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Luverne mayor tests positive for coronavirus

Rock County case numbers continue to rise; up to 62 so far

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian took a front-row seat to the community's coronavirus experience last week after he came down with the illness. "It's definitely respiratory," he said Wednesday after testing positive. He described symptoms of fever, body aches and shortness of breath. "My chest was really tight. ... Respiratory fatigue is a big one," Baustian said. "But I'm feeling much better. ... A little tired, but much better."

He made city staff and fellow council members aware of his diagnosis, and continued tending to city business online or by phone. He chaired the July 21 council meeting via Zoom.

Baustian later told the Star Herald he'd rather not talk about his positive test, but as mayor, he recognized the public's interest in knowing.

As Rock County's confirmed cases are rapidly increasing, Baustian said his own experience is an opportunity to remind the public that the illness is real and that anyone can contract the highly contagious virus. "It's no fun," he said about the symptoms. "This is something you want to avoid if at all possible."

While most healthy people like Baustian, 56, are able to recover without complications, the CDC and other medical professionals continue to warn that the virus can kill people if conditions align.

"What's scary is that young people can get really sick," Baustian said.

"It's more important than ever to pay attention to your health and stay home if you don't feel well. Wash your hands often and wear a mask in public."

Masks are now required indoors

Mayor tests positive/see page 3



Nate Golla commissioned Lismore freelance artist McKenzie Wieneke to paint a wall in the Luverne Farm Store's remodeled conference room. She recently finished the acrylic paint mural, which reflects features of rural farm scapes of nostalgic to modern buildings and equipment.

Rural reflections Farm Store mural reflects ag community

By Lori Sorenson

A business remodeling project resulted in a wall-size rural landscape painting and space for a Golla family heirloom at the Luverne Farm Store this summer.

After Nate Golla restructured the store's display area to make space for a conference room, he contemplated what to do with the resulting bare wall in the new meeting room.

"I had this great big wall and I didn't know what to do with it," he said.

Recognizing an opportunity for original art, Golla advertised on Facebook that he was seeking an artist to create a story in color.

"I wanted a farm scene — a picture of a farm scene," Golla said. He asked artists to submit

sketches, and the winning proposal came from McKenzie Wieneke, daughter of Michele (Miller) and Andrew Wieneke, Lismore.

She suggested a storyline image that would include nostalgic farm equipment and buildings, along with modern machinery, confinement buildings and rolling fields and round hay bales.

"A lot of this is symbolic of where and how I grew up," said Wieneke, a 2016 Adrian High School graduate. "The finishing barn is adapted from the one on my dad's farm."

But she admitted she had never painted a farm scene and never anything the size of an

Luverne Farm Store mural/continued on p. 5

State postpones Luverne's Highway 75 rebuild to 2028

MnDOT officials cite funding, other road priorities as reasons for delayed roadwork in Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

MnDOT officials outlined a 10-year road improvement plan that postpones reconstruction of Highway 75 from Luverne to Trosky until 2028.

The project originally was planned for 2025.

The addition of three years is due to funding and other state highways receiving a higher priority in the 13-county district.

"We are trying to bring all pavements into better condition," said District 7 Engineer Greg Ous during the July 21 Rock County Board meeting.

"We are on the right track with the decisions that we have made and that we are making."

Ous met with commissioners via Zoom for the district's annual community outreach programming.

When pressed for answers, Ous

said the Rock County project is delayed due to the expansion of the two-lane Highway 14 from Nicollet to New Ulm to a four-lane roadway.

The cost is estimated at \$70 million. MnDOT is searching for funding to complete the project.

Commissioners questioned why a change of three years to last year's Highway 75 planning.

"It seems like we are in the wrong

part of the state," said Commissioner Greg Burger.

District 7 Planner Ronda Allis said previous cost overruns were normally covered by the central office, but costs of future projects can't be as flexible.

"We were told we had to come in at or preferably below our (cost)

Highway 75 postponed/see page 12

(Un)fair activities get underway

4-H's happy Showcase can safely continue, despite no fair

By Mavis Fodness

The Kinsinger and Nath families are no strangers to the Rock County Fair and 4-H.

In 2020 the (un)fair became a 4-H Showcase when the coronavirus pandemic caused the traditional summer event to be canceled.

Mom Teresa (Nath) Kinsinger was a first-generation 4-H'er decades ago, and the tradition of exhibiting projects the last week in July has become a mainstay in the Kinsinger household.

This year's (un)fair will have regular fair dates, Wednesday, July 22, through Saturday, Aug. 1, and the Kinsinger family will be part of the new setup.

Daughter Brianna said Monday she was excited for the local 4-H

4-H Showcase/continued on page 2



Nathan Kinsinger gives his market gilt a scratch on the head at the farm of his grandparents, Mike and Janet Nath, north of Magnolia. He will show livestock this week in the Rock County 4-H Showcase.

Bluestem restaurant closes, catering business continues

By Mavis Fodness

When The Bluestem restaurant closed its doors March 21 amid the coronavirus pandemic, Chef Skyler Hoiland discovered a slower — more livable — pace from the previous 20-hour workdays.

On Thursday, July 23, Hoiland announced he would not reopen the South Highway 75 restaurant he started in 2012.

"I experienced a little bit of a normal life," he said in an interview the following day. "I had tunnel vision with both places where I woke up every morning and did the same thing day after day."

During the pandemic closure, Hoiland spent more time with his 4-year-old daughter and not as much time in the kitchen.



"I found having a normal life isn't so bad after all," he said.

In the 17 weeks that the restaurant has been closed, Hoiland focused attention on his Bluestem Catering Co. and began expanding the restaurant's food experience for customers to eat at home. Each Monday a new menu for "take and bake" meals is posted online for customers to order for a Thursday or Friday pickup at the company's East Main Street location.

Hoiland said he's recreating the "Sunday dinner" experience with pickup meals families enjoy at the table together.

"The idea is not to eat to gorge

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Township meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, in the township hall.
Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, in the township hall.

Luverne student registration

New families in the Luverne district are encouraged to register children for the 2020-21 school year. Call 507-283-4491 to set up an appointment. The District office is open; elementary office (507-283-4497) will open Aug. 3.

Emergency blood drive Aug. 3

Sanford Luverne and Community Blood Bank will host an emergency community blood drive Monday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Sanford Luverne Medical Center. Only donors with appointments will be accepted. To schedule an appointment, log into www.cbblifeblood.org/events/August3/ Sanford Luverne. For more information call 283-2321.

Community Education

The Community Education phone number is 507-283-4724. Use the waiver/registration form from the website to register for all classes. The office is closed on Fridays and in the summer.

Science Fun for Everyone (morning day camp) on Aug. 14. Meet at Extension Office on Blue Mound Avenue for Grades 1-4 as attended during the 2019-20 school year. Fee is \$15.

Story Writing & Illustrating on Aug. 5 for students who attended grades 2-5 during the 2019-20 school year. Meet at Coffey Contemporary Arts gallery. Fee is \$28.

Defensive Driving Class 4 Refresher Defensive Driving Class on Aug. 18.

Defensive Driving Class 8 Hour Defensive Driving Class on Aug. 24 & 31. This is the first class you take to get your insurance discount. After this class, you will take a refresher class every three years to keep your discount in effect. Be sure to check facebook page “Luverne Soccer – It’s a Kick” for updates.

Window graphics complete at H-BC Secondary School

Workers with Sports Graphics Inc. of Clarion, Iowa, installed a vinyl graphic over the plate glass windows of the Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School entrance and commons area at a cost of \$3,950.

The graphics allow people to see out the windows, but visibility is limited looking into the building.

The design is of the school’s Patriot mascot in red, white and blue colors with the words “Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots.”



4-H Showcase continues, despite no fair/continued from page 1

Showcase to get underway this week.

Brianna joined 76 other 4-H’ers who entered projects for the Showcase.

She entered several static (non-livestock) projects by recording her answers to questions about each item last week. This is her fifth year in 4-H.

“It’s still the same feeling with the excitement and the anticipation of getting a ribbon,” the upcoming Luverne eighth-grader said.

Each static project exhibitor submitted videos to be evaluated by 4-H judges who will award ribbons at the end of this week.

The livestock shows began Wednesday and continue through Saturday at the fairgrounds. 4-H’ers had the option of submitting a video of their animals, instead of attending the live events.

The public can watch the shows virtually at the Rock County, 4-H, MN Facebook site.

After the cancellations of most of the county fairs in the state, the U of M Extension developed the 4-H Showcase. Each county 4-H program then decided how their Showcase would be conducted.

In Rock County, the in-



Mavis Fodness photo/0730 4-H Showcase Preview

Michael (from left), Brianna and Nathan Kinsinger will show projects virtually and in-person at the 4-H Showcase. Below, Brianna’s projects include photography and arts and crafts.

person livestock shows were spread out over four days to allow exhibitors to come and go between shows. Each exhibitor must wear a mask and only a limited number of 4-H’ers can be in or near the show ring at one time.

Having the in-person shows hinged on whether or not there would be enough adult and older 4-H members to help with 82 duties. Volunteer work ranged from handing out ribbons to temperature checks to bathroom cleanings after every use.

Last week all the slots were filled and the Showcase could proceed.

“I am extremely thank-



ful that we can set it up this way this year,” said Nathan Kinsinger, a sixth-year 4-H’er.

The incoming ninth-grader said he’s disappointed he won’t earn a trip to the canceled Minnesota State Fair, but he is grateful for the

local opportunity.

“As long as I get to show, I’m happy,” he said.

