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A Guide for New Residents

2016-2017

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The City of Luverne Welcomes You

Welcome to Luverne, the city of wonderful people and many great opportunities. Luverne has many services, but we are best known for our friendly atmosphere and clean community. The citizens of Luverne take pride in everything their community has to offer. Friendliness and many fun activities make Luverne a wonderful place to live.

Being a new resident of any city can be a hectic time for everyone. We hope this guide eases the transition of moving and opens your eyes to what makes Luverne a great place to live.



Visit the City of Luverne online at:

<http://www.cityofluverne.org>

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History of Luverne



In 1867, the first mail route was mapped from Blue Earth, Minnesota, to Yankton, South Dakota. Philo Hawes, the man who first mapped Luverne, stopped at his regular camping grounds on the Blue Mounds. He discovered that better land lay more to the south. He then traveled to the present site of the Public Works Department in Luverne and built a stable large enough to hold six horses. This stable, which was created from poles and clay, was the very beginning of present day Luverne. Mr. and Mrs. Hawes named the city after their daughter, Luverne.



Downtown Luverne, Early 1900s

In 1871, the very first school was founded in Luverne. The first high school was established in July of 1883, and in 1888, two students finished the four-year study course, becoming the first graduating class of Luverne High School.



Parade on Main Street, Luverne



Downtown Luverne, 2015

On October 2, 1876, the first passenger train arrived in the village of Luverne. Today, the City of Luverne has a population of approximately 4,745 people, and is the county seat of Rock County. There are nine towns in Rock County: Hardwick, Kenneth, Magnolia, Beaver Creek, Hills, Steen, Ash Creek, Kanaranzi, and part of Jasper, which also lies in Pipestone County.

Federal & Local Government

The City of Luverne operates under a Council-Administrator form of government that is specified in the City Charter. The powers of the Council are policy setting and legislative in nature, along with appointing a City Administrator. The Mayor and Aldermen are elected for two-year and four-year terms respectively. Day to day management oversight is the responsibility of the City Administrator. The functional divisions consist of Administration, Finance, Public Works, and Public Utilities. Department Heads manage their respective areas of responsibility and work closely with the Administrator.



The City Council meets in regular sessions on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the city offices complex located at 305 East Luverne St. There is also a committee of the whole meeting on the third Tuesday of every month, also at 5:00 p.m.

In 2007, city offices changed location from Main Street Luverne to 305 East Luverne St., to what was the old hospital. It was remodeled and provides much additional space. City Offices occupy the eastern wing of the building, and the western wing is occupied by Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

City Offices
-
305 E Luverne St.
P.O. Box 659
-
(507) 449-2388
-
Fax: (507) 449-5034

Federal, State, and Local Officials

Your representatives in the federal, state, and local levels:

Federal Officials



Al Franken

U.S. Senate

309 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510

(202) 224-5641

www.franken.senate.gov/?p=contact



Amy Klobuchar

U.S. Senate

302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510

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www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/contact-amy



Tim Walz
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State Officials



Joe Schomacker
 MN District 22A Representative
 509 State Office Building
 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155
 (651) 296-5505 or (888) 727-6307
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Rock County Board of Commissioners

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 Kenneth Hoime
 (507) 442-4913
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District 3
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District 2
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District 4
 Sherri Thompson
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District 5
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City Elected Officials



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Alderman, North Ward- Caroline Thorson
(Term: Jan. 2015-2018)
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Email: caroline.thorson@gmail.com
Address: 508 Almar St.



Alderman, North Ward- Esther Spease Frakes
(Term: Jan. 2013-2016)
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Email: dales2@iw.net
Address: 201 Cashin Dr.



Alderman, South Ward- Kevin P. Aaker
(Term: Aug. 2015-2018)
Phone: (507) 283-8711
Email: luverne@iw.net
Address: 505 N Cottage Grove



Alderman, South Ward- Eugene Marshall
(Term: Jan. 2015-2016)
Phone: (507) 283-4192
Email: eommarshall@gmail.com
Address: 409 W Bishop St.

Voting & Elections

City of Luverne primary and general elections are held in conjunction with the State of Minnesota's primary and general election in each even-numbered year. The City's election headquarters is located at the Luverne City Offices.

Election Calendar

- Precinct Caucuses – Minnesota Secretary of State's Website
- Primary Election – the second Tuesday in August in each even-numbered year

- General Election – the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November each even-numbered year.

If you have questions, please contact City Clerk Jessica Mead at jmead@cityofluverne.org or at (507) 449-9898.

Voter Registration

The Minnesota Secretary of State’s website now allows you to verify if you are currently registered to vote at your present address. To check your voter registration status, go to <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>.

Voter Precincts

To view the Luverne Voting Precinct Map, click [HERE](#).

For a poll finder, click [HERE](#).

Election Judges

Judges ensure that the voting process goes smoothly and honestly. Serving as an election judge is a great way to meet your neighbors and protect one of our most cherished freedoms – the right to vote.

What are election judges?

Election judges are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the voting place on Election Day. Election judges help guarantee that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Become a member of this proud team working to guarantee the election process is fair and in accordance with our laws.

What do election judges do?

- Set up for 7 a.m. opening of polls
- Monitor precinct ballot counter
- Sign in voters
- Distribute and collect ballots
- Help voters requiring assistance
- Record and certify vote totals
- Register new voters
- Process Absentee Ballots

Who is eligible?

To be an election judge you must:

- Be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota

- Be able to read, write, and speak English
- Be appointed by the City Council
- Attend a required training session
- Declare your party affiliation (state law requires this to make sure that no more than half of election judges at a polling place are from any one party)

The following are not eligible:

- A spouse, parent, child, or sibling of another election judge at the same polling place
- A candidate in the election

How much time does it take?

You may be assigned to the primary, the general, or both elections. The majority of shifts are for the full day (6 a.m. until the closing of the polls and end of day tabulation). Some half day shifts are also available.

Will I be paid? Can I take time off work?

State law allows for time off from work without loss of wages to serve as an election judge with 20 days prior written notice to the employer. Luverne’s election judges are paid \$10 per hour for training and on Election Day.

How do I become an election judge?

Complete the application form and return to:

Jessica Mead
 City of Luverne
 P.O. Box 659
 Luverne, MN 56156

Or by e-mail to: jmead@cityofluverne.org

Political Parties

If you are interested in getting involved with the following political parties or want any information please feel free to contact the following party leaders:

(Democratic-Farmer-Labor)
 Dale Moerke
 500 W Hatting St.
 Luverne, MN 56156
 Home: (507) 283-2016

(Republican)
 William Weber
 704 Traveling Hail Circle
 Luverne, MN 56156
 Office: (507) 283-2391
 Home: (507) 283-244

City Staff

For Utility Billing Questions and Moving In / Moving Out Information contact:

(507) 449-2388

Or

Email: rwessels@cityofluverne.org

City of Luverne
305 E Luverne St.
P.O. Box 659
Luverne, MN 56156

Ph. (507) 449-2388

Fax (507) 449-5034

Office Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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City Clerk- Jessica Mead

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Electric Superintendent- Rick Hoftiezer

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City Attorney- Ben Vander Kooi

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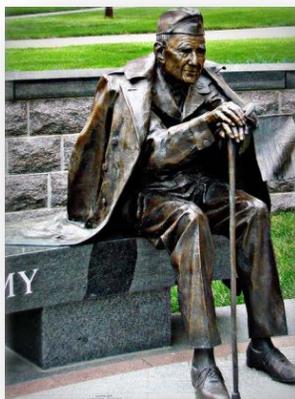
Rock County Courthouse

The Rock County Courthouse was built in 1888 and underwent renovation in October of 1987 through October of 1988. It follows the Richardsonian Romanesque style, popular in late 19th-century America for churches, railway stations and other public buildings. This style is characterized by deep entrance arches, groupings of windows, and various types and textures of masonry. Constructed of local materials such as red Sioux quartzite from the Hinkly Quarry and buff Kasota stone, the Courthouse features a corner tower that serves as the building's main entrance, a gazebo-like observation deck, and cannon out front. The cannon dates back to 1896 where it was a siege gun at Boston Harbor and was later donated by the Grand Army of the Republic. You can also find a pioneer memorial to the west of the courthouse which remembers "those who blazed the trail for those who followed."



The ground floor of the Courthouse holds the Veteran's Service Center and the County Administrator's office. The main floor houses the Auditor-Treasurer Offices as well as the Deputy Registrar and Land Records office. The Court System and Judge's Chambers are found on the second floor and the final or third floor is occupied by the law library.

In 2007, a memorial honoring the Rock County Veterans was added. It is located on the front lawn of the Rock County Courthouse. The structure of the memorial consists of a life sized veteran in uniform made of bronze who sits on a granite bench. There are five benches, each facing a point of a 24-foot star. The center has a five sided obelisk with the names of the veterans who died while serving their country. The memorial is a gift from Warren Herreid II and his wife, Jeannine Rivet.



*Rock County Courthouse
204 E Brown St.
Open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Closed Holidays)*

Community Safety

Rock County Law Enforcement Center

In 2006-2007 Rock County built a new Law Enforcement Center, due to the need of a bigger and more updated facility. The 911 emergency systems have been in operation in Rock County since 1986, but were later enhanced in June of 1989. In 2005 new maps were made. This new system has been extremely effective in supporting response time to emergency calls. In an emergency, dialing “911” will automatically route your call to the Police and Fire Dispatch Center that serves the area from which you are calling. The telephone number and address of the location from which you are calling is automatically displayed on a screen in the Dispatch Center, which helps the dispatcher provide a quicker response to your call.



The 911 emergency systems can include more than the actual rescue. It is possible to create a file on yourself and/or your family for use during an emergency. Included in this file are: number of occupants in the home, number and location of bedrooms, who to contact in case of an emergency, and existing medical problems. The file may include anything that you think may be helpful in a time of an emergency. It is strongly suggested that new residents make a file for themselves or their families. **The 911 emergency systems are for emergency use only!** In non-life threatening situations, please contact the Law Enforcement Department at (507) 283-5000.

For more information, go to the [Rocky County Sheriff's Office Facebook page](#).

Get Trusted Alerts from the Rock County Sheriff's Office or City of Luverne by texting “56156” to 888777. You will then be signed up to receive a text from the RCSO when an alert is sent out. You can also go to www.nixle.com to sign up for email alerts as well. If you have questions, you can contact Sheriff Evan Verbrugge at (507) 283-5000.

Fire Department

The Luverne Fire Department is a volunteer organization consisting of 37 volunteers. The equipment system consists of 3 pumper trucks, 2 rural trucks, a rescue unit, a Luverne parade truck, 2 one ton pickups – one for grass fires and a rescue pickup. Also, the fire department has 2 trailers, a 12 foot aluminum boat, and one is a water loader. The Luverne Fire Department also offers the only hazardous-materials services in Rock County.



