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Athletes, coaches respond to fall sports in spring amid pandemic

By Jason Berghorst

Friday nights aren't quite the same this fall in Rock County and throughout Minnesota, due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

In early August, the Minnesota State High School League's (MSHSL) governing board voted to delay the high school football and volleyball seasons until Spring 2021.

Other fall sports offered at Luverne High School, including cross country and tennis, were allowed to begin practice in August and have begun competition.

Both teams are competing only against other Big South Conference teams, will have shortened seasons, and postseason competition is yet to be determined.

Football and volleyball will

begin practice-only seasons next week. Both teams are allowed up to twelve practices between Sept. 14 and Oct. 3, but cannot have scrimmages or competitions against other teams.

Spring sports that lost their entire seasons due to the pandemic last spring (softball, baseball, track and field, golf and boys' tennis) will also get three weeks of up to twelve

practices with no competition Oct. 5-24.

"We're safely moving ahead with school activities that our students enjoy," said Todd Oye, activities director and head football coach for Luverne Public Schools.

Oye said that the district is following guidelines and requirements from the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota

Department of Education and the MSHSL.

"Our plans are designed to keep participants safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19," he said.

"It is important to remember that participating in these activities is voluntary," Oye added.

And while many Luverne

Fall sports altered/see page 8

Holiday Art Tour 2020 is early and outdoors

By Lori Sorenson

Local artists are celebrating their annual Holiday Art Tour with an outdoor format and earlier date this year to accommodate pandemic social distancing.

The 2020 Art Walk will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Crow's Nest Farm, located at 1074 161st St. Luverne.

Outdoor booths will feature art by hostess Carol Ceynowa, Jerry and Kathy Deuschle, Mary Petersen, Nan Kaufenberg, Genna Rolfs, Rylee Gee and Gerry and Julie Punt.

Ceynowa and her husband, Tim, moved from Luverne to the seven-acre rural home three years ago.

"When I hear the crows, they encourage me to do art," she said about her Crow's Nest Farm. "Plus, they're known for gathering pretty things and putting them in their nests."

The "pretty things" in Ceynowa's nest will be on display for the art walk.

Her collection includes pottery, oil painting, encaustic painting, needle felt and more.

Encaustic painting, also known as hot wax painting, involves using heated beeswax to which colored pigments are added.

The liquid or paste is then applied to a surface — usually prepared wood, though canvas and other materials can be used.

Ceynowa said she grew interested in the artwork because of its

Art Tour at Crow's Nest/see page 3



Mavis Fodness photo/0910 Back to School 2020

Luverne Public Schools started in-person classes Tuesday, the first time since the coronavirus pandemic switched instruction to distance learning from home in March. All students and staff must wear masks in school as well as on the buses until COVID-19 positive tests decline in the county.

Districts work to keep bus routes 'business as is'

By Mavis Fodness

Transportation director Brad Goembel wanted Tuesday's first day of school to be as close as possible to business as usual for Luverne students.

As usual, on the weekend before the start of school, each of the district's 17 drivers phoned families on their routes.

They inquired about which children from each family needed rides to and from school. They also gave families a time schedule that won't allow their children to be at school before 7:50 a.m.

Unusual was the number of riders on each bus and the need for an early afternoon bus route.

Goembel said schools are required to fill buses only to half capacity to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. All riders wear masks and they sit at least six feet away from non-family members.

Goembel has asked drivers to stay positive and be flexible. "The first four days of school are going to be a challenge," he said. "It will work out ... but it may be day by day, hour by hour and minute by minute."

Family surveys several weeks ago indicated about 325 out of the district's 1,200 students would need a ride to and/or from school.

Goembel said no additional routes have been added, but the district has five extra buses in case an additional route is needed.

Goembel said the district is short on regular drivers and may rely on existing drivers to complete an extra route to keep ridership in vehicles at half capacity.

Drivers will also have a more strict cleaning

District transportation schedule/see page 3



Mavis Fodness photo/0910 City Center For Sale

The former Luverne Elementary School, now City Center Apartments, looks much like it did when school dismissed for the last time in 1999. Now the building is for sale or investment through condominium-style ownership.

City Centre Apartments offered for sale

By Mavis Fodness

When Peter Schmid saw the for-sale listing of the former school in Luverne, he was instantly drawn to the three-story brick structure.

"That building is golden," said the South Dakota native.

"We don't have anything like

this in Rapid City — our schools were converted to other uses.

He's owned the City Center Apartments for seven years, but now Schmid wants to pursue business closer to home.

So, he wants local residents to fulfill his vision.

For an average price of \$500,000 per unit, buyers can invest under a condominium-style of ownership.

When Schmid purchased the 75,000 square-foot structure, he

City Centre Apartments/see page 5

Experienced sportswriter joins Star Herald staff

By Lori Sorenson

Brennen Rupp is the new sportswriter at the Rock County Star Herald, now in his second week of covering local sports.

"It feels good to get back to writing and back to covering high school and local sports," he said Friday.

"It's been great. Everybody has been very welcoming and I'm looking forward to meeting even more people."

His duties with the Star Herald will be part-time until pandemic-affected sports schedules return to normal.

So far he's followed girls' tennis, girls' and boys' cross country, local racing and several other events.

Rupp has a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in sociology from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is a high school graduate of the Russell-Tyler-



Brennen Rupp

Ruthton district.

"I grew up in a small community," he said. "All the schools I covered were smaller communities. I know how important prep sports are to those communities."

He said it's good to be closer to family in the area and doing a job

that suits him.

"I've always been a sports nut," Rupp said.

"I grew up in Ruthton and our house was right across the street from the basketball court in town. I spent nearly every summer day over at The Gardens, either playing a game with some friends or by myself just practicing."

Rupp comes to the Star Herald with experience at papers in Colorado, Montana and most recently Marshall.

"A few years after graduating

Brennen Rupp/see page 3



COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	116	12	+8.4%
Pipestone	198	11	+5.8%
Nobles	1,892	27	+1.2%
Minnehaha (SD)	5,601	334	+9.3%
Lyon (IA)	167	16	+9.9%

14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people:

Date Range	7/19-8/1	7/26-8/8	8/2-8/15	8/9-8/22
Rate	30.81	22.31	14.87	15.94

According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:

- Schools in counties with fewer than 9 new cases per 10,000 residents in a two-week period could have *in-person classes for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 50 new cases per 10,000 residents in two weeks *would have to be fully online for all students*.
- Schools in counties with more than 9 and fewer than 50 new cases in two weeks *could have hybrid learning models for students*, age appropriate.

Based on this data, plans for area schools are:

Luverne - Elementary: In-person | **Middle/High School:** HYBRID
HBC - Elementary: In-person | **Secondary:** In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of September 8, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Mavis Fodness photos/0910 HBC Open House

H-BC secondary hosts outdoor open house

Teachers at Hills-Beaver Creek High School (above) lined the front lawn Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 2, for a three-hour outdoor open house to kick off the school year. It was a chance for students to pick up Chromebooks and class schedules and reconnect with advisory teachers. The face-to-face, socially distanced meetings were the first between students and teachers in more than five months, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Elementary teachers met individually with parents and students, including on Tuesday, the first day for in-person classes for secondary students. H-BC elementary classes began Wednesday.



At left: Moser siblings — (from left) Jack, Hailey and Cody — quickly go over their class schedules.

Students return to in-person classes after six-month break

By Mavis Fodness

Tuesday marked the first time in six months that Rock County students returned to in-person classes.

"It feels 'weird,'" said Jennifer Kessler.

Since March, education turned to distance learning from home due to the coronavirus pandemic. The school year ended with students still at home with the online learning option.

Luverne Public Schools opened the new school year with all elementary students attending in-person classes five days a week. Middle and high school students rotate days between a hybrid model of in-person and distance learning.

Kessler brought her three elementary-aged children to the front door on the first day of the 2020-21 school year.

Kessler and her children, Kane, third grade, David, second grade, and Mary, kindergarten, were greeted by paraprofessional Christie Mounce.

Mounce was excited to see students return to classes.

"It's great. I've missed them all," she said.



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At left: Third-grader Amelia Gonnerman adjusts her facemask before entering school. **At right:** Paraprofessional Christie Mounce (far right) greets (from left) David, Kane and Mary as they are dropped off by their mother, Jennifer Kessler.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Caregivers Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 319 E. Lincoln in Luverne for anyone interested. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 pm. Monday, Sept. 14, in the township hall in Beaver Creek.

Cliffline climb at state park Sept. 12

Luverne Community Education will offer **Cliffline Climbing** for Grades 4-12 taught by Roca Climbing and Friends of Blue Mounds State Park.