For months Nathan has worked with his market gilt and heifer calf alongside his older brother, Michael.

The two regularly hauled their livestock to open shows during the spring and summer, but the local fair and trips to the state fair were opportunities to connect with the friends Michael made when he was a state 4-H ambassador.

In his last year of 4-H, Michael considered not taking his beef and swine projects to this week’s Showcase.

“After 13 years it seems kind of wrong not to show up,” he said. “The fair has always been a part of summer.”

Virtual show schedule

Wednesday, July 29

8 a.m. Rabbit

2 p.m. Poultry

5 p.m. Dairy

Thursday, July 30

8 a.m. Swine

1 p.m. Sheep

5 p.m. Goat

Friday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Beef

Saturday, Aug. 1

8 a.m. Horseless Horse

9 a.m. Pleasure Horse

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

The coronavirus is spreading among our local teens and others, including myself. It’s extremely important the we follow the guidelines set forth in the governor’s statewide mask mandate. The addition of the mask mandate to the precautions and guidelines already in place have been implemented so we can continue the path to economic recovery while slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

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Governor Walz extends Minnesota’s COVID-19 peacetime emergency to August 12

Governor Walz announces statewide mask mandate beginning Saturday, July 25

under a new order by Gov. Tim Walz. Minnesotans will be required to wear face masks in indoor public spaces to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Walz made the announcement at a news conference on Wednesday afternoon. The mask mandate will go into effect on Saturday, July 25.

“COVID-19 has impacted every corner of our state and every aspect of our lives,” Walz said in a news release. “But as Minnesotans always do during tough times, we come together and we take care of one another. And right now there’s no better way to demonstrate our Minnesotan values than by wearing a mask. By combatting the spread of COVID-19, masking will help protect our neighbors, keep our businesses open, and get us on track to return to the activities we love.”

Walz said masks will be delivered to underserved communities and businesses across the state.

Those with a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that makes it unreasonable for the individual to wear a face covering are exempt from the order.

“These individuals should consider using alternatives to face coverings, including clear face shields, and staying at home as much as possible,” Walz said.

Children ages 5 and under are also exempt from the order. Walz said those younger than 2 years old should not wear a mask due to risk of suffocation.

Walz said those who willfully violate the order will be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and could be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100. Businesses that willfully violate the order can reportedly be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or up to 90 days in jail, Walz said.

“The Attorney General, as well as city and county attorneys, may also seek civil penalties from businesses who are in violation of this Executive Order,” Walz said.

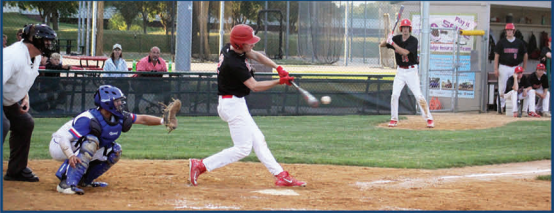
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing a cloth face cover in public settings, especially when social distancing is difficult to maintain. The CDC said this is meant to protect others in case the person wearing the mask is infected with COVID-19.

LUVERNE STAYING THE COURSE

- 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.

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

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



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

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Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

Parents, staff support in-person school; split opinions on mask rules

By Mavis Fodness

Parents with school-aged children in the Luverne district want in-person classes to resume this fall — as long as the environment is safe.

Results from an online survey by Luverne school administrators showed 75 percent of parents supported in-person instruction with common sense measures for safety.

Other families, given the choice, responded that they preferred hybrid classes (17.7 percent supported combined in-person and distance learning on every other day or week basis) or distance learning (7.3 percent liked the learning from home through virtual methods).

Survey results were released to parents and the public last week.

Luverne Middle School Principal Jason Phelps organized the district survey that was sent to parents of kindergarten through 12th-grade students.

“As we move closer to the start of school, we may reassess parents’ feelings toward the return to school,” Phelps wrote to parents.

The survey, made available to parents over a two-week period, drew 509 responses that represented 1,003 students, or roughly 80 percent of the district’s 1,200 students.

Respondents were asked to complete one survey per family.

A similar survey was conducted with district staff.

“We can report that roughly 97 percent of staff responded that they would return to school if we began in-person learning five days a week,” Superintendent Craig Oftedahl wrote in the letter to parents.

Since mid-July Luverne administrators have met with staff and discussed instruction models that state education officials asked

each district to prepare to implement on Sept. 8 at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

At the July 23 Luverne School Board meeting, Phelps outlined what has occurred locally.

“A lot of what we are looking at is what other schools are doing and how they are handling the three different models and thinking about the different ways we will have to work around logistical concerns when we start,” he said.

“We’ve looked at every possible way to do our regular business.”

A statewide mandate to wear facemasks indoors at public facilities (and outdoors when social distancing in public is difficult) went into effect Saturday.

In the school survey weeks prior to the state’s mask mandate, 54.2 percent of respondents indicated they would not support the mandated use of facemasks for students while 45.8 percent said they would.

Oftedahl told school board members that since the survey was completed, the number of positive coronavirus cases has climbed in Rock County to include several positive cases among school-aged children.

Currently school officials are waiting for Gov. Walz to make an announcement as to what model schools can operate under this fall.

Oftedahl outlined the importance of the state’s decision in his letter to parents.

“The information that comes from the state will be one of the most influential factors in what our local plans will be,” Oftedahl wrote.

“Until that guidance is provided, much of our local planning will be very general.”

Gov. Walz will announce specific guidelines Thursday, July 30.



Mavis Fodness photos/0730 RCO Reopens

The majority of tables and chairs in the main gathering space at Rock County Opportunities in Luverne are cleared to allow clients and staff to work six feet away from each other. Each must wear facemasks and in-person sessions with clients are limited to three hours a day. On July 22, the first day in-person gatherings took place for the first time since March 18. Amber Schieck (far left) and RCO staff Jacinda Walker, Adria Benson and Markie Taubert stuff envelopes with the July edition of Luverne Alumni News and the annual Dollars for Scholars booklets. **Below**, RCO staff member Markie Taubert works with client Tyler Briggs.

In pandemic, most vulnerable lose most

State shutdown has devastating effect on disabled adults, RCO struggles

By Lori Sorenson

A small handful of RCO clients returned to work last week, four months after the organization was forced to shut down March 18 under pandemic stay-at-home orders.

The effect of shutdown on staff, clients, employers and others has been devastating, according to RCO director Elizabeth Schear.

“It’s huge,” she said about the pandemic’s toll on RCO, which helps adults with disabilities achieve social and professional independence.

Because so many of RCO’s services involve in-person and group hands-on jobs, the social distance that protects clients from the virus also threatens their independence and social stability.

“As long as we’re not allowed to have clients in the building, we can’t provide services they need,” Schear said earlier this month when she announced layoffs for most of her staff.

Those services include job skills development, supported employment, job searching assistance, behavior management, social skills development and independent living skills.

And, as long as clients can’t work at their job sites and in-house work projects, revenue isn’t coming in and the nonprofit’s financial outlook is grim.

In June Schear announced layoffs of 13 mostly full-time staff members (a \$525,000 payroll) and all 40 clients, which comprise a nearly \$60,000 annual payroll.

Schear said it was one of the most difficult things she’s ever done, because of repercussions not only for clients and staff, but for employers who rely on their work, parents and guardians, residential providers and others.

To keep everyone informed and encouraged was a job in itself, Schear said. “I can’t do it as fast as the rumor



mill goes,” she said.

Mostly she was concerned about rumors that RCO is closing.

“We’re not closing,” she said. “We’re trying to stay open as long as we can and in order to do that, we have to reduce expenses. ... If we don’t have clients coming, we don’t have revenue.”

So far, RCO is still afloat, albeit tenuously. Local grants and pandemic relief funds have trickled in, but Schear said she’s disappointed in the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

“We need to get the word out to help the individuals who can’t speak for themselves,” she said.

“DHS should have asked the federal government for one-time relief payments for providers of day employment and enrichment support. They didn’t even ask. Thirty-five other states in the U.S. asked and received the money for their providers.”

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Meanwhile the dial is turning to slowly allow disabled adults to return to work at congregate settings.

On July 12 DHS announced individuals who live in group homes and other congregate care settings will be able to attend day services programs.

“This is sort of what we wanted to hear, but it is going to take quite a bit of planning and negotiation with the residential providers to ensure we bring people back to RCO in a safe way,” Schear said.

Providers are required to have a COVID-19 preparedness plan in place to protect service participants and staff and follow other state licensing requirements related to hours and capacity.

“It is worth noting that

the requirements of the return to work COVID plan create about twice as much work for our staff but our billable rates for services have remained the same,” Schear said. “So, we are providing fewer hours of service to fewer clients with twice as much work per client served. This makes the road to recovery even more difficult.”

Essentially Schear and her team are rebuilding the program from the ground up under the new pandemic circumstances.

“We lost a lot of revenue during the time we were not permitted to be open and serve clients,” she said.

“We’re doing what we can to bring our services back up after this is over.”

RCO virtual, updates website

One of the ways RCO is transitioning for future stability is the introduction of virtual services, thanks to a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation, which also provided resources for a new RCO website.

“This is an excellent resource for learning more about RCO and the work we’re doing in our community,” Schear said.

The site includes information about RCO’s virtual connections and classes for clients, in addition to details about RCO’s pandemic plan and a list of services. Visit www.rockcountyopp.com.

Mayor tests positive/from page 1

in all businesses and public places, according to Gov. Tim Walz’s executive order released last week and effective July 25.

A face covering can include a paper or disposable mask, cloth mask, neck gaiter, scarf, bandana, or a religious face covering.

