storage, but the council would approve selling it to someone who would open a business in it.

As it turns out, the city recently received a legitimate offer to buy the building for use as office space, and Mayor Josh Teune encouraged the council to act on the offer.

"Out of everything the bank could possibly be, is there anything better than an office building?" he said. "Does anyone have a better idea?"

He said the best possible scenario for preserving the historic nature of the building would be to sell it to a business

"The only way to preserve the building is to not sell it."

— Aaron Blank, petitioner



The First National Bank was built around 1917 of brick, stone and concrete and the interior is marble and trimmed with quarter-sawn oak. It's on the National Registry of Historic Places,

that can afford to maintain it.

As they debated the merits of history and practical use of taxpayer money, the group at one point considered using space in the Beaver Creek City Hall for historic displays.

The council took no action at the meeting, but agreed to work with the Blank brothers on finding an appropriate site

in town for historic displays.

Background

The First National Bank was built around 1917 of brick, stone and concrete and the interior is Tennessee marble and trimmed with quarter-sawn oak.

When Minnwest closed its Beaver Creek branch Jan.

"Out of everything the bank could possibly be, is there anything better than an office building? Does anyone have a better idea?"

— Mayor Josh Teune

31, it marked the first time the building had been empty.

The city accepted the donation of the building with no immediate plans for it, except to maintain control over future entities that might buy it.

"It's a beautiful building, and we would have the final say about who and what goes in there," Mayor Teune said at the Jan. 8 meeting.

Council members have toured the building and said they're pleased about its condition and amenities.

For example, the roof was redone in 2013, the furnace dates back to the mid 1990s, the electrical wiring is current and working Internet connections are in place.

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Help is on the way for non-profit businesses through CARES Act

By Lori Sorenson

As federal pandemic economic relief funds flow into accounts for businesses and municipalities, help is now on the way for non-profit businesses affected by the coronavirus economy.

The Rock County Board of Commissioners approved grants of up to \$5,000 to applicants that can demonstrate economic losses since March 1.

Among those applying for grants will be the Blue Mound Area Theatre board, which manages the Palace Theatre.

Palace director Shawn Kinsinger said losses have been staggering since the pandemic shuttered theaters and gatherings for entertainment.

"We were ready to put the Green Earth Players on stage that weekend just before the order came down from the governor," said Kinsinger, who is also vice president of the local theater group.

"We had everything paid for right down to costuming and everything came to a dead stop."

According to BMAT treasurer LaDonna VanAartsen, losses since March have reached \$40,000.

"We were also booked for the High School play, losing again on rent and concessions," she said.

"Other items included Bank Nite Movie concessions; Summer Cinema, Missoula Children's Theatre along with regular movies, which are usually really good for the summer because that is when the new blockbusters come out."

Kinsinger said he's hoping to recoup some of the costs by performing the play, "The Game's Afoot," at a later date. However, if the group decides to perform under 25-percent capacity orders, Kinsinger said it will be tough to bring in revenue.

"That's 112 people counting our volunteers and staff," he said. "After cast, crew, ushers, lights and concessions, that leaves only 80 to 90 available seats."

Considering the Palace capacity is over 400, the audience — and receipts — would be meager.

"We had weekend movies, live music and a comedian scheduled. That's zero income when it would have been in the thousands."

Shawn Kinsinger, Palace director

The Luverne High School students were also rehearsing for their spring play, which was scheduled to be performed at the Palace, since the high school auditorium is under construction.

"When you start looking at it, there are a lot of people affected," he said, adding that every canceled event adds up to lost revenue for the Palace.

"We had weekend movies, live music and a comedian scheduled," Kinsinger said. "That's zero income when it would have been in the thousands."

Meanwhile, there are still costs incurred through utility bills, insurance, taxes, maintenance and other expenses. Plus, employees are still paid, due to PPP loans.

"We are looking at September, but all is subject to change," Van Aartsen said. "We are prepared to open, we have our plan in place and have rehearsed it with a small group that used the theatre."

Through a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation, BMAT purchased a mister machine to sanitize the entire theatre after each use.

BMAT will be among dozens of other nonprofits to apply for grants through Rock County's CARES Act distribution.

Among other qualifications, the nonprofits must be locally owned with a physical presence in Rock County, current on property taxes and demonstrate a COVID-19-related loss since March 1.

The link to the grant application is on the Rock County website, www.co.rock.mn.us.



Design renderings courtesy of TKDA, www.tkda.com

Preliminary design renderings show how the Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center will appear at the 15-acre site in the Luverne Industrial Park. Project completion is set for November 2022.

Luverne armory renderings released/continued from page 1A

Construction is expected to take 18 months and is scheduled for completion by November 2022.

The armory will house guard units of Luverne and Pipestone and represents a unique blend of state, federal and private funding sources.

The K.A.H.R. Foundation is the philanthropic organization of Jeanine Rivet and Warren G. Herreid II.

Herreid, a retired brevet colonel with the Minnesota National Guard, pledged \$5 million toward the new armory in Luverne in October 2017 in addition to state and federal dollars.



Design renderings courtesy of TKDA, www.tkda.com

The new Luverne Readiness Center of the Minnesota National Guard will feature an open lobby that divides areas of the building for use by guard members and the public. The facility will have two full-sized basketball courts when completed.

Luverne EDA offers zero-interest loans/continued from page 1

program, so hopefully this fits into their wheelhouse."

Eligible businesses must be in the city limits, employ 50 or fewer people and bring in less than \$1 million in revenue. Funds may be used for any of the following:

- acquisition of land or property.
- construction, remodel, repairs and façade improvements.
- machinery and equip-

ment.

- driveways and parking lots.
- working capital.

More information is on the LEDA website through the city's web page, cityofluverne.org.

Commercial demolition on East Lincoln Street

In other business the LEDA approved a \$5,000 commercial demolition request from John

Bowron for his property at 308 East Lincoln Street.

It was previously owned by Big Top Tent Rental, which moved to the former Bomgaars building after Bomgaars moved to the former Shopko location.

Bowron reports the east 80 feet of the building is substandard and needs to be demolished.

The walls and support beams are deteriorating and

the roof is no longer functional due to water damage and moisture.

After demolition, the site will be filled and graded with proper drainage for parking.

Bowron also owns the adjacent building on the west side but will be improving that structure to use as a vehicle rental storage business.

The property's estimated market value is \$5,000, and annual taxes are \$182.



Lori Sorenson photo/0716 uithoven addition

Pavement, electricity and streetlights are in place in the new Uithoven Addition in Luverne.

Uithoven Addition shows signs of building activity, utility connections

By Lori Sorenson

The Uithoven Addition on the west edge of town is looking increasingly like a housing subdivision, now that pavement, electricity and streetlights have been added to the neighborhood.

There are 15 lots along Uithoven Avenue, which intersects with Tallgrass and Meadowlark circles. The eight lots on the south end were sold to Cleveringa Construction

for twin homes at \$29,000 per lot. They need to be built on slab foundations due to the grade.

The three "premium" lots on the east side of the street closest to Dodge Street are more conducive for single-family dwellings at \$45,000 to \$51,000 per lot.

The remaining four across the street in Tallgrass Circle are available for single family or twin home structures at \$35,000 per lot.

Lunch, substitute pay increase for H-BC schools for 2020-21 year

By Mavis Fodness

A 10-cent-per-meal increase will greet Hills-Beaver Creek School District families this fall, if in-person classes resume.

School board members approved the increase at their June 22 meeting.

The increase for 2020-21 follows a series of 10-cent increases each year since the 2015-16 school year.

The costs of a lunch meal for kindergarten through eighth-grade students will be \$2.75, ninth- through 12th-

grade students \$2.90, and adults \$4. The cost of a carton of milk remains at 40 cents.

Board members also increased substitute staff pay schedules.

Full-day substitute teachers will receive \$130 per day, up \$10 from the 2019-20 school year.

"We were a little light in that area," said Superintendent Todd Holthaus. "We should be competitive now."

Half-day substitute teacher pay is \$70 per day.

Substitute paraprofes-

sionals will receive \$13 per hour, up from \$11.50 the previous school year.

Substitute office help will be paid \$12 per hour, up \$1 per hour from the 2019-20 school year.

Substitute food service employees will now receive \$15, up from last year's \$14.

Also receiving a \$1 per hour raise is the driver education instructor to \$28 per hour.

Student participation fees and activity passes to school-sponsored activities remain unchanged.

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Athletic wear, a dog and a 'ghost' tree lead to new fitness perspective

A half mile past my farm home in Battle Plain Township, a magnificent cottonwood tree used to grow tall and proud against the prairie skyline.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

For more than a decade before its demise, the tree marked the turnaround point for horseback rides, walks, and most recently, my attempts at jogging.

Today there's nothing left of the tree, no stump or hole, just my memory that there used to be that cottonwood some 2,640 feet down a minimum maintenance road.

This spring that distance became the starting point for an idea to run the 5K race DC Wonder Woman Run Series in St. Paul at the end of June. The name alone made running seem like a fun group event.

The chance to purchase nearly new athletic wear at a bargain price helped make the idea fashionable as well as comfortable. However, another social media shopper beat me to the advertised athletic wear.

Or so I thought. Weeks later, the seller contacted me to say the tank tops, running pants, shorts and sweat shirts were still available.

I took it as a sign that the 5K run was something I was meant to complete. It was June, and I had several months to develop the stamina for a 3.1-mile run in a single outing. As motivation I put an orange sticky note in my weekly planner as a reminder.

I happily donned my new jogging apparel (including a near-new pair of Brooks) and set out to reach the "tree" distance in one outing and grow to the 5K-distance in a matter of weeks.

Or so I thought. Who knew running could be so exhausting after a few hundred feet?

Lucy, our 1-year-old Lab cross puppy, always accompanied me on daily training jobs with her ever-present rubber Frisbee clutched in her mouth.

Turns out Lucy can be a very good and very forgiving personal trainer.

As my optimism for jogging faded and I would slow to a walk, Lucy would happily jog past me, stop and drop the Frisbee.

I would catch up to her, throw the Frisbee in the opposite direction and resume jogging. In a matter of seconds Lucy would retrieve the Frisbee, run past me, and stop to wait for me to catch up.

As this relay progressed and my endurance increased, at times I would easily jog right past her and the Frisbee.

Then COVID-19 intervened and canceled the in-person 5K and the enthusiasm I had expected to develop for jogging after weeks of trying but never did.

I did find that I am much more suited to wearing the comfy athletic wear on the couch with occasional walks to the tree and back. Lucy happily comes along and leaves the Frisbee at home.

Don't answer Medicare insurance phone calls

Instead call Senior Linkage for unbiased help

GUEST OPINION

By Linda Tobias, Client Service Center Supervisor
Senior LinkAge Line and Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging

Turning 65 comes with many emotions for me. I am excited to begin thinking about the next phase of my life. Is retirement a reality for me? Or am I going to continue to do the job I love with the Senior LinkAge Line and the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging?