The Fire Hall was expanded in 2007. The building was 40 years old and more room was needed. Parking was added for 8 more trucks, so all the equipment no longer had to be kept in different places throughout the city due to lack of space.

The Fire Department is located at 213 E Lincoln St. The non-emergency telephone number is (507) 449-5039. **In case of fire, call 911.**

D.A.R.E. – Drug Abuse Resistance Education

D.A.R.E. is an effort by law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and communities to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth. The program is organized into seventeen 45-60 minute lessons to be taught by a law enforcement officer to 5th graders. A classroom teacher then extends the lessons taught and combines them into the daily classes. D.A.R.E. offers a variety of cooperative learning and group participation activities which are designed to encourage students to solve problems in a healthy way. An important element of D.A.R.E is the use of student leaders, who do not use drugs. These student leaders are positive role models who influence younger students.



Health and Wellness

Sanford Luverne Medical Center

“Dedicated to the work of healing”

Hospital: (507) 283-2321

Clinic: (507) 283-4476

Sanford Luverne Medical Center, located at 1600 N Kniss Ave., is a 25-bed hospital that provides inpatient acute medical and surgical, critical, obstetrical, swing bed, and hospice care. The new facility, built in July of 2005, was designed for patient convenience, comfort, and privacy. Several spacious areas accommodate a growing number of outpatients for same day surgery, rehab services (physical, occupational, speech, and massage therapy), chemotherapy, cardiac rehab, radiology services (x-rays, mammograms, ultrasounds, CT scans, MRIs, nuclear imaging, and bone scans), laboratory, respiratory care, hospice, and outpatient chemical dependency services.

The hospital/clinic currently employs approximately 200 employees, 9 family physicians, a CNP, and one full-time surgeon from the Sanford Clinic Luverne. The clinic also has consulting

physicians in oncology, urology, orthopedics, cardiology, and vascular services who hold office visits on a regular basis. An OB/GYN is also on staff.

For more information, go to <http://www.sanfordluverne.org/>.



Pharmacies

Luverne currently has two pharmacies:

Lewis Drug
Mike Carbonneau
202 S Kniss Ave.
(507) 283-9549
Hours:
Monday–Friday: 8a.m. - 7p.m.
Saturday: 9a.m. - 5p.m.
Sunday: 9a.m. - 1p.m.

Shopko Pharmacy
Dave Lawer
405 W Interstate Dr.
(507) 283-2156
Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9a.m. - 7p.m.
Saturday: 9a.m. - 3p.m.
Sunday & Holidays - Closed

Dentists

Luverne currently has one practicing dentist office. Luverne also has one orthodontist, Kevin D. Horner. Dr. Horner’s main office is in Sioux Falls, but he visits Luverne Family Dental every three weeks on Wednesdays.

Luverne Family Dental
Rebecca Vis, DDS
115 E Main St.
(507) 283-9129

Chiropractors

Luverne currently has two chiropractic centers:

Luverne Health & Wellness Center
Dr. Codie Zeutenhorst
109 S Freeman Ave.
(507) 449-4400

Rock Country Chiropractic Center
Dr. Michael Smith
103 E Main St.
(507) 283-2561

Optometrists

Luverne currently has one eye clinic:

Rock County Eye Clinic
Dr. Sandra Carman
102 N Freeman Ave
(507) 283-2345

Luverne Hospice Cottage

Hospice of Sanford Luverne Medical Center provides quality, compassionate end-of-life care for terminally ill people. Hospice care focuses on quality of life, comfort and dignity for patients and their families. Hospice includes physician services provided by the patient's own physician, and nursing visits are as often as needed to monitor and support the patient's medical care, pain control, and symptom management. A nurse is on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week. A Social Worker and Spiritual Care are also provided.

The Cottage features four private patient bedrooms with a half bath, 24 hour hospice care by certified staff, whirlpool bath and personal care service, home cooked meals and laundry service, front porch with wicker furniture, and a backyard flower garden with benches and Memorial Pathway.



217 N Oakley St.

For more information, call (507) 283-1805.

Southwestern Mental Health Center

The Southwestern Mental Health Center is a center that provides various services to those in need of assistance. For more information call (507) 283-9511 or visit at 117 S Spring St. **The 24-hour emergency number is 1-800-642-1525.**

Services that are provided are:

Community Services

Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health
Transitional living counseling/Therapy

Chemical Dependency Treatment

Relapse Prevention Treatment

Counseling/Therapy

Individual Therapy
Marriage and Family counseling
Evaluation and Assessments
Support/Therapy Groups
Employer Assistance Program

Residential Treatment

Unity House

Crisis Hotline

24-Hour Hotline (TDD Line)
Toll Free 1-800-642-1525
Walk-In Crisis Intervention

Outreach

Speakers Bureau
In-service Training
Consultation Service

Luverne Area Aquatics & Fitness

The Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness center is open year round and offers many activities for all ages. Renovated in 1992, this indoor facility features an Olympic sized swimming pool with one diving board, two tube slides in the deep end, a frog slide in the shallow end, and a duck slide in the wading pool. Also, enjoy a separate whirlpool that is kept at a very therapeutic 102 degrees. Three fitness rooms cater to each individual's preference to enjoy free weights, universal weight machines, and a wide gamut of cardiovascular equipment. Three tanning rooms round out the facility.



The pool itself has 7 lanes ranging from 3.5 feet to 5.0 feet for three quarters of its length with the final quarter at 12 feet.

802 N Blue Mound Ave.
(507) 449-5036
luvernerec@iw.net

Younger children love the warmer wading pool. There are many water activities to choose from: lap swimming, water walking, senior swim, and water aerobics classes for all levels of fitness and swimming abilities. Choose from the following water aerobics classes: toning, walking, strength training, cardiovascular, water "dance" class, or a combination. There is something for everyone. Swimming lessons are offered year round for any and all ages.

If you are looking to stay dry, we have options for you. We have free weights ranging from 1 pound to 100 pounds. Choose any muscle group to work with when you enter the universal weight machine room. The Cardiovascular room boasts many updated treadmills, ellipticals, new steps, recumbent and upright bikes, and an adaptive motion trainer. Never miss your favorite TV show while working out with our broadcast vision TV's. We also offer land aerobic classes: senior weight training, muscular strength range of motion, and the ever popular Zumba class. You are able to use your own workout DVD or use one of ours, in a room with a TV and DVD player.



Join us for a day or a year - there are daily admission prices, monthly memberships or yearly memberships.

For more information check out [Luverne Area Aquatics & Fitness on Facebook.](#)

Power Fitness

Luverne Power Fitness is a relatively new fitness establishment in Luverne. Power Fitness is open 24/7 for members and 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday for walk-ins.

Offering various exercise methods, this gym is well known for their variety. Power Fitness features cardio equipment, free weight training, circuit strength equipment, aerobics room, and tanning. Yoga and boxing classes are available as well. Along with dance classes offered through Power Fitness for ages 3-12+ on Mondays and Tuesdays. These classes are in all styles of dance.



205 E Main St.
(507) 449-7348
For more on dance classes:
(605) 582-5678

City Parks



East end of Main St.

The City of Luverne claims one of the finest park systems in the state. Throughout the city there are numerous pocket parks with playground equipment and picnic tables. Two larger parks are located on the East side of town, just across from the Rock River. Altogether, Luverne has over 60 acres of land set aside for public recreation.

The Luverne City Park is a beautiful wooded area that boasts several playground areas with new, brightly colored equipment, an enclosed shelter with water and electricity, 2 open picnic shelters, a softball diamond, volleyball courts, and a full basketball court. Picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park and a restroom facility is centrally located. Tennis courts, a skate park, and the main baseball diamond (“Redbird Field”) are located on the west end of City Park and across the Rock River. Also to the North of the City Park across Main Street is Riverside Park. It features two softball diamonds and playground equipment for children.



Veterans Memorial Park lies on the north side of Luverne nestled in the neighborhood behind the Minnesota Veterans Home. This park features well maintained landscape and lawns, a man-made fishing pond, ramped sidewalks providing easy accessibility, a picnic shelter, and a playground with a variety of fun equipment.



In addition to these parks, the City of Luverne also maintains 10 other neighborhood parks: Tonto, Evergreen, Prairie Moon, Longhorn, Sitting Bull, Hawkinson, Kolbert, Moccasin, Rotary, and Buffalo Bill. These parks usually open in the first week of May, depending on the weather. In early June, Arts in the Park is held in the City Park as part of Buffalo Days. This activity kicks off the park season.

Schoneman County Park

In addition to the beautiful parks within the city, just south of Luverne on Highway 75 you will find Schoneman County Park. There are picnic areas, fishing, and nature walks around this area. Recently, the park has become home to a large flock of Canadian geese that return annually to the area to nest.

Blue Mounds State Park

The Blue Mounds State Park is full of natural wonders. To start, the park is home to a Sioux quartzite cliff, rising 100 feet from the plains. The park is also home to a bison herd that grazes on the prairie. Other wildlife includes a small population of coyotes and a stable deer population. Bird watchers can catch glimpses of several western species as well as the birds of the prairie. Prickly pear cactus blooms in June and July. A sea of prairie grasses and flowers sway in the wind. The park includes a main campground with 73 campsites as well as 13 walk-in campsites on location. You can also walk on many of the beautiful hiking paths or go swimming at the beach area. Other activities include nature walks, interpretive center tours, and Buffalo visitations.



The Interpretive Center of the park was formerly the home of novelist Frederick Manfred who wrote over 30 novels while he lived in the area. It was later used as a nature, souvenir, and gift shop as well as for a display center for various activities and objects from the park.

*1410 161st Street
Phone: (507) 283-6050
Fax: (507) 283-1306
Camping Reservations:
1-866-85PARKS*

Bluemounds.statepark@state.mn

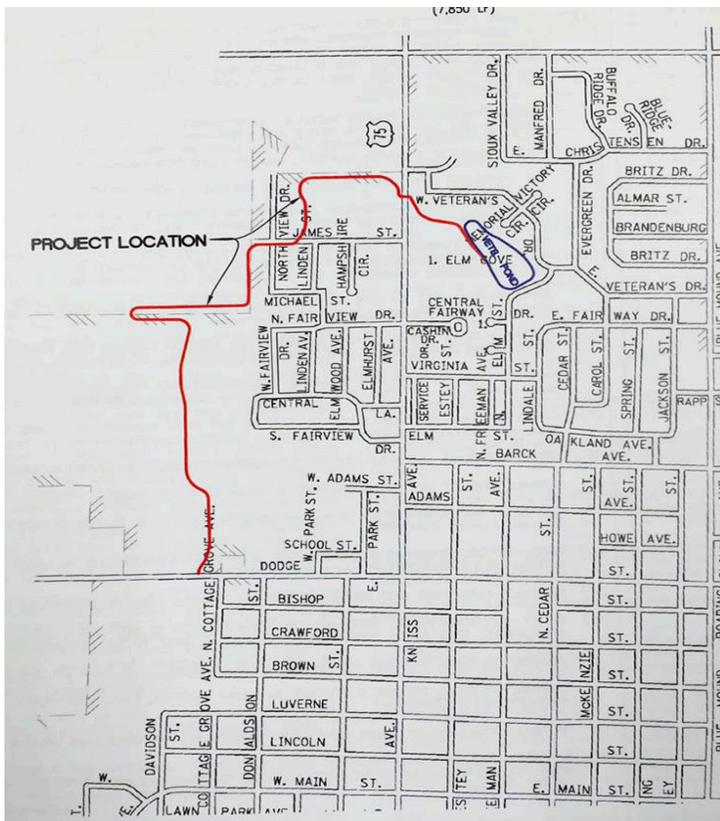
Blue Mound Bike Trail

Rock County has completed the construction of a paved bike trail. The trail starts on Blue Mound Avenue and continues north going out of town, wrapping around the Blue Mound State Park and the Quarry. This very scenic trail has a distance of approximately 6 miles and is a great spot for biking, skating, jogging, or walking. The County continues to add more and more to the bike trail. They have just recently added 166 new trees to the path along the trail that runs along Blue Mound Avenue.