Morning and afternoon sessions will be Sept. 12. There is no charge, but registration is required. Call 507-283-4724. Use the waiver/registration form from the website to register for all classes.

Adrian Community Blood Drive Sept. 14

The Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the EMS Center in Adrian. Please consider donating, as local blood supply is seriously low.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, **only donors with appointments will be accepted.** Schedule an appointment at www.cbblifeblood.org and select "events," then click on Sept. 14, then Adrian Community Blood Drive.

For donation questions, call 507-483-2668 or go to www.cbblifeblood.org.

'Chronic Conditions' begins Sept. 14

The class, "Living Well with Chronic Conditions" will be offered online via Zoom video-conferencing for those affected by high cholesterol, arthritis, depression, high/low blood pressure or heart disease.

The objective of the class is to help participants take charge of their health by learning about nutrition, medication use, pain management and much more.

Classes are at 1 p.m. every Monday from Sept. 14 through Oct. 19. Pre-registration is required.

Call 1-855-215-2174 to register for class #1995, or register online at <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/1995>

Class leaders are A.C.E. Coordinator Linda Wenzel (507-283-5064) and Connie Frahm, volunteer lay leader.

Nutrition for seniors Sept. 17

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln. Call 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required for those not already enrolled.

Monthly Food Giveaway Sept. 17

The monthly Food Giveaway will be Thursday, Sept. 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the Generations building, 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Those in vehicles are to drive to the double glass doors on the **west side** of the building and **stay in your car**. Your groceries will be loaded for you.

Those who are walking are to use the **east side** of the building. Volunteers will have your groceries pre-packed for you to pick up.

Call 507-283-4366 with questions. The event is sponsored by New Life Celebration Church.

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A former hatchery barn is now repurposed as a potting shed at Carol Ceynowa's Crow's Nest Farm in rural Luverne.

Art Walk at Crow's Nest/from 1

history. "They used beeswax and resin to fix their boats," she said. "And then they started adding pigment to it."

She said she enjoys the fact that she can create the entire product from the bottom up.

"You can cut the wood yourself, prepare the oil and wax yourself, and then layer it on the wood," she said.

The surface can have textures carved into it, and photographs can be burnished into it. Some of the byproducts of the process can be used for other art.

Ceynowa's needle felting has become a favorite medium as she continues to create endearing miniature creatures - both animals and fairies - from wool that she now grows on her farm.

Needle felting is the process of transforming wool into 3D objects using a barbed needle.

As the wool is felted, the fibers are agitated and bond together, creating a solid fabric.

Ceynowa's materials now come from wool she shears from her three alpacas, Buttercup, Giselle and Stardust, named for princesses in the movies, "Princess Bride," "Enchanted" and "Stardust."

The alpacas will be part of the draw next weekend at the Art Walk.

In addition to viewing and buying local art, visitors to the event can enjoy chickens and gardens and a pond (converted from an in-



At left, a colorful sunflower is depicted in one of Carol Ceynowa's textured oil paintings. She's pictured above in her tent booth that will join several other regional artists at the Sept. 19 Art Walk at her Crow's Nest Farm in rural Luverne.



ground pool that was lined with Sioux quartzite). Vendor booths will be spaced for social distancing, and

masks will be required for both artists and attendees. Ceynowa can be reached at ctceynowa@hotmail.com



Three alpacas, whose wool is harvested for needle felt art, will be part of the draw next weekend at the Art Walk. At right, a needle felt fairy dangles above lily pads in a pond at the Crow's Nest Farm.



County seeks input for hazard mitigation plan update

Tornadoes, straight-line winds, ice storms, blizzards, flooding, wildland fires and droughts are the kinds of natural disasters most likely to cause widespread economic loss and personal hardship in Rock County.

Taking steps to minimize the damage from a natural disaster is key to the county's multi-hazard mitigation plan (MHMP); and as the county works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The Rock County Office of Emergency Management is currently working with U-Spatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth to update the county's plan.

Also working on the update is a planning team of representatives from county departments, local municipalities, school districts and other key stakeholders such as utility providers.

The Rock County MHMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers Rock County, including the cities of Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Hills, Jasper, Kenneth, Luverne, Magnolia and Steen.

The Rock County MHMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts and other stakeholders participating in the plan.

"Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program," said Kyle Oldre, Rock County Emergency Management director.

"Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient. Hazard mitigation helps us to break the cycle of damage and repair caused by things like flooding, ice storms and severe wind events that can damage property, stress economies and threaten life safety in our county."

Examples of hazard mitigation actions include:

- improvement of roads and culverts that experience repetitive flooding.
- construction of safe rooms at campgrounds, public parks, mobile home parks or schools to protect lives in the event of tornadoes or severe wind

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Rupp hired as Star Herald sportswriter/continued from page 1

from Minnesota State University, Mankato, I moved out to the Pacific Northwest and eventually landed my first reporting job at the Western News in Libby, Montana," he said.

"Following that, I landed a job as the sports reporter for the Journal-Advocate in Sterling, Colorado, where I covered five high schools and a junior college."

After two years there, he joined the Marshall Independent as a sports reporter.

"Ultimately the opportunity to come back to the area where I grew up was too good to pass up," Rupp said.

"It was a lot of fun to be able to come back and work for a paper that used to cover me when I was playing prep sports. It was odd, yet

fun, interviewing my old basketball coach and middle school math teacher. ... I got to cover R-T-R going to state in football."

After a long-distance relationship with his now fiancée, Madison, Rupp said he made the difficult decision to leave Marshall to be with her.

"I was at The Marshall Independent for two years before moving to Sioux Falls to start my life with my fiancée," he said.

They were planning to be married earlier this year, but have postponed the wedding due to coronavirus distancing.

"She always gives me a hard time that our schedule is based off what sporting event is on TV. ... With the football season right around the corner, she knows that

on Sundays, if we have something to do, we'd better do it before noon," Rupp said.

"The combination of my love for sports and passion for writing makes sports reporting a dream job. I've had multiple stops along the way to get me to this point and I'm excited to get started here."

Rupp replaces Star Herald sportswriter John Rittenhouse, who retired after 35 years this spring when school sports shut down due to coronavirus closures.

General Manager Rick

Peterson said it was a blow losing Rittenhouse and three decades of experience, but he said new opportunities are on deck.

"I'm excited to have Brennen on board," Peterson said.

"He brings a solid mix of sports-writing experience along with a familiarity of Twitter and other social media sharing that will give the Star Herald a place at the table of online sports news."

Rupp can be reached at sportseditor@star-herald.com.

School buses/from page 1

routine than usual.

After each of the three routes, the buses and suburbans used to transport students are cleaned, with all touchable surfaces wiped down.

Elementary students attend classes in the building every day, but middle-high school students attend school every other day, half the

student body at a time, at least through Sept. 18.

Middle-high school students attend classes from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., which means an additional bus route.

Elementary school dismisses at 3 p.m. for a regular after-school route.

"We are trying to keep it 'business as is,'" Goemmel said.

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Time shifts focus from differences to what is held in common

Seventy-some years ago our grandparents would not have thought it was possible.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

We no longer see Germans and Norwegians and Dutchmen. We see friends, classmates and neighbors.

We were at a fundraiser for a community member who'd received a discouraging diagnosis. Standing in the shade, we reflected on who we were and from where we had come.

The Norwegian shared stories his mother told of German-occupied Norway. Her childhood memories included hiding in the house listening to the footsteps of Nazis passing through her street. She once explained that "curfew" meant people out after the designated time were shot dead and relatives were forbidden from picking up the bodies.

The Dutchman said his dad worked for the Dutch Underground Railroad — rescuing American pilots who had been shot down by the Germans. A family picture exists of his 13-year old dad and his brothers with a machine gun mounted on their bicycle.

I interviewed the Dutchman's father many years ago for this newspaper. I recall him saying, "I wasn't no Jew-lover, but wrong is wrong. You can't put people into cattle cars."

I represented Germany in this conversation. My great-uncles were the occupiers. They were young and foolish and thought they were on the right side of history. They were wrong.

But here we were 70-some years later — Germans, Norwegians and Dutch — standing in the shade at the local brewery, beers in

hand, gathering to support a family member and a friend who'd received a discouraging diagnosis.

Our forefathers would have thought it impossible. "A German and a Dutchman sharing a beer? I don't think so! A German putting a donation in the jar for a Norwegian? Ha!"

What changed in 70 years is our focus.

We all graduated from the same high school. We farm the same land. We worship the same God.

We no longer see Germans and Norwegians and Dutchmen. We see friends, classmates and neighbors.