I will turn 65 at the end of October. Over the last month I have been inundated with phone calls from people trying to sell me a Medicare insurance plan. The calls usually come across as "Potential Spam," and I typically don't answer, but yesterday I decided to see what they had to say.

The caller on the other end of the line told me they were with Medicare (not true!). I questioned her further, and she said, "Medicare Benefits." Then she said she wanted to make me aware of what options Medicare had for me. Since my job with the Senior LinkAge Line is to know Medicare inside and out and provide free, unbiased information, I was skeptical.

I proceeded to ask, "Are you selling insurance?" And she said, "No, we advocate for you, so you can get the coverage you need when you turn 65." She then told me she wanted to transfer me to someone who would be able to talk to me about plans available in my area.

I asked again whether she was trying to sell me something and was told no. I agreed to the transfer, and then someone else came on the line. She gave me her name and proceeded to tell me she was a licensed insurance agent in 38 states. Not selling anything, huh?

The agent tried to make small talk. She asked my zip code and my date of birth. I told her she must know my date of birth since

she was calling because she knew I was turning 65 (silence on the other end of the phone). She never asked me if I was planning to retire or keep working. She proceeded to attempt to sell me a specific type of plan (without reviewing all the other options).

When I asked about what other options are available, she skipped right over my question and proceeded to go back to selling me the same type of plan. She told me about two companies that sold this type of plan in Minnesota but skipped by all the others.

She told me she was unbiased and wanted what was best for me. She never asked me questions about my health, my lifestyle, or what I could afford to pay in premium. These are all things that should be considered when choosing a Medicare plan.

When talking about my options under Medicare Part D, she never asked about the medications I take or the pharmacy I use. Without this information, you have no way of knowing your best Medicare Part D plan.

You are probably wondering why I am telling you all this. Well, quite simply, if you are getting ready to turn age 65 and live in Minnesota, you should hang up on these types of calls, or don't answer in the first place. Instead, you can call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 to get TRUE, non-

biased help. We are a service of the state of Minnesota and provide services free of charge. We don't sell insurance and won't steer you to any particular company or type of policy. We are there to provide you the information you need so you can make an informed decision yourself. We pride ourselves on being advocates for Minnesotans and really do want to help you find what works best for you.

If you are turning 65 and getting the same type of phone calls and mailings I am, remember "buyer beware." Start paying attention to those television and magazine ads targeting people nearing retirement.

These callers are looking for your dollars, as opposed to trying to help you save money. The decisions you make about your Medicare plan will help make your retirement enjoyable, especially should you need medical care.

The Senior LinkAge Line is there for you. We believe in what we do, and we have experts across the state ready to help you. If you are confused and getting calls like I am, before you make any decisions, please give the Senior LinkAge Line a call at 1-800-333-2433.

Retirement should be an exciting time for us. Let the Senior LinkAge Line give you the information you need so you can make the best choice about your future health care needs for you.

Marshall: Petty bickering and finger-pointing may work elsewhere, but not in southwest Minnesota

To the Editor:

Minnesota, particularly southwest Minnesota, is a place that I am proud to call home and to be raising my children in. We are a people of hard work and self-respect. We face our challenges head on, and over the last few months, we've had a few of those. We have, and are going through, a difficult time here in southwest Minnesota.

We, as Minnesotans, are not a people who turn away from hard questions or difficult answers. This is why I was so disappointed in how our State Senate failed to address police reform during the special session.

A recent opinion piece by State Sen. Bill Weber made its way through many of the local papers in this district. In it he attempted to explain from his perspective why the State Senate voted to adjourn and go home without accomplishing anything of significance during the last special session.

Frankly, all I saw was excuses and tired, old talking points. This does not represent the values of southwest Minnesota. We do not make excuses for our mistakes. We face them, and we fix them.

While Sen. Weber explained his reasoning in regard to the Senate's failure to agree on the appropriation of funds provided

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by the CARES Act, he failed to mention a single word as to why they would not even discuss the Police Reform measures that were passed by the State House of Representatives. The people of Minnesota, whether they are Republican, Democrat or Independent, want action. What that action looks like is up for debate, but to go home at such a critical point and not even discuss the issues facing the state is unacceptable.

What I saw in his article was excuses. What I saw was finger-pointing. What I saw was meaningless talking points like you would hear in Washington, D.C. Whatever Sen. Weber's excuses may have entailed, at the end of the day the people's interests were not represented.

This could have been a turning point in the history of our state, a moment where our strength, unity and resolve were shown for our hurting communities to see. Instead, it was just a

footnote of inaction.

We cannot afford to become Washington, D.C. We cannot allow the political games and vitriol of federal politicians to take root in our state.

Publicly smearing Gov. Walz as Sen. Weber did, implying that he is corrupt, without anything to substantiate that claim in our newspapers, was shameful, whether we agree with Gov. Walz or not.

Sen. Weber is supposed to be a civic leader, and that kind of petty bickering and finger-pointing may work elsewhere, but we Minnesotans hold ourselves to a higher standard. We need representation that holds itself to that same high standard.

Our state senator could have done better, and frankly, we the people deserve better.

Shawna Marshall
Candidate for State Senate
for District 22

A look back through the decades reveals National Middle Child Day

As I sat in front of my computer struggling to come up with a column idea that doesn't focus on the coronavirus or politics, I found myself wondering what I wrote about, say, 10 years ago at this time of the year.

So I looked back at my column from July 8, 2010, and believe it or not, the following is the first sentence from that column 10 years ago. "Sometimes when I sit down to write this column, I don't have any idea what I am going to write about and today is one of those days."

As it turns out, 10 years ago I looked at the calendar and happened across the fact that Aug. 4 was National Middle Child Day.

So, I figured if that was a good column topic 10 years ago, it probably still is today.

For whatever reason, it seems National Middle Child Day has been moved from Aug. 4 to Aug. 12, and both dates are Wednesdays, of course.

As a middle child myself, I might celebrate the day by going shopping for some hand-me-down clothes or maybe shop for a used bike, used baseball glove ... my fellow middle children will get my sarcasm. Some things are hard to forget.

Actually there have been some very famous middle children, such as Abraham Lincoln, Warren Buffet, Herbert Hoover, Jennifer Lopez, Anne Hathaway, David Letterman, Britney



FOR WHAT'S IT WORTH

By Rick Peterson,
general manager
Tollefson Publishing

Spears and Bill Gates, to name a few.

My sister-in-law is a middle child, our daughter Emily is our middle child, and our grandson Andrew is bookended by his two brothers.

Aug. 12 will come and go without so much as a mention of Middle Child Day as in years past, but here is a shout-out to my fellow middle children. Enjoy our day.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 3
 •Complainant on Warren and Oakley streets reported a drunk person.
 •Report of hazmat spill on S. Kniss Avenue.
 •Vehicle theft was reported on 141st Street, Magnolia.

•Another department assisted on 131st Street by the SD/MN border.
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported fraud/scam.

July 4
 •Burglary was reported on S. Donaldson Street.
 •Complainant reported fraud issue.
 •Theft was reported on W. Hatting Street.
 •Missing person was reported at location on E. Oakland Avenue.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and 131st Street reported a driving complaint.
July 5
 •Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported a drunk driver.
 •Complainant on Manfred Drive reported harassing communications.
 •Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported loud noises at location.

July 6
 •Standing water was reported at location on N. Spring Street and Oakland Avenue.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Dodge Street reported drainage issues.
 •Weather bulletin was issued.
 •Deputy reported water over the road at location on County Road 3, Kenneth.
 •Complainant on E. Main Street and N. Cedar Street reported street lights flashing red.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported theft.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported theft.
 •Complainant on County Road 4 and 91st Street reported a possible drunk driver.
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street requested a deputy to get property.
 •Complainant on Evergreen Drive reported fireworks being lit in area.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and 151st Street reported individuals lighting

fireworks.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault at location.

•Complainant on W. Church Avenue, Steen, reported a death of an individual.

July 7
 •Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a suspicious vehicle.
 •Complainant in the city of Steen reported a bypass of wastewater.
 •Complainant requested release of property.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a possible medical issue.
 •Complainant requested release of property.
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a possible medical issue.

July 8
 •Road damage was reported at location one-half mile south of 141st Street and 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, requested deputy assistance.
 •Vandalism was reported at location on W. Bark Avenue.

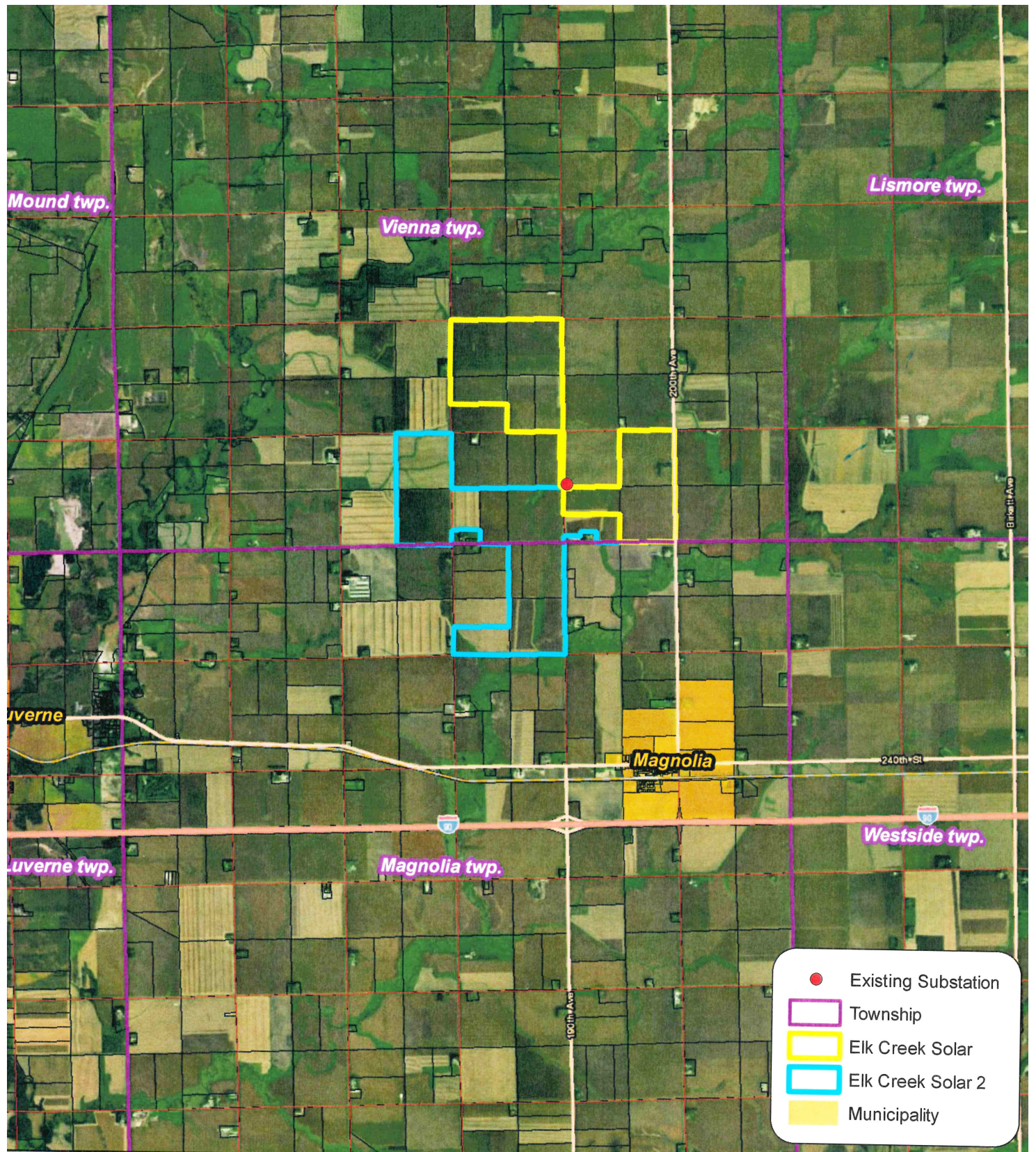
•A warrant was issued in Woodbury County, Iowa.
 •Report that property was lost.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

July 9
 •Vandalism was reported on W. Bark Avenue.
 •Complainant on County Highway 4, Valley Springs, reported identity theft.