Luverne Loop

There is going to be a new trail coming to Luverne soon. This new hiking and biking trail will be on the outskirts of Luverne and will be about six miles long. It will connect many of Luverne's beautiful points of interest. The following points of interest will be connected by the Luverne Loop:



- Veterans Memorial Park & Pond
- Kolbert Park
- Luverne City Park
- Tonto Park
- Blue Mound Trail
- Hawkinson Park
- Luverne Public Schools
- Ball Diamond
- Sanford Hospital
- Healing Garden
- Creamery Pond
- Blue Mound Ice Arena
- Rock County Fairgrounds
- Rock River
- Redbird Field
- Hwy 75 King of Trails Scenic Byway

Phase I of the Luverne Loop will be completed by June 30, 2016!

For more information on Luverne Loop, go to the <http://www.cityofluverne.org> website.

Assisted Living/Nursing Home Facilities/Special Housing

Good Samaritan Society – Luverne

“In Christ’s Love, Everyone is Someone”

The Mary Jane Brown Home, operated by the Good Samaritan Society, is a seventy-bed intermediate care facility for the elderly. This facility is Medicare certified. The staff provides 24-hour nursing services by trained and licensed nurses, dietary services, housekeeping, laundry, speech, occupational and physical therapies, social services, and activity programs for all residents according to their needs. A congregate care facility is also a service associated with the Good Samaritan Society.



110 S Walnut Ave.
(507) 283-2375

Congregate Care: The Oaks

In December of 1997, the Mary Jane Brown Home extended its services and opened The Oaks. Across the street from its health care facility, The Oaks provides 28 spacious one and two-bedroom senior living apartments. Housekeeping, linen laundry, scheduled transportation and noon meal service are just a few of the amenities included in the monthly rental fee. Spacious, beautiful grounds surround the apartments, where people live independently. Common areas provide community dining, lounge space, a library, activity room, beauty salon, exercise room, and laundry facilities. Residents of The Oaks may participate in scheduled programs, activities and outings as they desire. Someone is on staff during the day but 24-hour care is not provided. Individual apartments and beautiful rooms provide a relaxing and maintenance-free retirement.



201 Oak Drive
(507) 283-1996

Assisted Living: Poplar Creek

Poplar Creek is a 24 unit apartment complex that gives residents independent living as well as more help than they would get on their own. The new building is directly connected to The Oaks. Assisted Living provides its residents with 24-hour supervision along with medication assistance, and 3 meals a day. This was created for residents who needed more than what The Oaks provided but did not need the full nursing home care of the Mary Jane Brown Home. The beautiful apartments will provide a relaxing assisted living environment.

To contact, call (507) 283-2375.

Minnesota Veterans Home

The Vets Home provides skilled nursing care for honorably discharged veterans (or spouses of veterans) that entered the service from Minnesota or are residents of Minnesota. This facility in Luverne is equipped with 85 nursing care beds and provides services such as: an Attending Physician, Medical Director, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Annual Dental Exam, Laundry, Housekeeping, Recreation, Dietary Services, Nursing Services, Social Work, and Transportation to Appointments, Medications, Medical Supplies, and Chaplain Services. In May of 2008, the Vet's Home finished an expansion of their Alzheimer's unit. They added a 3-car garage and a 1,500 square foot day room complete with a kitchenette, activity room, fireplace, and a big screen TV.



1300 N Kniss Ave.
P.O. Box 539
(507) 283-1100

For more information, go to <http://mn.gov/mdva/homes/luverne/>.

Mentally and Physically Handicapped Facilities

“Luverne Community Residential Facility” and the “Luverne Community Living Alternatives Facility” provide the mentally and physically handicapped housing facilities. There are currently 7 houses in Luverne. RAI is the only one that is state certified. The other five are named after their address, Oakley, Fairway, Jackson, Walnut, Pine, and Christensen. For additional details, call Ginger at H.S.I. (507) 283-1859 or stop in at 123 W Main St. Rock County Opportunities also is a licensed day trainer and habilitation provider.

For more information, contact RCO at (507)283-4582.

Housing

- Luverne has four low income housing opportunities for families and individuals.
 - Rock Creek Town Homes, (507) 283-4746 or <http://lloydmanagementinc.com>
 - Blue Mound Tower, (507) 283-4922 or luvernehra@iw.net
 - Stone Creek Town Homes, (507) 283-4793 or <http://lloydmanagementinc.com>
 - Centennial Apartments, (507) 283-2652 or <http://lloydmanagementinc.com>
- Housing information may be obtained from the following real estate agents:
 - Cragoe Real Estate 203, E Main St., (507) 283-2647 or info@cragoe.com
 - Real Estate Retrievers, 904 S Kniss Ave., (507) 283-4216 or www.realestateretrievers.com.
 - Jensen Management Service Inc. Real Estate, 111 N Cedar St., (507) 283-2391 or <http://jmsi.net>.

Special Services

Southwest Health & Human Services

The Southwest Health and Human Services mission is to bring people together to create healthy families for a better community. They offer their services to all citizens, individuals and groups. Some of their services include: home health care, disease prevention and control, family health, environmental health, emergency medical service coordination, and health promotion. Their excellent staff includes nurses, health educators, and a public health sanitarian. They perform family visits and will answer any questions in relation to family and child problems. Services designed specifically for the family include WIC (Women, Infants and Children), CTC (Child and Teen Checkups), EIP (Early Intervention Program), immunizations, and much more. Public Health is a service targeted for the families in our community.

For more information, visit www.swmhhs.com.

The Southwest Health and Human Services have greatly improved in identifying, developing, implementing and evaluating services to meet the changing needs of Rock County citizens and our society. Their services include adoption, foster care, day care, elderly services, protection for vulnerable children and adults, chemical dependency services, services for developmentally disabled persons, services for persons with mental illnesses, income maintenance services, and child support services.

For after hour and weekends contact the Rock County Sheriff's office at (507) 283-5000 and the social worker on call will be contacted.



*2 Roundwind Road
(507) 283-5070*

Open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Regulations

Animal Control

Any owner of a dog that is over six-months old must obtain a current city pet license from the City Offices (305 E Luverne St.). Documentation of the animals shot record and immunization for rabies is required when applying for the annual license. In respect for your neighbors, dogs must be leashed and cannot be allowed to excessively bark, whine, or howl.

Building Regulations/Zoning Laws

Any property owner, contractor, or tenant who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of any building or structure, shall first make application to the building official and obtain any and all required permits. A permit application can be obtained from the building and zoning department which is located at the Luverne City Offices. A permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of any construction or demolition. All Minnesota State Building Codes and/or City Ordinances apply.

For more information contact Building Official Chad McClure at (507) 449-5031, cmclure@cityofluverne.org or online at www.cityofluverne.org.

Bikes / Rollerblades

It is prohibited in Luverne to skateboard, ride a bicycle, roller skate, or rollerblade in the Business District. The Business District is the area south of Lincoln Street, north of Maple Street, east of Estey Street, and west of Blue Mound Avenue. This area is depicted by a sign on the sidewalk containing a bicycle with a red line through it.



Driver's License/ Motor Vehicles

Located in the Rock County Courthouse is the driver's license and motor vehicles office.

Rock County Courthouse
204 E Brown St.
PO Box 509
(507) 283-5024

Curfew

No one under the age of 18 is permitted to be on any public street, alley, public sidewalk, or in any park or public ground or building between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. People under 16 cannot be at these places between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on weekdays and between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Exceptions are made if the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian, if they are on an emergency errand, or if they are going directly home after school, religious, or voluntary activities. Most fines are \$30 or require the person to attend a class.

Public Services

United States Post Office

407 E Lincoln St.

Phone: 507-283-2186

Toll-free: 800-ASK-USPS
(800-275-8777)

Fax: (507) 283-4952

www.usps.com



Please notify the post office of any address or mailing changes.

Post Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday:	9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Sunday:	Closed

Telephone Services

Luverne has three local telephone companies available to you: Vast Broadband, Centurylink, and Mediacom. All services charge for installation and any changes to the current service depending on the amount of work required. You are also charged for the processing of the order and work done to connect the line with the network switching office. There is no charge, however, to disconnect the service.



No Local Office
Drop box available for payments
and equipment at:
114 E Lincoln St.
Customer Support:
(888) 745-2888



No Local Office
(855) 302-1644



No Local Office
Drop box available for payments
at Glen's Food
(800) 332-0245

Wireless/Internet Providers

Luverne has a few local internet providers: Earthlink, Vast Broadband, Mediacom, and Centurylink, and one local wireless (cellular) provider, Sudenga Communications.



Sudenga Communications
626 S Kniss Ave. #101
Phone: (507) 283-0066

Cable Providers

Cable TV can be ordered from Mediacom or Vast Broadband. Mediacom offers 150 channels, including a local community calendar and three optional movie channels. Vast Broadband offers hundreds of channels, also including a local community calendar and ten optional movie channels.



(800) 332-0245



Drop off only at 114 E Lincoln St. for
payments and equipment
(888) 745-2888

*Coming Fall of 2016, updated local community access
channel!

Natural Gas



Gas services are provided by CenterPoint Energy (formerly Minnegasco)
Phone: 1-800-245-2377

For 24-hour emergency gas leak call 1-800-296-9815.

Municipal Utilities

Luverne Municipal Utilities

(507) 449-2388

New residents of Luverne must sign up for utilities and pay a utility deposit at the City Offices.

Services provided: electric, water, sewer, garbage, and recycling

For more information, visit us at www.cityofluverne.org.

Electric

In Luverne we have an asset that brings revenue and so much more into our community every hour of every day. It is our locally owned, locally controlled electric utility. Luverne Municipal Electric meets the City's power requirements from two sources: Western Area Power Agency and Missouri River Energy Services. With long term low cost hydro and coal based electric power and a well maintained and planned local distribution system, the Luverne Municipal Electric Utility continues to be an asset to the City and its citizens.