It must cover the mouth and nose completely. The covering should not be overly tight or restrictive and should feel comfortable to wear.

Rock County’s numbers of confirmed cases were slow to rise, despite meatpacking plant outbreaks in nearby Sioux Falls and Worthington.

It took nearly four months to reach 30, as officially reported on the Minnesota Department of Health website.

However, Rock County’s cases rapidly climbed to 62 as of Tuesday, nearly doubling in only two weeks from 35 reported on July 15.

Among those recent cases are local student athletes who spread the virus on baseball teams, in gyms and at summer sports camps.

In addition to catching it from their peers, the students passed it on to their own families and close acquaintances, which contributed to rising local numbers.

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Paisley facemask clashes with floral blouse, but message remains the same

I returned to the Star Herald office Monday after a refreshing vacation in the crisp dry air of the South Dakota Black Hills.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

and then opted to go bare-faced until the cup was empty. "Is this allowed under the governor's order?" I wondered.

And then I forgot to put the mask back on until a customer entered the office appropriately masked.

I quickly ducked down to put mine on, not unlike the Saturday morning scramble for a bra when a UPS delivery arrives early.

The mask was removed again for lunch, but I forgot to put it back on, until the next masked human reminded me. And then there was a mid-afternoon snack ... and a late afternoon coffee.

By day's end, I realized that my mask was off more than it was on. I vowed to do better the next day.

It's not that I'm opposed to wearing a mask; I truly believe it prevents spit and snot from getting into other people's air space. And conversely, it keeps theirs from getting into mine.

And, as uncomfortable and inconvenient as it is, I believe it's a matter of courtesy to wear it.

If not for the actual virus prevention, but for the message it sends:

"I hate this as much as everyone else does, but you do it for me, and I'll do it for you. Along the way, we can hope we're helping dozens more who may need the extra protection more than we might ourselves."

Carry on, masked warriors.

Mask requirement is the law, not a suggestion

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Evan Verbrugge, Rock County Sheriff

As you all have heard or read by now, Gov. Walz ordered the use of masks in all buildings in his new Executive Order 20-81.

Since this announcement I have been contacted by a number of people asking how the Sheriff's Office would enforce the mask order.

I can tell you that we will continue to do the same enforcement that we have been doing since the Governor started his executive orders.

No arrests or citations, unless other laws are broken.

We will continue to EDUCATE, EDUCATE, EDUCATE.

With that being said, we will enforce the state statute if you become unruly or disorderly, or if a business calls our office to report that a party is being disruptive in their establishment.

The business owner needs to stay open so that they can survive. That means everybody needs to wear

masks in their buildings.

Whether you like our Governor's order or not, going to South Dakota to do your business because of the mask order only hurts our downtown.

Wearing the mask is not going to hurt you. Put it on when you enter a building, then take it off when you leave.

I see firsthand the stress that COVID-19 is creating in this community.

My wife works at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

The staff there is both mentally and physically exhausted from the stress.

If the virus gets into that facility, it really could mean life or death.

This is just one example. We all need to do our part to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

We do not know everyone's health issues, so please think about wearing a mask.

If you choose not to, the Rock County Sheriff's Office will only EDUCATE and NOT ENFORCE, unless you become unruly or disorderly.

This virus is not fair and it does not pick and choose who gets it. Let us do our part to work together for a stronger Rock County.



Cemetery tours become new pastime

In a couple of days it will be August, normally one of my favorite months and also a busy one. We have a number of family birthdays and anniversaries throughout the month, and for me August is kind of the kick-off to fall.

Well, as we all know, normal has been replaced by the new normal — whatever the heck that is.

In addition to the family's special days, the month of August normally means the start of the football season. And back in the day, school started in August and the hunting seasons seemed within reach.

Mary and I stopped out at the Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area just west of Beaver Creek over the weekend, and if yellow is your favorite color, you need to get out there and check out the sea of yellow blossoms.

On our way to Rooster Ridge, we drove through the Beaver Creek Cemetery. We did so for no particular reason other than we find it interesting looking at the different headstones. (See picture at right)

Without a doubt one of the more



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson,
Tollefson Publishing
General Manager

interesting headstones we came across is the one for Moses Ferguson, March 13, 1820 – February 20, 1903. The headstone is about five feet tall and is in the shape of a tree trunk with a few designs carved into it.



Our unintended drive through tours of cemeteries has developed into one of our new normal pastimes in recent months. It should also come as no surprise that social distancing is fairly easy.

Ask a Trooper: Change vehicle registration within 10 days

Question: If I sell my vehicle to a private party, what do you recommend I do to protect myself in the event the new owner gets into a crash or is arrested prior to them transferring the title into their name?

Answer: If the vehicle you sold is involved in a hit and run or pursuit and the driver flees the scene, law enforcement will contact the registered owner in an attempt to locate the driver. The steps below will help protect you as the seller or buyer of a vehicle from a private party.

When you sell a vehicle, you (owner/seller) are responsible for filing the "Notice of Sale" within ten days of the sale. This is located in the lower portion of the Certificate of Title. Doing this in a timely manner protects you and helps law enforcement to have access to the most current registered owner information. It is also helpful to create a receipt that contains the buyer's contact information and date of sale. This will serve as proof of when you sold

the vehicle and to whom.

When purchasing a vehicle from a private party, it is important that the vehicle title is transferred as soon as possible. Minnesota state law says that you have to transfer the vehicle's title within ten days of the sale, other than a sale by or to a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers, or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up, you must obtain Minnesota registration at the time of expiration.

For additional information visit https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/documents/buyingorselling_motorvehicle_just_the_facts.pdf.

Have a question, contact Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

July 17
•Complainant on 71st Street and 20th Avenue, Manley, reported blocked railroad.
•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported a vehicle break-in.
•Assistance from another department was requested on W. Hatting Street.
•Theft from motor vehicle was reported at location on N. Cedar Street.
•Accident was reported at location on W. Lincoln St.
•Complainant on 21st Street, Hills, reported someone hit his fire sign.
•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported theft.
•Complainant in Beaver Creek reported an anonymous tip.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street is locked out of Centennial Apartments.
•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported he is lost.

July 18
•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported he is doing a repossession.
•Complainant on N. Elm Street reported property damage.
•Report of a trailer parked at location on N. Summit Avenue, Hills.
•Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported bikes on roadway.
•A warrant was issued.
•A missing child was reported at location on W. Mead Court.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported an erratic driver.
•Complainant on N. Elm Street reported property damage.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly subject.
July 19
•Complainant on 71st Street and 170th Avenue, Kanaranzi, reported a suspicious vehicle.
•A parking issue was reported at location on 1st St. E., Jasper.
•Harassing communications were reported at location on 1st Street E., Jasper.
•Theft from a motor vehicle was reported at location on N. Cedar Street.
•Complainant on 141st Street, Magnolia, reported identity theft.
•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported harassing communications.
•Complainant in the city park reported threats.
•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90,

mile marker 2, Beaver Creek, reported reckless driving.
July 20
•Complainant on County Road 3, Kenneth, reported a road closure.
•Complainant on E. State Street, Magnolia, reported the theft of a couple of gun safes.
•Deputy assisted another agency on S. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant on Cedar Street and Oakland Avenue reported vehicle for excessive speeds.
July 21
•Report of road closure on County Road 4 and 11, Luverne.
•Complainant on W. 1st Street, Hardwick, requested to speak to a deputy.

July 22
•An accident was reported at location on Warren and Kniss.
•Burglary was reported on N. Cedar Street.
•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported a missing person.
•Vehicle was speeding at location on Luverne and Donaldson.
•Parking issue was reported on S. East Park Street.
•Complainant on Pine Drive reported a disorderly client.
July 23
•Complainant reported suspicious activity in the city park.
•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported a scam.
•Complainant requested assistance with a license run.
•Theft was reported on W. Barck Avenue.
•Complainant on 20th Avenue, Hills, reported threats.
•Accident was reported at location on Main Street and 1st Street, Hills.
•Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported a cell phone was found.
•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street requested to speak with a deputy concerning parking.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported subject for possible drunk driving.

In addition, officers responded to 1 transport, 8 escorts, 30 ambulance runs, 6 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 3 burn permits, 1 impound, 2 driver's license checks, 5 alarms, 13 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 24 traffic stops, 14 abandoned 911 calls, 5 tests, 3 welfare checks, 2 OFPs, and 1 follow-up.



On one end of the conference room is a display cabinet that was original to the Farm Store that Nate Golla's grandfather, George Golla, opened in 1948. **Below**, a black-and-white photograph behind glass in the restored cabinet features Nate Golla's grandfather and father, George and Gary Golla, in 1978 for the Farm Store's 30th Anniversary.

Farm Store mural and display cabinet/continued from page 1

entire wall.
"I've never done anything like this before," Wieneke said. "I'm very proud of it."
"We kind of took a chance on each other," Golla said. "She just nailed it."
Working with Golla on the initial sketches, she applied the acrylic paint to enlarged images projected on the wall.
"I feel like God was guiding the paintbrush," Wieneke said. "I didn't know I was capable of this."
Golla said he's eager to show off the finished product. "It's so fantastic, people need to see it," he said.
Wieneke said it was an honor to work with Golla and the Farm Store. "I'm grateful to be



recognized for my talent and to be able to put it to use on such a large scale," she said.
Other conversation pieces in the conference room are a wall-size display cabinet that was original to the Farm Store his grandfather, George Golla, opened in 1948.
Also, Golla commissioned FBT Sawmill in Steen to make a conference table that would reflect the rural nature of the business.
And the conference room door is wrapped with an image of tasseling corn that Quality Printing designed and printed.
"The Farm Store serves the agriculture industry and I wanted this room to reflect that," Golla said.