I pray that as a nation we will begin using the same filter to see political affiliation, employment choices and skin color.

And I pray it doesn't take another 70 years.

School is now in session

Drive carefully in school zones and around school buses

Schools in Rock County resumed classes Tuesday, and that means student pedestrians will be crossing streets and driveways, and school buses will be present for pickups and drop-offs.

What that means for the rest of us, especially the motoring public, is that we need to be hyper-vigilant in school zones and in neighborhoods where student pedestrians and buses are present.

Further complicating school roadway safety is the fact that pandemic-related class schedules will require more frequent coming and going — and more reasons to drive carefully all the time.

In Luverne, for example, elementary students attend classes in the building every day, but middle-high school students attend school every other day, half the student body at a time, at least through Sept. 18.

Middle-high school students attend classes from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., which means an additional bus route. Elementary school releases at 3 p.m. for a regular after-school route. (See the front page story.)

Another factor to consider is that bus drivers are under particular pressure this school year because the Luverne district is short on regular drivers.

The district may rely on existing drivers to complete an extra route to

keep ridership in vehicles at half capacity, and drivers will have to sanitize seats and surfaces more frequently.

Students, bus drivers, teachers and student motorists are all in a less than normal school year start, and everyone has a lot on their minds and extra reasons to be distracted to and from school.

We hope they reach their destinations safely every day, no matter how many times a day or what the odd schedules may be.

And we hope the rest of our motoring public does our part to slow down and be alert for the extra school traffic and pedestrians.

Stop for school buses: It's the law

Minnesota state law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended.

Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.

Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus

on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

Motorists

Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

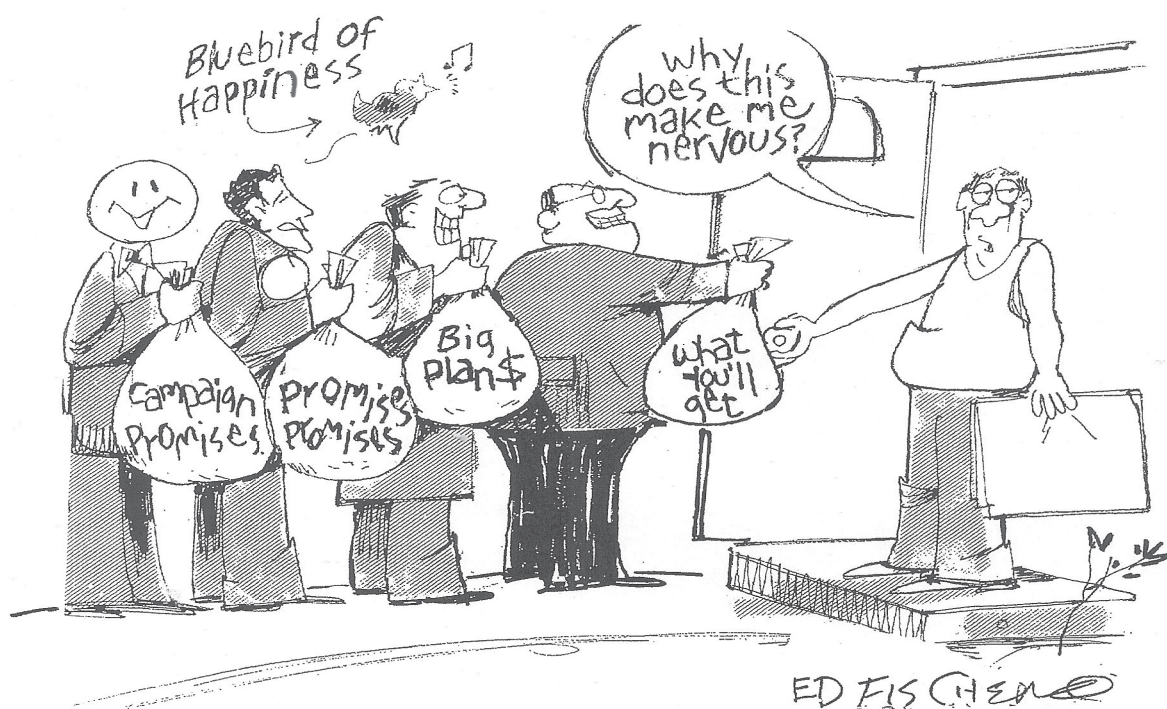
The best way to be aware of your surroundings at all times is to put the distractions away.

Students

When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.

Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.



Top: 'Join me in prayer. Let's storm heaven's gate'

To the Editor:

This is in response to last week's column, "How does one write a story with no happy ending?"

I'm asking the community to lift up Curt, Caroline, Dylan, Eric and Luke Thorson and their family in your prayers, asking for a miracle. We can change the world. We can change someone's circumstances through prayer. God wants to hear from us. Never give up hope.

God says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God." Philippians 4:6-7

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26

"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

"He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted." Job 5:9

Join me in prayer. Let's storm heaven's gate.

Dear Lord, Heavenly Father, pour down your blessings on Curt, Caroline, Dylan, Eric, Luke, family and friends. Give them hope and courage every day. Give them strength in their weakness and faith to drown out their fears. Comfort Curt in his pain. Bless him with

healing, perseverance and strength to tolerate treatment, and bless him with quality of life. Bless them emotionally and spiritually. Strengthen their family, friends and caregivers. Lay your healing hand on Curt and remove every cancer cell.

Nothing is impossible with Your power, Lord. Bless the doctors and nurses.

We trust in You, Lord. In Jesus' precious name. Amen

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24

Shirley Top, Luverne

We came together 19 years ago

If you are like me, the events of Sept. 11, 19 years ago, will be at the forefront of your thoughts Friday.

Officially the day is now called "Patriot Day" as a national observance to honor the memory of those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

It was first observed in 2002 after the proclamation by President George W. Bush.

In 2009, president Barack Obama rededicated it as "Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance." The day is not a legal holiday, however, so government offices, educational institutions and business do not close on this day.

On Patriot Day the national flag is flown at half-staff on all United States government buildings and establishments.

Private residents and businesses are encouraged to do so as well. The flag at our house will be at half-staff for sure.

A moment of silence is traditionally observed at 8:46 a.m., the time that the first tower was attacked.

So please take a moment on Friday and reflect back to that day



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, Tollefson Publishing general manager

and then remember those who lost their lives, those who were injured and those who died trying to rescue the victims.

Now, remember how we came together as a country. Wouldn't it be great if we could do that again?

Frakes: Founding Fathers were 'politically incorrect'

To the Editor:

I know you've seen the TV footage of all the Confederate statues being taken down or demolished as "politically incorrect." But did you ever think about which party was the "ruling party" when the statues were erected? I bet you could guess.

It's obvious that they are reformed now, and more obviously "politically correct." Certainly not hypocrites but "untouchables."

It's also obvious that our founding fathers were extremely "politically incorrect" and should be expunged from the record because

they would have been incapable of being reformed, unlike those future politicians who are now "hollier than thou," and certainly hollier than the founding fathers. With or without a mask.

Bill Frakes, Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 28
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported harassing communications.
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported fire extinguisher on the side of the road.
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue and W. Warren Street reported a revoked driver.
 •Possible impaired driver reported eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek.
 •Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant in Nobles County.

Aug. 29
 •Complainant on W. Main Street reported person refusing to leave.
 •Complainant on Main Street and Cottage Grove Avenue found a backpack.
 •Complainant on 8th Street E., Jasper, reported harassing communications.
 •Complainant on N. MacKenzie Street reported theft.
 •Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, reported burglary.
 •Trooper requested assistance from another county westbound on Interstate 90, between mile marker 13 and 14, Luverne.
 •Complainant on E. State Street, Magnolia, reported subjects outside yelling and swearing.

Aug. 30
 •Suspicious activity was reported on 211th Street, Hardwick.
 •Suspicious activity was reported on 210th Street, Kenneth.
 •Complainant on N. Donaldson Street reported property damage.
 •Complainant on N. Donaldson Street requested deputy for property pickup.
 •Complainant reported theft/civil issue.
 •Complainant on 211th Street, Hardwick, requested extra patrol in the area during the night.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about drugs.

Aug. 31
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson Street requested check on abandoned house.
 •Assistance from SFPD.
 •Complainant on 241st Street, Jasper, reported a ditch fire.
 •Complainant in Beaver Valley Cemetery, Beaver Creek, reported loitering and littering.
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported vehicle for driving conduct.