Water

Water and water treatment are also Municipal Utility services provided by the City of Luverne. The Luverne Water Department plans for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Water Utility. The City of Luverne participates in the Lewis & Clark Rural Water System project to bring a long-term quality water supply from the Missouri River to our community. The Department actively promotes water conservation.

Water Restrictions

On March 25, 2008, an ordinance was passed that restricts the hours of water sprinkling. This ordinance became effective on April 10, 2008. According to the ordinance, water may not be used from the City water system for lawn sprinkling between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., with the exceptions of new lawns, seedlings, sod, and hand gardening sprinkling. Watering is allowed for even numbered addresses on even numbered days between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. (evening and morning), and odd number days for odd numbered addresses.

Sewer

The Wastewater Department (Sewer Utility) covers all aspects of waste water treatment governed by state and local statute here in Luverne. The Wastewater Department plans for and anticipates the needs of the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Utility. Significant wastewater improvements have been made during the past decade, and the City Council has adopted long term improvement plans.

Rebate Program

Luverne Municipal Utilities (LMU) encourages residents to install energy efficient appliances in their homes. To do this, they offer rebates on a variety of Energy Star equipment. Rebates can be received on the following appliances:

Refrigerators - ENERGY STAR	\$50.00 recycle of working old one \$20.00 without a trade in.
Clothes Washer - ENERGY STAR	\$50.00
Clothes Dryer- ENERGY STAR	\$80.00
Room AC - ENERGY STAR	\$25.00
Dehumidifier - ENERGY STAR	\$10.00
CFL/LED screw-in's, LED recessed can fixture or retrofit kit	\$1.50-\$4.00 Limit 12
Programmable Thermostats	\$25.00
AC Tune-Up Program	\$30.00

Incentives for *Residential Heating and Cooling* are available.

Many incentive programs for businesses are also available.

Rebates subject to change

Visit us at www.cityofluverne.org under "Bright Energy Solutions" for current rates.

Credit Policy for Residential Customers

When you apply for utility service, you are agreeing to certain terms for service and payment. You will be asked to give certain information including your spouse's name (when appropriate), place of employment, and positive identification.

A deposit is required on all accounts unless you have a prompt payment history with Luverne Municipal Utilities or your prior utility provider supplies us with a credit history indicating prompt payments and no delinquencies or shut-offs in the preceding 12 months. If you have an unsatisfactory credit or payment history, you will be required to pay a security deposit. The deposit amount will be the average monthly amount billed to your account with a minimum deposit as follows:

CURRENT MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL UTILITY DEPOSITS:

Electric Service	\$115.00
Electric Heat Service	\$200.00
City Center Apts. Electric Heat	\$200.00
Apartments with Electric Heat	\$100.00
Water Service	\$45.00
Sewage Service	\$45.00
Refuse/Recycling Service	\$22.00

Your deposit, plus any accrued interest, will be credited to your account or refunded after 12 consecutive months of prompt payment. Interest is paid in the amount, required in Minnesota Statutes Section 325E.02.

If you discontinue utility service before your deposit is credited or refunded the deposit and any accrued interest will be applied to your final bill and any remainder will be refunded or billed.

Public Works

The Public Works Department maintains and manages the parks and recreation, streets, storm sewer utility, vehicle and building repair and maintenance, and refuse and recycling collections. The department works with engineers, city officials, and the public in the development of long range plans and programs. John Stoffel is currently serving as Public Works Supervisor for the City of Luverne. The Public Works supervisor coordinates the purchase of necessary supplies and equipment. They also provide for the efficient and timely maintenance and repair of all city vehicles and Public Works equipment.



Public Works Supervisor:
(507) 449-5043

Rock County Transfer Station

All Rock County residents are free to use the Rock County Transfer Station and Composting site. The Transfer Station accepts waste materials such as leaves, garden waste, lawn clippings and small shrub pruning free of charge. The Transfer Station also accepts other wastes and recyclables such as household garbage, demolition wastes, tires, appliances, tree, scrap metal, motor oil, and motor oil filters. However, these items come with a charge that is determined by weight and varies from item to item. Plastic bags are prohibited and yard waste must be completely separated from containers and bags at the site. Also prohibited are tree branches or any other solid wastes mixed with yard waste.

(507) 283-5005

$\frac{3}{4}$ miles east of Luverne (past City Park) and 1.5 miles north on County Road 9

Open 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The HHW facility is part of the Rock County Transfer Station and is a place to bring any hazardous wastes such as aerosol containers, antifreeze, cleaners, fertilizers for lawn and garden, lighter fluid, and latex and oil-based paints. However, this facility is only open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month by appointment only. To make an appointment or if you have any questions call Rock County Land Management Office at (507) 283-8862, ext.3 or stop in at 311 W Gabrielson Road.

Recycling

Recycling is a requirement for all Luverne residents. The City of Luverne has switched to Single-Stream Recycling. They have converted from the small 14 and 18 gallon containers to a much larger 90 gallon single-stream container. This container has no weight limit and will eliminate the need for separation of recyclables. The reason for the larger container is that it can now hold many more items. This is needed because pickups will now be only twice a month on Friday, sometimes there will be a three week wait for pickup. The recycling truck leaves early in the morning and has no set route and you will want to have your recycling container out the night before your pickup day. If you have any questions contact Luverne City Offices at (507) 449-2388.

*****For specific date changes due to holidays or other events, please refer to the *Luverne Outlook* monthly newsletter*****

*****Please be responsible and recycle properly! All recyclables are hand sorted by Rock County Opportunity Clients*****

<i>Acceptable Items (rinse and clean)</i>	<i>Not Acceptable Items</i>
Plastic Bottles, Tubs, & Containers	Electronics
Glass Jars & Bottles	Bio-hazardous Waste
Cardboard & Paperboard	Hazardous Waste
Newspaper	Toys
Other Mixed Paper	Ceramics, Rocks, Stones

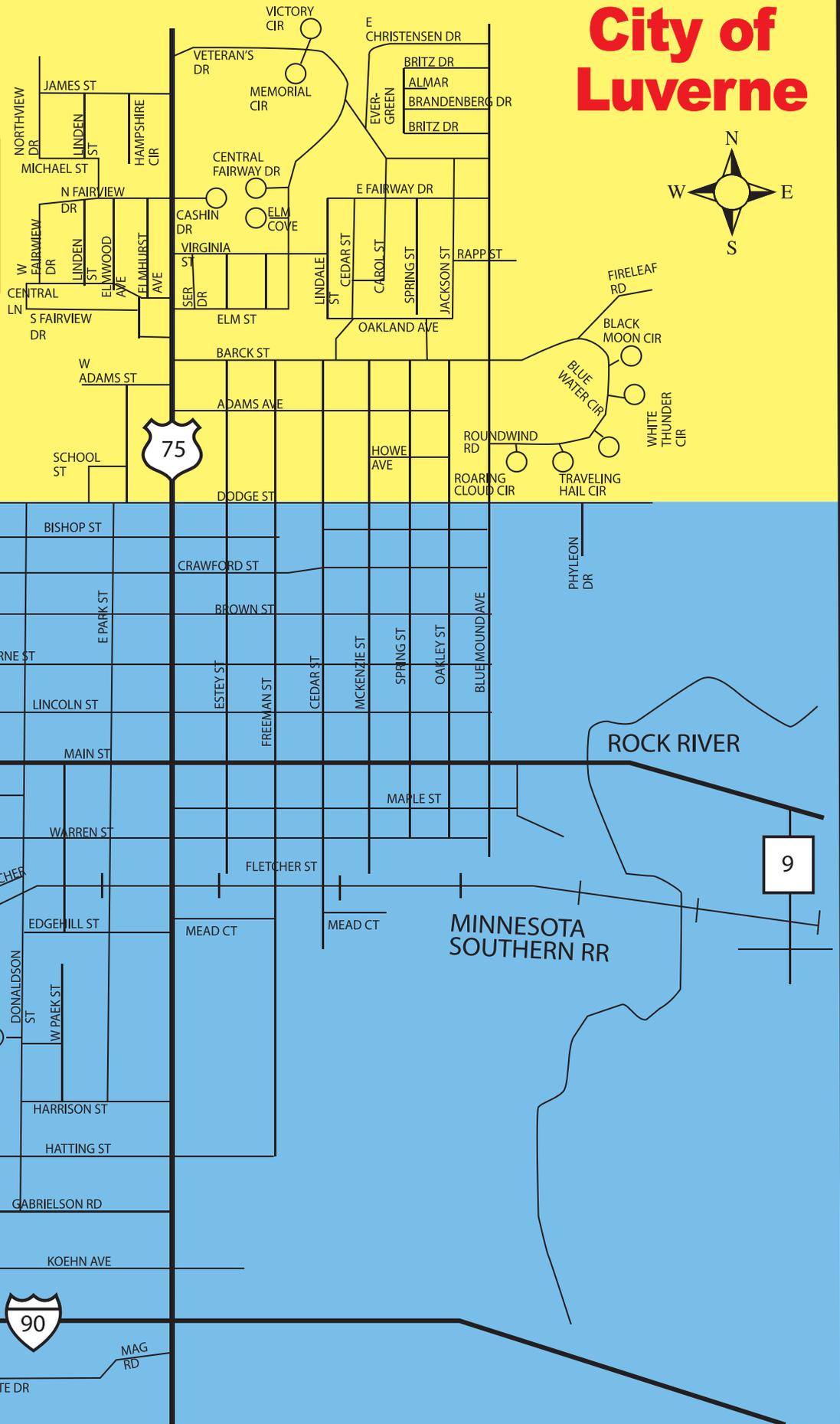
Recycle Map



**North of Dodge St
pickup 2nd & 4th Friday**

**South of Dodge St
pickup 1st & 3rd Friday**

City of Luverne



Refuse

Make sure to look at page 37 for exact pick-up schedules.

To help conserve space in landfills and comply with Minnesota State landfill bans, the City of Luverne has a curbside recycling program. Recycled items cannot be placed with regular garbage. It is the law. The City of Luverne purchased new automated garbage trucks in 2006 and in 2013. This collection is different because it uses a specially designed truck and only one operator. A robotic arm grabs the container, lifts it above the truck, and dumps the material before returning the container. Special large green containers are provided and can be easily wheeled around for curbside pick-up.

Garbage is collected on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday depending on where you live in town. To find your pick up day, please check the enclosed map. For specific date changes due to holidays or other events in the pickup schedule, please refer to the *Luverne Outlook* monthly newsletter.

Each household is provided with a 60 gallon container. If it is lost, stolen, or damaged, it is your responsibility to purchase a new one. Call the City Offices (507-449-2388) to request a new one and Public Works will replace it. Pick up includes recyclable material, yard waste, special city wide pickup (for example, storm clean ups), and general refuse. The City of Luverne refuse pickup charges can be found below and are included in your utility payments. Residents are asked to keep garbage cans in their garage, backyard, or out of sight.