•Complainant on 190th Avenue and County Road 4, Magnolia, reported an abandoned vehicle.

July 10
 •Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, Luverne exit, reported an erratic driver.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 6 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 5 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 2 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 driver's license check, 3 gas drive-offs, 2 alarms, 5 purchase and carry permits, 10 traffic stops, 19 abandoned 911 calls, 5 tests, 6 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out and 2 follow-ups.



Graphic courtesy of Geronimo Energy

Elk Creek I and Elk Creek II solar farm locations are proposed for north of Magnolia in Vienna and Magnolia townships. A public phone/Internet hearing is planned for Thursday, July 25, to gather public input into whether or not the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission should grant a conditional use permit and a certificate of need to Geronimo Energy of Edina, Minnesota, to construct Elk Creek I on 976 acres in Vienna Township. Plans for Elk Creek II, in Vienna and Magnolia townships, are currently on hold.

Public input sought for proposed solar farm

By Mavis Fodness

A second public hearing will be conducted Thursday, July 23, for the proposed Elk Creek Solar farm near Magnolia.

Due to the coronavirus, the public hearing will be conducted remotely from 6 to 9 p.m.

The upcoming hearing focuses on whether or not the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission should grant Elk Creek Solar a certificate of need and a conditional

use permit to construct an 80-megawatt solar conversion facility on 976 acres in Vienna Township north of Magnolia.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission would like the public to offer input about the following issues:

•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 the 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?

Written or email comments will also be accepted. See the legal notification in the July 9 Rock County Star Herald edition for instructions.

Instructions to connect with the hearing via telephone and/or Internet are also included in the public notice.

PUC officials recommend joining the proceedings with the administrative law judge five to ten minutes prior to the hearing's 6 p.m. start time. While the hearing is scheduled for three hours, the hearing will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment.

A public information and environmental scoping meeting was conducted in Luverne in January, results of which recommended no major changes to the project.

Creekside Antiques

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LOGAN DAVID NELSON

We would like to thank all our family, friends, and the community for the support we have received since Logan's passing. The kind words, cards, memorials, trees, plants, and food have been overwhelming. Words cannot describe how much your thoughts, prayers, and compassion have helped us through our darkest days and will continue to give us hope and strength for the future.
 Gregg, Denise, McKinley, and Preston Nelson
 Krista Motzko

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CITY OF HARDWICK NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING PERIOD FOR CITY OFFICES IN THE NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Candidate Filing Period opens Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

The following City Offices will be up for election in the November 2020 General Election:

Mayor	2 Year Term
Council	4 Year Term
Council	4 Year Term

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available in the City Hall lobby or by contacting City Clerk, Tammy Johnson at 507-227-5470. Affidavits can be returned to the City Hall drop box or you may file in person on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Hardwick City Hall.

There is a \$2 filing fee.

Tammy J. Johnson
 City Clerk
 Posted 07/12/2020



Mavis Fodness photo/s0716 Kenny Scheidt

Kenny Scheidt, Luverne, (right) holds one of his favorite replicated tractors amid a collection of toys that numbers more than 200. This spring Scheidt decided to sell the collection he began three decades ago. The catch: he will sell only to one buyer. **Above:** His collectibles feature John Deere tractors and other items that include the company logo and the recognizable yellow and green colors.



Selling of longtime John Deere toy collection means keeping everything together

By Mavis Fodness

Kenny Scheidt's collection of John Deere collectibles began with a couple of familiar tractor models and grew to include more than 200 pieces three decades later.

Earlier this year he decided to sell the collection and ideally wants to pass on the entire 200-plus pieces to just one buyer. He placed an ad on social media with the asking price of \$22,000.

Scheidt's collection fills several display cases, and wall-mounted shelves fill the front bedroom in the Scheidts' home in Luverne.

This spring Scheidt decided he would liquidate his collection.

"I think it's time," he said. "When the room was full, I kind of quit buying them."

Scheidt admitted he doesn't

recall why the collection began and eventually grew to hundreds of pieces. He recalled the collection started small in 1988.

"I bought some (toy tractor replicas) that I drove, then I started to go to (toy) shows," he said.

The replicas date back to the late 1960s when Scheidt, at age 15, worked at farms around Adrian.

The first farm experience taught him how to drive the red-and-white International Harvester tractors. The second farm owner favored the green-and-yellow John Deere equipment, and Scheidt developed the same preference.

At the toy shows he joined liked-minded collectors as a member of the Two-Cylinder Club that allowed him to purchase limited edition collectibles of John Deere



Through vendors at toy shows, Kenny Scheidt purchased several models that include more details than the traditional toy tractors. Customization includes rubber tires, levers, three-point hitches, hydraulic hoses and the plastic housing for safety lights.

tractors and equipment.

He concentrated on completing the series that repli-

cated the life-sized John Deere

Selling, continued on page 14

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.

Dale and Karen Bosch will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at SpringBrooke Golf Course in Beaver Creek.

An open house baby shower for **Shane Kelsey Kramer** will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at The Lake in Luverne. Instead of a card, please bring a baby book and sign it.

Card showers

Neil Dohlmann celebrated his 75th birthday on Tuesday, July 14. Belated greetings may be sent to him at 410 E. Luverne Street, Magnolia, MN 56158.

Gib Smedsrud will celebrate his 98th birthday Wednesday, July 22. Gib is a WWII veteran, having served our country as an MP at the Battle of the Bulge. Cards may be sent to Palisades Healthcare Center, 920 4th Street, Garretson, SD 57030.

MENU

Monday, July 20: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, choice fruit, cookie.

Tuesday, July 21: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, choice vegetables, dinner roll, choice blueberry dessert.

Wednesday, July 22: Fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn muffin, brownie.

Thursday, July 23: Egg salad on a bun, coleslaw, fruit, fruit crisp.

Friday, July 24: Sausage gravy with biscuit, peas, cinnamon apples, cookie.

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.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Congregation members of the American Reformed Church in Luverne broke ground Sunday morning on a major expansion that will begin this summer.

This is a significant day in the life of the American Reformed Church in Luverne," said the Rev. Dave Sikkema during the groundbreaking ceremony outside the church.

"It has been said before and will be said again, 'This is a faith-stretching project.' It is a work of God through God's people."

The project, after more than 10 years of research and fundraising, saw an 86-percent approval during a congregational vote on June 25.

25 years ago (1995)

•In an overwhelming vote of approval, members of the Magnolia and Luverne co-op elevators decided to proceed with the planned merger of the two co-ops.

About 90 percent of the Luverne members voted yes, and more than 85 percent of the Magnolia members voted yes. Only a two-thirds majority vote was needed to pass the merger.

The boards of directors at the two co-ops proposed merging businesses for a number of reasons, including better service to customers, volume buying and merchandising, and savings passed on to customers through more competitive prices and elimination of duplicate services at the two locations.

50 years ago (1970)

•Rain, ranging in amounts of from 1 ½ inches to 3.34 inches fell over most of Rock County early Monday morning, during the day, and early evening, bringing welcome relief to drying soil conditions.

Temperatures in the 90s, fanned by southerly winds, had begun to sear lawns, crops and pastures the past week.

The rains were the first significant amounts since June 16 when 1.32 inches were recorded here. Since then, about .75 inches had fallen, with a quarter-inch being the most recorded in any one day.

Luverne had the greatest amount this week, with 3.34 on Monday and an additional .04 on Tuesday. Starting with a shower that brought sharp

lightning and thunder about 4:30 a.m. Monday, rain continued throughout the day with about an inch falling in about an hour's time, starting about 6 p.m.

Lightning during the Monday morning thunder-shower caused damage at the Old Bouer elevator on East Main street, and brought out the Luverne fire department. The elevator is now owned by H.A. Paulson.

75 years ago (1945)

•Holders of Rock County Fair association grandstand notes were notified this week that the fair board will make final payment on July 25.

On that date, holders of notes may bring them to Gordon Elden, fair treasurer, at the Rock County Bank, and they will receive the unpaid balance plus interest up to date.

According to L.D. Long, fair association president, the balance remaining unpaid amounts to about \$500. The fair association originally borrowed \$4,300 to build the grandstand, and has since been paying on the principal from year to year, and interest at the rate of four per cent, out of the earnings of the stand.

Since its destruction by the windstorm, the association collected on insurance policy.

100 years ago (1920)

•Condemnation proceedings started some time ago by the board of county commissioners in order to secure an acre and a quarter of land on John Jones' farm, southeast of town, for gravel pit purposes, reached a successful culmination Wednesday, when Mr. Jones and the commissioners accepted a board of appraisers' valuation on the land.

The gravel deposit in question is located on land across the road on the north from the former Jaycox homestead, and adjoins the exhausted county gravel pit. The gravel was needed for continuing the state road work, and as the commissioners and Mr. Jones could not agree on the purchase price, Judge L. S. Nelson last month appointed Frank Ferguson, Herman Fitzer and C. S. Brewer as appraisers in condemnation proceedings.

Mr. Jones felt that the gravel deposit was worth \$4,000, and the commissioners offered \$750 for it, but the board of appraisers decided that \$1,600 would be a fair price, and it was at this figure that the land was bought this week.

1872: Immanuel Norwegian church precedes formation of city of Hills

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

Rock County Village of Hills continued from 7-09-20 edition of the Star Herald.