Sept. 1
 •Complainant on 20th Avenue, Valley Springs, reported an abandoned vehicle.
 •Complainant on S. Fairview Drive reported vehicle for parking.
 •Complainant on 40th Avenue and 41st Street, Hills, requested to meet with a deputy.
 •Complainant on 131st Street, Luverne, reported a stolen vehicle.
 •Department assisted in Lyon County, IA.
 •Complainant on 151st Street, Luverne, reported a trailer near location.

Sept. 2
 •Complainant in Sioux Falls reported stolen vehicle parked at location.
 •Request for assistance from another department on Park Avenue, Kenneth.
 •Suspicious activity was reported on 201st Street and 200th Avenue, Kenneth.
 •Abandoned vehicle was reported on 101st Street, Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant on Pine Drive requested extra patrol.
 •Complainant on E. Barck Avenue reported subject is disturbing the peace.
 •Abandoned vehicle was reported at location on County Road 17 and Highway 23, Beaver Creek.

Sept. 3
 •Deputy arrested subject on warrant at location on N. Oakley Street.
 •Complainant reported theft of license plates on E. Luverne Street.
 •Report of missing prescription drugs at location on S. Walnut Street.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported that his wallet was taken.
 •Trespassing issue was reported at location on W. Lincoln Street.
 •Report of car blocking traffic at location on County Road 4 and 74th Avenue, Beaver Creek.
 •Theft was reported at location on N. East Park Street.
 •Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a possible gas smell in the area.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accident, 6 escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 10 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 16 fingerprint requests, 1 burn permit, 1 gas drive-off, 3 alarms, 5 purchase and carry permits, 11 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 2 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photos/0910 City Center For Sale

Pictured through glass doors, the original gymnasium looks much like it did when the building was an elementary school.

City Centre Apartments for sale/continued from page 1

planned to convert each of the 37 apartments into condominium units. "I loved the way it turned out, but it is hard to do it from afar," he said. With no plans to move from his hometown, Schmid is first offering the building for sale to someone locally who will appreciate and further repurpose the building for housing. "A community member will do a better job than an outsider," Schmid said. The brick building that sits on an entire city block was constructed in 1926 as the "new" Luverne High School. It later became Luverne Elementary when the current middle-high school opened in 1956. The building was sold to a Sioux Falls development company in 2000, a year after the new (current) elementary school opened on the same campus as the middle-high school. The development company reconfigured about 30,000 square feet of classroom space into one- to three-bedroom apartments.



Dave Meyer, who oversees the grounds of the City Center Apartments, uses the former kitchen area of the elementary school as a maintenance office.

Lockers were removed from the hallways, which were carpeted, and the tall ceilings were left open, as they were when students roamed the halls. Each floor has a laundry room carved from former student

bathrooms with much of the character, such as the original pine classroom doors, kept as is. Keeping the building's original features appealed to Schmid. "You ended up with an extremely unique product that you can't duplicate," he said. Outside, the asphalt playground was replaced with an east side parking lot, a green area to the south and 25 garages on the building's west side. James Misino and his wife, Anne, moved into a two-bedroom apartment almost 10 years ago. The couple, whose apartment overlooks the Rock County Courthouse, said they like living in the building. James Misino said the building evokes nostalgia when he was a schoolboy growing up on the East Coast. "School brings back a lot of fine memories," he said. "It's been nice living in the building here." Schmid can be reached at 605-431-0865 or pschmid22@gmail.com.



James Misino (pictured above with his dog, Rocky) and his wife, Anne, have lived in the City Center Apartments for almost 10 years. Misino likes the large windows, high ceilings and other features reminiscent of the elementary school.

Luverne Community Education offers classes and opportunities

Four session **Yoga** class will meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 outside beginning **Sept. 14**. Fee is \$32.
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes designed for parents and children birth to age 5 begin meeting for Fall Session on **Sept. 15**.
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Lori Sorenson photos/0910 tractor ride

The 2020 Rock County Tractor Ride attracted 65 tractors that putted across the eastern side of the county Friday, from the Luverne City Park to Lismore and back. They're pictured here on the final leg east of Luverne traveling west on County Road 4.

Tractor ride participants enjoy country roads of Rock County

By Lori Sorenson

Sixty-five tractors of various colors, sizes and ages rolled across eastern Rock County Friday for this year's annual Tractor Ride.

Weather on Friday was a perfect, sunny 75 degrees, with blue skies and mild breezes.

Special to the 2020 event were white "facial" coverings tied in front of tractors to recognize the coronavirus pandemic.

Rodger Ossenfort, Ken Vos and Jerry Mann helped organize the event that last

year drew 90 tractors.

On Friday the group traveled to Lismore via back roads to and from the Luverne City Park, where the ride begins and ends.

To join, tractors must be able to travel 12 miles per hour, have no dual wheels and display a "slow moving vehicle" sign.

Social distancing was observed at the noon box lunch gathering at the Lismore City Park and at the ice cream social at the end of the ride at the Luverne City Park.



Cal Tinklenberg, Chandler, was among 65 tractor enthusiasts who participated in the 2020 Rock County Tractor Ride Sept. 4.

1877: Preparation for city of Beaver Creek begins

The following appeared in The Rose History in 1911.

Rock County Village continued from 9-3-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.

Beaver Creek

Hardly had the location of the site been announced in September when preparations were made by several persons to engage in business in the prospective town. Colonel Harrison White, who was destined to play such an important part in the history of the place, was one of the first. At the time he was employed as a clerk in the St. Paul office of the Sioux City & St. Paul Railway company and determined that he would engage in business in one of the new towns to be established along the road when built. In October, 1877, he shipped a carload of lumber for a store building from



BITS BY BETTY

**By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society**

St. Paul, which arrived before the road was completed to the town. It was brought by train to the farm of E. H. Bronson, one

mile east of the proposed town, and from that point was hauled by team. He set the stakes for his building on Thanksgiving day. Before Colonel White got his building underway, several others had put up buildings in the town and established business houses.

The first building was started late in October. It was a hotel by Charles Williams, and its dimensions were 26x52 feet, with 20 foot posts. It was not completed, however, until later. Several other business houses were established and buildings put up before the close of the year. The depot was erected and late in November J. L. Helm arrived on the site as agent; C. K. Howard erected a warehouse and W. H. Bryan began buying grain for him late in November; B. F. Roderick completed a warehouse, 22x50 feet, with a capacity of 10,000

bushels, early in December; George Henton erected a shop and engaged in the blacksmith business about the same time; Colonel White established the third grain warehouse; he received the first shipment over the road to the Beaver Creek — fifteen cars of lumber, — built a shed and established the first lumber yard, which was in charge of William Strong; W. H. Glass started a store building in which he later began business; a Mr. Myers opened a boarding house. These, so far as I am able to ascertain, constituted the activities in the little town up to the beginning of the year 1878.

During the winter and early spring months the activities in the little village

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Ed and Iva Elbers will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Greetings may be sent to them at 1113 Elm Cove; Luverne, MN 56156.

Ed Berning will celebrate his 90th birthday Thursday, Sept. 10. Greetings may be sent to him at 516 Tennessee Ave., Adrian, MN 56110.

Jessie Wenzel will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 201 Oak Drive, Apt. 316; Luverne, MN 56156.

Dorothy Texel celebrated her 99th birthday Tuesday, Sept. 8. Greetings may be sent to her at 5335 Stonehaven Dr., Apt. 101; Yorba Linda, CA 92887.

Harold and Toni Van Wyhe will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Greetings may be sent to them at 314 W. Main St.; Luverne, MN 56156.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Sept. 14: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, sliced peaches, cookie.

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, green peas, bar.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Compeer Financial, Pat Barnett.

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Beef tips, mashed potatoes, beets, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Thursday, Sept. 17: Fish, tator tots, carrots, dinner roll, sherbet.

Friday, Sept. 18: *National Cheeseburger Day!* Cheeseburger, potato salad, fresh fruit, bun, bar.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Midwest Fire among 50 Best Places to Work 2020

For the fourth time in six years Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company (Midwest Fire) was named one of 50 winners in Prairie Business Magazine's (Prairie Business) "50 Best Places to Work 2020" contest. This is the second time the company has received the award in back-to-back years.

"It's a huge honor to be featured among so many other successful businesses in our state, and even more so to be chosen a fourth time," said Midwest Fire's CEO Sarah Atchison.

"I attribute our success to our team. This is the best team we've had in place. At Midwest Fire everything from building the apparatus to delivery of the apparatus is a team effort."

Prairie Business Magazine holds this competition each year to reward and highlight the region's best places to work based solely on employee appeal and

nomination.

Midwest Fire also received this recognition in 2015, 2016 and 2019.