Bluestem Restaurant closes, catering continues/from page 1

yourself but to evoke memories that the food tastes like what Mom and Grandma used to make," he said.
"Everyone has to eat. Why not eat good food?"
During his professional chef training, Hoiland dreamed of operating his own restaurant that introduced entrees made with locally produced ingredients.
While operating The Bluestem for almost eight years, Hoiland found that many of his patrons preferred traditional Midwestern meat-and-potato meals.
His take-out meals offer

those local favorites in addition to his signature made-from-scratch pasta that comes with instructions for reheating and Bluestem nachos where diners melt the cheese before serving.
All meals are fresh, never prepared from frozen.
Hoiland said the shift to catering allows him to easily plan for the number of prepared meals and assemble them in a matter of hours versus the restaurant where meals were individually made to the minute.
However, the shift also means he won't receive immediate

feedback from customers.
Eight years ago Hoiland brought the food evolution concept to Rock County where people wanted to know where their food originated and how it was prepared.
Closing the restaurant's doors is a bittersweet experience for Hoiland, but keeping customers and workers safe was more important.
Hoiland shared his thoughts with customers in a final message that appears in today's Star Herald.
"Restaurants already walk a fine line before any COVID-19 restrictions/effects, and given

that no one knows how long the impacts of the pandemic will last or what the normal will be, we do not see a viable path forward," Hoiland wrote.
Currently there are no plans for the building on Highway 75.
At the catering company Hoiland's future plans are to create a retail area for customers to stop and buy lunches or suppers on their way home.
He will continue to develop selections for sit-down family meals that were popular at The Bluestem restaurant.
"This place (the restaurant) is going away but Chef Skyler is still here," he said.

BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Battle Plain Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Battle Plain Township shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm. Township positions will be voted on November 3, 2020, General Election are as follows:

Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Mark VanderPol at (507) 220-0679 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.
Mark VanderPol
Battle Plain Township Clerk

ROSE DELL TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Rose Dell Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Rose Dell Township shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm. Townships will be voted on at the November 3, 2020, General Election as follows:

Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Wayne Uilk at (605) 595-3258 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.
Wayne Uilk
Rosedell Township Clerk

MARTIN TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Martin Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Martin Township shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm. Township positions will be voted on November 3, 2020, General Election are as follows:

Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Doug Bos at (507) 283-4738 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.
Doug Bos
Martin Township Clerk

CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Council Members and Mayor City of Beaver Creek, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Beaver Creek City Offices shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm in the office of the City Clerk, 311 E First Ave, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. City offices to be voted on at the November 3, 2020, General Election are as follows:

Mayor (2 year term)
2 Council Members (4 year term)

Contact City Clerk at (507) 673-2266 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.
Jane Blank
City Clerk/Treasurer

DENVER TOWNSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Supervisor and Clerk Denver Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Denver Township shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 at 5pm. Township positions will be voted on November 3, 2020, General Election are as follows:

Supervisor (6 year term)
Clerk (2 year term)

Contact Linda DeSplinter at (507) 220-1513 to make an appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.
Linda DeSplinter
Denver Township Clerk

STEEN CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

Notice of Filing Affidavit of Candidacy for Council Members and Mayor City of Steen, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing for Steen City Offices shall open on Tuesday, July 28th, and shall close on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020. File at City Clerk Allan McKenzie, 114 Steen St. Filings will be accepted from July 31st to August 14th, ending at 5pm. The following criteria must be met for the Mayor and council seats:
- Must be an eligible voter
- Has no other affidavit on file as a candidate of any other office in the general election
- Is, or will be assuming office, 21 years of age or older
- Will have maintained residence in the City of Steen for 30 days before election
- Must pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing

The offices to be elected are:
Mayor (2 year term)
2 Council Members (4 year terms)

Steen City Clerk
Allan McKenzie

Star Herald COMMUNITY



Mavis Fodness photo/0730 Railroad Found

Underground repair turns up Bonnie Doon Railroad

City of Luverne workers searching for a water leak under Hatting Street last week found the buried railway, the former Bonnie Doon Railroad. In order to make the repairs to a broken waterline near the former Sharkee's parking lot, crews dug under the intact steel rails and railroad ties that were buried several feet under the asphalt roadbed. The rails and ties were later cut and removed to make the repairs to the waterline. Trains stopped using the railway in 1933.



According to the Rock County Historical Society, the Bonnie Doon Railroad (the nickname of the north branch of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad) ran south of Luverne through Rock Rapids to Doon, Iowa.



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•The National Weather Service determined Monday that Friday night's storm damage was caused by straight-line winds gusting up to 80 mph.

Uprooted trees and destroyed buildings were thought to be the work of a tornado, but meteorologist Todd Heitkamp said strong winds were to blame.

"I didn't see any evidence on the ground or on radar of any tornadic activity," said Heitkamp, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

"Most of the damage I saw was due to strong, straight-line winds."

The weather terminology — tornado vs. strong winds — didn't change the outcome for storm victims.

Kelly and Sarah Schmidt saw the most severe storm damage on their farm northwest of Hardwick.

The house, barn and several outbuildings were destroyed, and trees — including large cotton-woods — were stripped, damaged and even uprooted.

The Schmidts were gone on a family vacation Friday night, so no one was hurt when the storm came through around 10:20 p.m.

25 years ago (1995)

•A Veterans Memorial Park and monument was approved by the Luverne City Council Monday, to be constructed on the west side of the pond behind the Veterans Nursing Home.

The council voted unanimously to approve the project, presented by Warren Herreid, the spokesman of the Rock County Veterans Group. He presented the council with a drawing done by George Bonnema, owner of Luverne Flowers.

Although Herreid did not know how much the total project would cost, he assured the council his group could pledge up to \$15,000 toward the project.

That money would finance the concrete for the sidewalks, the monument site, a flagpole and some landscaping. He also said donations to the project have been made.

50 years ago (1970)

•A Hardwick area farm family lost most of their clothing, their bedroom furniture, and other belongings when fire gutted the second floor of their home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Arp, and their seven children found a

temporary place to live in a vacant house on a nearby farm, but that provided little consolation as they viewed the devastation that the blaze had caused.

The family had attended the funeral of Mrs. Arp's uncle, John Kindt, in Jasper that afternoon. They came home, sat down for a cup of coffee, and Mr. Arp decided to go out to the field. Mrs. Arp was in her kitchen when 11-year-old daughter, Lorilee, came running in from the out of doors and cried out that fire was coming out of one of the upstairs windows. Mrs. Arp immediately called the Hardwick fire department, and one of the boys went out to get his father from the field.

The blaze had progressed to the point that it would have been dangerous to go upstairs. They managed to move out some of the downstairs furniture, however.

Firemen kept the house from burning to the ground, but the entire second floor was gutted.

75 years ago (1945)

•Arie Berkhoff, farmer living near Steen, suffered a crushed right foot last week, when he was over run by a tractor. Berkhoff had stopped to grease the machine, and had the work nearly completed when apparently the clutch released, throwing the tractor into gear. He was thrown under the tractor, but managed to grab hold of the shifting lever and stop it before it could go farther. He was taken to Rock Rapids hospital, and it will be about six or seven weeks before he will be able to do much work.

100 years ago (1920)

•Starting with August 1st, the Urquhart-Fleming Motor Co., of this city, will take over the agency for the Fordson tractors in connection with selling rights for the Ford automobiles.

For the past year the agency for the Fordson tractors in this territory has been held by a Worthington company, who have covered this county through sub-agencies. But the contract for this arrangement expires with the close of the present month, and the new arrangement expires with the close of the present month, and the new arrangement has been made in conformity with the policy of the Ford company to have all its products handled by an exclusive agency.

The Urquhart-Fleming company will have the same territory for the Fordson tractors as for the Ford automobiles, which is all of Rock county and the western half of Nobles county.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

A come-and-go bridal shower for **Stephanie Riggs**, bride-to-be of **Derek Van Wettering**, will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at The Lake in Luverne.

An open house baby shower for **Shane and 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.

An open house bridal shower for **Katie McGaffee**, bride-to-be of **Dustin Hanson**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 8, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Card showers

Bob and Alice Bofenkamp will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Aug. 6. Greetings may be sent to 2808 E. Orchard Place, #206; Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Everett and Jan Brandenburg will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 7. Greetings may be sent to them at 212 Cashin Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Karen and Mary Donth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. Greetings may be sent to them at 424 E. Luverne Street, Magnolia, MN 56158.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Aug. 3: Chicken wild rice casserole, winter blend vegetables, peach halves, breadstick, brownie.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Taco salad with taco meat, cheese, salsa, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, corn chips, fruited gelatin.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Rib tickler on a bun, potatoes, carrots, bread, cake.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Turkey, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, peach dessert.

Friday, Aug. 7: Beef stew, lettuce salad, corn bread muffin, oranges.

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.

1891: Hardwick's history continues to take shape

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 7-23-20 edition of the Star Herald.

Hardwick

There was practically no change at the station during the next few years. Otter Otterson continued buying grain for E. A. Brown, and later John Otterson bought for the Iowa, Minnesota & Dakota Grain company, which succeeded Cudahy & Butler. In 1889 Engebret Olson opened a small blacksmith shop on what is now the northeast corner of block four of the original plat, and he continued in business until after the founding of the town.