<i>Dwelling Type</i>	<i>Refuse Charge per month</i>	<i>Recycling Charge per month</i>
All homesteads Single/Multi-family residences (with 25 or fewer dwelling units)	\$16.85	\$4.80
Apartments - non-homestead (with 25 or more dwelling units)	\$14.20	\$4.00

Special pickups (300 gallon dumpster of city approved items Minimum charge for 2 months No demolition or construction material)	
Number of containers	Cost
1-2	\$52.90
3-4	\$102.55
5-6	\$152.15
Charge to empty container (Dumping T-W-Th only)	\$24.85 per time/container

Holidays that may affect the schedule:

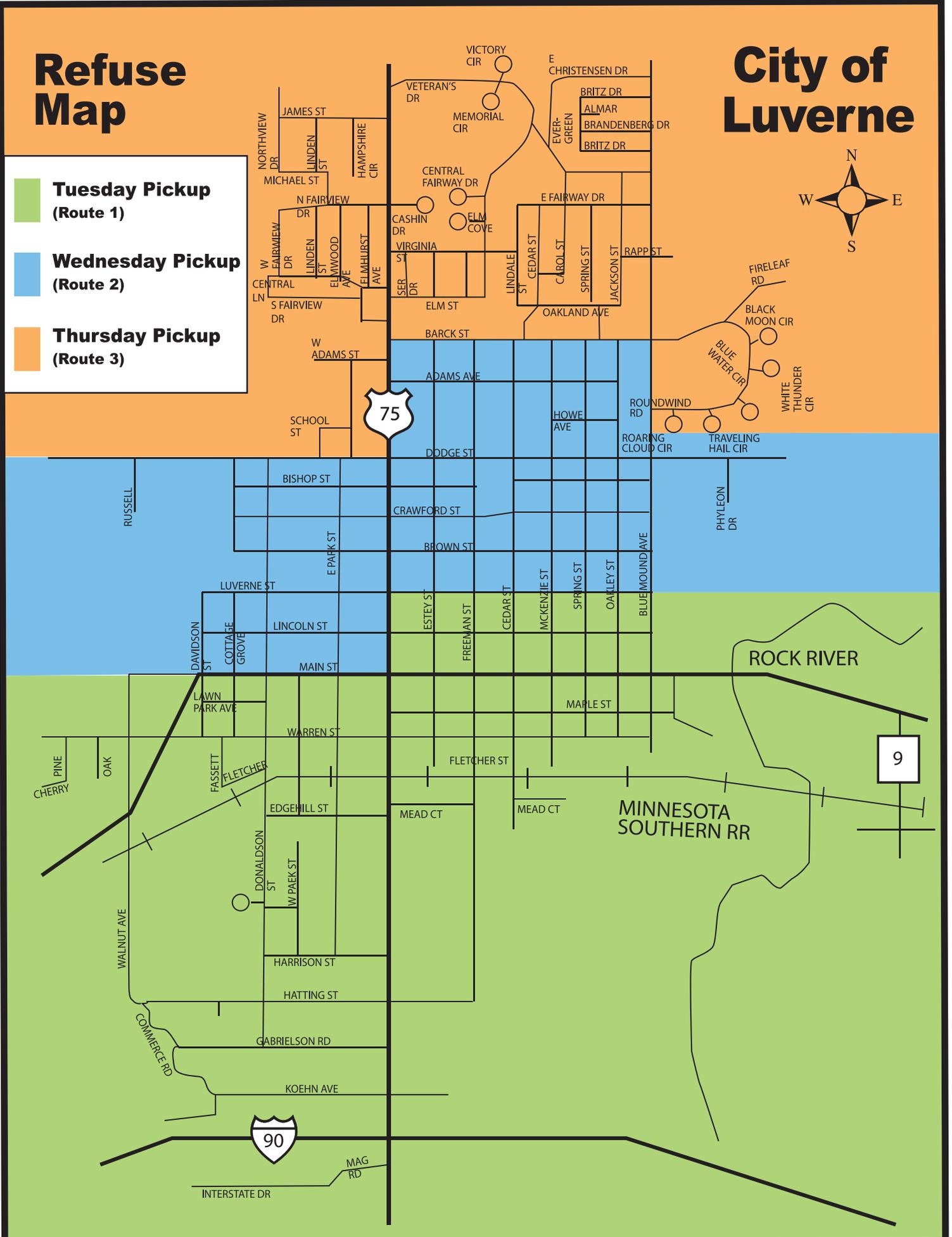
When a holiday falls on Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday. If a holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, the pickup will be shifted one day.

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1	Sunday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18	Monday, January 16
President's Day	Monday, February 15	Monday, February 20
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Monday, July 4	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5	Monday, September 4
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11	Saturday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24	Thursday, November 23
Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25	Monday, December 25

Refuse Map

City of Luverne

-  **Tuesday Pickup (Route 1)**
-  **Wednesday Pickup (Route 2)**
-  **Thursday Pickup (Route 3)**



Fall Leaf Pickup

Every fall the city assigns a few weeks in October to pick up any unwanted leaves. City residents have the opportunity to rake leaves from their lawns onto the curb, where the City will then dispose of them properly.

Spring Clean Up

Once a year, Luverne has a “Spring Clean-Up” week that gives residents the chance to get rid of large items and junk that cannot be normally disposed of; such as any big appliances, furniture, etc. Spring cleanup week usually falls sometime in the middle or end of April. Garbage items are still to be placed in the garbage.

Snow Removal

In Luverne a snow emergency is declared as needed and will be announced on the Keloland Closeline and Facebook. The Public Works Supervisor uses past experience and whatever means available to determine when to initiate the snow plowing operation. Please remember to move your vehicles off the street to either public parking lots, or driveways if it is snowing when you go to bed, when you are leaving town, or if snow is in the forecast. By moving vehicles off the streets, it allows the plows to get snow removed in the most efficient time during the parking ban. You must also remove any snow and ice from the sidewalks within 24 hours after snow or ice cease to fall. It is against city ordinance to blow or shovel snow onto the street.

Tree Branches & Compost

Tree branches, grass, and leaves may be hauled to the city tree pile one mile south of Luverne on Highway 75 behind Water Treatment Plant #2 and across from the Rock County Veterinary Clinic. This dumpsite is for Luverne residents’ use only. The tree dump is open year round. Also it is a violation of Minnesota law and city ordinances to mow grass into the street. Call City Offices at 449-2388 for more information.

Mosquito Spraying

If the mosquitos get to be unbearable during the summer the city will spray for them. The amount of mosquitos determines the amount of times they will spray. Spraying will be announced on KQAD 800AM, KLQL 101.1FM, or the [City of Luverne Facebook page](#).

Education

School System

Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne Public Schools, offers wide curriculum to its students, in addition to many extracurricular activities. If you have any questions or wish to receive enrollment information, contact the following people:

Stacy Gillette, Principal
Luverne Elementary School
709 N Kniss Ave.
(507) 283-4497
s.gillette@isd2184.net

Ryan Johnson, Principal
Luverne High School/Middle School
709 N Kniss Ave.
(507) 283-4491
r.johnson@isd2184.net

Craig Oftedahl, Director
Luverne Alternative School
110 N Oakley St.
(507) 283-0075
c.oftedahl@isd2184.net

Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent
Luverne High School
709 N Kniss Ave.
(507) 283-8088
c.oftedahl@isd2184.net

School Board

Katie Baustian, Chair
(507) 283-4180
kbaustian@iw.net

Jodi Bosch, Vice Chair
(605) 759-3355
jjbosch@iw.net

Eric Hartman, Treasurer
(507) 370-2194
e.hartman@isd2184.net

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(507) 283-4821
shellouhouse@yahoo.com

Colleen Deutsch, Director
(507) 283-9265
Colleendutsch79@gmail.com

David Riphagen, Director
(507) 449-0622
david.riphagen@gmail.com

Reva Sehr, Director
(507) 220-4086
r.sehr@isd2184.net

Visit Luverne Schools online at:
<http://www.isd2184.net/>

Elementary School

The Luverne Elementary School administers to students in preschool through grade 5 and special needs students. Specialists assist in the areas of learning disabilities, speech, music, and adaptive and regular physical education, elementary counseling, gifted programs, and art coordination. A brand new beautiful elementary school opened in January of 1999, and it is located directly behind the High School.



Middle School

The Luverne Middle School, consisting of students in grades 6 through 8, is located in the same building as the high school. Grades six through eight are kept separate from the high school students and follow a schedule of their own. Luverne Middle School offers a unique program called Encore, a system of classes set up for interests of the students. Students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of Encore Classes to be a part of their everyday curriculum.

High School

The Luverne High School houses students in grades 9 through 12 and is a fully accredited member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Strong and challenging academic courses in math, science, communications, and social studies are a part of the curriculum offerings. Vocational training and practical skills courses such as home economics, business, industrial arts, and agriculture are also offered. In addition, courses in fine arts, foreign languages, computer sciences, special education, and a variety of alternative programs are provided to meet each student's individual needs. Advanced placement classes are also offered along with college credit capability. Athletics, speech, drama, and music are a part of the broad variety of extracurricular activities offered. The National Honor Society, Peer Helping, and a variety of other clubs provide social and organization experiences.



Alternative School

Alternative Education recognizes that everyone does not learn in the same way and should not be taught in the same way using a common curriculum. The Alternative Learning Program is set up to meet the needs of "at risk" students in a nontraditional school setting, enabling them to find success they have been unable to achieve in a traditional school setting. All students will receive a quality education in a caring, accepting environment that recognizes individual differences. Students will also acquire positive attitudes towards themselves and others that will enable them to continue learning in a complex and ever-changing society.

To acquire more information, call (507) 283-8088.

<p><i>Luverne High School Open: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday Summer Hours: Varies</i></p>

Preschool Programs

Discovery Time

Discovery Time is a Prekindergarten Program for 3, 4, and 5 year old children. It is a Community Education program under the direction of a certified prekindergarten teacher along with one assistant. There are different options to the sessions that work best for you. It offers growth in the following areas of development: Social Skills, Language and Literacy Skills, Physical Skills, Aesthetic Skills, and Cognitive Skills.

For more information visit <http://www.discoverytimepreschool.com/>.

<p><i>Community Education Luverne Public Schools 709 N Kniss Ave. (507) 283-4724</i></p>

Head Start

Head Start is a child development program for 3 and 4 year olds, including children with special needs. Head Start also offers services to the family. Parents may take part in special trainings and events that help them learn and grow. Parents and teachers work together to plan appropriate activities so children learn to accept themselves and others and explore their world.

For more information call (507) 376-4195 or visit <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/hs/about/>.

