



A Guide for New Residents
2020-2021

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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:
www.cityofluverne.org
Like us on Facebook – City of Luverne

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



Parade on Main Street

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.



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 4,745 people (2010 census), 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. Rock County has a population of 9,687 people (2010 Census).

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 Council Members are elected for four-year terms. 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 Street. 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 and Sanford Hospice Offices.

City Offices
-
305 E Luverne St
PO 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



Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155
(651) 201-3400
<https://mn.gov/governor/>



Tina Smith
U.S. Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5641
<https://www.smith.senate.gov/>



Amy Klobuchar
 U.S. Senate
 425 Dirksen Senate Building
 Washington, DC 20510
 (202) 224-3244
www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/

State Officials



Joe Schomacker
 MN District 22A Representative
 209 State Office Building
 St. Paul, MN 55155
 (651) 296-5505
rep.joe.schomacker@house.mn



Bill Weber
 MN District 22 Senate
 95 University Avenue W
 Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 2109
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 Gary Overgaard
 (507) 920-7198
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District 2
 Stan Williamson
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District 3
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District 4
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District 5
 Jody Reisch
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City Elected Officials



Pat Baustian - Mayor
(Term: 2019-2020)
Phone: (507) 920-7406
Email: pbaustian@cityofluverne.org



Caroline Thorson - Council Member, North Ward
(Term: 2019-2022)
Phone: (507) 449-8195 or Cellphone: (507) 220-4424
Email: cthorsen@cityofluverne.org



Dan Nath - Council Member, North Ward
(Term: 2017-2020)
Phone: (507) 920-5509
Email: dnath@cityofluverne.org



Kevin P. Aaker - Council Member, South Ward
(Term: 2019-2022)
Phone: (507) 283-8711
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Lori Hallstrom - Council Member, South Ward
(Term: 2017-2020)
Phone: (605) 310-0896
Email: lhallstrom@cityofluverne.org

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.

ELECTION CALENDAR

- Precinct Caucuses – Minnesota Secretary of State's Website: www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/elections-calendar/
- Primary Election – the second Tuesday in August of each even-numbered year
- General Election – the first Tuesday in November of each even-numbered year

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* and view the *Poll Finder*, go to www.cityofluverne.org/elections.

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.

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 (6:30 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 found at:

www.sos.state.mn.us/media/3110/election-judge-interest-form.pdf and email it to the City Clerk **Jessica Mead** at jmead@cityofluverne.org.

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

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 local party leaders:

(Republican)
Jane Lanphere
206 Cashin Dr
Luverne, MN 56156
Office: (507) 283-4061
Home: (507) 920-5197

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

CITY STAFF

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

(507) 449-9910

Or

Email Peggy Adams at padams@cityofluverne.org

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

Ph. (507) 449-2388

Fax (507) 449-5034

City Administrator – John Call

Phone: (507) 449-5025

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Public Works Supervisor

John Stoffel

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Finance Director

Barbara Berghorst

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Al Lais

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Building/Zoning Official

Chad McClure

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City Clerk

Jessica Mead

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Electric Supervisor

Brian Remme

Phone: (507) 449-5046

Email: bremme@cityofluverne.org

City Attorney

Ben Vander Kooi

Phone: (507) 283-9546

Address: 127 E Main St.

Email: lawkooi@gmail.com

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)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"To welcome, inform, promote, and educate residents, visitors, and others of the business opportunities in the Luverne area and help promote growth in the business community"



The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that supports the business community in Luverne. The Chamber is responsible for many of the events in the community and works closely with government bodies and the business community to make Luverne a better place to live, work, and play.

The Chamber is located at the, Rock County Courthouse, 213 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156. To contact them call (507) 283-4061, or go to their website <http://luvernechamber.com>

COMMUNITY SAFETY

ROCK COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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.

Nixle

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 one ladder truck, two tanker trucks, one rescue squad, two city engines, one rural engine, and one grass rig. Also, the fire department has one trailer, one quick response vehicle, one air supply truck, a 12-foot aluminum boat, and a new 14-foot inflatable boat.



Fire Chief - David Van Batavia
1st Assistant Chief - Austin Kurtz
2nd Assistant Chief - Jordan Siebenahler

*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.***

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.

Sanford Luverne Clinic is a primary care clinic with locations in Luverne, Adrian and Edgerton. Sanford Luverne's Family Medicine clinics provide care for the whole family - from babies to grandparents. From annual physicals, regular check-ups, baby wellness, vaccinations, school and athletic physicals, our family medicine providers serve families and communities throughout the region with the latest in care. As part of the Sanford Health system, Sanford Luverne Clinic also provides on-site access to pediatric and adult outreach specialists.

Specialties

Cardiac
Electrophysiology
Cardiology
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
Hematology
Hospice
General Surgery
Internal Medicine

Nuclear Medicine
Medical Oncology
Psychiatry
Pulmonology
Radiology
Urology
Vascular Surgery
Walk-In

Services

Chemical Dependency
Colorectal Screenings
Gynecologic Surgery

Home Care
Obstetrics
Mammography

For more information go to www.sanfordluverne.org

PHARMACIES

Luverne currently has one pharmacy:

Lewis Drug
Mike Carbonneau
202 S Kniss Ave
(507) 283-9549
www.lewisdrug.com/stores/lewis-family-drug-luverne-mn

DENTISTS

Luverne currently has one practicing dental office, Luverne Family Dental. Horner Barrow Orthodontics visits Luverne Family Dental every three weeks on Fridays. Dr. Horner / Dr. Barrow's main office is in Sioux Falls, SD.

Call Horner Barrow Ortho at (605) 335-6680 or visit www.hornerbarrowortho.com.

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

CHIROPRACTORS

Luverne currently has two chiropractic centers:

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

Rock County Chiropractic
Dr. Michael Smith
103 E Main St
(507) 283-2561
www.rockcountychiropractic.com

OPTOMETRIST

Luverne currently has one eye clinic:

Rock County Eye Clinic
Dr. Sandra Carman
104 N Freeman Ave
(507) 283-2345
www.rockcountyeyeclinic.com

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 is located at 217 N Oakley St. It 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.

The Sanford Luverne Hospice Offices are located at 304 N McKenzie St in Luverne.

For more information call the hospice manager **Tammy Moeller** at (507) 283-1805 or visit www.sanfordhealth.org/locations/the-cottage.

SOUTHWESTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

The Southwestern Mental Health Center provides a broad scope of quality mental health services to our community. For more information call (507) 283-9511, visit at 117 S Spring St or visit www.avera.org/locations/profile/southwestern-mental-health-center-avera-luverne/. **The 24-hour emergency number is 1-800-642-1525.**

Services that are provided are:

Community Services

Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health
Transitional living counseling and 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 COUNSELING

Luverne Counseling offers therapeutic services to help individuals resolve problem areas in their lives.

For more information call (507) 449-6105, visit at 118 W Main Street or visit www.luvernecounseling.com.

ALPHA SIGMA HEALTH GROUP, INC.