The award recognizes employee-nominated companies for exceptional benefits, work culture, general employee happiness and various other pull factors that retain employees.

The winners will be featured in the September issue of the publication.

Midwest Fire is a direct seller and manufacturer of custom fire apparatus and offers continued support to customers with maintenance and repairs. Employees work directly with fire departments across the country to customize and build state-of-the-art firefighting apparatus.

They were previously nominated for the 2018 and 2016 Minnesota Manufacturing Awards among several other honors in recent years.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•Luverne's Diane Sherwood is planning her eighth year of Remember Rally, the annual motorcycle benefit ride to honor 9-11 and military personnel.

The event will be Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning and ending at the Howling Dog Saloon in Luverne.

This year, a special feature for the ride is a 4-by-5-foot commemorative American flag donated by the South Dakota Patriot Guard.

In the red and white stripes, in small, distinct print, are the names of every person who died in the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001. The victims are listed alphabetically, so they're easy for survivors to locate amid the thousands of names.

Sherwood specifically notes that the flag was created with the names pre-printed on the fabric. ...

The Patriot Guard donated the Flag of Honor to the Remember Rally as an auction item to support Sherwood's cause.

25 years ago (1995)

•Every department in Rock County government has been asked to trim its budget to the very bare essentials in preparation for the 1996 Rock County budget.

Despite honest efforts by the departments to do this, Rock County Auditor Margaret Cook informed commissioners Tuesday that the 1996 budget, as submitted, is still about \$103,000 more than last year's. ...

This year's proposed budget is \$2,828,541, Oldre said. "That's after \$25,825 worth of cuts by the budget committee this morning," he said.

In 1995 the county levied \$2,724,940 in taxes. The difference between last year's levy and this year's budget is \$103,601.

50 years ago (1970)

•"It's going to be a cold winter," commented a Luverne city councilman Tuesday night, after bids were opened for this season's fuel oil needs.

Later in the evening, a request for an increase in natural gas rates seemed to confirm the councilman's prediction.

Of the four bid letters opened, two firms said they were not interested.

Low bid submitted was by Northwestern Refining Co. of 12.47 per gallon for No. 6 heavy fuel oil, subject to increases that might be imposed by the refiners, and any freight increases that might go into effect. Hicks Oil Co., Pipestone, said they would supply the needs up to Oct. 1 for 12.07 cents per gallon. After that, it would be 12.98 cents, subject to any price advances by supplies and any freight increases.

Last year, Hicks' bid was 8.6 cents per gallon. Richards Oil Co., Minneapolis, who received the contract on a low bid of 8.5 cents per gallon, did not bid this year.

No action was taken on the bids, pending consultation with engineers at the power plant.

A short time later, Jerry McGuire appeared to ask for a 6 1/2 percent rate increase for natural gas used at the plant. Action on the request was deferred to a later meeting.

Robert Carroll, of Rieke, Carroll, Muller and Associates, Hopkins consulting engineering firm, submitted a proposal to perform the preliminary engineering survey and make a report on what it will take to update the sewage treatment plant to meet Pollution Control Agency requirements, and to increase its capacity to meet projected future load increases.

The report, first step in what is expected to be a two-year project, will take about nine months to prepare, Carroll told

the council. Cost for the service would not exceed \$7,200 he said, and 75 percent of this amount would be applied to the basic engineering services which the company would provide if the council decided to go through with the project and employ them to perform the engineering for the job. No action was taken on the proposal.

75 years ago (1945)

•The Worthington Creamery and Produce plant of Luverne has been remodeled, and poultry processing equipment has been installed. At the present time, about 2,000 birds are being processed daily, but as soon as enough help can be secured, the capacity will be 5,000 birds per day. At present time, 60 Luverne people are employed at the Worthmore plant, in addition to those who are employed in the egg candling department, cold storage locker plant, direct farm route pick up service and the retail ice cream department.

100 years ago (1920)

•By the decision of the supreme court rendered August 27th, wherein Chapter 65 of the Laws of 1919 was declared constitutional, the right of a city council to order paving done in a city of the fourth class not governed by a home rule charter, without calling a special election, is clearly established.

This is the law under which the council of Luverne originally ordered the extensive paving program now contracted for, and had the supreme court rendered its decision earlier, the special election held August 26th would have been unnecessary. As the matter now stands, however, the council's actions are approved both by the supreme court and by a vote of the people of Luverne.

OBITUARIES

Dwight Lafrenz

Dwight Duane Lafrenz, 74, rural Luverne, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Dwight Lafrenz was born May 19, 1946, to Henry and Martha (Meins) Lafrenz in Luverne. He was raised on the family farm and attended school in Luverne. Following his graduation from Luverne High School, Dwight went to



work on the family farm and other nearby farms.

He married Diane Chipperfield. The couple divorced a short time later.

In addition to farming, Dwight also worked for a number of years skinning furs for Ralph Watts. He also did custom hay farm work for Bill

Reu and worked for a time at both Hanson Silo and I.B.P. In recent years Dwight battled various health ailments.

Dwight's passion in life was farming and simply living life. He enjoyed visiting with others. He was always willing

to help anyone out with whatever he could. He loved his dogs and often could be seen with them by his side.

Dwight is survived by his son, Mark Lafrenz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; his grandson, Caleb; his granddaughter, Oaklee; a sister, Elsie (Jerry) Wallace of Luverne; a brother, Don (Pat) Lafrenz of Luverne; four nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Martha Lafrenz.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0910 F)

Ethel Ossefoort

Ethel Marie Ossefoort, 95, Luverne, died peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Sept. 7, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was at St. Martin Catholic Cemetery in Woodstock.

Ethel Van Dam was born Sept. 28, 1924, to Nicholas and Catherine (Herwith) Van Dam II in Trent, South Dakota. She moved with her family to Dell Rapids, South Dakota, at age 2.

She attended St. Mary's Academy in Dell Rapids, where she was a boarding student from the first through fourth grades. Following school, she helped out at home and caring for her family.

On Jan. 14, 1948, she married Louis Ossefoort at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dell Rapids. They lived on the Ossefoort family farm near Woodstock. Ethel was a homemaker and mother to their



nine children. In 1987 they sold the farm to their son Bob and moved to Luverne. Ethel worked part time in the bakery at Kenny's Super Valu in Luverne from 1995 to 1998. Louis died on Feb. 10, 1998. Ethel continued to live in Luverne. She began working at Luverne Public Schools in 1998 in the lunchroom and became known as Grandma "O" by the students. She retired in May of 2010.

Ethel was an active member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Woodstock. She was currently a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and a member of Ladies Aid. She also volunteered as a quilter and cared for the church linens for 12 years.

She was a member of the Pink Ladies and the VFW Auxiliary, where she served as president for five years. She enjoyed gardening on the farm and caring for her flowers. She enjoyed her family and helping out wherever she could.

Ethel is survived by her children, Jean (Gary) Staeffler of Luverne, Gerald (DeAnn) Ossefoort of Fulda, Beverly (Tom) Martius of Luverne, Robert (Bonnie) Ossefoort of Woodstock, James Ossefoort of Grand Rapids, Joyce (Curt) Roos of Edgerton, Doug (Dawn) Ossefoort of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, David (Marjean) Ossefoort of Pipestone and Richard (Lynette) Ossefoort of Luverne; 27 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; five great-great-granddaughters; sister-in-law Joann Van Dam; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis; two grandsons, Kelly Staeffler and Steve Ossefoort; a great-granddaughter, Addyson Ossefoort; a daughter-in-law, Tammy Ossefoort; and four siblings, Nicholas Van Dam III, Gerald Van Dam, Helena Kriens and Joseph Van Dam.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0910 F)

Mary Buus

Mary A. Buus, 97, Luverne, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth.

A graveside service was Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Adrian Cemetery in Adrian.

Mary Boltjes was born on July 6, 1923, to John and Grace (Van Beest) Boltjes in rural Adrian.

Mary married Ray Buus on Jan. 6, 1943, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. They farmed in the Nobles County area most of their married lives. Mary was a housewife and mother and helped Ray with farm chores when she could. The couple



moved to Lismore after retiring from the farm, and Mary worked at the Lismore Bar. She moved to the Centennial Apartments in Luverne and just recently to Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

Mary was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. She enjoyed playing cards, cooking, baking pies, square dancing and collecting salt and pepper shakers.