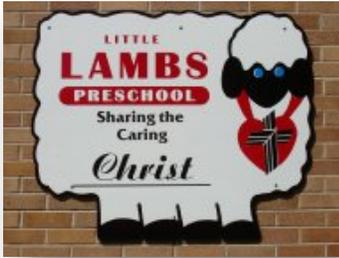
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE is a class for parents and their children from birth to kindergarten age. It is education, support, and friendship for parents. Guidance and support for families from licensed early childhood and parent educators. It is learning through appropriate lay activities for children and a program offered in all districts in Minnesota. ECFE encourages positive parental interactions that impact how children develop and learn.

For more information call (507) 283-9191 or visit their website at www.ecfe.info.

Little Lambs Preschool

“Glorify God by teaching, preaching, and learning His Word in its truth and purity”



Little Lambs is a Christian based preschool program that is held in the St. John Lutheran Church. Their mission statement is to “Glorify God by teaching, preaching, and learning His Word in its truth and purity.” The kids have a fun biblical lesson every day and participate in many educational activities. It is a great chance for children to begin to learn about God and his love for them.

For more information call (507) 283-2316, email littlelambs@iw.net, or visit <http://www.littlelambsclc.org/>.

Community Education

“Lifelong Learning for Everyone”

Community Education is a wonderful part of the Luverne School District. Organized to develop and coordinate community based agencies, Community Education provides a high quality of life for all parts of Luverne. This is established through balanced programs in all areas of enrichment, cultural and civic affairs, and/or social services. Community Education offers various programs for people of all ages, including summer recreational programs and Parent-Child-Chain. Some more activities offered through Community Education are Drivers Ed and Defensive Driving, Mommy & Me in the Kitchen, sports for ages 5 and up, and a Shape Up Challenge for adults.

Office Hours are as follows:

*Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
24 hour drop box
(located to the left of outside door)*

Karen Willers, Director

Jon Schomacker, Summer Rec.

Director

Phone: (507) 283-4724

Fax: (507) 283-2413

www.isd2184.net

k.willers@isd2184.net

Minnesota West

Minnesota West Community and Technical College is located at 311 N Spring St. Minnesota West’s main entrance is located on the north side of the city office. The first classes taught in this building started in June 2007. This is a great educational opportunity for both traditional and non-traditional students. The classes mainly deal with various health careers such as Radiologic Tech, Surgical Tech, Med Lab Tech, and Med Assistant. Minnesota West also has a few liberal arts classes and some on-line courses. To check out the courses or to register, you can go to www.mnwest.edu or you can also call the Pipestone Campus at (800) 568-2330. For more information about the Luverne campus, contact Katie Heronimus at (507) 449-2772. Campuses in the surrounding area are located in the cities of Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, and Worthington.



Transportation

Airport

Quentin Aanenson Field, Luverne's municipal airport is named after a local WWII fighter pilot having a central role in Ken Burn's "The War" (PBS Documentary 2007).

It is a federal aid general aviation airport that has recently undergone a \$3 million expansion to a 4,200 foot (north-south) runway with precision-like GPS instrument approaches. This new runway accommodates single engine to medium sized twin engine piston and jet aircrafts.

A newer arrival and departure building offers computerized weather flight planning, a meeting room, and a pilot waiting area. The airport has ten regular sized and four larger modern nested T-Hangars with electric bi-fold doors and concrete floors.

The main airport facility houses the planes and all equipment for "Skydive Adventures" which is a private skydiving company offering skydiving training and scheduled skydiving events.

Sierra Delta Aviation LLC is the airport manager at Quentin Aanenson Field. The Grand Opening at Quentin Aanenson Field was on September 11 and 12, 2009. The airport just recently received the prestigious FAA Governor's Award by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for successful and innovative project accomplishments. This award usually is given to a larger airport. It awards excellence in planning, development, operation, maintenance, and public relations.

For more information on "Skydive Adventures", go to www.skydiveadventures.net.



South of Interstate 90 off of State highway 75, 941 US Highway 75

Airport Phone: (507) 283-5041

Airport Information Phone: (507) 449-2388

Bus Services

Each day, two Jefferson Buses leave from Luverne. One travels south and the other travels north, including one that travels to Minneapolis, Minnesota. The bus depot is located at the Expressway Luverne gas station on South Highway 75. We also have service to Sioux Falls and the Twin Cities.

For fare and schedule information call toll free 1-800-231-2222 (Jefferson Bus Lines) or (507)283-3942 (Expressway).

Minnesota Southern Railway

The Minnesota Southern Railway is the freight-only railroad that runs through Luverne. It connects with the Union Pacific south of Worthington and the Burlington Santa Fe west of Luverne at Manley.

Rock County Heartland Express

Rock County Heartland Express



Providing safe & reliable transportation to Rock County residents



The Rock County Heartland Express provides safe and reliable transportation services to all Rock County residents. It provides transportation for people of all ages to and from almost any location in Luverne, Rock County, or out of the county (including Sioux Falls.) See the following enclosed map for bussing rates in your zone.

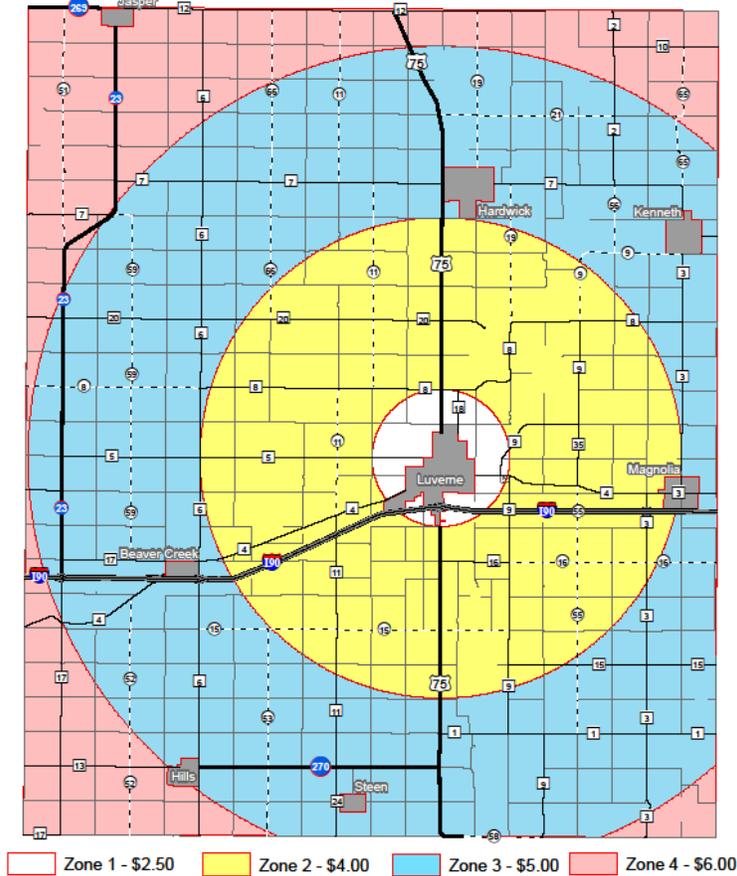
Visit us at http://www.co.rock.mn.us/heartland_express.html.

Hours:
 Mon. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 *Last Pick up at 4:30 p.m.
 Sun. 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
 *Transport to churches in Luverne only.

Elaine Vandenberg
 1110 N Blue Mound
 (507) 283-5058
elaine.vandenberg@co.rock.mn.us

Rock County HEARTLAND EXPRESS

Busing Rates



Culture of Luverne

Rock County Veterans Memorial Building

In July 2009, the old Rock County Jail and Sheriff's Residence officially opened as the Rock County veterans Memorial Building. Following an extensive \$4 million renovation, the building has become the home to history, art, and information. Housed in the building are two floors featuring the award winning photographs of National Geographic photographer and Luverne native, Jim Brandenburg. Photos, cards and other items sold at the Brandenburg Gallery support the 1000 acre Northern Tallgrass Prairie – TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE – operated by US Fish & Wildlife for the public's enjoyment.

The Herreid Military Museum is featured on the second floor. The museum features the stories of Rock County Veterans (Civil War, Spanish-American War, WWI and WWII). The main feature of the museum is the stories of service and sacrifice as witnessed in Ken Burns' 2007 epic documentary – THE WAR – in which Luverne was one of the four featured communities. The museum is undergoing extensive renovation and expansion to feature the stories of veterans from the Korean War to the present. The third floor will house the expansion and was scheduled to open in 2014.

The Rock County Veterans Memorial Building maintains meeting and gathering space for use by the public. Located directly north of the building is the beautiful lighted Kahler Terrace. Railings on the Terrace are constructed out of the building's original jail cells.

Managing and staffing the building is the Luverne Area Chamber. The Chamber provides all service and information for the community.

For additional information call (507) 283-4061 or (507) 283-1884.

Palace Theatre

The Palace Theatre was constructed in 1915 by architect W.E.E. Greene. The Palace, a 550-seat theatre first owned by Herman and Maude Jochims, was built primarily for the presentation of stage plays by traveling theatre troupes and for the "moving pictures," then an upcoming form of entertainment. Its focal points include the originally painted wall panels, stage curtains, the artistic wall and ceiling décor, and the pipe organ. The Geneva console pipe organ was installed in 1926 to provide accompanying music for the silent movies. The organ has recently been restored and is in the Palace Theatre today as the oldest working theatre organ of its make and model in the United States. The second story of



Gallery hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed



104 E Main St.

Open for tours:

*June – August from
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

the building, once used as a ballroom, was later turned into an apartment for the Jochims. It now houses many pictures and pieces of furniture from the original Palace Theatre.

In July 2007, The Legacy Campaign began its project. The Legacy Campaign's goal was to preserve the Palace for generations to come. The \$1 million restoration project included replacing the exterior brick, adding a handicap accessible restroom on the main floor, replacing the seating and carpet on the main floor, providing state-of-the-art theatre rigging and lighting systems, and improving the tenant spaces. Although the building is structurally sound, the interior and exterior restoration aided in preserving its significant historical character. The project was completed in time for the premier of Ken Burns' PBS television series, "The War."

On November 19, 1978, the Palace Theatre was placed on the National Register of Historic sites. The Palace is still open today for movies and live productions. The Theatre shows one movie at a time. The times of the showings are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.. Tours of the Palace Theatre are Saturdays June to August from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or available by appointment through Luverne Area Chamber at (507) 283-4061.

For information on the Palace's show times, movies, and other events, go to the [Palace Theatre Luverne Facebook page](#).

Carnegie Cultural Center

The Carnegie Cultural Center building, located at 205 North Freeman, was originally constructed to house the community library. When the library moved to their new location in 1991, the building became the official home of the arts organizations from all around Rock County. On March 1, 2016, Luverne Street Music moved into the building while the Council for the Arts and Humanities in Rock County moved out. Luverne Street Music now holds private lessons with students in newly renovated music rooms.



For more information call (507) 283-8294 or go to the [Carnegie Cultural Center Facebook page](#).