Alpha Sigma provides non-medical and nurse care services. Non-medical services include personal care, homemaking, companionship, and respite care. Nurse care services include monitoring vital signs, wound care, nail care, catheter care, reminders to take medications, and more.

For more information call (507) 449-6131, visit at 202 E Main St, Ste 102, or visit www.alphasigmahg.com.

PARKS AND RECREATION

LUVERNE AREA AQUATICS & FITNESS

The swimming facility features:

- A swimming pool ranging from 3.5 feet to 11 feet in depth.
- One diving board
- Rock climbing wall
- Frog slide in the shallow end
- Wading pool with a duck slide
- Separate whirlpool that is kept at a therapeutic 102 degrees



The swimming activities offered include:

- Year-round swimming lessons for all ages
- Water aerobics classes for all levels of swimming ability
- Lap swimming
- Water Walking
- Senior Swim
- Open Swim for all ages



The fitness/tanning facility features:

- Two tanning rooms
- Cardiovascular room
 - Updated treadmills
 - Ellipticals
 - Steps
 - Adaptive Motion Trainer
 - Recumbent and upright bikes
 - Broadcast vision TV's
- Weight rooms
 - Universal weight machines
 - Free weights ranging from 1 to 100 pounds



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

Fitness activities offered include:

- Aerobic classes
- Senior weight training
- Muscular strength range of motion
- Tabata training class
- Yoga

Hours
Monday – Friday:
5:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 7 :00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Join us for a day or a year – we offer daily admission prices and monthly or yearly memberships.

For more information check out Luverne Area Aquatics & Fitness on Facebook or go to the city website www.cityofluverne.org/laaf.

POWER FITNESS

Luverne Power Fitness is a fitness establishment in Luverne. Power Fitness is open 24/7 for members. For walk-ins, the staffed hours are: Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Offering various exercise methods, this gym is well known for their variety. Power Fitness features cardio equipment, free weight area, circuit strength equipment, aerobics room, weight loss, muscle tone, and tanning. Yoga classes are available as well. Dance classes are offered in the upstairs studio through Spotlight Dance for ages 3-12+. These classes are in all styles of dance.



205 E Main St
(507) 449-7348
www.luvernepowerfitness.com
For more on dance classes:
(612) 210-0857 or (507) 227-6110
www.spotlightdancemn.com

CITY PARKS

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. 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 playgrounds, 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 a man-made fishing pond with a fountain aerator, ramp 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. All parks are publicly owned and municipally maintained.



East end of Main St

For more information check out www.cityofluverne.org/parks.

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. Located at 904 US Hwy 75, there are picnic areas, fishing, and nature walks around this area. The park has become home to a large flock of Canadian geese that return annually to the area to nest.

THE LAKE

The Lake, previously known as the Creamery Pond, is an exciting recent initiative of the City of Luverne. Located at 815 W Edgehill, The Lake boasts a large fishing dock, beach volleyball, room to barbeque, and a large sandy beach. The Lake is proud to host the annual Fourth of July celebration. Complete with kayaking competitions, barbeques, bean-bag toss, ice cream trucks, a live band, and a fireworks show, Fourth of July at The Lake is an event to remember and cherish. In the winter months, ice fishing is also a popular activity on The Lake.



*To keep updated on The Lake and follow the events, check out the Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/thecreamerypond*

BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK

Blue Mounds State Park is full of natural surprises! Start with the Sioux quartzite cliff, rising 100 feet from the plains. A bison herd grazes on the prairie. Prickly pear cacti bloom in June and July. The park is also a favorite for birdwatchers who want to see nesting blue grosbeaks and other birds.

Enjoy camping, hiking, climbing, biking, as well as the unique sights and wonderful aromas of a beautiful prairie. The park is also rich in history; it even preserves a 1,250-foot-long line of rocks aligned by Plains Indians which marks where the sun rises and sets on the spring and fall equinox.

The “Bison Buggy” was a new addition to the park that started the summer of 2018. You can travel into the bison range at Blue Mounds State Park on the one-and-a-half-hour-long Prairie and Bison Tour where you can experience the sights and smells of the prairie! Learn more about bison, their history, and what makes the bison at Blue Mounds State Park so special on this educational tour! For more information on the tour and to make reservations go to: www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/blue_mounds/prairie-and-bison-tour.html



1410 161st St
Phone: (507) 283-6050
Fax: (507) 283-1306
Camping Reservations:
1-866-85PARKS
bluemounds.statepark@state.mn

The park is located 4 miles north of Luverne on Hwy 75 and 1 mile east on County Road 20.

BLUE MOUNDS TRAIL

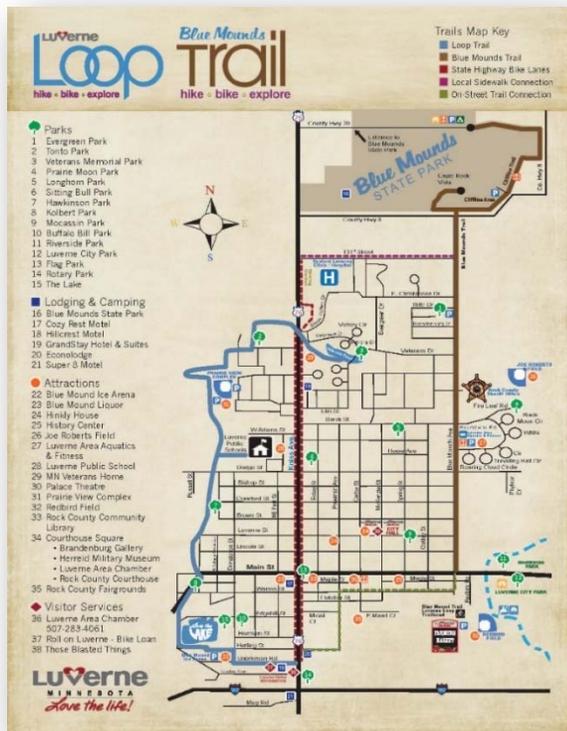
The Blue Mound Hiking and Biking trail starts at the intersection of Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue and continues north going out of town, wrapping around the Blue Mound State Park and the Quarry. This very scenic trail has a distance of approximately 6 miles and is a great spot for biking, skating, jogging, or walking.



LUVERNE LOOP

The construction of a new trail in Luverne is now underway. Phase 1&2 were completed in 2016 and 2018; phase 3 is currently in the planning stages. This new hiking and biking trail is on the outskirts of Luverne and will be about seven miles long. It will connect to the Blue Mound Trail and 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, and Redbird Fields

For more information on Luverne Loop and the Blue Mounds Trail, go to <http://www.cityofluverne.org/trails>.



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.



*203 Oak Drive
(507) 283-1991*

ASSISTED LIVING: POPLAR CREEK ESTATES

Poplar Creek is a 24-unit apartment complex that gives residents independent living as well as assistance with everyday living. The new building is directly connected to The Oaks. Poplar Creek 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.