She is survived by her two children, Judy (Bill) Miller, Luverne, and Rayola Bryan; three grandchildren, Vikki (Bruce) Johnson, Daniel (Cathy) Bryan and David (Brooke) Bryan; six great-

grandchildren; a brother, John (Essie) Boltjes, Worthington; a sister, Frances (Jerome) Erpelding, Adrian; a brother-in-law, Alvin Burning, Luverne; and a sister-in-law, Marian Boltjes, Ellsworth.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray, on Nov. 28, 1985; two granddaughters, Nicole Miller in 1972 and Julie Westberg in 1998; five brothers, Bill, Herman, Harm, Art and Hank Boltjes; six sisters, Jerina Bartholomous, Hattie Haken, Grace Schroeder, Minnie Henrichs, Gertrude Berning and Georgia Tiesler.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0910 F)



100 years of working with pizza

Lila Bauer (second from left), who has operated the Luverne Pizza Ranch for 27 years, recently shared this image of herself with three longtime employees to recognize their service. From left, Kevin Elbers is chief delivery driver and started at Pizza Ranch in 1994. Missy Merrill, guest services manager, and Lori DeBeer, primary chicken breeder, both started in 1996. "All of them make up a very important part of who we are at Pizza Ranch and live out our vision and mission," Bauer said. Combined, Bauer and these workers comprise a total of 100 years of working at Pizza Ranch.

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continued. Two other lumber yards were established during the winter. One was by a gentleman named Bates; the other was by the Van Eps interests of Sioux Falls and was in charge of Tom Diffendoff. Both were temporary and were moved away within a short time. Colonel White opened his general store in January and was followed the same month by C. K. Howard and W. H. Glass, who dealt in general merchandise, J. O. Bricton being in charge of Mr. Glass' store.⁵ Gullick Sundem, a Martin township homesteader, opened a harness repair shop in Colonel White's lumber office. Mr. Myers, who had conducted the first boarding house, left Beaver Creek and in the building left vacant K. Knudson opened a harness shop, later admitting Gullick Sundem as a partner. William Wilson built a small lean-to to the Glass store building, in which he opened

a hardware store as a branch to his Luverne business; in the same building Al Atchison opened a shoe repair shop. William Mead constructed a building on the north side of the track, in which he established the Beaver hotel. In the rear of this building was put up another blacksmith shop, which was conducted only a short time. The Williams hotel, the first structure begun on the site, was completed early in the year. Daniel Shell, of Worthington, operated a stage line between Beaver Creek and Sioux Falls and opened a livery barn, which was under the management of Leonard McClintock. Dr. W. T. Berry came early in 1878 and for a number of years practiced his profession. Besides these business houses put up, Colonel White erected a number of dwelling houses for his employees and a few other residences were erected. The postoffice was moved from

the country to the village in the spring of 1878 with C. R. Henton as postmaster.⁶

⁷The Glass store building is now the postoffice building and is the oldest one on the townsite.

⁸The Beaver Creek postoffice was established in June, 1873, at the home of Charles Williams, three-quarters of a mile east of the present village, and Mr. Williams was the first postmaster. He was succeeded by C. R. Henton, who served until March, 1880, when he was succeeded by John B. Obele. In February, 1890, James Marshall took the office and served a four year term. John B. Obele again became postmaster in February, 1894, and served until 1898. He was succeeded by L. B. Sage, who held the office only until the next year. Herman Ohs was postmaster from 1899 until his death ten years later. H. R. Ohs, his son, succeeded to the office in April, 1909, and is the present postmaster. Beaver Creek has one rural route, established in 1902.

The story of the village of Beaver Creek will continue in the Sept. 17 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 manmade@iu.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

Flom named to College of St. Benedict dean's list

Bergin Flom, Luverne, has been named to the Spring 2020 semester dean's list at the College of St. Benedict at St. Joseph. To be

eligible, students must earn a 3.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Bergin, a junior bio-

chemistry major, is the daughter of Michael and Phoebe Flom, Luverne.

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From left, Renee Guy, realtor 605-359-7515
Sherri Thompson, realtor 507-227-6830
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Fall sports seasons move to spring, athletes coaches respond/from page 1

athletes will be either competing or practicing under modified conditions this fall, not having football and volleyball games is definitely noticed by students, parents and fans.

Football players react

"We are so used to starting the year with football," said Cade Wenninger, an LHS senior football player.

"Especially us seniors, who have gone through three years of being the underclassmen. We are finally on top, but now we have to wait."

The current MSHSL plan is to offer football and volleyball seasons from mid-March until mid-May and traditional spring sports from mid-May until mid-July.

Wenninger and other LHS senior players gathered on Cardinal Field Friday afternoon for a photo and to discuss the delayed football season with the Star Herald.

"It's really hard not playing," said Zach Ahrendt. "I think they jumped too fast when they moved the season to spring; they didn't wait to see what things would be like now."

"And who knows if we'll be able to play in the spring. The weather can still be bad then. If we have winter weather, what then?"

A number of players also mentioned how teams in neighboring states have been allowed to start their football seasons on schedule.

"I know a lot of guys in Sioux Falls and in Iowa and they're all able to play now," said Bailey Cowell. "That makes it hard to see those boys playing and we can't."

Team members pointed out that the Cardinals were originally scheduled to play their first game of the season at Worthington that night.

"We're supposed to be taking it to Worthington playing the first game on their new turf," said LaShad Smith, referring to the recently completed major renovation of Trojan Field.

"We still can; we just have to wait for it," Cowell said.

Smith agreed. "This just gives us more time to work before spring," he said.

"At least they didn't cancel our season," Ethan Beyer said.



(Photo courtesy John Sichmeller)

Luverne High School senior football players pose on Cardinal Field Friday, Sept. 4, which would have been their opening game in Worthington. Instead, the team will have twelve practices in September and hope to play a shortened season in the spring due to current pandemic restrictions. Pictured are (from left) LaShad Smith, Ethan Teunissen, Riley Cowell, Carleton Oftedahl, Bailey Cowell, Cade Wenninger, Ethan Beyer, Peter Baustian, Justin Dohmann and Zach Ahrendt. Missing are Hunter Baker, Camron Kopp, Jayson Rops and Shaid Shearer.

Volleyball players react

Gracie Zewiske, a senior LHS volleyball player, is also looking toward a spring season.

"The first thing I thought of is how busy my spring is going to be," Zewiske said.

"I'll have the volleyball and track seasons and graduate all in a short time," she said.

"Everything will just go by so fast in the spring."

Like the football team, the volleyball team will also have three weeks of practice starting soon.

"It's good we get to practice in the fall, but it might feel like we are practicing for nothing when the season is so far away," Zewiske said. "It will definitely be hard to stay motivated when you have no games to win as your reward."

The change of sports seasons is impacting more than just the fall athletes.

The entire fall high school experience is being altered this year.

"Going to volleyball and football games is a big part of fall for a lot of students," said Lauren Ver Steeg, student council president at LHS.

"Especially as seniors, there are so many memories that come with competing in and watching fall sports," Ver Steeg said. "This is our last year to experience all of that and it's not going to be the same."

What about homecoming?

Ver Steeg pointed out that Homecoming is another one of those experiences that will be impacted by the MSHSL's decision to move football and volleyball.

"Student council has a part in planning Homecoming and, without football and volleyball games, we've had the question of whether we want to keep Homecoming in the fall or move it to the spring," Ver Steeg said. "And if we keep it in the fall,

what are we going to do to replace those games and events to keep Homecoming fun and interesting?" she said.

LHS officials plan to make a decision on Homecoming soon.

For now, the focus is providing as many activities for students as possible, for as long as possible, within state guidelines.

"We will be addressing issues as they arise during the school year and will be looking for solutions that will allow our students to participate in these co-curricular activities which are very important to their education," Oye said.

"Missing a fall sport that I have always played seems like something is missing at the start of my senior year," Zewiske said. "I just really hope the season is only delayed and not eventually canceled."

Wenninger said, "These are just not the circumstances we were expecting for our final year of high school."

Hazard plan/ from page 1

events.

- burying power lines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice or wind storms.
- ensuring timely emergency communication to the public through warning sirens and mass notification systems.
- conducting public awareness and education campaigns to help people to be prepared to take safe action before, during or following a hazard event.

Some mitigation activities may be eligible for future FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding.

As part of the planning process, Rock County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses from across the county to incorporate into the plan. For example:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- Have you experienced a previous disaster event?
- What concerns do you have, and what sorts of mitigation actions or projects do you feel would help to reduce the damages of potential future events for your personal property, your community, or the county as a whole?

Comments, concerns or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update process should be submitted to Rock County Emergency Management.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the planning process.

A draft of the plan will be posted on the county website for public review prior to submission of the plan to the state of Minnesota.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every five years to maintain eligibility for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants.