Several items of importance occurred during 1891. That year John Otterson erected the first building of permanent character in Hardwick. It is the building on the lower end of Main street now occupied by Mr. Otterson as a residence; when the postoffice was established it was opened in this building. During the summer the depot was put up and it was opened September 1 with William Little in charge. Early in the year the farmers in the vicinity petitioned for the establishment of a postoffice at Hardwick, and in December the office was put in operation with John Otterson as postmaster.¹⁹

¹⁹Mr. Otterson conducted the postoffice until 1894. E. H. Albright served until April, 1887, since which time John B. Iverson has been postmaster. One rural route is supplied from the Hardwick office. It was established January 15, 1904.

By this time Hardwick had developed into an exceptionally good grain market, and toward the close of the year came the announcement that the following year would see the founding of the town, with stores, shops and other enterprises that make a town.

Almost with the beginning of the year 1892 came the first business men to start the new enterprises. In February Herman Lenz, a farmer residing in the neighborhood, completed a small store building and put in a stock of general merchandise. The next



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

month A. A. Walvatne erected a building adjoining Mr. Lenz, in which Thomas Trenhaile opened the second general store. Before the spring was over Engebret Olson moved his blacksmith shop closer to the new village and William Olson came from Larchwood, Iowa, and opened a shop in opposition; T. Staven came from Trosky and built a wagon shop; John Scharnberg erected a hotel and a little later opened a saloon in connection. During the summer Henry Melarchy opened a meat market; John H. Dressen erected a building and started the town's third general store; John Niemer started the first livery barn. During the fall J. C. Johnston & Co. erected sheds and office building and started a lumber yard, under the management of Dunk Willis; a new grain buying firm appeared; John Otterson added flour and feed to his stock of fuel; a school house was erected; and several of the new comers built residences. The first child born in the village was a son born to Mr. and Mrs. John Otterson on June 20.

The story of the village of Hardwick will continue in the August 6 edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mammnade@iw.net.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Hagedorn presented with award

Congressman Jim Hagedorn (MN-01) was virtually presented the 2020 Champion for Healthy Seniors Award by the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease (PFCd).

In the letter informing Rep. Hagedorn that he received the award, PFCd Chairman Ken Thorpe thanked the congressman for his commitment to Medicare coverage and for protecting those with chronic conditions.

Rep. Hagedorn was chosen as a recipient of the award based on his outstanding leadership in lowering prescription drug costs and protecting in-home treatment

during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am honored and humbled to receive the Champion for Healthy Living Award," Hagedorn said. "Protecting our medical care providers, particularly our rural hospitals, and promoting high quality health care for southern Minnesota's senior citizens is among my top priorities as a member of Congress."

He went on to say that he will also continue to facilitate development of medical cures, lower prescription drug costs with price transparency, and protect nursing home patients from COVID-19.

COLLEGE NEWS

Students make dean's list at U of M

Several area students were named to the dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities for the Spring 2020 semester. To qualify, students must earn a minimum of a 3.66 GPA on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded credits.

The following students made the dean's list:

Luverne: Makayla Huisman, senior, food, agriculture and natural resource sciences; Trenton Rops, senior, continuing and professional studies; Sierra Schmuck, junior, Carlson School of Management; Carly Serie, senior, nursing; Grace Sweeney, sophomore, liberal arts.

Magnolia: Jaxon Nelson, sophomore, food, agriculture and natural resource sciences.

Adrian: Jada Elias, senior, nursing; Dylan Gyberg, senior, liberal arts; Mikayla Jeffers, senior, education/human development.

Garretson, South Dakota: Emilie Bartels, junior, Carlson School of Business.



Jason Berghorst photo/073019USehr

Luverne's Casey Sehr had three hits and scored three runs during his 19U team's 11-0 victory over Adrian July 21.

Luverne 19U defeat Adrian

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne 19-and-under (19U) baseball team had a slow week with just one game, an 11-0 victory over Adrian at Redbird Field July 19.

Luverne hosted Jackson July 28 and will play two home games against RTR tonight (July 30) at Redbird Field before playing at Heron Lake-Okabena Monday.

Luverne 11, Adrian 0

Luverne 19U defeated Adrian on a picture-perfect night for baseball at Redbird Field last Wednesday.

The Cardinals scored one run in the first inning, six in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth.

With an 11-0 lead in the fifth inning, the game was ended by the ten run rule.

Ethan Beyer pitched the

first four innings. He gave up only one hit and no runs and struck out five Adrian batters.

Nathan Nekali pitched the final inning, striking out two and giving up no hits or runs.

Casey Sehr led Luverne at the plate. Sehr had three hits and scored three runs.

Quinn Buss had two hits and three RBIs for the victors. Beyer and Cade Wenninger each scored two runs for Luverne.

Box score	
Adrian	0 0 0 0 0 0
Luverne	1 6 3 1 x 11

	AB	R	H	BI
Beyer	2	2	2	2
Wenninger	3	2	1	0
Crabtree	3	1	1	1
Van Dam	2	1	1	1
Buss	3	0	2	3
Nekali	2	0	0	0
Sehr	3	3	3	0
Ripka	3	1	2	0
VonTersch	2	1	1	1

Redbirds to play Adrian in District 13 playoffs

By Jason Berghorst

After a bye in the first round of the playoffs, the Luverne Redbirds earned the No. 2 seed in the Region 13C Tournament.

The Redbirds (12-2) will play the No. 7-seeded Adrian A's (8-4) in a best-of-three series.

Luverne will host Adrian Wednesday (July 29) before the two teams meet in Adrian Friday night. Both games begin at 7:30 p.m.

If necessary, the third and

final game will be played at Redbird Field in Luverne Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The Fairmont Martins received the top seed in the tournament and will host the No. 8 seed Pipestone A's.

Three teams from Region 13 will qualify for the Class C Minnesota State Amateur Baseball tournament.

Region 13C Tournament

1. Fairmont vs. 8. Pipestone
2. Luverne vs. 7. Pipestone
3. Windom vs. 6. Hadley
4. Milroy Irish vs. 5. Jackson



After waiting three months to play baseball due to pandemic restrictions, four Luverne athletes played all the baseball they could want last week. They competed in eight games in five days, including three on July 17, as members of both the Luverne 19U and the Redbirds teams. Pictured are (from left) Ethan Beyer, Cade Wenninger, Isaiah Bartels and Colby Crabtree. Quinn Buss also plays on both teams.

Playing double duty

Five players share time on two summer teams

By Jason Berghorst

"It's better to play three games in one day than no baseball at all."

That's how Luverne's Cade Wenninger summed up playing three baseball games on two teams in one day Friday, July 17, after the high school baseball season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wenninger, incoming senior at Luverne High School, his classmate Ethan Beyer, as well as 2020 LHS graduates Isaiah Bartels, Quinn Buss and Colby Crabtree, are members of both the Luverne 19U and Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball teams.

The Luverne 19U team is the 2020 version of American Legion baseball after sanctioned Legion baseball was canceled due to the pandemic.

Wenninger, Beyer, Bartels and Crabtree competed with the 19U team in two games at a tournament in Garretson July 17 before returning to Redbird Field that night for a game with

the amateur squad.

"It was my first triple-header ever," Wenninger said.

Crabtree was the starting catcher in all three contests.

"Catching three games in one day ended up being easier than I thought it was going to be when I found out that morning I was going to do it," Crabtree said.

"I started to feel it by the seventh inning or so of the Redbirds game," he said. "My knees definitely started hollering at me."

The three games Friday were just a portion of a very busy stretch for the players.

Between the 19U and Redbirds teams, there were eight games over five days, July 16-20.

"I've been there, done that when I was younger," said Brooks Maurer, Redbirds player-manager.

"You have to love baseball to do all that," he said. "Sometimes they come straight from a 19U game

'It's better to play three games in one day than no baseball at all.'

— Cade Wenninger

into our dugout ready to play."

This is the first year on the Redbirds team for all five players.

It's not unusual for recently graduated seniors to join the Redbirds and for high school players to play on other amateur teams, but this is the first summer in recent memory that high school players have joined the Luverne amateur team.

"There was so much uncertainty with our own schedule and we didn't know if there would even be a Legion season," Maurer said.

"So I asked those two guys (Beyer and Wenninger) to join us. They're mature enough."

Crabtree said the first-year Redbirds play-

ers enjoy the variety that comes with playing on both teams.

"You go from being a senior leader on the 19U team to being a rookie on Redbirds," he said.

There are some definite differences between playing on the 19U and amateur teams, according to Wenninger.

"The pitching is the biggest difference," he said.

"And as an outfielder, I definitely have to adjust," Wenninger said. "The balls are hit a lot closer to the fence."

According to Maurer, as the Redbirds begin the playoffs, the rookies are fitting in just fine.

"This is a great opportunity for them," Maurer said. "It's nice to have those guys around."



Submitted photo

Luverne 14U baseball wins LeMars Tournament

The Luverne 14U baseball team placed first at the LeMars (Iowa) Tournament July 25. Luverne, now 10-2 on the season, defeated Sioux City, Iowa, Montevideo and Granite Falls during tournament play. Pictured are (front, left) Owen Sudenga, Uriel Hernandez, Kai Buss, Elliot Domagala, Brendan Eidem, (back) Nathan Kinsinger, Tucker Dammann, Jacob Stroth, Will Serie, Patrick Kroski, Karson Jurrens and Coach Declan Beers. Missing is Mitchell Sauer.

Sports activities available through Luverne Community Ed

The Community Education phone number is 507-283-4724. Use the waiver/registration form from the website to register for all classes. The office is closed on Fridays during the summer.