*201 Oak Drive
(507) 283-1996*

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, 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
PO Box 539
(507) 283-6200

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

MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED FACILITIES

Habilitative Services, Inc. (HSI) is a professional organization dedicated to supporting individuals in their pursuit of personal achievement and well-being. HSI provides housing and independent living skills for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. There are currently 6 licensed houses in Luverne.

For additional details about H.S.I., contact Ginger at (507) 283-1859 or stop in at 123 W. Main St.

Client Community Services, Inc. is another professional housing provider with 2 locations in Luverne, MN.

For more information on CCSI visit their website www.clientcommunityservices.org, email ccsi@clientcommunityservices.org, or call (507) 376-3171

Hiawatha Manor, Inc. is the third professional home-care provider. It is based out of Pipestone, MN but has a home in Luverne.

For more information on Hiawatha Manor, Inc. call (507) 825-9905.

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 www.cragoe.com/
 - Real Estate Retrievers, 904 S Kniss Ave., (507) 283-4216 or www.realestateretrievers.com
 - ReMax, 130 S Kniss Ave., (507) 449-6111 or www.landandhomerealty.com.
 - Jensen Management Service Inc. Real Estate, 111 N Cedar St., (507) 283-2391 or <http://jmsi.net>
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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.

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) 283-5066
Open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
www.swmhhs.com*

SOUTHWEST CRISIS CENTER

The SWCC provides direct services to primary and secondary survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, labor trafficking, sexual harassment, stalking, and child abuse. They are the initial contact for victims in crisis through their 24-hour safe line as well as through referrals from law enforcement, medical personnel, court administration, and other agencies such as churches, health and human service groups, and mental health centers; many victims also “walk-in.” There are no age limitations on services. They also have a youth program which is designed to provide services, outreach and education to youth, families, schools and communities.

The SWCC serves residents of Jackson, Cottonwood, Nobles, Rock, and Pipestone counties. Their primary purpose is to serve any and all victims who seek services (unless a conflict of interest is present) including those who have immigrant and refugee status (English and non-English speaking).

*For more information visit <http://www.mnswcc.org/>.
To reach the Luverne SWCC for questions or help call (507)-283-9917*

24-Hour Safeline: (800) 376-4311
Youth Text Line: (218)-666-8336

ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES

Rock County Opportunities, located at 807 W Main St, provides valuable, person-centered services in the areas of employment support, community integration, and enrichment for people with physical and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and mental health diagnoses. RCO offers an employment program to provide paid jobs to their clients, life enrichment opportunities for individual and group exploration, and client transportation.

RCO offers laundry services for both commercial and individual clients within the Luverne community. The partnership with The Laundry Room helps the RCO clients secure employment, develop their work skills, and move toward greater independence in their lives.

For more information, visit www.rockcountyopp.com, call (507) 283 -4582, or email info@rockcountyopp.com.

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 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. Online payments are accepted at www.cityofluverne.org/payment.

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. Online payments are accepted at www.cityofluverne.org/payment.

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

BIKES / ROLLERBLADES / SKATEBOARDS

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.

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

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

There are three public restrooms located downtown on Main Street:

- 106 E Main Street - located adjacent to the Palace Theatre and shares a building with the Palace Theatre Box Office.
- 203 E Main Street – inside the entry of Cragoe Realty
- 601 E Main Street – this will be the trailhead of the Luverne Loop Trail.



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:



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

No Local Office
(855) 302-1644

No Local Office
Drop box available for payments
at Sunshine Foods
(800) 332-0245

WIRELESS/INTERNET PROVIDERS

Luverne has a few local internet providers: Vast Broadband, Mediacom, and CenturyLink, and one local wireless (cellular) provider, BeMobile Inc.



BeMobile Inc. – Verizon
Authorized Retailer
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.



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

NATURAL GAS



Gas services are provided by CenterPoint Energy
Phone: 1-800-245-2377
For 24-hour emergency gas leak call 1-800-296-9815.
No local office or payment drop box available.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Luverne Municipal Utilities

(507) 449-2388

New residents of Luverne must sign up for utilities and satisfy security deposit requirement.

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

For more information and to complete the Application for Utilities, visit us at

www.cityofluverne.org/new.

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

A city ordinance was passed that restricts the hours of water sprinkling. 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 are available on the following ***ENERGY STAR Certified appliances:***

Refrigerator	\$25.00
WaterSense Toilet	\$75.00
Clothes Washer	\$25.00
Room Air Conditioner	\$25.00
Dehumidifier	\$25.00
LED bulbs, LED recessed can fixture or retrofit kit	\$1.50-\$4.00
Smart Thermostat	\$25.00
A/C or Heat Pump Tune-Up (every 2 or more years)	\$30.00
ChargePoint Home Electric Vehicle Charger	\$500.00
Air-Source Heat Pump	\$250-\$950
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$200 per ton
Heat Pump Water Heater	\$150
Central Air Conditioner	\$250-\$450

Many incentive programs for businesses are also available.
*Rebates subject to change

Visit us at
www.cityofluverne.org/rebates

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 payment history for 12 preceding months. Immediate authorization to have ACH automatic monthly payment of utility bill will waive the deposit or the minimum deposit as follows:

RESIDENTIAL UTILITY DEPOSITS:

Electric Service	\$125.00
Electric Heat Service	\$210.00
City Center Apts. Electric Heat	\$210.00
Apartments with Electric Heat	\$105.00
Water Service	\$58.00
Sewage Service	\$50.00
Refuse Service	\$24.00

Utility payments can be made online:
www.cityofluverne.org/payment

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

If you discontinue utility service before your deposit is credited, the deposit and any accrued interest will be applied to your final bill and any remaining amount 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

The Rock County Transfer Station and Composting site is available to all Rock County residents. The Transfer Station accepts waste and recyclables such as household garbage, demolition waste, tires, appliances, 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. The Transfer Station also accepts waste materials such as leaves, garden waste, lawn clippings and small shrub pruning free of charge. 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
1236 N River Road
¾ 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 Single-Stream Recycling. The 90-gallon container has no weight limit and eliminates the need for separation of

recyclables. Boxes must be broken down and the bin's lid must be closed. Recycling pickup is 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. More information can be found on www.cityofluverne.org.

*****For specific date changes due to holidays or other events, please refer to the *Luverne Outlook* monthly newsletter found at www.cityofluverne.org/newsletter**

Please be responsible and recycle properly!