The Churches — Hills has three active church organizations, the Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Union (Synod), the United Norwegian Lutheran and the Trinity Norwegian Lutheran Free. For many years the Presbyterian society also maintained an organization, and the church building of that society still stands.

The Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Union church of Hills antedates the town by several years. The original organization is the oldest of the Norwegian Lutheran churches in Rock county, having been organized at the home of Ole P. Steen, in Clinton township, on July 10, 1872.¹⁴ Rev. Elov Olson was the first pastor of the congregation and assisted in the organization. He was succeeded by O. Sando (1873-1878), C. A. Naeseth (1878-1882), A. Thurmo (1882-1894), and J. H. Lunde (1894-1911), who also served all the other synod churches in the county. The church was incorporated October 11, 1881. Services were held at the homes of the members until 1886.

During the summer of 1884 a church edifice was started on the site where was later built the town of Hills. When it was nearing completion it was struck by the terrible cyclone of July 21, 1884, and entirely destroyed, causing a loss of \$1800. One of the carpenters at work on the building was killed and another seriously injured. At a meeting on July 26, 1885, it was decided to erect another church edifice on the same site. The new building was completed late in December, 1885, at a cost of \$2,600. An addition was made in 1900, making the total value of the building about \$4000. A parsonage was completed in November, 1902, at a cost of \$3500. The Immanuel church of Hills is one of the strongest, as well as oldest, in Rock county. The congregation



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

of this church and the one at Beaver Creek numbers at the present time about 525.

The United Norwegian Lutheran church of Hills is also one of the pioneer religious societies of Rock county. It was organized as a Norwegian Lutheran church in July, 1878, under the direction of Rev. H. Z. Hvid, and on May 5, 1879, the congregation allied itself with the United Norwegian Lutheran society. The first officers of the society were Ole Sandbo, secretary; Paul O. Sandbo, C. C. Moe and Joseph Jacobson, trustees; John Nelson, treasurer; A. Gunderson and Erick Evenson, elders; Ole O. Blegen, deacon.

The first regular pastor of the church was Rev. J. C. Jacobson, who accepted the call on September 24, 1878.¹⁵ He was succeeded October 25, 1880, by Rev. H. Wang, who served until 1890. Rev. Theodore Fossum took the pastorate at that time and served fourteen years. He was succeeded by Rev. C. S. Salvoson, who served six years. The present pastor, Rev. H. O. Bjorlie, took charge of the church in 1910. One of the early day buildings of Hills was the brick **Bits**, continued on page 7

OBITUARY

Lorraine Van Nieuwenhuizen

Lorraine Van Nieuwenhuizen, 83, Luverne, died Monday, July 13, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A graveside funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Attendees are asked to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.

Lorraine Verbrugge was born on Oct. 29, 1936, to James and Jennie (Jongetjes) Verbrugge in Leota. She attended Leota Christian Grade School and graduated from Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton.

On Oct. 27, 1955, Lorraine married Donald Van Nieuwenhuizen at the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. The couple lived in Edgerton for more than a year and then moved to Luverne. Lorraine was a homemaker and mother to their two children, Randy and Darla, and later in life she enjoyed working part time for Mulder Auctions.

Lorraine was a member of the Luverne Christian Re-

formed Church. Music played an important role in her life. She played piano and accordion, sang in a ladies' trio for many years, and served as a church organist for 40 years at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church.

Lorraine enjoyed nature, especially bird watching, camping with her family and friends, flowers, embroidering work and knitting. Over the years she made many afghans for gifts and donation sales.

Lorraine is survived by a son, Randy (Sara) Van Nieuwenhuizen of Luverne; a sister, Elizabeth Van't Hof of Leota; a brother, Dr. James (Marcia) Verbrugge of Watkinsville, Georgia; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 2013; a daughter, Darla Joy, in 1991; her parents; a sister, Marie Schelhaas; two brothers-in-law, Tony Van't Hof and Bert Schelhaas; two nephews and a niece.

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

(0716 F)



Mavis Fodness photos/0716 Open Horse Show 2020

Show goes on under pandemic precautions

With online registration, social distancing and no spectators, the Rock River Wranglers Saddle Club conducted their annual horse show Sunday at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Seventy entrants competed in pleasure and gaming events for a chance to qualify for the Western States Saddle Club Championship Show, currently planned for September in St. Paul.

Above from left: Cathy Ackroyd, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Laura Fodness of Adrian, Morgan Johnson of Dawson and Cheyenne Hulstein of Chandler compete in the English pleasure class for riders ages 18 to 34.



Top left: Minnesota Prairie Saddle Club Association 2020 Ambassador Karlie Heezen (right) of Hadley holds the American flag for the National Anthem with ambassador runner-up and Rock River Wranglers Saddle Club member Kallie Chapa of Little Rock, Iowa.



At left: Lilly Ehlers of Luverne competes in showmanship pattern.

DEATH NOTICES

Augusta Ross

Augusta Ross, 96, Jasper, died Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Ava's House Hospice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A private family service will take place, with interment in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Jasper.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0716 DN)

Mary Slater

Mary Jeanette Slater, 88, Worthington, died Saturday, July 11, 2020, at the Crossroads Care Center in Worthington.

A funeral Mass was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Worthington, with burial in the Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com. (0716 DN)

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church of this denomination, erected in 1891 at a cost of \$3000 and dedicated in the fall of 1892.

The Trinity Norwegian Lutheran Free church of Hills is a comparatively new organization, but one of considerable strength. The Lutheran Free faction withdrew from the United church in 1903, and Rev. K. J. Wang accepted the call as pastor. In October of the same year it was decided to erect a church edifice. C. C. Moe, Chris Sandbo and Charles Nelson were appointed a committee to solicit funds and John Nelson, L. O. Kolsrud, C. F. Skovgaard, Thomas Johnson and Olaf Skyberg were named the building committee. A church costing \$6000 was erected and dedicated September 25, 1904.

The only English-speaking church that ever maintained an organization in Hills was the Presbyterian, which was organized in the nineties. Under the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Finch, a church building costing \$2000 was put up in 1897, and it was dedicated June 5, 1898, by Rev. R. N. Adams, D. D. For several years the organization was quite prosperous, but for the last

five years of its existence was poorly supported. In 1908 it had not a resident member, but services were held until the next year, when service was discontinued.

¹⁴The voting members who signed the constitution were Ole P. Steen, Sven Sanderson, Ole Rud, Asle Skattum, Peder Tuff, Christopher Berge, Anders Anderson, Thore Schulzen, John Steen, Christian Clemetsen, Hans Olsen, Ole Finkelsen, Goodman Anderson and John Nelson.

¹⁵Rev. Jacobson's salary was fixed at \$125 in cash, and he was also to be the recipient of a certain number of free will offerings every year; in addition each member of the congregation was expected to assist the pastor with one day's plowing and to furnish him with one bushel of oats every year. For this remuneration the pastor agreed to conduct at least thirteen preaching services during the year.

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 to manmade@iuv.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

Anderson named to dean's list at ASU

Jaydn Anderson, Luverne, has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2020 semester at Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University in Tempe.

To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded credits.

Gustavus Adolphus releases dean's list

Anika Gust, Toby Sengvongxay, and Kristen Ziegler, all of Luverne, were named to the Spring 2020 semester dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

U of M Duluth names honor students

The University of Minnesota Duluth has named its dean's list for the Spring 2020 semester. Students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale to qualify.

The following area students were named to the list: Jasper: Samantha Ykema, senior, UMD-Swenson College of Science and Engineering, biology B.S.

Luverne: Megan Rogers, junior, School of Fine Arts, Pre Art Education K-12; Brandon Winter, senior, UMD-Swenson College of Science and Engineering, civil engineering BSCE.

Concordia releases dean's list

Madison Crabtree, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2020 dean's list at Concordia College, Moorhead. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale with 12 graded credits.

Madison, a junior, is the daughter of Josh and Emily Crabtree of Luverne.

MSU Mankato names honor students

Several area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2020 semester at Minnesota State University Mankato. Students with a 4.0 GPA are named to the High Honors List, and students with a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA are named to the Honors List.

Kaitlyn Roberts, Matthew Schmuck and Emilie Staeffler, all from Luverne, were named to the High Honors List.

Jesse Kontz, Janae Kopp and Sierra Wieneke, all from Luverne, and Colin Varley and Nathan Varley, Adrian, were named to the Honors List.

Augustana names honor students

Emily Dilly and Hope Van Meeteren, both of Luverne, were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2020 semester at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must complete at least 12 graded credits with a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Siebenahler graduates from St. John's

Quinton Siebenahler, Luverne, is a candidate to graduate from Saint John's University in Colleagueville with a Bachelor of Arts degree in global business leadership.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, SJU is looking at a Spring 2021 date for the commencement ceremony.

Quinton is the son of John and Awanda Siebenahler.

McGaffee graduates from SMSU Marshall

Samantha McGaffee, Hills, graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, following the Spring 2020 semester with a Master of Science in education.

Wysong named to president's list at WCSU

Avery Wysong, Beaver Creek, qualified for the president's list with a 4.0 GPA for the Spring 2020 semester at Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota.

Hansen makes dean's list at St. Cloud State U

Molly Hansen, Magnolia, was named to the Spring 2020 dean's list at St. Cloud State University. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Hansen is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in health and human services with emphasis on athletic training.

CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

**Notice of filing
Affidavit of Candidacy for Mayor and Council Members
City of Hills, Minnesota**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Mayor and two Council Members will open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. File at the Hills City Clerk's Office, 301 South Main Avenue. Filings will be accepted from July 28th through August 10th from 9:00 A.M.-Noon; and on August 11th from 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Call 962-3290 for more information. The following criteria must be met for the Mayor and Council seats.

- The candidate
- Must be an eligible voter
 - Have no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any office at the general election
 - Is, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or older
 - Will have maintained residence in the City of Hills for 30 days prior to the election
 - Must pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing

The offices to be elected for which filings are open are as follows:

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Redbirds win three more, run record to 11-1

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne amateur baseball team won three more games this week to raise its record to 11-1 for the abbreviated 2020 season.

The Redbirds defeated the Renner Bullets July 8 before picking up road wins over the Renner Monarchs July 9 and the Hadley Buttermakers July 11.

Luverne wraps up the regular season with three home games. Hadley comes to Redbird Field July 15 before the Sioux Falls Brewers come to town Friday.

Luverne's final regular season game is Sunday at Redbird Field versus Pipestone.

The Redbirds are positioned to receive the top seed and a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

Next week's Star Herald will include information about the Redbirds' postseason tournament.

Redbirds 8, Bullets 2

Luverne hosted the Renner Bullets, a team made up of players 38 years old and older, for an entertaining contest Wednesday, July 8.

The Redbirds came out on top 8-2 in a game that provided some interesting storylines for the fans in attendance.

Luverne native Derek Ohme was the starting pitcher for the visiting Bullets, his first game at Redbird Field in about 12 years (see related story).