Upcoming classes are:

Climbing for Grades

4-12 taught by Roca Climbing and Friends of Blue Mound State Park will be Sept. 12 (morning or afternoon session). No charge,

but registration required.

Punt Pass & Kick Competition on

Aug. 19 for girls and boys who attended grades 3-8 during the 19-20 school year. Fee is \$10.

Fall Soccer League for ages 4 through Grade 5 (as attended during 2019-20) begins on **Aug. 4**. Fee is \$50. Be sure to check facebook page "Luverne Soccer - It's a Kick" for updates.

Enduro race is only grandstand event

By Jason Berghorst

The 33rd annual Rock County Fair Enduro Race is still a go for Saturday night.

With the 2020 Rock County Fair officially canceled due to pandemic concerns, no other grandstand events will take place this year.

The Fair Enduro will limit the number of people allowed in the stands and the pits (250 each), but otherwise the race should go on as normal, according to organizers.

"We're able to spread out pretty well at the race track," said Fair Enduro Race promoter Justin Kemp.

The race is part of the LSR (Luverne, Slayton, Rock Rapids) Enduro Series and is the third race of the season for the series.

Race officials have spent time this summer continuing to improve the track.

"The other tracks in the Series race every week," Kemp said, "We knew we had to step up our game."

Track enhancements include 1,000 yards of additional dirt and dirt relaying by W&N Construction and Ver Steeg Excavating.

Race organizers are also looking to use a new scoring system and new safety lights for the first time.

Kemp said he's expecting at least 25-30 cars to compete at this year's race.

2019 Rock County Fair Enduro winner Evan Schettler



Evan Schettler (second from right) of Adrian will defend his title from 2019 during the 2020 Rock County Fair Enduro Race Saturday night in Luverne. Pictured with Schettler are parents Toni and Michael Schettler and race promoter Justin Kemp.

of Adrian is planning to defend his title at this weekend's race.

Stuart Nelson, Sioux Falls, who is currently leading the LSR Enduro Series, is also registered to race.

The Rock County Fair Enduro Race is sponsored by Connell Car Care, Jaycox, Wyffels Hybrids, Fick Seed and R&S Sales.

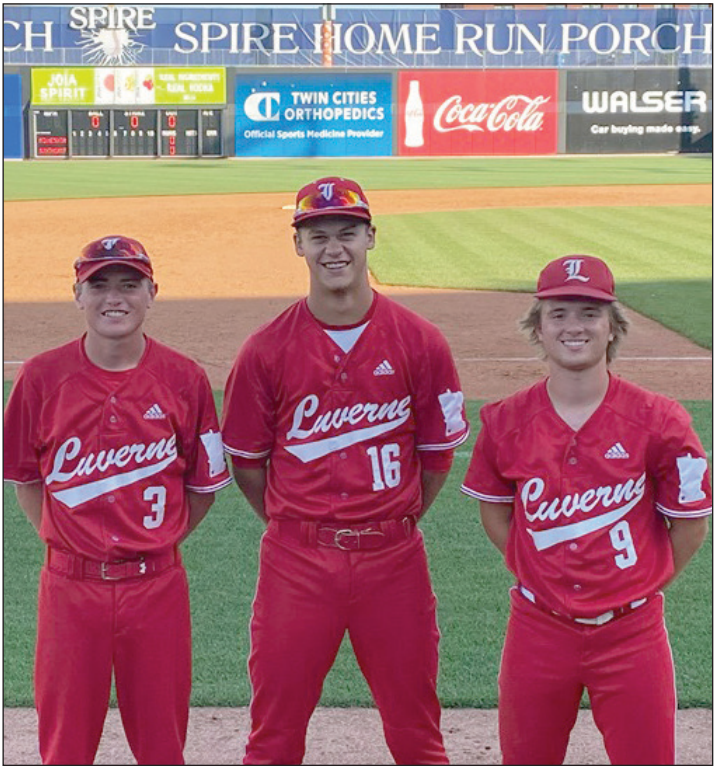
Pit gates open at 4 p.m. for inspection and gates open at 5 p.m. The race is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Luverne.

LSR Enduro Series

Points Standings to date

Stuart Nelson	75
Stacy Krohnberg	74
Cody Koster	72
Jasmine Kalass	72

Justin Mann	68
Trey Anderson	64
Scott Jones	63
Riley Winquist	59
Nate Brady	56
Evan Schettler	53
Greg VandeVelde	53
Shelby Vitec	51
Robert Thompson	46
Todd Koppen	43
Eric Gaul	40
Grain Gertsema	37
Brandon Bullerman	34
Aaron Fischer	34
Nate Miller	31
Spenser Kalass	31
Nate Coopman	30
Isaac Bullerman	28
Jerry Coopman	27
Ron Brownie	27
Aaron Betz	26
Bradden Kunkel	24
Dana Hood	22
Zach Bierman	21
Trevor Van Dyke	21
Trevor Fluit	21
Greg Engelkes	21
Ross Engelkes	21
Silas Top	21
Kyle Donahue	21



Luverne senior baseball players (from left) Quinn Buss, Colby Crabtree and Jacob VonTersch played in the first-ever Senior Class Salute tournament at CHS Field in St. Paul July 21 and 27.

Luverne baseball players participate in Senior Salute games

By Jason Berghorst

Three members of the Luverne High School Class of 2020 played three games at CHS Field in St. Paul as part of the 2020 Senior Class Salute.

Colby Crabtree, Quinn Buss and Jacob VonTersch wore Cardinal uniforms one last time July 21 and 27 while playing on the home field of the St. Paul Saints.

The trio joined Class of 2020 players from Adrian, Edgerton, Worthington and New Ulm to form one of 24 teams competing in the first ever tournament.

The St. Paul Saints hosted the event in order to give seniors who lost their final season of high school baseball due to the pandemic the

opportunity to play on the minor-league field in downtown St. Paul.

“It’s a beautiful field to play on and it’s fun meeting some other seniors from different towns,” VonTersch said.

The team defeated a team made up of players from the Southeast Conference 5-2 in their first game July 21 before being defeated 7-0 by a Tomahawk Conference team in the second game of the day.

On Monday the team returned to CHS Field and lost to Team Minnesota 6-4.

“It was awesome to play on such a nice field against some tough competition,” Buss said.

“It definitely didn’t make up for a lost senior year, but it was a great experience.”

By Jason Berghorst

After two weeks off, the Luverne 17U baseball team looked to be in good form Monday night at American Legion Field in Marshall.

The team was idled for 14 days, due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 by one of the players.

Coach Mike Wenninger said he was pleased with what he saw during a 4-1 victory over Marshall Orange Monday night.

“After two weeks off, the guys did a good job of jumping right back into the system,” Wenninger said.

“We pitched well and threw a lot of strikes, which is always a concern after so much time off,” he added.

Luverne hosted Jackson July 28 and Pipestone comes

to Redbird Field tonight (July 30). Luverne travels to Hadley Monday.

Luverne 4, Orange 1

Luverne 17U came out on top of a good Marshall Orange team 4-1 Monday night.

The Cardinals scored two runs in the top of the first inning and didn’t look back.

Luverne added a third run in the second inning before Marshall scored its first and only run. The Cardinals added a final run in the seventh inning.

Luke Bosch, Braydon Ripka, Casey Sehr and Connor Overgaard each scored a run for Luverne.

Ripka and Sehr added one RBI each.

Kaden Anderson pitched the first three innings for

Luverne. He struck out two Marshall batters and only gave up one run and four hits.

Conner Connell replaced Anderson on the mound for the final four innings.

Connell gave up two hits and no runs while striking out three.

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

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

Smith repeats as A Modified winner in Slayton

By Jason Berghorst

Four nights of dirt track racing at three different area tracks attracted Rock County drivers last week.

Jeremy Smith of Luverne set the pace for all local drivers when he won the A-Modifieds feature for the second week in a row Friday night in Slayton.

Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, Iowa, staged an extra night of racing action, adding the Lyon County Fair Races on Tuesday, July 21, to their regular Friday night feature.

Murray County Speedway in Slayton and I-90 Speedway near Hartford, South Dakota, offered races on their normal Friday and Saturday nights respectively.

Rapid Speedway

Ryan Walker of Kanaranzi returned to the dirt track for his first race of the year July

21 when he entered the Lyon County Fair races in Rock Rapids.

Walker raced in the A-Modifieds class. He started the feature race in 21st place and finished in 17th overall.

The Friday night races at Rapid Speedway attracted a larger field of drivers.

Luverne’s Colton Arends finished second in the Stock Cars feature race for the second week in a row.

Scott Overgaard of Luverne finished fourth and Kevin Kremin of Kenneth came in ninth in the same Stock Cars feature.

Brandon Boeve of Beaver Creek placed seventh in the Sportsmans feature race.

In the Hobby Stocks class, Eric Gaul, Luverne, finished fourth and Thomas Kracht, also of Luverne, ended in seventh place in the A Fea-

ture race.

Murray County Speedway

Jeremy Smith won his second A-Modified feature race in as many weeks and third of the season at Murray County Speedway in Slayton Friday night.

Smith, racing in the A-Modifieds class, won his heat race before starting and finishing the feature race in first place.

I-90 Speedway

Two Luverne drivers raced in the Hobby Stocks class at I-90 Speedway Saturday night.

Cadyn Wessels placed first in the B Feature race before finishing 18th in the A Feature.