Acceptable Items

Plastic Bottles, Tubs, & Containers
Glass Jars & Bottles
Cardboard & Paperboard
Newspaper
Other Mixed Paper

Not Acceptable Items

Electronics
Bio-hazardous Waste
Toys
Ceramics, Rocks & Stones

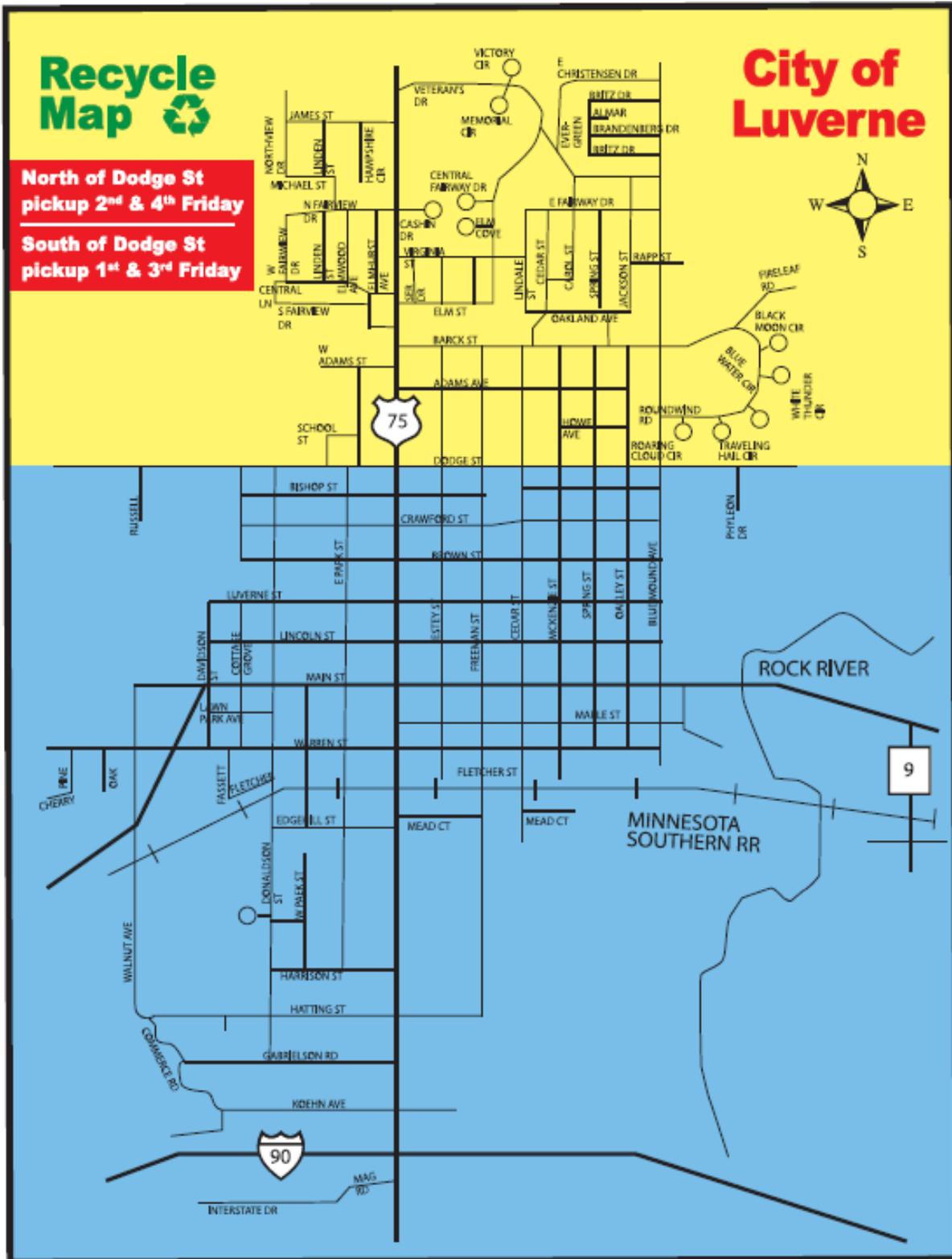
Recycle Map



North of Dodge St
pickup 2nd & 4th Friday

South of Dodge St
pickup 1st & 3rd Friday

City of Luverne



REFUSE

To help conserve space in landfills and comply with Minnesota State landfill bans, the City of Luverne has a curbside refuse program. The garbage and recycling cannot be placed together, it is the law. The City of Luverne uses automated garbage trucks. 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 your utility bill, the *Luverne Outlook* monthly newsletter, Facebook, or www.cityofluverne.org.

Each household is provided with a 60-gallon container (no more than 65 pounds). A 90-gallon container cannot weigh more than 100 pounds. If it is lost or stolen, it is your responsibility to purchase a new one. If it is damaged, Public Works may be able to repair it. Call the City Offices (507-449-2388) and we will have Public Works department pick it up. Pick up includes recyclable material, yard waste, special city-wide pickup (for example, storm clean ups), and general refuse. The City of Luverne refuse and recycling 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)	\$20.50	\$6.40
Apartments - non-homestead (with 25 or more dwelling units)	\$17.30	\$5.25

The above charges cover the cost of pick up for:

- recyclable material
- special city-wide pickup (for example, storm clean ups)
- general refuse

Using a provided 90-gallon container and a maximum weight of 100 lbs. per week - Refuse \$31.60 per month

Using a provided 300-gallon container and a maximum weight of 250 lbs. per week - Refuse \$78.75 per month

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	\$65.00
3-4	\$126.00
5-6	\$185.00
Charge to empty container (Dumping T-W-Th only)	\$31.50 per time/container

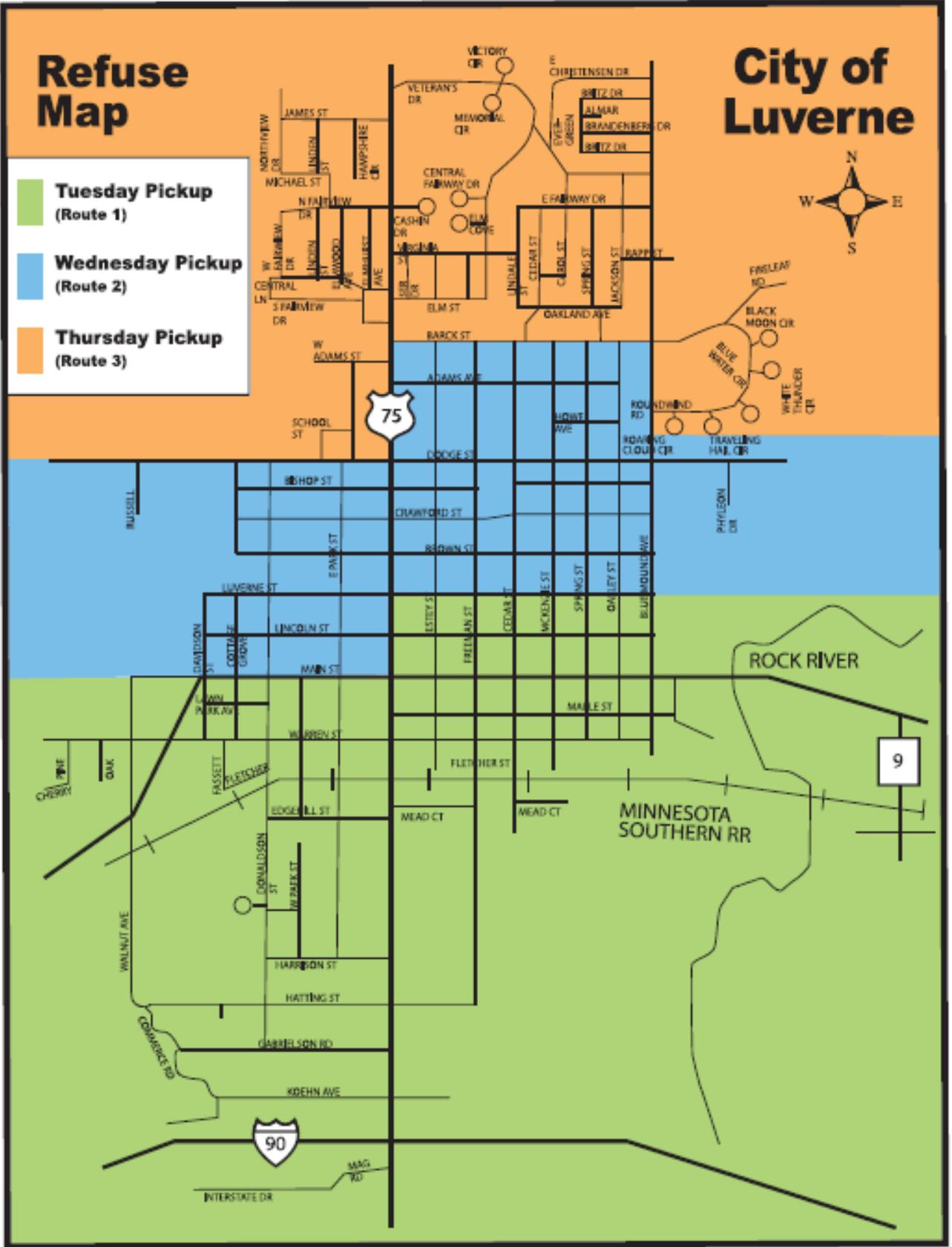
Holidays that may affect the schedule:

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1	Friday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 20	Monday, January 18
President's Day	Monday, February 17	Monday, February 15
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25	Monday, May 31
Independence Day	Friday, July 3	Monday, July 5
Labor Day	Monday, September 7	Monday, September 6
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26	Thursday, November 25
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25	Friday, December 24

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. Watch for dates on your utility bill, in the Outlook Newsletter, on Facebook, or at www.cityofluverne.org.

SPRING CLEAN UP

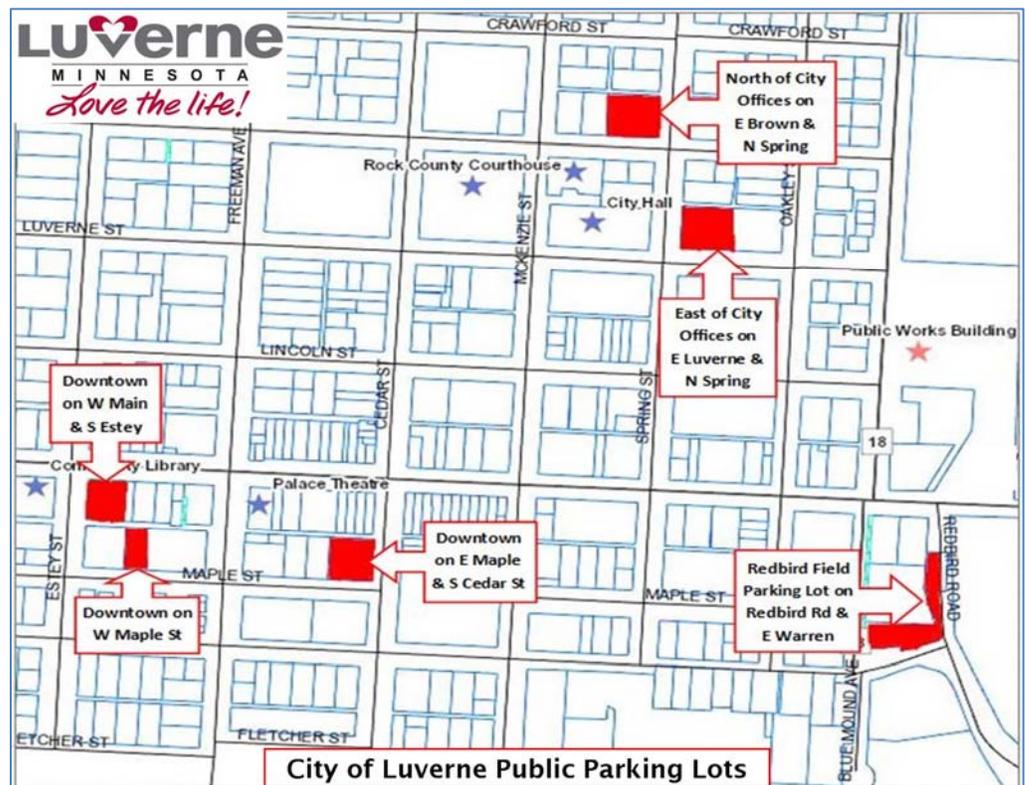
Luverne has a “Spring Clean-Up” that gives residents the chance to get rid of large items and junk that cannot be normally disposed of; such as any big appliances, furniture, etc. Spring cleanup week usually falls sometime in the middle or end of April. Garbage items are still to be placed in the garbage.

SNOW REMOVAL

There are two types of snow events that the City may issue: Snow Alert or Snow Emergency. Vehicles should be removed from the streets during the occurrence of either event so the streets can be properly cleaned. Parking violation tickets will be issued during a Snow Emergency. Information on snow events/removal can be found on any of the following: KQAD, K101, KELO, KSFY, LuvTV, Facebook, or www.cityofluverne.com. More information on weather related events can be found on <https://local.nixle.com/city/mn/luverne/>.

It is the responsibility of all motorists to arrange for off-street parking so the Public Works Department can plow the city streets. Please remove your vehicle from the street if it’s snowing, if snow is in the forecast, or if you’ll be out of town.

Off-street public parking is available in city-owned lots throughout Luverne. Vehicles cannot be parked at these locations for more than 24 hours at a time.



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 (507) 449-2388 for more information.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

If the mosquitos get to be unbearable during the summer, the city will spray for them. The number 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

Jason Phelps, Principal
Luverne Middle School
709 N Kniss Ave
(507) 283-4491
j.phelps@isd2184.net

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

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

School Board

Katie Baustian, Director
(507) 227-3531
kbaustian@iw.net

Jodi Bosch, Chair
(605) 759-3355
jodibosch711@gmail.com

Eric Hartman, Vice Chair
(507) 935-5386
e.hartman@isd2184.net

Shelley Sandbulte, Director
(605) 553-0468
shellouhouse@yahoo.com

Colleen Deutsch, Director
(507) 283-9265
colleendeutsch79@gmail.com

Tim Jarchow, Clerk
(507) 220-1310
tkjarxmn5@yahoo.com

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

Visit Luverne Schools online at:
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, adaptive and regular physical education, elementary counseling, gifted programs, and art coordination. A brand new elementary school opened in January of 1999, and 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. Luverne consistently graduates over 95% of seniors and boasts the highest ACT scores in Southwest Minnesota. 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 from Minnesota West and Southwest Minnesota State University. Athletics, speech, drama, and music are a part of the broad variety of extracurricular activities offered. The National Honor Society, Peer Helping, BPA, FCCLA, and a variety of other clubs provide social and organization experiences.