Carnegie Cultural Center Hours:
Tuesday- Saturday:
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation

Preserving the historic, architectural, and aesthetic character and heritage of a community

Historic preservation is the practice of protecting and preserving sites, structures or districts which reflect elements of local or national cultural, social, economic, political, archaeological, or architectural history. Preservation has many diverse purposes and rewards, including the strengthening of local economies, stabilization of property values, the fostering of civic beauty, community pride, and the appreciation of local and national history. Historic preservation has a public



purpose that advances the education and welfare of citizens while providing economic and aesthetic benefits as well. Additionally, preservation can help a city become more competitive because historic, irreplaceable buildings provide a unique sense of place that adds charm to a community.

The Luverne Initiative for Tomorrow and the Heritage Preservation Commission has a vision for Main Street and preserving its rich history. The preservation is trying to get the old and new to coexist with each other. By doing this, the goal is to attract more to downtown Luverne to the businesses. One of the biggest projects is trying to get the businesses to restore their buildings to the original appearance - from the 1878-1948 time periods. The city of Luverne is offering financial incentives to help the restoration. It is also trying to preserve historic Luverne by avoiding new construction of buildings and trying to reuse the old ones. The city is trying to take care of the older buildings, because they are green, energy efficient, and built to last. The goal is to help make them last.

A community that respects its history respects itself. The preservation of that history through the preservation of important sites can help a community realize its strengths and use them to improve the lives of all its residents. Historic preservation can add to a community's understanding of and pride in its history, and bring economic and other benefits as well. A series of restorations that create a unified image can result in more businesses, more customers, increased activity, and higher rent, less vacancy, higher incomes, and more opportunities for owners, shoppers, and residents. Preservation makes economic sense.



Verne Drive-In Theater



*1/2 mile South on Highway 75
(507) 283-0007*



The Verne Drive-In Theatre was built in the 1950's by Kenneth and Maude Sargent, but closed in 1988. The buildings were originally constructed of atop and underground circuits systems of 8,000 feet of wires that were stretched throughout the theater to link autos with sound and picture. The first movies had an admission price of 60 cents with children under age 12 admitted free.

The Verne Drive-In has since reopened, marking the rebirth of the only drive-in facility within 900 miles of the community, until one opened in Mitchell, SD. The drive-in was purchased and is operated by the Glenn Burmeister family. They removed the old buildings and replaced

them with a new two-story concession stand along with a party room available for rental, and a new ticket building as well. The screen was repainted and trees were planted to surround the theater – which holds 300 to 350 vehicles. The new theater broadcasts its sound through regular car radios via an antenna located on the top of the concession stand; therefore, there are no speakers necessary anymore.

The drive-in is open for business from May until October (weather permitting) and admission is \$5.00, with children 5 and under admitted free.

Movie listings can be found by calling (507) 283-0007, checking out the sign, or on the [Verne Drive In Facebook page](#).

Rock County Historical Society

The Rock County Historical Society sets out to preserve the County's history. They provide education, tours, award-winning programs, exhibitions, and events. The sites include Hinkly House, Rock County Historical Museum, Fitzer Barn, Ordung Building, Lopau Summer kitchen, and more.

Hours:
Tuesdays: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays:
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Please call in advance to verify times or to
make an appointment

For more information, contact Betty Mann or Bryce Stoltenberg by calling (507) 283-2122.

Hinkly House

In 1892 Mr. R.B. Hinkly, then the Mayor of Luverne, built a beautiful home for himself and his family. The house was constructed of Sioux Quartzite quarried and hauled on horse-drawn boats from the Blue Mound Quarry north of Luverne. In April of 1959, the home was donated to the Rock County Historical Society and opened as a museum in August of the same year. The Hinkly House was placed on the Register of National Historic Sites on June 10, 1975. Within the last ten years, great efforts have been made towards the restoration of the museum.

The museum is open with regular hours from June 1st through August 30th, with tours given on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. thru 4:00 p.m. Tours can also be made by appointment through the off season.



217 N Freeman Ave.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Luverne Area Chamber at (507) 283-9476.

Dollars for Scholars

“The most valuable asset is not gold or oil, but the minds of young people.”

-Dr. Irving A. Fradkin

Luverne Dollars of Scholars is a non-profit community-based scholarship program that was initiated on December 6, 1983. The purpose of the program is to raise funds for permanent endowment funds, the income of which is used to provide scholarships to Luverne High School graduates in the form of scholarships. Through 2015, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has been the recipient of 225 perpetual scholarships with a total endowment of more than \$8.3 million. Since its establishment, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has awarded over \$3.0 million to over 1,596 graduates. In 2016, Luverne Dollars for Scholars awarded a total of \$354,750 in scholarships to qualifying LHS graduates.



Each year, students in the senior class fill out an application in February. Scholarships awards are determined and certificates are presented to students at LHS Awards Night.

Go to www.luverne.dollarsforscholars.org, call Don Klosterbuer at (507) 283-9111, call Johnna Ahrendt at (507) 227-4030, or email luvernedfs@gmail.com for more information on this great opportunity or to learn how to establish your own scholarship.

Luverne Area Community Foundation

The mission statement of the Luverne Area Community Foundation is to develop and allocate financial resources to support area needs. Individuals can donate funds to the foundation and 100 percent of them will be used to support organizations such as the Sanford Luverne Medical Hospital, Rock County Historical Society, Sanford Hospice, Hinkly House, and the Luverne Area Community Foundation General Fund. The General Fund disperses money to the places where it is most needed.

Gifts to the Foundation can be restricted or unrestricted; restricted gifts go to where the donor designates, and unrestricted gifts can be combined with other gifts to go where they are needed most.

All gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Luverne Area Community Foundation is a charity as defined by section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.



102 E Main St.

More information can be found at www.luvacf.org, the [Luverne Area Community Foundation Facebook page](#), or call Emily Crabtree at (507) 220-2424.

Rock County Community Library

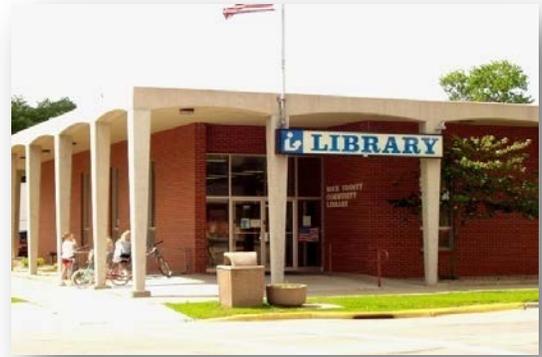
The Rock County Community Library is filled with excellent materials and serves all residents of Luverne and Rock County. The library is a member of the Plum Creek Library System, which allows them access to collections all over the state of Minnesota and beyond. The library is a great place for anyone to go and work on a project or to just relax and read a book. It offers a large selection of books, magazines, records, references, videos, and internet access. The library also offers a child's reading program in the summer from early June until the middle of July. To obtain your own library card, stop in and fill out an application form (identification required).

The library has recently gone through renovations during the months of January, February, and March of 2016. The building has received an entirely new update from new shelves and carpeting to fresh paint and furniture. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on March 17, 2016 and is again open to the public.

For more information, go to <http://www.plumcreeklibrary.org/Luverne/> or the [Rock County Community Library Facebook page](#).

Rock County Community Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday.....	Closed



*201 W Main St.
(507) 449-5040*



Luverne Street Music

**LUVERNE
STREET
MUSIC**



AN **EXPERIENCE** FOR
ALL **GENERATIONS!**



Opened in 2013, Luverne Street Music offers lessons in voice, guitar, piano, brass, and woodwinds to students of any age. Recently taking the place of the Council for the Arts and Humanities in Rock County in March 2016, Luverne Street Music is now located at the Carnegie Cultural Center at 205 North Freeman. Luverne Street Music is a non-profit music agency holding private music lessons and giving students the opportunity to perform. The studio is managed by a volunteer board of directors and serves over 90 students.

For more information, contact LaDonna at (507) 283-9416, email luvernestreetmusic@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.luvernestreetmusic.com/>.

Leisure Activities

Blue Mound Ice Arena

The Luverne Hockey Club completed an ice arena in the fall of 1991. The \$800,000 project was partially funded by donations and fund-raisers sponsored by the Luverne Hockey Club. Throughout the winter months the ice arena is used for Luverne Cardinal Hockey games, open skating, ice skating lessons, and other special activities. In the summer, the building is used for an in-line skating league and open in-line skating.

There was a new addition that was added on in early 2013. It has a new lobby, entryway, concessions, office, and a new locker room added to the north side of the building. The upper level also has a room for dry land training.

The building can also be rented for a variety of activities. It is located at 601 W Hatting St. Luverne.



*601 W Hatting St.
(507) 449-9138*

Luverne Country Club

The Luverne Country Club is a semi-private course that welcomes visitors. This nine-hole course challenges golfers with its watered fairways, abundance of trees, and water hazards all set in a beautiful setting overlooking Luverne. There is also a driving range adjacent to the course and a putting green. In addition to the golf course, there is a clubhouse to relax, visit, and enjoy the bar and grill menu.

To find out more information go to the [Luverne Country Club Facebook page](#).



1520 111th St.
(507) 283-4383

<http://www.luvernecountryclub.com>
golfcc@yahoo.com

Rock County Sportsman's Club

The Rock County Sportsman's Club facility provides trap shooting and an archery range for hunting enthusiasts. It offers the following facilities: Skeet Trap, 5 Stand, Sporting, FITASC, and other birds. Along with the activities Rock County Sportsman's Club offers Gun Safety and Marksmanship instruction.

For more information call (507) 227-2609.

Celebrations & Events

♪♪ Tri-State Band Festival ♪♪

The Tri-State Band Festival is one of the best high school marching band competitions in the state. It is one of the festivities that Luverne is well known for. The festival is held on the last Saturday in September. Street competition, along with a parade, begins at 9:30 a.m. and field competition begins at 12:30 p.m. Bands from Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota come to compete in our Tri-State Band Festival. At the completion of field competition there is a guest band for spectators and band members to enjoy.

For more information, look online at www.luvernechamber.com.



66TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 24, 2016
Parade 9:30 A.M. on Main St.
Field 12:30 P.M.

Spring City Wide Rummage Sale

May 5-7, 2016

Over 100 households sign up for this annual event which is held on the first Friday and Saturday in May. Homeowners sign up at the Chamber office (213 E. Luverne St.) and receive signs for their location. Maps are printed with the locations and advertising is provided. Visitors travel from a large area to take in this event of all-out rummaging!

Call the Chamber office at (507) 283-4061 for more information or look online at www.luvernechamber.com.



Buffalo Days

June 3-5, 2016

Buffalo Days is a three day celebration held on the first weekend in June. The festival begins on Friday evening with a Cruise-In of collector cars. On Saturday the day begins with a parade in downtown Luverne at 10:00 a.m. Arts in the Park begin at 9:00 a.m. at the City Park. Over 100 booths with people from a four-state area offer a variety of crafts. There are many wonderful food booths and a wide variety of entertainment throughout the afternoon such as a Buffalo Chip Throwing contest, dancing, and Tae Kwon Do. Sunday Features



community worship service, buffalo burger luncheon, horse drawn trolley tours, and live music.