Codie Zeutenhorst officially pitched 8 2/3 innings for the Redbirds. Luverne player Will Brown came in to throw one pitch to his father, Chris Brown, who plays for

the Bullets.

"It was cool to have those opportunities, to see Ohme pitch again and for Will to pitch to his dad in a game," Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer said.

"They said that's a memory they'll have for the rest of their lives," Maurer said of the Browns.

Zeutenhorst struck out five Renner batters while walking five and giving up four hits.

The game was tied 2-2 when the Redbirds came to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Declan Beers led off the decisive seventh inning with a triple.

Beers then started the scoring for Luverne when Jake Haugen produced a double off the Renner pitcher who replaced Ohme on the mound.

Haugen then scored when Derek Lundgren hit a double. Tyler Reisdorfer ran home after a wild pitch to extend the Redbird lead to 5-2. Lundgren then scored off a Logan Norman single.

A Renner error allowed Zeutenhorst to reach first base and Norman to score the seventh run before Phil Paquette scored the eighth and final Redbird run on another wild pitch.

Haugen led Luverne at the plate with two hits, two runs and two RBIs. Haugen hit a solo homerun in the fifth inning and an RBI double in the seventh.

Box Score
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Jason Berghorst photo/0716-Redbirds Ohme

Luverne native Derek Ohme returned to Redbird Field July 8 as the starting pitcher for the Renner Bullets, a 38-and-over team made up of players from the Sioux Falls metro area. Ohme played for the Redbirds from 1997-2003.

Ohme returns to Redbird Field

By Jason Berghorst

When Derek Ohme took the mound as the starting pitcher during a road game July 8, he was also pitching at home.

The 1997 Luverne High School graduate, now a resident of Sioux Falls, returned to Redbird Field with his Renner Bullets amateur baseball team to face his former team, the Luverne Redbirds.

Ohme, 42, is a pitcher on the first-ever Renner Bullets team. The team is comprised of players who are all 38 and

older.

"It's a blast to play with these guys," Ohme said. "I've never been in a dugout with so many stories. It's a lot of fun."

The Bullets are the only 38-and-over team in South Dakota and play in Class B of South Dakota amateur baseball.

"We're playing against teams with players that are 20 years younger than we are, but we're usually pretty competitive," Ohme said, adding that the team includes many

former college players and even current college coaches.

"We have a lot less room for error when we're up against 21-year-olds out there like we were tonight," he added.

Last week was the first time that Ohme has played in Luverne since about 2008.

"It was a great feeling," he said, "playing against guys like Phil Paquette was a lot of fun."

Ohme played baseball at Augustana University in Sioux Falls and for the

Luverne Redbirds from 1997 to 2003 before joining the Renner Monarchs.

He played for the Monarchs from 2004 to 2013 and then returned for one more season in 2015.

In all, Ohme has won nine South Dakota amateur baseball state titles with the Monarchs over the years.

Now, he said he hopes to continue his winning ways with the Bullets.

"I would love to get my 10th title with this team," he said.



Loosbrock



Oldre



Watts-Boll



Dammann



Wenzel



Crabtree



Schutz

LHS trap team wins conference championship

By Jason Berghorst

Although their 2020 season did not play out the way anyone expected, the Luverne High School trap shooting team members still found success.

Luverne placed first in Conference 5 of the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League.

Due to pandemic restrictions, all teams completed the five rounds of competition at their home ranges.

Teams were placed into eight conferences based on the number of shooters on their team instead of regionally.

Results from teams across the state were compiled at the end of the season in order to determine final conference standings.

Luverne came out on top of Conference 5 with 9,068 total points.

Mabel-Canton High School and Rockford High

School placed second and third in the conference with 8,872 and 8,231 points respectively.

Luverne finished in first place in the conference during four of the five rounds of competition.

"We were really happy with how the season turned out overall," said Luverne head coach Scott Loosbrock.

"I knew we were shooting well as the season went on and it was great to see we won our

conference."

Loosbrock said that by winning a conference championship, Luverne would have advanced to the MSHSL state tournament had it been held this year.

"That's the only real disappointing part, especially for the seniors who have been in the program since it started four years ago," Loosbrock said.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0716-Trap Shooting

Four members of the Luverne High School trap shooting team shot rounds with a perfect 25 score during the 2020 season. Pictured, from left, are Gunnar Oldre, Colton Schutz, Austin Henning and Hunter Ahrendt. The LHS team won the Conference 5 championship this season.

Kracht siblings race on same track on same night

By Jason Berghorst

When looking at local dirt track racing results, it's not unusual to see the name Kracht published in the newspaper.

Just this week, four different Krachts raced in three different classes at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids.

What is unusual is that three of those racecar drivers are siblings.

Thomas, Katie and Kaden Kracht, the children of Luverne's Pete and Tammy (Kruiger) Kracht, shared the same track for the first time Friday night.

Thomas, 22, raced in both the Hobby Stocks and Stock Car classes.

Katie, 21, competed in her first races of the season in Hobby Stocks.

Kaden, 14, is racing in his first full season and competes in the Sportsman's class.

"It's exciting to have them all racing on the same night," Tammy said. "It's hard to stay calm."

It's fair to say racing comes naturally to all three Krachts. Both of their parents raced in the past, as have many uncles and other family members.



Submitted photo

Luverne siblings Katie, Thomas and Kaden Kracht all raced on the same track on the same night at Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, Friday night. All three continue the Kracht family tradition of racing red, number 15 cars on local dirt tracks.

Pete raced for over 20 years and Tammy competed at local tracks for eight years.

"Actually I did borrow Katie's car in 2016. It was my first time back in the car and I won the heat and feature that night," said Tammy proudly.

All three Kracht kids started racing when they were young.

Thomas began at 14 years old, Katie was 15 when she started, and Kaden was only 13 when he competed for the first time in Rock Rapids last

summer.

"He's the youngest one on the track," Thomas said of Kaden, an incoming freshman at Luverne High School. "He's learning as he goes and is a lot

Kracht, continued on p. 10

Arends, Kracht win at Rapid Speedway

By Jason Berghorst

Colton Arends and Thomas Kracht placed first in their feature races to lead local dirt track drivers over the weekend.

Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, hosted two nights of racing action and Rock County drivers took full advantage of the extra night of racing.

Murray County Speedway in Slayton also hosted two nights of racing.

In addition to the normal Friday night races, Slayton hosted the second race of the 2020 LSR Enduro Series Saturday night.

Rapid Speedway

The inaugural Rock River Rumble presented by Papik Motors was staged at Rapid Speedway Friday and Saturday nights.

Thirteen Rock County drivers competed in three different classes during the two nights of racing.

Colton Arends and Thomas Kracht, both of Luverne, highlighted local results.

Arends picked up his second feature win of the season in Rock Rapids when he placed first in the Stock Cars A Feature Saturday.

Kracht took home the checkered flag in the Hobby Stocks feature the same night. Eric Gaul of Luverne finished third in the same race.

On Friday night at Rock Rapids, Kracht finished fifth and Gaul placed seventh in the Hobby Stocks A Feature.

Seven Rock County racers competed in the Stock Cars A Feature race Friday night.

Luverne's Scott Overgaard finished fourth in the race and Chad Overgaard of Luverne placed fifth.

Spencer Kalass, Luverne, and Arends finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the same race Friday night.

Murray County Speedway

Luverne's Jeremy Smith competed in the IMCA A Modifieds class Friday night in Slayton.

Racing, continued on p. 10

Luverne 17U wins first two games

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne 17U baseball team won its first two games of the pandemic-delayed season, going 2-1 this week.

The Cardinals defeated Worthington July 9 and Marshall Black Monday. The team lost to Wayzata on Saturday.

Luverne hosts Tracy Thursday (July 16), the first game of a 17U/19U double-header at Redbird Field. Minneota comes to Luverne Monday night.

Luverne 17, Worthington 2

Luverne picked up its first win of the season in a big way by defeating Worthington 17-2 in only five innings on the road July 9.

Luverne offered a balanced effort at the plate with 10 different Cardinals getting hits and 11 total players scoring in the game.

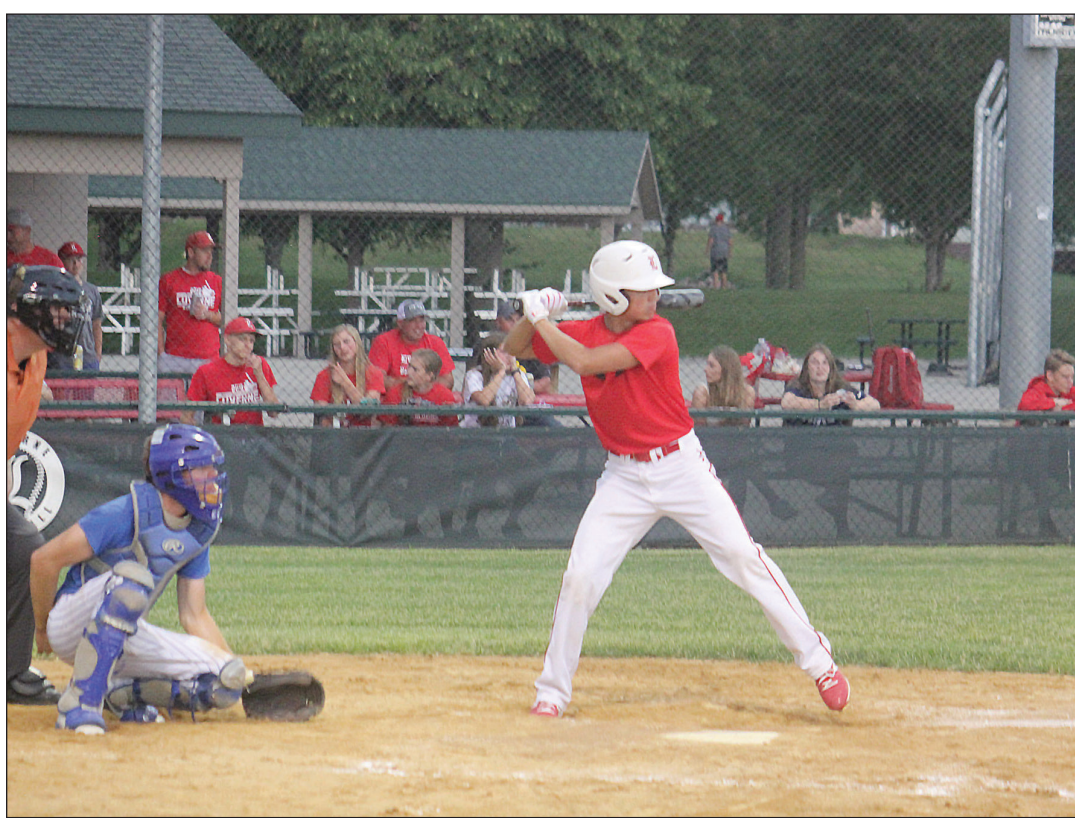
The Cardinals scored at least one run in each of the five innings, scoring three runs in both the second and third innings, six more runs in the fourth and four runs in the fifth inning.