A new middle and high school building is in the process of being built. Over the next two years, the Middle School/High School building will see a tremendous transformation and a new commons/cafeteria and state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. Construction began March 2019.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER

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 Craig Oftedahl at (507) 283-8088.

Director: Craig Oftedahl
Luverne Alternative School

Hours: Open Monday –
Thursday during the school
year. Summer hours are based
on the needs of the students.

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 https://comed.isd2184.net/preschool_programs.

Community Education
Luverne Public Schools
709 N Kniss Ave
(507) 283-4724

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) 283-4724 or visit their website at https://comed.isd2184.net/preschool_programs/ecfe.

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. Other activities offered through Community Education are Drivers Ed, Defensive Driving, Mommy & Me in the Kitchen, sports for ages 5 and up, and a Shape Up Challenge for adults. Brochures are inserted in the Luverne Announcer Labor Day, New Year's Day, and end of April.

They can also be found on the Community Education school website: <https://comed.isd2184.net/>

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)

Lisa Nath, Director

Jon Schomacker, Summer Rec.
Director
Phone: (507) 283-4724
Fax: (507) 283-2413
www.isd2184.net
li.nath@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. Currently, programs in Radiologic Tech, Surgical Tech, Med Lab Tech, Med Assistant, Phlebotomy and Dental Assistant are offered onsite. Minnesota West also has liberal arts classes, on-line courses, and customized training. Students can obtain an Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree in Liberal Arts



through the Center. The degree allows students to build toward a Bachelor Degree by transferring to other Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. To check out the courses or to register, you can go to www.mnwest.edu. For more information about the Luverne campus, contact Jill Arp at (507) 449 2773 or email her at Jill.Arp@mnwest.edu. Campuses in the surrounding area are located in Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, Marshall, 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.

An 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 is usually 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

Ben Baum, Airport Manager: ben@sierradeltaaviation.com or (605) 413-5028

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.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT ROCK COUNTY



The Community Transit of Rock County 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.)

Visit us at <http://unitedcapmn.org/services/community-transit/>

*Shelly_Pflaum
1110 N Blue Mound
507-537-3861
shelly.pflaum@unitedcapmn.org*

Hours:

*Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Bus Service Route Hours- Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:30pm, Sunday 8am-12:00pm*

People can pre-schedule rides for anytime between 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday.



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 community. 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 800-acre Northern Tallgrass Prairie – *TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE* – operated by US Fish & Wildlife for the public's enjoyment.



The Luverne Area Chamber is located on the main floor. The Herreid Military Museum, located on the third floor, portrays the stories of Rock County veterans and their service in WWI and WWII. Building on the saga woven by Ken Burns in the 2007 PBS special "*THE WAR*"...the museum shares stories of ordinary men and women whose military service defined "*the greatest generation.*"

Building hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

On the fourth floor the Heritage Gallery tells the story of the families who served on the Home Front during WWII. Their stories provide pivotal tales of the sacrifice of men, women, and children who were left home when their sons, fathers, and mothers went off to war. Reception and meeting space are located on the lower level. A beautiful lighted terrace newly constructed on the north side of the building features railings constructed out of the 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 theater first owned by Herman and Maude Jochims, was built primarily for the presentation of stage plays by traveling theater 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 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.



104 E Main St

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.

For information on the Palace's show times, movies, and other events, visit <https://www.palacetheatre.us/>, go to the Palace Theatre Luverne Facebook page or call the Palace Box Office at (507) 283-4339.

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 LaDonna at (507) 283-9416.

LUVERNE STREET MUSIC

Opened in 2013, Luverne Street Music offers lessons in voice, guitar, piano, brass, and woodwind instruments 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 100 students.

LUVERNE
STREET
MUSIC



AN EXPERIENCE FOR
ALL GENERATIONS!

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

VERNE DRIVE-IN THEATER

The Verne Drive-In Theatre was built in the 1950's by Kenneth and Maude Sargent and was sold to the Walt Deutsch family that operated it until 1988. The buildings were originally constructed atop of underground circuits systems with 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 reopened in 2000, which marked 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 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 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 was sold to the Kevin Rozeboom in 2020.

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.



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

Movie listings can be found by calling (507) 283-0007, checking out the sign on the entrance, on the Verne Drive In Facebook page, or on vernedriveintheater.com/.

HISTORY CENTER

The Rock County Historical Society is dedicated to the preserving and sharing of the history of Rock County and the people who developed it. They offer education, tours, award-winning programs, exhibits, events, and research materials headquartered in their new History Center located at 312 East Main Street in downtown Luverne. The History Center houses a permanent nutcracker collection boasting over 2,500 nutcrackers. The Society also manages the Hinkly House, Fitzer Barn, Ordnung Building, Lopau Summer Kitchen, and One-Room School.



For more information, visit www.rockcountyhistorical.com or rcmuseum@gmail.com. You can also contact Betty Mann (President) or Dave Smith (History Center Manager), 507 283-2122

Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tours and appointments can be arranged at any time.

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 have 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 people to downtown Luverne and to the businesses. One of the biggest projects has been encouraging 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 with the restoration. The preservation also hopes to preserve historic Luverne by avoiding new construction of buildings and trying to repurpose the old ones. The goal in preservation is to make the old buildings 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.



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.



217 N Freeman Ave

The museum is open with regular hours from June 1st through August 30th, with tours given on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. thru 4:00 p.m. For special tours and arrangements contact Luverne Area Chamber at (507) 283-4061.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Luverne Area Chamber at (507) 283-4061 or visit www.rockcountyhistorical.com/hinkly-house.html.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

“The most valuable asset the country has 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. Since 1983, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has been the recipient of 236 perpetual scholarships with a total endowment of more than \$8.6 million. Since its establishment, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has awarded over \$3.0 million to over 1,596 graduates. In 2019, Luverne Dollars for Scholars awarded a total of \$438,750 in scholarships to qualifying LHS graduates.



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

Go to www.luverne.dollarsforscholars.org, 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 community needs. Individuals can donate funds to the foundation and 100 percent of them will be used to support organizations such as Generations, Backpack Program, Big Buddies of Rock County, Blue Mound Area Theater, Child Guide, Luv1LuvAll, Rock County Food Shelf, Sanford Health Luverne, 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.

More information can be found at www.luvacf.org, the Luverne Area Community Foundation Facebook page, or contact Emily Crabtree at (507) 220-2424, on 102 E Main St, or emily@luvacf.org

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 also hosts a number of fun activities for all ages such as crafts, trivia, bad art contest, swing dancing, teen book club, book sales, and much more. Some events hosted by the library take place in other spots in Luverne, all information on events can be found on Facebook.