Hot Dog Night

July 14, 2016

In its 54th year, Luverne's Hot Dog Nite continues to be a great community get-together. Luverne merchants serve over 12,000 free hot dogs and beverages to all those who come out to celebrate as a thank you for their patronage. Entertainment abounds on the streets with Tae-Kwon-Do demonstrations, Spotlight Dance performances, Wiener Dog Beauty Pageant and Wiener Dog Races. On July 12, 2011, organizer Dave Duffy hosted the First Annual Wienerman Triathlon for hardy, physically fit contestants.



Rock River Beer Fest

August 20, 2016



Join dozens of regional vendors on Saturday, August 20th for the third annual Rock River Beer Fest. On this occasion, you will get to sample over 100 beers from regional vendors from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Blue Mound Ice Arena, Luverne. This fest will feature the best beers and ciders in the Tri-State region.

For more information call (507) 283-4061 or email at luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

Rock County Fair

July 28-30, 2016

This 3 day event is the highlight of everyone's summer. The Rock County Fair is an opportunity for people in the country to come together and enjoy many events and exhibits. A carnival, livestock shows, a midway, food, grand stand events, 4-H exhibits, and open class exhibits are only a small part of what you can experience during this festival held July 28-30, 2016. Other fun events include Enduro Races, a talent contest, and a pork and beef feed.

Winterfest

December 2-3, 2016

The holiday season is ushered into Luverne with the annual celebration of Winterfest. Held the first weekend in December, this event features days of great activities for all ages including: live music performances at the Palace Theatre, theatrical productions, a huge arts and crafts show, skating



show, Christmas tree exhibit, photographs with Santa, community dinners, and other events.
Contact the Luverne Area Chamber for additional information at (507) 283-4061 or www.luvernechamber.com.

Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival is put on by the Luverne High School band and choir students usually sometime in the month of January or February. It's a fundraiser for both the band and the choir. It includes many booths such as the cake walk and face painting. The students serve pizza, cotton candy and root beer floats, all for the price of just a couple tickets. Also, there is the opportunity to win many great prizes if you purchase raffle tickets from one of the music students. This carnival is good fun for kids and even adults!

Spring Loaded

April 16, 2016

The Spring Loaded Celebration includes displays, demonstrations, seminars and more. The show consists of home building and remodeling ideas as well as home, health and garden tips. Vendors in all these areas participate to provide great ideas for the coming spring. In addition to the vendors there are also speakers and seminars on various topics. Event information is available in January.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at (507) 283-4061.

Relay for Life

June 10, 2016



Relay for Life is a fun-filled event held at the City Park, designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather and take turns walking or running laps on a course surrounded by candle luminaries to honor the memories of those who ever suffered from cancer.

For more information, contact Lisa Ehlers at (507) 283-4463.

Green Earth Players (GEP)

The Green Earth Players bring the finest of local main stage theater to Luverne and Rock County twice a year, with Reader's Theater and other productions and activities year round. The GEP also has children's theatre and reader's theatre during the summer. To find out about times and dates, visit the [Green Earth Players Facebook page](#).

Green Earth Players Community Theater P.O. Box 856 Contact: Fred Manfred, Jr. (507) 283-2765
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**Tickets available at Carnegie Cultural Center
(507) 283-8294*

2016-2017 Calendar

March 11-13 & 18-20
A Year with Frog and Toad

Churches



American Reformed

Pastor Mike Altena

304 N Fairview Dr.
(507) 283-8600

www.arcluverne.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Week Classes: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 10:40 a.m.



Bethany Lutheran

(Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS))

Pastor Andrew M. Palmquist

720 N Kniss Ave.
(507) 283-4571

www.blcluverne.org

Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m.



First Assembly of God

Ken and Gloria Kashner

1075 110th Avenue
(507) 283-9070

www.ag.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



First Baptist

Pastor Dick Lauger

1033 N Jackson
(507) 283-4091

www.fbcluverne.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Classes: AWANA – Wednesdays 6:55
p.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: 7:00 p.m.



First Presbyterian

Pastor Jason Cunningham

302 Central Lane
(507) 283-4787

www.fpcluverne.com

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m.
Summer Service: 9:30 a.m.



Grace Lutheran (ELCA)

Pastor Ron Nichols and Interim Associate Pastor
Cole McCormick

500 N Kniss Ave.
(507) 283-4431

<http://www.graceluverne.org/>

Worship: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:15 a.m. &
10:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Adult Study: 9:30 a.m.



Holy Trinity Episcopal

Reverend Judi A. Wiley

220 N Cedar St.

(507) 449-5893

www.holytrinity-mn.org

Sunday Worship:

10:30a.m.

Bible Study:

Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 at the Commons



Jehovah Witness

Kingdom Hall

1503 County Highway 4

(507) 283-4569

www.watchtower.org



Luverne Christian Reformed

Reverend Roger Sparks

605 N Estey St.

(507) 283-8482

www.luvernecrc.com

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



New Life Celebration Church

211 E Main St.

(507) 449-6522

www.luvnewlife.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Praise Band: 7:00 p.m.



St. Catherine's Catholic

Father Tom Jennings

203 E Brown St.

(507) 283-8502

www.stcatherineluverne.org

Mass:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: 10:30 a.m.



St. John Evangelical Lutheran

(Missouri Synod)

Rev. Gary Klatt

803 N Cedar St.

(507) 283-2316

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Worship: Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Kids for Christ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.



United Methodist

Pastor Dorie Hall

109 N Freeman Ave.

(507) 283-4529

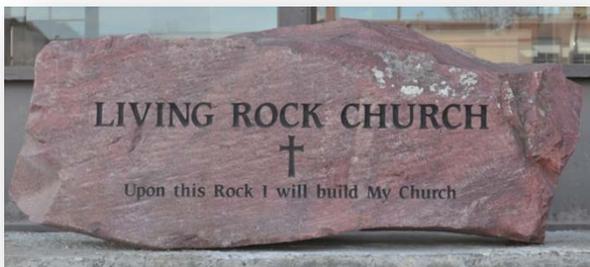
www.luverneumc.org

Worship: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Spiritual Formation: 10:00 a.m.

New Worship: 11:00 a.m.

*Some services are held at First Presbyterian



Living Rock

Pastor Billy Skaggs

500 E Main St.

(507) 449-0057

www.livingrockswmn.org

Worship: Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Youth Ministry: 6:00 p.m.

Cemeteries

St. Catherine's Cemetery:

North of town on James St. Luverne, MN
56156

Maplewood Cemetery:

West of town at 1042 Warren St., Luverne,
MN 56156

Media

News



The *Luverne Announcer* has been Rock County's free circulation publication since 1931. Twelve thousand papers are circulated each Monday to Rock County and surrounding areas in southwestern Minnesota. Our *Luverne Announcer* informs residents of the community update for the week, sales and specials at Luverne businesses, and the classifieds. The telephone number for the *Announcer* is (507) 283-2333 and they are located at 117 W Main St.

The *Rock County Star Herald* is Luverne's weekly legal newspaper. The *Star Herald*, which was established on May 28, 1873, circulates about 3,000 papers every Thursday. The City of Luverne is very proud of the *Star Herald*; it does an excellent job of informing Luverne citizens of current events in the city as well as in the county and state. It does a wonderful job of covering Cardinal Athletics, and has many interesting columns. The *Star Herald's* office is located at 117 W. Main and can be reached at 283-2333, or check out the *Star Herald* online at <http://www.star-herald.com>.

The *Luverne Outlook* is a monthly newsletter circulated by the city. The *Outlook* lets you know of important dates coming up during the month, exciting recent news about the city, and some current events. The purpose of the newsletter is to let the citizens of Luverne know what is going on in our city for that month. The *Outlook* is emailed, mailed upon request, or check it out online at <http://www.cityofluverne.org>.

Radio



Luverne has two local radio stations. They are KQAD, found at 800 on the AM dial, and KLQL, found at 101.1 on the FM dial. If you need to contact them, call (507) 283-4444. KQAD is proud to sponsor Luverne Athletics.



TV

Cable TV can be ordered from Mediacom or Vast Broadband, and five television stations can be tuned into without cable. They include FOX, KELO, KSFY, KDLT, and PAX. KTIK and KCAU from Sioux City, IA can also be possibly tuned into. These local stations cover ABC, NBC, Fox and CBS.

Mediacom and Vast Broadband both offer local stations with a local community calendar. These stations also show many local church services and the city council meetings.

*Coming Fall 2016, a new and improved access channel!

Organizations

Aerie Eagles #3403	(507) 283-9961	Terry Reisch	treisch@cityofluverne.org
American Field Service	(507) 283-2302	Stan Steensma	
American Heart Assn.	(507) 283-2039	Dee Scott	deesco@iw.net
American Legion Auxiliary	(507) 402-0829	Darlene Breamer	darbreamer@gmail.com
American Legion Post #123	(507) 290-0810	Barry Shelton	barryshelton@gmail.com
American Red Cross	(507) 449-5036	Samantha Honerman	luvernerec@iw.net
Arc Southwest MN	(507) 283-8769	Bernadine Merrill	grandma@iw.net
Atlas for Life	(507) 449-5777	Vicki Altena	luverneatlas@knology.net
Beaver Creek Cemetery	(507) 673-2385	David Anderson	daadm@yaho.com
Ben Franklin Lodge #114	(507) 283-4999	Bryce Stoltenberg	b_a_s_71@hotmail.com
Big Buddies	(507) 283-9111	Sherri Smith	smithsl@umn.edu
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2016-2017 Calendar of Upcoming Events

GEP Play	March 11-13, 2016
A Year with Frog and Toad	March 18-20, 2016
28th Annual Luverne Citywide Rummage Sale	May 5-7, 2016
Farmers Market	Thursdays, June 2 - October 27, 2016
Buffalo Days/Cruise-In	June 3, 2016
32nd Annual Buffalo Days/Arts in the Park	June 3-5, 2016
54th Annual Hot Dog Nite	July 14, 2016
Rock County Fair	July 28-30, 2016
Rock River Beer Fest	August 20, 2016
66th Annual Tri-State Band Festival	September 24, 2016
20th Annual Winterfest	December 2-3, 2016
Christmas at the Palace II	December 10, 2016
GEP Play	Spring 2017
Playing the Palace	
29th Annual Luverne Citywide Rummage Sales	May 4-6, 2017
Buffalo Days/Arts in the Park	June 2-4, 2017
55th Annual Hot Dog Nite	July 12, 2017
Rock County Fair	July 26-28, 2017
67th Annual Tri-State Band Festival	September 22, 2017
21st Annual Winterfest	December 2-3, 2017
Christmas at the Palace	December 2017

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