Braydon Ripka, AJ Ossefoort and Zach DeBoer scored three runs each for Luverne. Tyson Cowell had two RBIs for the winners.

Box Score	Luverne	Worthington
	13 3 6 4 17	0 0 1 1 0 2

	AB	R	H	BI
Bosch	2	0	0	2
Anderson	3	1	1	1
Connell	0	1	0	0
Sehr	4	1	1	1
Overgaard	3	0	1	1
Ripka	1	3	1	0
Hein	1	0	0	0
Ossefoort	2	3	1	0
Cole-Kraty	1	1	1	0
DeBoer	3	3	1	0
Behrend	0	1	0	0
Reisch	1	0	0	0
Sneller	3	1	1	1
Smith	0	1	0	0
Cowell	1	0	1	2
Gangestad	1	1	1	0
Halverson	1	0	0	0

Wayzata 7, Luverne 1



Jason Berghorst photo/0716-17U Ripka
Braydon Ripka of Luverne, pictured in a game earlier this year, scored three runs off of his three hits and had two RBIs during the Luverne 17U team's 10-7 victory over Marshall Black.

Luverne traveled to Fairmont Saturday to play Wayzata. The Cardinals lost 7-1 in the seven-inning contest.

Luverne scored its only run of the game in the first inning.

Kaden Anderson reached base on a walk and Casey Sehr followed because of a Wayzata error. A passed ball put the two Luverne runners on second and third base when Connor Overgaard hit a fielders' choice ground ball to score Anderson.

Overgaard pitched the first three innings for Luverne. AJ Ossefoort threw the final four stanzas.

Box Score	Luverne	Wayzata
	1 0 0 0 0 0 1	5 0 0 0 0 2 7

	AB	H	R	BI
Bosch	3	0	0	0
Anderson	3	1	0	0
Sehr	3	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0
Overgaard	3	0	0	1
Ripka	2	0	1	0
Cole-Kraty	2	0	0	0
DeBoer	2	0	0	0
Cowell	1	0	0	0
Ossefoort	1	0	0	0
Gangestad	3	0	0	0

Luverne 10, Marshall Black 7

Luverne defeated Marshall Black 10-7 in a game played at American Legion Field in Marshall Monday.

Braydon Ripka had a standout game for the Cardinals. Ripka pitched the first four innings, striking out seven Marshall batters while giving up four hits and seven runs, with only two of the runs earned.

Ripka led Luverne at the plate as well. He scored three

runs off three hits and added two RBIs.

Zach DeBoer also scored three runs for Luverne and Kaden Anderson scored twice.

Luke Bosch pitched the final three innings for Luverne. He struck out two batters and gave up just one hit.

Box Score	Luverne	Marshall
	12 3 2 0 2 0 10	2 2 1 2 0 0 0 7

	AB	R	H	BI
Bosch	4	1	0	1
Sehr	4	0	0	0
Overgaard	2	0	0	0
Connell	3	0	0	0
Anderson	4	2	2	0
Ripka	4	3	2	0
Sneller	4	0	0	1
Reisch	1	0	0	0
DeBoer	4	3	2	1
Ossefoort	4	1	1	0
Gangestad	0	0	0	0
Cole-Kraty	0	0	0	0
Hein	0	0	0	0

19U suffers two setbacks

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne 19-and-under (19U) baseball team returned to action this week with games in Worthington July 9 and in Marshall Monday night.

The team came up short in both games, losing by three runs in each game.

Luverne, now 2-3 on the delayed season, has a busy week ahead.

The team will host Tracy at Redbird Field Thursday (July 16), play in the Garretson tournament this weekend, and will host Minneota Monday night.

Worthington 4, Luverne 1

Luverne played its first game since June 21 when the team traveled to Worthington July 9.

The Cardinals struggled to get going offensively and lost the game 4-1.

"We just couldn't get a rally going," said Luverne coach Codie Zeutenhorst.

Luverne was down 4-0 at the start of the fifth inning but was only able to score one run by Ethan Beyer.

Beyer, Jacob Van Dam, Quinn Buss and Riley Anderson each had one hit for Luverne.

Beyer started the game on the mound and went 4 2/3 innings, striking out eight Worthington batters.

Isaiah Bartels then pitched the remainder of the game and struck out three.

Box score	Luverne	Worthington
	0 0 0 0 1 0 1	0 1 3 0 0 0 4

	AB	R	H	BI
Beyer	3	1	1	0
Wenninger	4	0	0	0
Crabtree	2	0	0	0
Bartels	3	0	0	0
Van Dam	2	0	1	0
Buss	2	0	1	0
Cowell	3	0	0	0

Nekali	1	0	0	0
Anderson	3	0	1	0

Marshall 7, Luverne 4

Luverne's 19U baseball team traveled to American Legion Field in Marshall Monday night. Marshall came out on top 7-4.

Marshall took a 4-0 lead after three innings before Luverne scored its first two runs off a two-run homerun by Colby Crabtree in the top of the fourth.

Marshall had a slim 4-3 lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning.

They were able to extend their lead by scoring three runs in the inning when two balls hit high in the air were lost in the lights by Luverne fielders and dropped.

Luverne had a chance for a rally when the bases were loaded in the top of the seventh inning.

The Cardinals were able to score one run when Crabtree hit a sacrifice fly, but it was not enough, and the game ended 7-4.

Ethan Beyer led the Luverne offense with three hits and one RBI. Crabtree tallied 3 RBIs in the game.

Cade Wenninger and Quinn Buss had two hits each and Jacob VonTersch scored two runs for Luverne.

Isaiah Bartels pitched the first four innings for Luverne. Bartels struck out four Marshall batters and walked three while giving up five runs and four walks.

Wenninger threw the final two innings. He struck out four and gave up four hits and three runs.

Box score	Luverne	Marshall
	0 0 0 2 1 0 1 4	0 1 3 0 0 3 7

	AB	R	H	BI
Beyer	4	0	3	1
Cowell	3	1	1	0
Crabtree	3	1	1	3
Bartels	4	0	0	0
Wenninger	3	0	2	0
Buss	3	0	2	0
Knips	3	0	1	0
Anderson	2	0	0	0
Sehr	1	0	0	0
VonTersch	3	2	1	0



Jason Berghorst photo/0716-Redbirds Beers
Luverne Redbirds catcher Declan Beers readies to tag out a Renner Bullets runner July 8 at a home game at Redbird Field. Luverne won the game 8-2.

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Luverne	0 0 0 1 1 0 6 0 8
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	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	4	1	1	1
Norman	4	1	1	1
Paquette	3	1	0	0
S. Wenninger	4	1	1	0
Zeutenhorst	4	0	1	1
Beers	3	1	1	0
Serie	4	0	1	0
Haugen	3	2	2	2
Nath	2	0	1	0
Reisdorfer	1	1	0	0
Gonzalez	1	0	0	0
Maurer	1	0	0	0

Redbirds 20, Monarchs 16

The Luverne Redbirds and Renner Monarchs exploded for 36 total runs in a game played in Renner July 9. Luverne won the game 20-16.

Luverne scored four runs in the first inning and seven more in the second to set the high-scoring pace.

Redbird Will Brown hit a three-run homer in the second inning. Brown totaled three hits and three RBIs and scored twice in the contest. Tyler Reisdorfer also had three hits.

Logan Norman, Phil Paquette, Skyler Wenninger, and Declan Beers all scored three runs and Paquette, Beers, and Ben Serie added three RBIs each for the Redbirds.

Jake Haugen pitched the first five innings for Luverne. Brooks Maurer pitched the remaining four innings.

Box Score	Luverne	Renner
	4 7 0 0 0 8 1 0 0 20	1 4 2 1 1 1 1 5 0 16

	AB	H	R	BI
Reisdorfer	7	1	3	1
Norman	5	3	1	0
Paquette	4	3	1	3
S. Wenninger	5	3	1	1
Beers	4	3	2	3
Serie	4	2	1	3
Haugen	5	2	0	1
Brown	5	2	3	3
Nath	6	1	2	2

Luverne 10, Hadley 0

Luverne traveled to Hadley Sunday afternoon to take on the Buttermakers in a game scheduled for seven innings.

The visitors made short order of the trip, coming away with a 10-0 win in five innings.

Tyler Reisdorfer pitched all five innings for the Redbirds. He struck out five Hadley batters, walked two and gave up only three hits.

Reisdorfer also led Luverne at the plate with three hits, including a double in the fifth inning that scored two runners.

Skyler Wenninger and Declan Beers also had two RBIs. Beers hit a two-run homerun in the first inning.

Wenninger scored three runs while Derek Lundgren, Logan Norman, and Beers each scored twice.

Box Score	Luverne	Hadley
	4 0 2 1 3 10	0 0 0 0 0 0

	AB	R	H	BI
Lundgren	4	2	2	0
Norman	4	2	1	0
Wenninger	3	3	2	2
Beers	3	2	1	2
Reisdorfer	4	1	3	2
Serie	4	0	2	1
Haugen	3	0	0	0
Nelson	3	0	1	1
Nath	3	0	1	0

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"They earned the right to shoot at state their senior year but weren't able to do it."

Senior team members included Colby Crabtree, Austin Watts-Boll, Carter Loosbrock,

Mason Wenzel, Colton Schutz, Marshal Dammann and Gunnar Oldre.

"I'm just glad we were able to shoot this season and the kids could still meet the goal of

qualifying for state," Loosbrock said. "It was a good year."

Final Conference 5 Standings

High School	Total Points
Luverne	9,068

Mabel-Canton	8,872
Rockford	8,231
Rushford-Petersen	7,566
Comfrey	6,088
Melrose	5,627
Brandon-Evansville	5,584
Jordan	4,691
Sleepy Eye	2,721

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wienerman, Tour de Donut this week; starts at The Lake

This year's four-person Wienerman Race is scheduled for Friday, July 17, with a 6 p.m. start at The Lake.

The July 18 Tour de Donut Minnesota bike ride will include options of 10, 17, 33 or 55 miles. The 55-mile race will begin at 7 a.m. and the other races begin at 8 a.m. Saturday.

For more information/register, visit all-sportcentral.com or call Duffy at 507-920-3345.

LBA Golf Scrambler Aug. 7

The Luverne Basketball Association is hosting its Sixth Annual Golf Scrambler Friday, Aug. 7, at the Luverne Country Club.

The tournament is a nine-hole, four-person scramble. The \$30-per-person registration includes golf, cart and dinner.

All proceeds support the work of the Luverne Basketball Association.

Email luvernebasketball@gmail.com or call 605-759-0514 to register your team.