For more information, go to <http://rockcountycommunitylibrary.org/> or the Rock County Community Library Facebook page.



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

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

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 fundraisers sponsored by the Luverne Hockey Club. Throughout the months of October through June, the ice arena is used for Luverne Cardinal Hockey games, Blue Mound Figure Skaters, open skating, ice skating lessons, and other special activities. Ice is available weather depending for public use.

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

For more information, visit <http://luvernehockey.com/>.

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.

1520 111th St
(507) 283-4383
golf@luvernecountryclub.com

To find out more information and hours go to the Luverne Country Club Facebook page or website:
www.luvernecountryclub.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.

(507) 227-2609

TAKE 16 BREWING COMPANY

Take 16 Brewery offers a variety of events and activities for all ages. In the summer months, enjoy cold beer, hot food, free yard games and great live music. There is no cover charge and all ages are welcome. Take 16 beer, wine, soda and water are available for purchase. There are also year-around events such as karaoke, trivia night, pub theology, bingo, board game nights, live music, and much more. Indoor and outdoor seating and great view of all the Main Street activity, the tap room is a great place to gather with family and friends, socialize, see and be seen. You can enjoy a pint or flight and we also offer water, soda, and small snacks to make it family friendly. You can browse the awesome selection of branded merchandise and grab a growler, crowler, or grumbler to go.



509 E Main St
(866) 663-9986
Hours: Thursday-Friday 4-10pm
Saturday 12-10pm

More information can be found on the Take 16 Brewing Company Facebook Page.

COFFEY CONTEMPORARY ARTS: LORD GRIZZLY GALLERY

The gallery exhibits work from contemporary artist from all over the world focusing on creating dynamic exhibition and artistic opportunity. Lord Grizzly Gallery takes its name from a novel named Lord Grizzly by Fredrick Manfred, this gallery name was shared with them by the Manfred Family. Local author Fredrick Manfred's readers are available in the gallery. They are a 501c3 non-profit organization delegated for exhibition and education.



For more information visit
<http://coffeycontemporaryarts.com/lord-grizzly-gallery/> or the
Coffey Contemporary Arts Facebook Page

111 E Main St
401-500-3057
Hours: Thursday 10am-8pm
Friday 4-8pm
Saturday 10am-9pm

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

SPRING CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALES

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

Buffalo Days is a three-day celebration. 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. Buffalo Days Expo begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square. 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, and Tales from the Grave with the Rock County Historical Society.



FARMER'S MARKET

June – October, Thursdays 4-7

Luverne farmer's market is located at Redbird Field. There is an array of local food and other goods sold from fresh produce, baked goods, jam, honey, soap, meats and more! Produce changes throughout the summer season by each vendor. For children ages 4-12 there is the Power of Produce club.

HOT DOG NITE

Luverne's Hot Dog Nite continues to be a great community get-together. Luverne merchants serve over 15,000 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 COUNTY FAIR

This 4-day event is the highlight of everyone's summer. The Rock County Fair is an opportunity for people in the county to come together and enjoy many events and exhibits. A carnival, livestock shows, rides, food, grand stand events, 4-H and open class exhibits are only a small part of what you can experience during this special celebration. Other fun events include Enduro Races, a talent contest, and a pork and beef feed. Ride tickets can be purchased in advance from Teals Market, Luverne Pizza Ranch, Luverne Chamber, and Rauk's Hilltop Stop in Beaver Creek.



For event scheduling and more information go to: www.rockcountyfair.org.

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. Bands have the opportunity to participate in street competition during the parade at 9:30 a.m. in downtown Luverne and/or field competition beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Cardinal Football Field. 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.

WINTERFEST

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, a huge arts and crafts 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!

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
116 W Main St
PO Box 856
Contact: Dianne Ossenfort (507) 283-9050*

**Tickets available at the Palace Box Office (507) 283-4339*

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 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 10:40 a.m.



BETHANY LUTHERAN (ELS)

Pastor Andrew M. Palmquist

720 N Kniss Ave
(507) 283-4571

www.facebook.com/BethanyLuverne

Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Sept.-May: 9:00 a.m.



FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Ken and Gloria Kashner

1075 110th Ave
(507) 283-9070

www.ag.org

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



FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Walt Moser

1033 N Jackson
(507) 283-4091

www.fbcluverne.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Classes: AWANA – Wednesdays
Sept.-April 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. Jason Cunningham

302 Central Ln
(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

Associate Pastor Ann Zastrow

500 N Kniss Ave
(507) 283-4431

www.graceluverne.org

Worship: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Adult Study: 10 a.m.

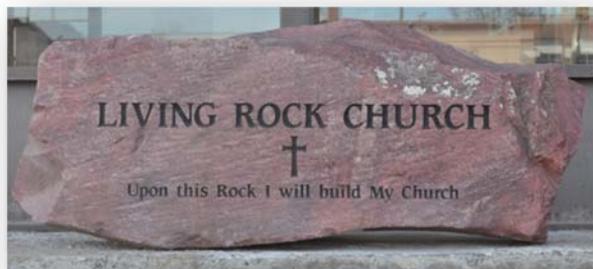


JEHOVAH WITNESS

Kingdom Hall

1503 County Highway 4
(507) 283-4569

www.watchtower.org



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.



LUVERNE CHRISTIAN REFORMED

Rev. Roger Sparks

605 N Estey St
(507) 283-8482

www.luvernecrc.com

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Church Sunday Education: 10:50 a.m.



NEW LIFE CELEBRATION CHURCH

110 N Oakley St
(507) 449-6522

www.luvnewlife.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Praise Band: 7:00 p.m.



ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC

Msgr. Gerald Kosse, Pastor

203 E Brown St
(507) 283-8502

Mass:

www.stscl.org/ or
www.facebook.com/stccluverne



**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod)**

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

Sunday: Trad. Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Combined (2nd Sun. of month): 10:30 a.m.
*Some services are held at First Presbyterian

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 (507) 283-2333, or check out the *Star Herald* online at www.star-herald.com.

The *Luverne Outlook* is a monthly newsletter circulated by the City of Luverne. The *Outlook* contains important dates during the upcoming month, exciting recent news about the city, and some current events. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep citizens of Luverne updated on important information for the month. The *Outlook* is emailed, mailed upon request, or check it out online at www.cityofluverne.org/outlook.

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. KTIX 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.

LUVTV

LUVTV is Luverne's local cable access channel broadcast by the City of Luverne. Currently, it can be viewed on Vast and Mediacom channels 3 and in HD 301, or online at www.cityofluverne.org/luvtv. LUVTV airs local church services, Luverne City Council meetings, Luverne High School sports, other community events, and community calendars/announcements.