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Petersen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Decedent
Raymond M. Petersen
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)
Court File No. 67-PR-20-205

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 09/28/2020, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, via zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated November 19, 2012, and codicil(s) to the Will and separate writing(s) ("Will"), and for the appointment of Teri R. Gannon and Dana M. Holm, whose addresses are 2613 S. Lake Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 and 25891 484th Ave., Valley Springs, SD 57068, respectively as Ancillary Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the assets of the Estate in Minnesota including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings to be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: 8/28/2020

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
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/s/ Denise Brandel
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LHS continues early tennis season success with 6-1 win in Worthington

By Brennen Rupp

It was business as usual for the Luverne Cardinals on Thursday, Sept. 3, as they defeated the Worthington Trojans 6-1. With the victory, the Cardinals improved to 4-0 on the young season.

Luverne head coach Jon Beers said he hopes the strong start to the season will continue this week. The Cardinals will play St. James and Marshall before returning home Monday, Sept. 14, to take on the Marshall Tigers again.

"The girls played well," Beers said. "We will have a tough week coming up with St. James and Marshall. I feel we have a great chance to win those matches, but we will need to continue to play like we have and be confident."

In singles action Roz Oye won her match in straight sets. She won the first set 6-4 and the second set 6-3.

Elise Jarchow won her first set for the Cardinals 6-3. She then took the second set 6-2 to win the match.

Mia Wenzel won her match in straight sets. Wenzel took the first set 6-3 and won the second set 6-2.

The Cardinals posted a perfect 3-0 in doubles action, and Beers said they so far appear to win with little effort.

"The second and third doubles teams continue to play great together," he said. "They seem to make their matches look easy."

Solveig Tofteland suffered an injury this week that will force her to miss some matches. Due to that injury, Beers said that his team will have to shuffle up the lineup.

"Solveig has a stress fracture in her foot and will be out for these matches," he said. "We will have some changes to our lineup, but I think the girls will be ready."

LUPERNE SENIOR HIGH - 6, Worthington - 1,

Singles:

No. 1 - Roz Oye, LHS def. Kessey Aljets Worthington, 6-4, 6-3, -;

No. 2 - Elise Jarchow, LHS def. Marah Darling Worthington, 6-3, 6-2, -;

No. 3 - Ivy Jenson Worthington def Ainslie Robinson, LHS 2-6, 6-0, 6-3

No. 4 - Mia Wenzel, LHS def. Taya Oberloh Worthington, 6-3, 6-2 -;

Doubles:

No. 1 - Solveig Tofteland, LHS - Lauren Ver Steeg, LHS def. Madison Johnson Johnson Worthington - Bailew Newman, Worthington, 6-4, 6-2;

No. 2 - Olivia Wieneke, LHS - Jacey Smith, LHS. def. Madison Shaffer Worthington - Calah Riley Worthington, 6-2, 6-1 -;

No. 3 - Brynn Thier, LHS- Liz Kelm, LHS def. Stephanie Bauman, Worthington - Brooke Nordseth, Worthington, 6-0, 6-1, -;



Brennen Rupp photos/0910 cc feit

Brooklynn Ver Steeg (above) finished sixth during Luverne's home cross country meet on Friday, Sept. 4. Pictured below, Cardinal teammate Regan Feit takes part in the cross country meet staged on Luverne's course west of the school district campus.

Cardinal runners finish strong at first home meet

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals welcomed the Marshall and Windom cross country teams to Luverne on Friday, Sept. 4.

In their first home meet of the season, the Cardinals finished second on the girls' side and third on the boys' side of competition.

"We had some very nice improvements from last week," Luverne cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski said. "We are striving to get our racing legs back."

A week after taking home first place in Pipestone, Tenley Nelson was at it again. Nelson took home first place with a time of 20:56.90.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg finished sixth for the Cardinals with a time of 21:48.40. Ver Steeg just missed finishing inside the Top Five, as the fifth-place runner had a time of 21:47.30.

Jenna DeBates placed ninth with a time of 22:03.90. Grace Ingebretson finished 10th with a time of 22:21.70.

For the boys, Camden Janiszkeski finished in the Top Three with a third-place finish. Janiszkeski finished with a time of 18:31.30.

Griffen Jarchow crossed



the finish line with a time of 20:48.40 to take home 10th place. Pierce Cunningham finished four seconds behind Jarchow with a time of 20:52.60 to place 12th.

The Cardinals will be back at it on Thursday, Sept. 10, in Redwood Falls. Janiszkeski said the goal is to continue to

improve times.

"We continue to strive for excellence," he said. "We want to improve each day."

Varsity Girls

(1) Tenley Nelson 20:56.90
(6) Brooklynn Ver Steeg 21:48.40
(9) Jenna DeBates 22:03.90
(10) Grace Ingebretson 22:21.70
(11) Elizabeth Wagner 22:24.90

(12) Regan Feit 23:12.10
(14) Kayla Bloemendaal 23:51.70
(16) Tiana Lais 24:04.30

Varsity Boys

(3) Camden Janiszkeski 18:31.30
(10) Griffen Jarchow 20:48.40
(12) Pierce Cunningham 20:52.60
(19) Camden Hoven 22:16.60
(20) Ethan Rahm 23:24.60
(21) Carsen Tofteland 24:08.20
(22) Ryan Fick 24:14.90

Puppy love requires a few sleepless nights, but worth it

I recently welcomed home my new puppy Ghost, a 7-week-old black Labrador puppy who is the son of my oldest dog, Tracer. Many people told me how bad the first few weeks with a new puppy are, and they're not off base. A new puppy that has spent the past seven weeks with his brothers and sisters now has to find out what being all alone is like.

The reason that most puppies are picked up at the age of seven weeks is this is the time where they start their bonding processes. You want the new puppy to bond to you. If they are left in a pack setting for longer periods of time, they might start to bond to each other and this makes bonding to you more difficult.

So, what can you do to get through those first few weeks? I have, over the past 25 years in the dog business and with nine new puppy opportunities, come up with a few pointers that can help you make these first few weeks just a little easier.

Puppies usually need a potty break a few times each night for about the first 10-14 days. I give the little ones all the water they want until



about 7 p.m. After that

I try to put the water dish up and out of reach. This allows them to process this liquid intake and expel most of it before bedtime.

I was up two times the first night. One was at 1:30 and the other time about 5 a.m. Ghost whined and barked like all puppies will do when they are put in a small puppy cage for their first night alone. I took a T-shirt from the laundry that I had worked in the day before and put that in the cage with him. He can smell my sweat on the shirt, and this lets the puppy know that I am close by.

I put the cage on the floor next to the bed. When he whined, I would put my fingers through the cage door so he could smell and lick them. These two tricks will help calm then down and help them go to sleep. I kept my slippers and a leash

near the door so when I got up, I could easily take him outside without having to worry about stepping on something sharp or him running out of sight in the dark. He did his business both times in about 20 seconds and then all he wanted to do was play. He is cute and all, but the middle of the night is not the best playtime for Dad.

I made an investment years ago and purchased five separate puppy kennels. I keep one in my office, one in the bedroom, one in the living room and one in the truck. The last one I have at the little cabin at my wildlife property.

This allows me to take just the puppy without having to cart around a cage everywhere I go. He, like all puppies, will almost always be underfoot, and carrying the cage, holding the leash and my coffee cup or beer at the same time is an accident waiting to happen.

We had a client one time who accidentally stepped on their puppy's leg and broke it. Casting a 7-week-old Labrador puppy's back leg is no fun at all.

As you already know, they chew on everything. If they are chewing on your expensive shoes or another inappropriate item, you need to be able to take that away, give the command "no" and then give them something that is acceptable to chew on.

Don't give a puppy a rawhide bone. For that matter don't give any dog, puppy or adult a rawhide bone. Many are made in China and have been linked to dog poisonings. A Nyla bone or other synthetic substitute works the best and lasts the longest. They need to be big enough so the puppy cannot swallow any part of them.

Remember to soften their food, assuming you are using dry dog food before

you feed it to them. I soak my puppy's food in warm water for one hour before I feed him.

This assures you they won't choke by eating it too fast. It has not happened to me but one puppy customer that didn't heed this advice and his puppy choked to death on dry puppy food.

The first few weeks of night duty and house training do involve effort. Just remember that he/she will only be little, have great smelling puppy breath and look like bundles of soft cuddly happiness for a few months.

They will be a big dog for the next 10 years. Trace Atkins has a song, "You're Going to Miss This." It fits perfectly for these short two months. Ghost will be hunting before I know it, and then I will again miss that short but unforgettable first two months. Sleep tight.