Verbrugge records hole-in-one

Missy Verbrugge of Luverne recorded her first hole-in-one while playing at Luverne Country Club Sunday.

Verbrugge's ace occurred on the third hole at LCC where she used a pitching wedge to send the ball approximately 90 yards to the green. It rolled about five yards before dropping into the hole.

Her husband, Evan, witnessed the shot along with Mark and Lynette Springman and Travis Johnson.



Kracht siblings continue racing tradition/continued from page 8

calmer out on the track.”

Katie raced during high school and college, scheduling racing around volleyball and softball games.

“Dad got us started right away,” she said.

According to the Krachts, starting racing at a young age has its benefits.

“You have more time to work on the cars before you get a real job,” Thomas joked.

The pride in the family

legacy of racing is clear to see.

“All of our cars are red and we all have No. 15,” Katie said.

“Pete started the No. 15 red car many years ago,” Tammy added.

Thomas said he’s learned a lot from his parents and uncles during his eight years of racing.

“Once you get out there, you kind of get hooked,” he said.

“That’s true for all of us.”

Racing contests feature local drivers/continued from page 8

Smith finished second in Heat 2 before placing eighth in the feature race.

Murray County Speedway also hosted an LSR Enduro series race Saturday night.

Five Rock County enduro drivers competed in the event.

Jasmine Kalass of Luverne led the local field placing fifth. Greg VandeVelde finished 12th overall.

Below are the full local results from this week’s races.

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature			
T. Kracht	Luverne	5th	
E. Gaul	Luverne	7th	
C. Kelderman	Hills	13th	
C. Wessels	Luverne	23rd	

USRA Hobby Stocks B Feature			
E. Gaul	Luverne	3rd	
Katie Kracht	Luverne	6th	

USRA Stock Cars A Feature			
S. Overgaard	Luverne	4th	
C. Overgaard	Luverne	5th	
S. Kalass	Luverne	7th	
C. Arends	Luverne	8th	
T. Kracht	Luverne	13th	
K. Kremin	Kenneth	15th	
L. Kracht	Magnolia	25th	

Rapid Speedway – July 10 Sportsman’s A Feature			
B. Boeve	Beaver Creek	10th	
Kaden Kracht	Luverne	12th	

Rapid Speedway – July 11 Sportsman’s A Feature			
B. Boeve	Beaver Creek	8th	
Kaden Kracht	Luverne	11th	

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature			
T. Kracht	Luverne	1st	
E. Gaul	Luverne	3rd	
Katie Kracht	Luverne	14th	
C. Wessels	Luverne	17th	

USRA Stock Cars A Feature			
C. Arends	Luverne	1st	
S. Kalass	Luverne	7th	
T. Kracht	Luverne	12th	

Murray Speedway – July 10 IMCA Modifieds A Feature			
J. Smith	Luverne	8th	

Murray Speedway – July 11 LSR Enduro Series			
J. Kalass	Luverne	5th	
G. VandeVelde	Luverne	12th	
S. Top	Hardwick	24th	
T. VanDyke	Luverne	26th	
T. Fluitt	Kenneth	28th	



A steady stream of community visitors drove through the Sanford Luverne parking lot Monday for drive through treats. Pictured here are (from left) Kelly Schroer, Jenna Zewiske and Marsha Fick. They handed out 300 ice cream sandwiches.

Sanford Health Clinic thanks community with drive-through treats

To thank the community for its support, Sanford clinics in Luverne, Adrian, and Edgerton hosted a drive-through event offering free summer treats this week.

“The last few months have been challenging for everyone, but we are so grateful for the support the community has shown us,” said Diane Kennedy, a family medicine physician at Sanford Luverne.

“This event is a fun way for Sanford staff to see our friends and neighbors and say thank you, while maintaining social distancing.”

Attendees were asked to remain inside their vehicles as Sanford staff and volunteers delivered treats.



At right, Kelly Schroer offers an ice cream sandwich during the drive-through event.

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

CenterPoint Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its natural gas rates for distribution service. The requested increase is for about 6.8 percent or \$62.0 million per year. The requested increase would add about \$4.79 to a typical residential customer’s monthly bill.

The MPUC may either approve or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may approve a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the first quarter of 2021. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman is holding public hearings on the company’s proposal. Any CenterPoint Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of CenterPoint Energy’s service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings. To maintain appropriate physical distancing and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public hearings will be held remotely (over the telephone for audio and over the internet for video). The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone has had an opportunity to share comments.

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled – call (toll free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

You can participate in the hearing over the telephone. Or you can watch the hearing (without sound) over the internet. To see the public hearing panelists, and hear what they are saying, you must join the public hearing using both the telephone connection and the internet link. The video on the internet does not include sound from the public hearing.

To listen to the hearing and to be able to provide your verbal comments, follow the directions below to access the hearing over the telephone.

If you are interested in providing verbal comments on the proposed rate increase during the public hearing, you must join the hearing by telephone.

JOIN BY TELEPHONE

An operator will assist you.

To watch the hearing over the internet on a computer or smartphone, follow the directions below (video only – no audio).

JOIN BY INTERNET

(video only – no audio)

Navigate on your computer to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>

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 after the hearing. Follow the instructions below in this notice.

Please contact Charley Bruce at 651-201-2251 or charley.bruce@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

YOU CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Comment Period

Comments accepted through August 21, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

Online Comments

Visit mn.gov/puc and select the Comments icon on the top menu to go to the Public Comment page, where you will find a list of ways to comment.

U.S. Mail Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Ste. 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

For assistance in submitting comments, or if you have questions, contact the Commission’s Consumer Affairs officer at **Phone:** 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782 **Email:** consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Be sure to reference Docket Number 19-524

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC’s website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information or any other information from comments received.

Date	Time
Tuesday, July 28	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 30	6:00 p.m.

Date	Time	Call Information
July 28, 2020	1 pm	Phone: (866) 609-6127 Conference ID: 9995165
July 28, 2020	6 pm	Phone: (866) 609-6127 Conference ID: 1145418
July 29, 2020	5 pm	Phone: (866) 609-6127 Conference ID: 8248824
July 30, 2020	6 pm	Phone: (866) 609-6127 Conference ID: 6867206

Date	Time	Event Information
July 28, 2020	1 pm	Event Number: 146 794 5570 Event Password, if needed: RPeYSpt428
July 28, 2020	6 pm	Event Number: 146 887 5134 Event Password, if needed: eqHKA33BTN5
July 29, 2020	5 pm	Event Number: 146 550 7231 Event Password, if needed: fhQSC4e3uW6
July 30, 2020	6 pm	Event Number: 146 900 0371 Event Password, if needed: mtGbCcCF425

The table below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly bills for residential, commercial and industrial customers with average natural gas use.

Customer Type (usage in therms)	Avg monthly usage in therms	Avg monthly bill: current rates	Avg monthly bill: interim rates	Avg monthly bill: proposed rates
Residential	75	\$55	\$59	\$60
Commercial/Industrial				
- up to 1,500/year	69	\$57	\$61	\$63
- 1,500 to 5,000/year	249	\$164	\$172	\$174
- 5,000 or more/year	1,519	\$891	\$929	\$919
Small Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service				
- up to 120,000/year	3,896	\$1,709	\$1,783	\$1,752
- 120,000 or more/year	13,901	\$5,861	\$6,092	\$6,092
Large Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service				
	38,836	\$15,298	\$15,796	\$15,968
Large General Firm Sales Service				
	53,808	\$24,796	\$25,644	\$25,804
Demand charge (per Peak Day)				
	3,490			

Note: Figures above are rounded (to the nearest whole number).

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on CenterPoint Energy’s proposal start on September 9, 2020, and will be held online. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow CenterPoint Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case to present testimony and to cross-examine each other’s witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, as a party to the litigation, please contact Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620.

TO LEARN MORE

CenterPoint Energy’s current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

CenterPoint Energy
505 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Phone: 612-372-4727 or 800-245-2377

Web: <http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/RateCase>

Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-539-1534

Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/Efiling/search.jsp>

Select (19) in the year field, type (524) in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s review process?

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Anyone with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.



Water rescue training/ continued from page 1A

diving accidents and other types of water rescue anticipated to be needed locally.

The Luverne Fire Department recently purchased a new rescue boat, and firefighters and first responders practiced how to handle victims in different scenarios on the water.

According to Fire Chief David Van Batavia, the July 7 training was a useful experience.

“It was perfect,” he said. “It was the first time the ambulance had been down there and the second time we’ve had the boat there.”

The Luverne Fire Department acquired the 14-foot inflatable watercraft for \$10,000 about six months ago, and Van Batavia said last week’s practice was time well-spent.

“We just wanted to see what it would be like to pull someone over the side of the boat, and what we would do with a backboard to help load a patient into the boat,” Van Batavia said.

“That’s why we went out a few different times.”

With fireman Chad Buss playing the role of the “victim,” crews practiced responding to a kayaker complaining of chest pain, a kayaker unresponsive, a c-spine injury in the water and other scenarios.

The rescue boat has a 25-hp motor that can be removed to use the 300-pound (weight without the motor) watercraft for ice rescues or for flood victims.

Van Batavia said his department is not equipped for swift water rescues, which would involve specially trained Sioux Falls personnel.

Sanford Luverne coordinated the exercise through Harlan Vande Kieft, manager of Sanford Luverne’s Emergency Medical Services.

“One thing we’ve decided is important is working together as a team and staying current with each other’s resources,” Vande Kieft said.

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

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

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

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

Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well. Monday, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne). Also visit els.org for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altana, 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 a.m. — Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. — Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday 8 p.m. — AA Meeting and Wednesday, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwYxFcU4>

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

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwYxFcU4>

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamumc@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

Holy interruptions

This weekend should have been a time for getting together with extended family, a time that we all had been looking forward to for several months.

We excitedly made plans back in December, but then we were hit with a pandemic, something we never would have seen coming. The pandemic interrupted our plans. Many, rightly, did not feel comfortable getting together. And so, we wait ... interrupted.

School may not start as normal (and now what?). Jobs are not back to normal (and how do we continue to pay the bills that keep coming?). We cannot get together with family and friends as we normally might (and my house is the cleanest it has ever been!). We are not in control of any of these things; they are interruptions!

Interruptions are not something we expect. They catch us off guard and they frustrate us. Yet, interruptions do not catch God off guard. What if God interrupts our "normal" to draw us closer to him, to make us more like him, even to change our attitude?

In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes (regarding the Good Samaritan story), "We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."

God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions. We may pass them by, preoccupied with our more important tasks. ... It is a strange fact that Christians and even ministers frequently consider their work so important and urgent that they will allow nothing to disturb them.

They think they are doing God a service in this, but actually they are disdaining God's

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor
Laura Phillips
Palisade Lutheran
and First Lutheran,
Valley Springs

Interruptions are not something we expect. They catch us off guard and they frustrate us. Yet, interruptions do not catch God off guard.