Contact Us:

LUVTV Coordinator
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City of Luverne

305 E Luverne St, PO Box 659

Email:

mvangrootheest@cityofluverne.org

Phone: (507) 449-9923

LUVERNEEVENTS.COM

Luverne Events is a new community calendar page that has many activities for all ages listed in a calendar. Events can be added to the page through a form on the website. Events include but are not limited to the arts, athletics, volunteer opportunities, community events, and much more.

www.luverneevents.com/home



ORGANIZATIONS

Aerie Eagles #3403	(507) 283-9661	Terry Reisch	
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 (Swim lessons)	(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	Lonna Heideman	www.atlasofrockcounty.org
Beaver Creek Cemetery	(507) 673-2385	David Anderson	daadmn@yahoo.com
Ben Franklin Lodge #114	(507) 283-4999	Bryce Stoltenberg	b_a_s_71@hotmail.com
Big Buddies	(507) 283-9165		
Blue Mound Area Theatre	(507) 283-4463	LaDonna Van Aartsen	www.palacetheater.us
Blue Mound Cemetery Assn.	(507) 283-8966	Dick Remme	ddremme1033@yahoo.com
Blue Mound Woodcarvers	(507) 283-8094	Mark Wieneke	mnCarvers@CarvingForFun.com
Blue Mound Wrestling Club		Becca Renken	
Rock County Relay for Life	(507) 734-2174	Jennifer Evans	jennifer.evans@cancer.org
Cooties Pup Tent #37	(507) 283-4532	LeRoy Luitjens	leroyluitjens@gmail.com
Day Care Association	(507) 220-0479	Nikki McLendon	
Delta Kappa Gamma	(507) 283-9476	Lee Alexander	
Dollars for Scholars	(507) 227-4030	Johnna Ahrendt	luvernedfs@gmail.com
Eagles Auxiliary	(507) 283-9661		eaglesclub3403@live.com
ECFE	(507) 283-4724	Lisa Nath	li.nath@isd2184.net
Friends of the Library	(507) 283-9377	Linda Limesand	klimesand@iw.net
Girls Scouts	(605) 336-2978		
Green Earth Players	(507) 283-9050	Dianne Ossenfort	rdossenfort@gmail.com

Heart Fund	(507) 283-9131	Becca Renken	
Hinkly House Museum	(507) 283-9476	Jane Wildung Lanphere	luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us
Independent Rep. Party	(507) 283-2444	William Weber	bbweber@iw.net
Knights of Columbus	(507) 283-8502	St. Catherine's Church	mmclaughlin@iw.net
Luverne Area Chamber	(507) 283-4061	Jane Wildung Lanphere	luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us
Luverne Area Community Foundation	(507) 220-2424	Emily Crabtree	emily@luvacf.org
Luverne Baseball Assn.	(507) 283-4724	Don Dinger	board@luvernebaseball.com
Luverne Country Club	(507) 283-4383		golf@luvernecountryclub.com
Luverne Cub Scout Pack	(507) 920-9020	Rob Wenzel	
Luverne Education Assn.	(507) 283-4491	Jennifer Engesser	j.engesser@isd2184.net
Luverne Fire Department	(507) 449-5039	David Van Batavia	fire@iw.net
Luverne Hockey Assn.	(507) 227-2156	Jeff Haubrich	
Luverne Lions Club	(507) 283-9894	Steve Cattnach	
Luverne Music Boosters	(507) 290-0865	Jim Jelken	jjelken@iw.net
Luverne Rotary Club	(507) 370-2194	Tammy Loosbrock	tammy.loosbrock@sanfordhealth.org
Luverne School Readiness	(507) 283-9191	Lisa Nath	li.nath@isd2184.net
Luverne Senior Citizens - Generations	(507) 283-9846	George Bonnema	Livewellagewell100@gmail.com
Luverne Taekwondo	(507) 283-8390		
Maplewood Cemetery	(605) 254-5450	Billy Cowell	
Nu Alpha Sorority	(507) 283-4897	Kirsten Eisma	
Optimist Club	(507) 283-2592	Dale Reverts	dallerrent@iw.net
P.E.O.	(507) 283-4496	Kara Ahrendt	k.ahrendt@isd2184.net
Palace Theatre Box Office	(507) 283-4339		www.palacetheatre.us

Parents: Partners in Education	(507) 227-6944		luverneppie@gmail.com
Pheasants Forever	(507) 283-2339	Jeff Wieneke	
Pink Ladies Hospital Aux	(507) 283-4830	Doris Tofteland	doris9rose@yahoo.com
Red Cross Bloodmobile	(507) 283-8418		
Rock Co. Ambulance	(507) 449-1275	Harlan Vandekief	
Rock Co. Corn & Soybean Growers	(507) 283-2811	Jim Ouverson	jouerson@iw.net
Rock Co. Develop Corp	(507) 283-2366	Greg Burger	Greg.burger@co.rock.mn.us
Rock Co. Extension	(507) 283-1302	Sheila Steinhoff	mnext-rock@umn.edu
Rock Co. Fair Board	(507) 227-2141	Adam Kinsinger	
Rock Co. Fine Arts Assn.	(507) 283-8477	Jerry Deuschle	jkdeuschle@yahoo.com
Rock Co. Historical Society	(507) 283-2122	Betty Mann	rcmuseum@gmail.com
Rock Co. Ministerial Assn	(507) 283-8482		
Rock Co. Sportsmen's Club	(507) 283-9619	Steve Nath	
Rock County 4-H	(507) 283-1302	Chelsey Asche	Mnext-rock@umn.edu
Rock County Dairy Association	(507) 283-9389	Jake & Cheryl Moss	
Rock County DFL	(507) 283-9546	Ben Vander Kooi, Jr.	lawkooi@gmail.com
Rock County Pork Producers	(507) 920-7786	Kevin Barnhart	kjbarnhart@landolakes.com
Rock County Snowmasters	(507) 283-9348	Dave Severtson	dsevert@myclearwave.net
Rock County VFW	(507) 449-8136	Terrie Gulden	t.gulden@mchsi.com
Rock/Nobles Cattlemen Assn.	(507) 597-3745	Pete Bakken	
Rock County A.C.E.	(507) 283-5064	Linda Wenzel	ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us
Salvation Army	(507) 283-9131	Patti Wieneke	pattiaw@minwestbankgroup.com
Sanford Hospice of Luverne	(507) 283-1805	Tammy Moeller	tammy.moeller@sanfordhealth.org
Scout Program (Boy)	(712) 212-0377	Casey McKenzie	
SHARE	(507) 227-9282	Molly Golla	mollyrg@iw.net
Southwest Crisis Center	(507) 283-9917	Jennifer Lindsey	Jennifer@mnsbcc.org
SW MN Opportunity Council	(507) 376-4195	Neal Steffl	nsteffl@smoc.us

TOPS Club #698	(507) 855-2368	Shelly VanWesten	vanwesten@alliancecom.net
TOPS Club #777	(507) 283-4220	Kathy Jacobsma	
Tourist Club	(507) 449-8136	Pauline Martin	

To find out more information about the town, upcoming events, and other news check out the City of Luverne and Luverne Area Chamber websites (www.cityofluverne.org & www.luvernechamber.com), the community events page (www.luverneevents.com) and/or the Luverne Area Chatter Facebook page.

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