Thomas Kracht started the A Feature race in 16th place before finishing in

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL 2020

19U (American Legion)

June 19	Lennox	8-6	L
June 20	Sioux Falls West	2-1	W
June 21	Fargo Bombers	10-5	W
July 9	at Worthington	4-1	L
July 13	at Marshall	7-4	L
July 16	Tracy	6-2	W
July 17	Hamlin, SD	12-0	W
July 17	Tea, SD	22-6	W
July 18	Garretson, SD	4-0	W
July 19	Tea, SD	2-1	W
July 20	Minneota	6-5	W
July 22	Adrian	11-0	W
July 28	Jackson (Home)	7:30pm	
July 30	RTR (Home)	7:00pm	
Aug 7-8	End of Year Tournament		

17U (Junior Legion)

June 19	Renner	5-3	L
June 20	Watertown	7-1	L
June 21	West Central	5-5	T
July 9	at Worthington	17-2	W
July 11	Wayzata	7-1	L
July 13	at Marshall Black	10-7	W
July 27	at Marshall Orange	4-1	W
July 28	Jackson (Home)	6:00pm	
July 30	Pipestone (Home)	5:30pm	
Aug 3	at Hadley		
Aug 7-8	End of Year Tournament		

*All Schedules subject to change

the 13th spot.

Rapid Speedway – July 21

A-Modifieds Feature

R. Walker Kanaranzi 17th

Rapid Speedway – July 24

Sportsman’s A Feature

B. Boeve Beaver Creek 7th

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

E. Gaul	Luverne	4th
T. Kracht	Luverne	7th
C. Kelderman	Hills	15th

USRA Hobby Stocks B Feature

T. Kracht	Luverne	2nd
K. Kracht	Luverne	5th

USRA Stock Cars A Feature

C. Arends	Luverne	2nd
S. Overgaard	Luverne	4th
K. Kremin	Kenneth	9th
S. Kalass	Luverne	16th

Murray Speedway – July 24

IMCA Modifieds A Feature

J. Smith	Luverne	1st
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I-90 Speedway – July 25

USRA Hobby Stocks A Feature

T. Kracht	Luverne	13th
C. Wessels	Luverne	18th

ISD #2184 School Board meets June 25

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on June 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Tim Jarchow, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Eric Hartman and Shelley Sandbulte. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Jason Phelps, Lauren VerSteeg, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Becky Rahm, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the agenda with the addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Elementary Counselor, presented information regarding the things she did this past school year with the Elementary students. She also introduced us to Ally, her therapy dog, which she began utilizing in her program this past year.

Chairperson Jodi Bosch provided a summary of Superintendent Craig Oftedahl’s evaluation that was conducted on May 28, 2020.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the May 28, 2020, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoft with ICS Builds gave a construction update. Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the School District bills with the School Board. Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,262,784.24. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of May 31, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

The following Roof Replacement Bids were received on June 18, 2020:

COMPANY:	
America Commercial Roofing	\$634,320.00
Sioux Falls, SD	
Tri-State General Contracting	\$606,665.00
Jackson, MN	
Harvey’s Five Star Roofing	\$249,375.00
Spirit Lake, IA	

It was noted that Harvey’s Five Star Roofing did not furnish a complete bid and would need to be disregarded. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to accept the bid from Tri-State General Contracting. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to adopt the following grant authorization:

The local Board of Education of Luverne Public Schools has authorized Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent, at a monthly meeting on June 25, 2020, to act as the LEA (local education agency) representative in filing an application for funds provided under Public Law 103-382 for the school year 2020-2021. The LEA representative will ensure that the school district maintains compliance with the appropriate Federal statutes, regulations, and State procedures currently in effect and will act as the responsible authority in all matters relating to the administration of this application. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to request vehicle fuel quotations for the 2020-2021 school year be received by July 16, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Jarchow, to request quotations for bakery products for the 2020-2021 school year be received by July 16, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to set July 16, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. as the bid date for dairy products for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to have Jim Gilman with Conway, Deuth & Schmiessing, PLLP, conduct the audit of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Deutsch, to give approval to the auditor to make those final transfers and adjustments, when they audit the books, that are necessary and according to general accounting principles, resolutions and standards. Motion unanimously carried.

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Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to roll over the current budget into the 2020-2021 fiscal year so that financial business can be conducted beyond June 30, 2020. A revised budget will be presented at a later date. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to approve membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years for a total membership fee of \$4,134.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association for a membership fee of \$5,706.00 which includes policy services for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

The proposed 2020-2021 School Board meetings schedule was presented. It was noted that there was one error on the schedule – March 12 is a Friday, it should be March 11. Motion made by Jarchow, second by Baustian, to accept the schedule with this one change. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to leave food service prices the same as 2019-20:

K-5 Lunch	\$3.00 per meal
6-12 Lunch	\$3.25 per meal
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.00 per meal
Kindergarten Breakfast	\$0.00 per meal
1-12 Breakfast	\$1.50 per meal
Adult Breakfast	\$2.50 per meal
Adult Lunch	\$4.00 per meal
Milk Break (Elementary)	\$50.00 per year

Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to set the following bus driver compensation rates to be effective July 1, 2020:

Regular and Sioux Falls Routes	\$95.00 per day
Preschool Route	\$47.00 per day
Activities Trip	\$15.00 per hour
Daily Rate (Overnight Trip)	\$130.00 per day

Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the following Supervisory and Exempt Employees’ salaries which reflect a 2.5% increase:

Marlene Mann - Business Manager	\$500
Wade Hiller – Technology Coordinator	\$76,005.00
Brenda Teal – Admin. Asst/Payroll	\$53,242.00
Brad Goemmel – Transportation Director	\$64,691.00
Ann Rigney – Food Service Director	\$700

It was noted that the reviews were conducted as requested by the School Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the following employment contracts with Administrators:

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent	\$141,283	\$144,674	\$148,435
Stacy Gillette, Elem. Principal	\$121,314	\$124,347	
Jason Phelps, MS Principal	\$101,988	\$104,538	
Ryan Johnson, HS Principal	\$115,938	\$118,836	

These also reflect a 2.5% increase in salary. Motion unanimously carried. Business Manager Marlene Mann informed the school board of the upcoming election dates. The filing period begins in late July.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to set the two-hour food service worker hourly rate of pay for 2020-2021 at \$13.75 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to set the 2020-2021 substitute teacher daily rate of pay at \$126.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sehr, to approve a maternity leave request from Aimee Richters, Elementary teacher, for 8 weeks from approximately July 4 to September 8, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Lucas Larson as .65 FTE/HS Social Studies teacher for a salary of \$27,045.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: June 25, 2020

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(07-30)

Arends applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Arends Farms has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of section 4 in Vienna Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The buildings shall have a poured reinforced concrete tip for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

This publication shall constitute a notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(07-30)

Blessing descent of property

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Darlene Blessing
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-20-172

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent’s last Will dated, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted. IT IS ORDERED AND Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on August 17, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. by this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-204.

2. Notices shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT

Dated: July 13, 2020

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

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(07-30, 08-06)

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CARDS OF THANKS

Wow! What a wonderful 50th Anniversary on July 11. First our thanks and love go out to Carrie, Chad and boys for planning a car parade past our house. It was a treat to see so many friends go by. We want to send a big thank you for all the cards and wishes for our anniversary. Fifty years seems like such a long time, but that time has gone by so quickly. Thank you to everyone involved.

Dave and Cloyce Smith
(7.25-7.30)

A BIG thank you to our friends and family for making our 50th anniversary special. Even though the celebration had to be called off, you all have made it special with cards and well wishes. We have been blessed by you.

Dale and Karen Bosch
(7.30-8.1)

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GARAGE SALES

Multi-family garage sale at 413 Central Lane. Friday and Saturday, July 31, and Aug. 1, 8 a.m.-Noon. Quality women's clothing and shoes, men's clothing, books, miscellaneous items. (7.25-7.30)

RENTALS

For Rent: Two-bedroom ground level apartment with AC available in Luverne. On-site laundry; off-street parking. Close to downtown and senior center. No pets, no smoking. Heat/water included in rent. 507-290-0266. rtc

For Rent in Luverne: Two-bedroom apartment with central air, on-site laundry, includes water, heat and one-stall garage. No smoking and no pets. 507-920-0406. (7.18-8.8)

EMPLOYMENT

Part Time Opportunity Available. Community Transit of United Community Action Partnership, Inc. is seeking a part-time Bus Driver for our Rock County service area. We offer flexible hours, PTO, holiday pay, and training to obtain a CDL with passenger endorsement. Qualified applicants should have a clean driving record and will be required to pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Read about us, learn more about our opportunities, and apply online at <https://unitedcapmn.org/employment-opportunities/UnitedCommunityActionPartnership> is a EOE/ADA/AAEmployer. (7.18-8.6)

CCSI is actively seeking caregivers at both of our homes located in LUVERNE, MINNESOTA. Caregivers assist individuals who have developmental and or physical disabilities with housekeeping duties, personal cares, program goals and more. We are seeking individuals who are friendly, compassionate and dependable. Our part-time block schedules offer fixed hours, include every other weekend and rotating holidays. Most schedules offer an average of 38 hours per week and are benefit-eligible positions. Health insurance eligibility starts at 30 hours per week with dental and vision insurance and other benefits starting at just 20 hours per week. CCSI offers paid training!! For information, please contact Brenda at the CCSI office in Worthington at (507)376-3171 extension 2. CCSI is an EEO/AA Employer. (7.25-8.13)