'crooked yet straight path."

What if we would change our attitude about being interrupted? What if we saw interruptions as a way to slow us down and to invite us into a new thing?

There has been so much interruption in our lives because of living in a pandemic; yet, how have you seen God working in it and through it? What new thing has God blessed you with in this holy interruption?

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA
ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019
(Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175(5))

	Pamida DISTRICT 16	Minnwest Bank - State Farm DISTRICT 17	Luverne Family Hsg DISTRICT 18	Ford Dealership DISTRICT 21	Barck Street DISTRICT 22	Sharkee's - Mert's DISTRICT 23	Ramage Culligan DISTRICT 24
Current Net Tax Capacity	\$25,350	\$1,707	\$9,336	\$29,918	\$16,065	\$0	\$0
Original Net Tax Capacity	\$326	\$462	\$100	\$3,397	\$680	\$0	\$0
Captured Net Tax Capacity	\$25,024	\$1,245	\$9,236	\$26,521	\$15,385	\$0	\$0
Principal and Interest Payments Due in 2020	\$38,596	\$0	\$8,203	\$21,441	\$12,477	\$0	\$0
Tax Increment Received in 2019	\$25,190	\$2,774	\$9,297	\$23,984	\$14,420	\$0	\$370
Tax increment Expended in 2019	\$25,190	\$964	\$9,194	\$20,087	\$990	\$31,213	\$990
Month / Year First Tax Increment Receipt	Jun-99	Jun-99	Jun-99	Jun-17	Jun-17	Jul-19	Jul-18
Date of Required Decertification	12/31/24	12/31/24	12/31/24	12/31/41	12/31/42	12/30/44	12/31/43

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:

Barbara J. Berghorst
City of Luverne
305 E Luverne St.
Luverne, MN 56156
507-449-9900
bberghorst@cityofluverne.org

(7-16)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 16

Rock County Board of Commissioners **5:00 P.M.**
Herreid Board Meeting Room/Zoom Video Meeting **June 16, 2020**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 16, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the June 02, 2020, County Board minutes with corrections to the draft, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Appoint Marilyn Bergman to the Rock County Community Library Board
2. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Joint Powers Agreement, effective 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2022
3. DPS-DVS Lease Agreement; effective 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2022
4. Racom Maintenance Agreement – 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020 for annual cost \$7,711.76
5. Assessment Contracts for 2021-2023: Beaver Creek Township \$5,880/yr; Kanaranzi Township \$4,248/yr; Luverne Township \$5,760/yr; Martin Township \$6,348/yr; City of Beaver Creek \$3,500/yr.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, presented (5) conditional use permits for approval; all conditional use permits were subject to a Public Hearing scheduled on June 8, 2020, of which no comments were received. Hartman requested approval of the following conditional use permits with the conditions identified on the permit:

1. Duinick, Inc. for the operation of a temporary hot mix plant located in Section 21 of Battle Plain Township; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.
2. Duinick, Inc. for the operation of a temporary hot mix plant located in Section 29 of Battle Plain Township; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.
3. Duinick, Inc. for the operation of a temporary hot mix plant located in portions of Sections 11 and 14 in Denver Township; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.
4. Henning Brothers, LLP for the operation of gravel mining, stockpiling and processing located in Section 35 of Mound Township; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.
5. Henning Brother LLP for the operation of gravel mining, stockpiling and processing located in Section 36 of Clinton Township; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman briefly discussed the status of the recycling sheds located throughout the county and how there has been an excessive amount of non-recyclables (trash) in the roll off containers; the County Board directed the Administrator and Hartman to look into the placement and hookup of security cameras with the possibility of implementing fines to individuals who deposit trash in the recycling roll offs.

The County Board was informed that the Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for June 29 to review amendments to the Renewable Energy Ordinance.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented bid results for (5) bituminous mill/overlay and concrete repair projects in numerous cities within the county, SAP 067-623-003, SAP 067-624-004, SAP 067-625-006, SAP 067-627-003 SAP 067-628-004; the bids are as follows:

Duinick Inc.	\$2,049,039.73
Central Specialties Inc.	\$2,204,771.40

On a recommendation from the Engineer, motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to accept the bid from Duinick Inc. for \$2,049,039.73, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented bids results for SAP 067-030-015, the 2020 Mastic Crack Filling/Leveling project:

Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance	\$229,480.00
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp	\$302,292.00
Allied Blacktop Company	\$356,248.00
KAMCO Inc	\$368,105.00
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$376,560.00

On a recommendation from the Engineer, motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to accept the low compliant bid from Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance for \$229,480.00, declared carried on voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 11-20, an maintenance agreement between MnDOT and Rock County for a lighting system to be located at T.H. 75 and CSAH 12, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$800.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JUNE 16, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	\$2,437.20
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	2,652.85
BROCK WHITE	26,700.00

BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE	6,828.84
CEMCAST PIPE & PRECAST	4,260.00
CHS	5,873.57
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,384.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,009.30
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	12,498.58
LUVERNE FARM STORE INC	8,659.49
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	18,859.04
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	3,755.33
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,440.00
SCHOMACKER'S CLEANING	2,160.65
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	2,936.56
THYSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	2,300.24
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	3,752.01
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	2,883.21
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	9,730.00
63 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	24,423.01
TOTAL	\$164,543.88

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report, after review, motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer stated that she paid out \$77,220.00 in appropriations that was approved as part of the 2020 Budget adoption; presented as information. The Auditor/Treasurer also provided an elections update . . . any details? Calla Jarvie, Community Library Director, presented a Blandin project update . . . details?

The Administrator presented information regarding the CARES Act Funding . . . details???

The County Board discussed a recap of the AMC District VIII meeting; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water Annual 2019 Audit with no action taken.

COVID-19 Update . . . ???

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Southwest MN Opportunity Council and Community Corrections.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: PIC/Chief Elected Officials Board and stated that the CEO Trade Show is scheduled for June 17 between 5:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m. at the Grand Prairie Event Center.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: SWCD, Rural Water, Extension, Southwest Mental Health.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Southwest Mental Health and Community Corrections.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: AMC District VIII, Regional Extension, local Extension, Planning & Zoning, Battle Plain Township and Kenneth City Council.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(07-16)

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
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #158343

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

(07-09, 07-16)

Rock County Commissioners meet June 2

Rock County Board of Commissioners **9:00 A.M.**
Herreid Board Meeting Room/Zoom Video Meeting **June 2, 2020**

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

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 02, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 19, 2020, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

JUNE 2, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,486.90
ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	9,667.56
BMO HARRIS COMMERCIAL CARD	2,193.14
BREMIK MATERIALS, INC	9,365.87
COUNTRY CUPBOARDS INC.	3,850.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	3,840.00
SEACHANGE	19,643.80
41 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	13,555.24
TOTAL	\$64,602.51

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report. The Auditor/Treasurer stated that the school districts are in receipt of the fifty-percent of the first half settlement with the remaining to go out on June 15th. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a tax and interest penalties request from SARP LLC for (2) hotel properties located in the City of Luverne for years 2019 and 2020 totaling \$7,271.58; motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to deny the request, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, informed the County Board of a new smart phone app developed for the Rock County Sheriff's office and requested authorization to pay annual maintenance and support fees of \$2,995.00; the Sheriff stated that the expenditure is a E911 eligible expense. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to pay the claim, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a funding request from the Rock County Historical Society, requesting that the county continue their financial support after the building campaign sunsets in 2020. The Rock County Historical Society is requesting \$35,000 annually to assist with staffing and operational expenses. After consider discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded Williamson, to table until the 2021 budget process begins, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Burger abstaining. The County Board will be conducting a facility tour at the end of the meeting.

The County Board was in receipt of AMC District 8 meeting materials and agenda; the virtual meeting is scheduled for June 4th.

The Administrator presented a COVID-19 event update stating that as to date, the county has spent \$17,000 in response to the pandemic and that the expenses are eligible for FEMA reimbursement of seventy-five percent. Also stated that all departments are open and serving Rock County citizens.

The County Board was reminded that the next County Board meeting of June 16 will be in late afternoon to coincide with the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Thompson state that she attended the following meetings: SWHHS.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock County Opportunities.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: SWHHS and Clinton Township.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison, Regional Solid Waste and Rural Energy.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to go into closed session to discussion pending litigation at 10:00 a.m., declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, the County Board meeting rose from closed session at 10:16 a.m.

The County Board attended an award ceremony conducted by Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Brielle John was given a Life Saving Achievement Award from the Rock County Sheriff for her rescue efforts stemming from a horseback riding accident causing injury to her mother. The County Board congratulated Brielle John for her rescue efforts and achievement award.

The County Board moved to the Rock County History Center to conduct a facility tour.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

(07-16)

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(7.16-7.18)

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Selling of an entire collection/continued from page 6

tractors. He later added other equipment such as planters and tillage equipment and other items like semitractor-trailers, coin banks, racecars and antique trucks with the John Deere logo.

Toys became more sophisticated in the 1970s and 1980s.

"When the tractors first came out, they were just kids' toys," he said.

The mass-produced, inexpensive early toys of the 1950s lacked the details that Scheidt sought for his collection. As the popularity of toy collecting grew when Scheidt was a young adult, so did the details included in the models.

The toy shows' popularity meant a demand for detail-oriented toy replicas.

Scheidt special-ordered

several models from vendors he met at the shows. The vendors would take a mass-produced toy and add rubber tires, levers, hydrolytic hoses and other minute details of its life-sized model.

Scheidt plans to keep these one-of-a-kind models that cost hundreds of dollars to complete, but the rest of the collection is for sale.

Among other collections

are steel-wheeled tractors, early 1980s models or New Generation selections.

Scheidt has steered clear of purchasing toys manufactured in the last decade.

"The new ones are not as detailed," he said.

It was the details that were discussed at length at the toy shows and at toy auctions throughout the U.S. But the traveling and collecting



has lost its appeal for him.

"In the beginning, it was fun to travel to shows and talk to people because you had something in common," he said. "Young people don't collect."

Scheidt can be reached at kennyscheidt73@gmail.com.

Above: One display case of Kenny Scheidt's includes tractors with steel wheels. **Right:** Truck replicas earned a display case to themselves with a few farm equipment pieces included at the bottom.



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Governor Walz's Executive Order Under Phase III of the Stay Safe MN Plan

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1. Restaurants

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

2. Social gatherings

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

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

- May open at 25 percent capacity

4. Entertainment venues

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

5. Personal services

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

6. Places of worship

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

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

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

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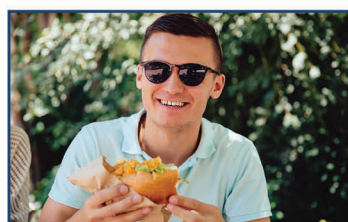
EMPLOYER PREPAREDNESS PLAN REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

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KEY REQUIREMENTS:

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

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