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

THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

Jasmine Kalass places in Top Five at local track

By Brennen Rupp

A handful of local dirt-track racers took part in a race at Rock County Speedway on Aug. 29. Jasmine Kalass of Luverne took home fourth place.

Trevor Fluit of Kenneth took home sixth place. Greg Vande Velde of Luverne placed seventh.

Dean Baker of Luverne placed 10th. Evan Schettler of Adrian placed 13th.

Rock County Speedway Aug. 29

(4) Jasmine Kalass, Luverne
(6) Trevor Fluit, Kenneth
(7) Greg Vande Velde, Luverne
(11) Dean Baker, Luverne
(13) Evan Schettler, Adrian
(19) Jarod Leuthold, Ellsworth
(24) Eric Gaul, Luverne

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.stccl.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.stccl.org for more information.

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

We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 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

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.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

Thursday, Sept. 10: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturdays: In-person worship service in Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service—Rally Sunday and Blessing of the Quilts. Limited seating is available. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Wednesday, Sept. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation and Acolyte Orientation. 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

Sundays, 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. Friday, Sept. 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Wedding rehearsal for Heideman and Kanengieter wedding. Saturday, Sept. 12: Wedding Tannen Heideman. Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday School beings. 11:30 a.m. Patio Party. Tuesday, Sept. 15: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

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, 10:30 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. Tuesday, Sept. 1: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 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 services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30 a.m. 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. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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

Sundays, 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. Sunday, Sept. 13: Rally Sunday; Installation of teachers and helpers; BLCW Presentation. Special meeting following worship. 4-6 p.m. Drive-thru Communion. Wednesday, 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Trustee meeting. 6-7:30 p.m. 10th Grade first meeting with youth, parents and mentors.

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Free land ... a rare find!

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By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

*If you are
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Free land! Have you ever considered that, as a believer in Jesus Christ, you are a real estate agent for heaven?

The Bible speaks of heaven more than 500 times. Revelation 21 gives the most concise description of what is yet to come for all who are heaven bound. John is shown the glories of heaven and is told to write it down, for these words are "trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21 starts with John seeing a new heaven and a new earth, as well as a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. As he is watching this breath-taking vision, a loud voice from the throne says, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." (Rev 21:3).

John continues by saying everything hurtful is removed. Tears are wiped away, sorrow is gone, there will be no more crying and no more pain, physical or emotional, because God himself has made all things new. God does a makeover on earth, heaven and Jerusalem. Sin is completely removed; the effects of sin are gone and the ability to sin is removed. Perfection is present because we are dwelling with God and God is our God.

At this point Satan and all who fail to believe in Jesus will be cast into the "lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." (Rev 21:8) Satan and any of his companions will no longer have the ability, in any way, to present sin's temptations to the believer in Jesus Christ.

John describes the walls around Jerusalem as "a rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal." (Rev 21:11). The main street in the city is pure gold, so pure it is trans-

parent as glass. There will no need of the sun because the glory of God gives it light. There is a river of life "that flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month." (Rev 22:2)

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then you are a real estate agent offering the opportunity to live in such a wonderful environment for free. The cost to live there was paid by Christ when He died on the cross for your sins. You must believe that Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life," because no one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ.

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Please send resume and letter of application to
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cnaasz@southwestyouth.org

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EMPLOYMENT

Adrian School District is seeking a Payroll/HR Specialist beginning with the 2020-21 school year. The school district provides a competitive salary, and an opportunity to work in a great community. Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Additional coursework in accounting and payroll is beneficial. Please send a cover letter, resume, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to: Superintendent Schilling, Adrian Public School, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110 or email to District Secretary r.bullerman@isd511.net (9.3-9.19)

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Come work at Parkview Manor! Parkview Manor is currently hiring for the following positions: •FT Overnight Charge Nurse- 11 p.m.-7 a.m. •FT Evening shift C.N.A.- 3-11 p.m.-must work every other weekend •PT Day shift C.N.A.- must work every other weekend •Every other weekend- Day shift C.N.A. •PRN C.N.A.'s - various shifts •PT Cook- must work every other weekend •PRN dietary aide Please contact Suzanne at 507-967-2482 to set up an interview for the nursing department positions. Please contact Crystal at 507-967-2482 to set up an interview for the dietary department positions. (9.5-9.24)

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- Identify customer service opportunities and implement solutions
- Present a positive and professional image of Jaycox Implement in the presence of customers and community
- Follow all safety rules and regulations while performing work assignments
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Experience, Education, Skills and Knowledge:

- Associate's Degree, or 2 plus years of experience in the Agriculture or Construction Equipment business or related field
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- Excellent verbal and written communication skills along with a high level of computer literacy
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Starting hourly wage will be \$19.35 - \$20.92 per hour, DOQ. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For a job description and application, go to https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php or contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota at 507-283-5065 or by email at susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Please have applications submitted by September 25th, 2020.

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There's still time to respond and be counted in the 2020 Census

Haven't responded to the 2020 census?

There is still time and several ways in which residents can respond:

- Online - visit 2020Census.gov
- Phone - call 844-330-2020 - phone lines are open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Central - seven days a week
- If a census taker visits your home or calls

you, please answer their questions. To prevent the need for an in-person visit, respond by phone or online.

The Census Bureau is also sending emails to low-responding blocks. The email is sent from 2020Census.gov or subscription.census.gov. Please respond.

For non-English language

support: 2020Census.gov/languages.

What can households expect when a census taker visits?

In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents. This includes leaving notification of the attempted visit on the

door.

The notification will include reminder information on how to respond online, by paper or by phone. In addition, census workers may try to reach the household by phone to conduct the interview.

If they're unable to do an in-person interview with a resident of an occupied

housing unit, they will seek out proxy sources — a neighbor, a rental agent, a building manager or some other knowledgeable person familiar with the housing unit — to obtain as much basic information about the occupants as they can.

To confirm a census taker's identity, the residents in Minnesota may contact the Chicago Region Census

Center: 312-579-1500

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

Response rates for the 2020 Census are updated daily on an interactive map at 2020Census.gov/response-rates

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The Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in the following areas:

- Arts & Humanities •Community & Civic Affairs
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How to apply?

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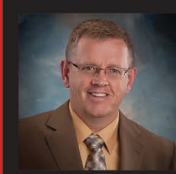
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A note from Mayor Patrick T. Baustian *We're All in This Together*



On behalf of the City of Luverne I would like to welcome the students, staff and administrators to the 2020-2021 school year. This school year will be unlike any year before and hopefully any year in the future. The Luverne School District including the school board, administration, staff, students and parents are all to be commended for their efforts to make this happen. There will no doubt be issues along the way as the school year progresses that will cause frustration and doubts in the decision-making process. We need to rise above the obstacles and come together to look for the joy, the memories and the accomplishments of our students. Please keep in mind and appreciate the dedication of our professional staff at all levels who devote their lives to educating our students while keeping them safe.



Luverne Middle/High School is planning on safely moving ahead with school activities which our students enjoy! It is important to remember that participating in these activities is voluntary. The Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Education and the MSHSL have developed guidance and requirements related to youth sports, use of school facilities and modifications of MSHSL activities designed to keep participants safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The high school Band, Cross Country teams and Girls Tennis started their seasons in August. Cross Country and Girls Tennis started competing against other Big South Conference schools, with a modified schedule, the week of August 24. All high school sports seasons will be modified/shortened and the schedules will try to keep participation against local/section schools.

Here is a list of some other changes during the time of COVID-19.

- Physicals are required every 3 years but this year, that has been extended a year as long as a student has a physical on record.
- No activity fees paid to LHS for activities 2020/21
- Middle School Football and Volleyball will start the first week of school (Intramural only-no travel)
- HS Football and Volleyball practice season 9/14 to 10/3 (allowed 12 practices)
- Spring sports practice season 10/5 to 10/24 (Baseball, Golf, Softball Tennis-boys, Track - allowed 12 practices)
- No visitors inside school facilities - no building rentals (MS VB will be streamed on NFHS)
- Fine Arts- virtual when possible
- Use of pods to limit contact groups
- Out of season sports and during practice season- No tryouts for school teams, No scrimmages outside of school, No jamborees • No competitions • No captain's practices
- No instruction or interaction that involves members of your high school program with individuals or students who are not members of your high school program and who are not students at your school

We will be addressing other issues as they arise during the school year and will be looking for solutions that will allow our students to participate in these co-curricular activities which are very important to their education. The time, effort and overall dedication to these activities are very important to students and teaches them life lessons that can not always be attained in the classroom.

-Todd Oye, Luverne Public Schools Activities Director



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

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