EMPLOYMENT

The law office of Klostebuer and Haubrich, LLP is hiring a part time legal assistant/secretarial position. Position is expected to work 3 days per week. Duties include filing, word processing, phone and receptionist tasks. Experience with and knowledge of Microsoft Office and QuickBooks is preferred along with other law related or paralegal type experience. Please send a resume along with a cover letter showing your experience and describing your availability to Jeff Haubrich, Klosterbuer and Haubrich, LLP; PO Box 538, Luverne, MN 56156 by August 14th. Salary dependent upon qualifications and experience. (7.30-8.1)

Weekend Evening Caretaker

Looking for a reliable caretaker every other Saturday and Sunday evenings from 9:30-11:30pm with approximate pay of \$20-\$25 an hour. This position requires individual to help client to bed, assist with medication administration, aid in hygiene care, dress and very minimal house tasks. Please contact employer at 507-360-8598 or send in resume to b181560@yahoo.com

EMPLOYMENT

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Weekend Morning Caretaker

Looking for reliable weekend caretaker every other Saturday and Sunday mornings from 7-10 a.m. with approximate pay of \$20-22 an hour. This position requires individual to help client transfer to chair, assist with medication administration, aid in hygiene care, dress and very minimal house tasks. Please contact employer at 507-360-8598 or send in resume to bl81560@yahoo.com

Paraprofessional
2020-2021 School Year

- Position:** Special Needs Paraprofessional Position
- Qualifications:** Candidate must have a two-year college degree or 60 hours of college credits or be willing to fulfill required competencies for eligibility.
- Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- Starting Date:** August 28, 2020
- Apply To:** Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools, PO Box 547, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 or email - t.holthaus@isd671.net. Submit a letter of application and fill out and submit a signed copy of the District Employment Application found here <https://tinyurl.com/y7stx8rq>.

Hills-Beaver Creek School District
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To obtain a full job description and an application for this position, please visit county's web site at https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php or contact the Rock County Administrator's office at 507-283-5065. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Star Herald CHURCH

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

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

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.luverncrc.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

Saturday weekly in-person worship services 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Limited seating is available. 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 Altena, Pastor

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

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship Service — live streamed. 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. Mondays 8 p.m. — AA Meeting and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Thursdays 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday 8 p.m. — AA Meeting.

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

Worship through Facebook Live at regular 9:30 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: newlifecelebration@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.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

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

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

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.

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

Certainty in Christ

These past few months the new “buzzword” or phrase has been “in these uncertain times.” It has been used with such frequency that it has begun to move into the realm of mockery and jokes. Not in a facetious way, just in the sense that in every time you see or read it, though the description be apt, it begins to illicit a small chuckle or eye roll.

And yet, what other phrase better fits what we are going through? We truly are living in a time when there are a plethora of uncertainties and unknowns. We are facing trials and challenges that are brand new to our present culture and society. Many of us have questions that remain unanswered. It seems that nearly every aspect of daily life has been uprooted from what we previously called “normal.”

And yet in these uncertain times, there is something to be certain of: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever,” (Heb. 13:8) and our faith and trust in him is never misplaced.

Hebrews 11 is sometimes referred to as the “by faith” chapter or the “heroes of faith.” The author opens with these words: “Now faith is confidence in what we do not see.” Some translations even read that faith is being *certain* of what we do not see!

What are we hoping for? Right now we might be hoping for a reliable treatment for strains of this virus. We may be hoping for restrictions to be lifted. Perhaps we are hoping for reunions with family and friends long unseen.

The problem in those hopes is that their fruition lies in human hands. Those hopes do not come with certainty.

But we have certainty in the hope of our life in Christ, who is Hope personified. Through him we have hope of salvation and a promise of eternal life. Though we are not able to physically see Jesus, just like the biblical figureheads mentioned

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Jessica Blocker,
Director of Christian
Education, St. John
Lutheran Church,
Luverne

in Hebrews 11, we have certainty and hope in our resurrected Savior!

Hope, faith and trust in Christ comes with another blessing – peace. The apostle Paul writes about this gift in the book of Romans 5:18: “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

May we join with Paul in boasting of the hope we have in the glory of God the Father! May we rest in the assurance that the Holy Spirit has been given to us as a helper. May we rejoice in the grace given to us by our unchanging Savior.

In these “uncertain times,” I pray you recall and rely on the certainty found only in Christ.

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Why are so many people wearing masks?

The coronavirus has created a health crisis across the nation and around the world. But there are ways to protect yourself and others from getting sick. One way is to wear a face mask.

How Coronavirus Spreads

The coronavirus can spread when people breathe, talk, cough, or sneeze.

Some people who don't feel sick might have the virus and could spread it unknowingly.

Wearing a Mask

Replace the missing words.

NOSE **YOUNG** **SPREAD**
OTHERS **VIRUS**

When you go out, wear a mask to help stop the _____ of the virus.

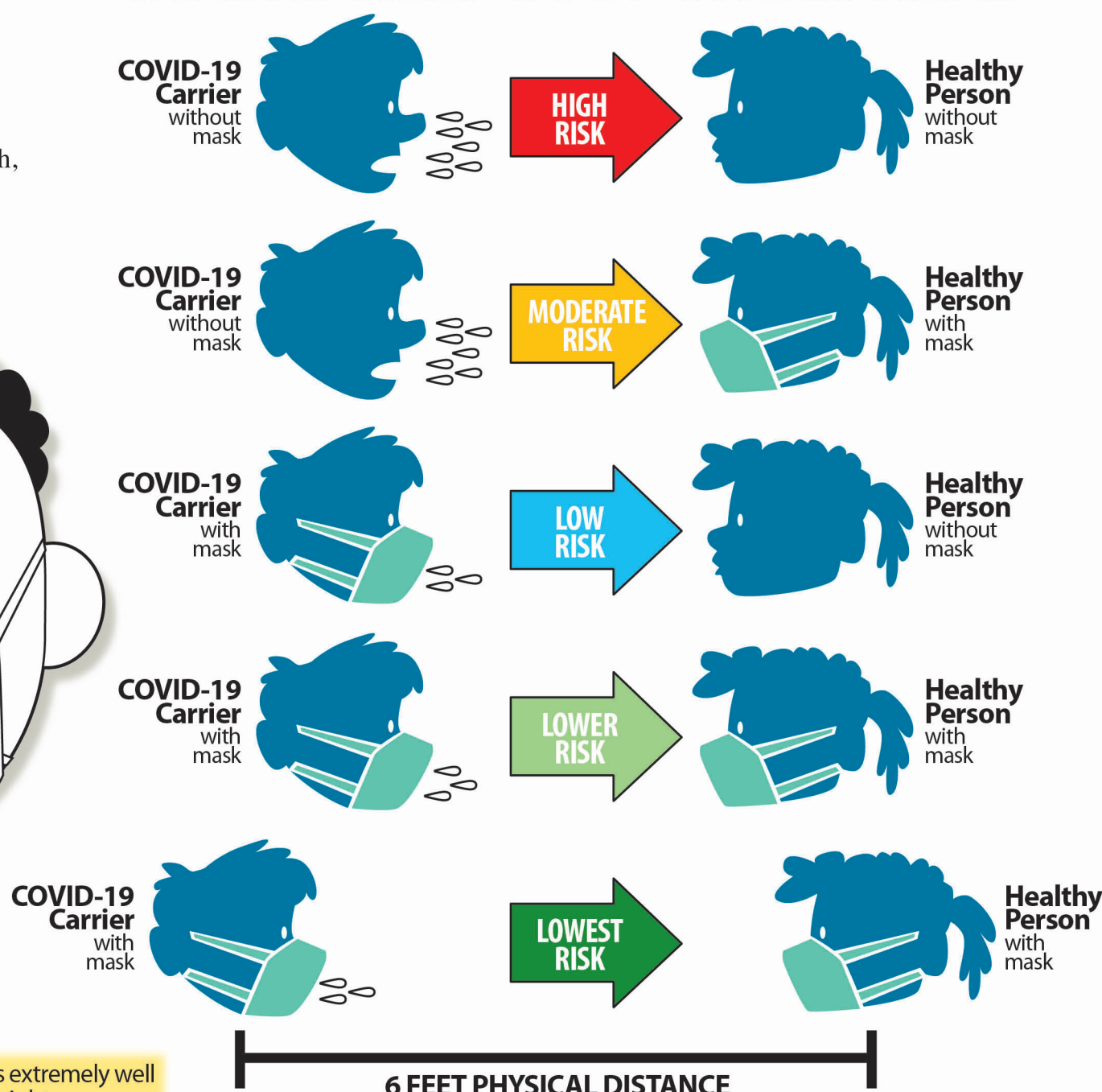
Make sure the mask covers your mouth and _____ and fits snug against your face.

Wearing a mask helps keep the virus from reaching _____. When you wear a mask, it can also stop the _____ from reaching you.

Babies and children less than two years old are too _____ to wear a mask. But when others wear a mask, they are better protected.

HEALTH TIP: Washing your hands often and thoroughly works extremely well to stop the spread of coronavirus. If you can't wash your hands right away after touching something that might have germs on it, use hand sanitizer that has at least 70% alcohol.

MASKS HELP STOP THE SPREAD



The infographic illustrates the risk of COVID-19 spread based on whether the carrier wears a mask and whether the healthy person wears a mask. The risk levels are categorized as High Risk, Moderate Risk, Low Risk, Lower Risk, and Lowest Risk.

COVID-19 Carrier	Risk Level	Healthy Person
without mask	HIGH RISK	without mask
without mask	MODERATE RISK	with mask
with mask	LOW RISK	without mask
with mask	LOWER RISK	with mask
with mask	LOWEST RISK	with mask

6 FEET PHYSICAL DISTANCE

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