



# Thanks giving



November 2020

## Thoughts on gratitude and thanks...

**Awakening alive.** Just waking up is something we should be grateful for every day of our lives. Being alive allows us to love, enjoy, make decisions, act and make our day the best.

**Breathe a decent air.** We can walk outdoors and can't see the air we breathe. For many people in the world that isn't the case. Be grateful to live in the Midwest...out on the prairie!

**Each new day to learn and earn our daily bread.** Be thankful every day for the opportunity you have to learn something new and for having the chance to receive some financial compensation if you have a job. Many people don't have the opportunity to learn or work. So, be thankful for the opportunity.

**A home in which we live, eat, sleep and relax.** We really are fortunate if we are not of those who live in a car, in an abandoned house or building, in a shack or on a bench in a park. Visualize a person who doesn't have a home when you complain that your house or apartment is very hot or cold, or for a very high utility bill or high rent. At least we have a choice.

**Eat clean food and have the option to satiate our hunger.** Most of us have not seen the need to make queues for 2 and up to 4 hours to buy some bread or some eggs. We don't know what it must feel like waiting for a Red Cross truck loaded with rice boxes for the needy. We have never had to stop in the back of a restaurant to wait for them to take leftovers out of the food to be able to feed us. All this is something that we have to keep in mind whenever we feed ourselves, and we thank the opportunity to be able to do it.

**Friends, family, and pets.** Most of us have one or more of these things in life. In some parts of the country and the world, some people and children are alone. Those who don't have friends or relatives, or even a pet. Be thankful for what you have of these three things every day of your life.

**The clothes we wear.** There are many people who don't have the basics to dress, much less to protect themselves from the environment. Keep in mind if you count on it, be thankful for it and think of others when you check the clothes that you no longer use.

**The gift of being able to choose.** Although sometimes we feel stuck in the way, we always have the possibility to choose what we want to do to change and achieve our goals. This is truly a gift. We always have a choice, to choose our way. And this is generally taken for granted, ignored or not used or developed enough.

**Every pleasant moment in our lives.** There are many moments during the day when we have pleasant experiences with ourselves and others that we should be thankful for. Because all those moments together are the ones that make up the peace and happiness of every human being.

**The gift of good health and healthcare.** With health, we can do everything we want and if we aren't healthy...we have providers that can help us. We can fulfill our goals and feel good about ourselves.

**AND THE CHAMBER GIVES THANKS FOR YOU...  
OUR BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS!**

**Luverne**  
Area Chamber & CVB

Chamber  
*Chatter*



**NOVEMBER  
27th - 29th**

*and*

**DECEMBER  
5th, 2020**

**FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 27, 2020**

- **PUPPET SHOW STORY HOUR**  
At the Rock County Community Library - 10:00 am
- **WINE AND BEER TASTING**  
At Blue Mound Liquor - 5 pm to 8 pm
- **FLANNEL FEST SHOPPING BINGO**  
Cards available at area businesses. Return by December 17th; \$ prizes!

- **FLANNELFEAST**  
Wear flannel & order to win 10 - \$25 gift certificates. Pizza Ranch, Wildflower's Coffee Boutique, 75 Diner, Howling Dog Saloon, Sterling's Café & Grille
- **LITTLE FLANNEL BINGO**  
Activities for youth 12 & under; Cards at History Center, Chamber, on-line at LuverneChamber.com; \$ prizes; Return by December 17th

- **FIND THE FLANNEL - NUTCRACKER SCAVENGER HUNT:** Forms on-line at [www.LuverneChamber.com](http://www.LuverneChamber.com) Or at Chamber & History Center. Return by January 3, 2021 - \$ prizes
- **FLANNEL FRENZY**  
At Businesses throughout town; Look for sign in windows; Wear flannel for prizes, discounts and give-aways



**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 28, 2020**

**FLANNEL FEST  
VENDOR SHOW**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
At the Mall on Main

- **FLANNELFEAST:** Wear flannel & order to win - 10 - \$25 gift certificates. Pizza Ranch, Wildflower's Coffee Boutique, 75 Diner, Howling Dog Saloon, Sterling's Café & Grille
- **WINE AND BEER TASTING** at Blue Mound Liquor - 5 to 8 pm
- **LUMBER JACK & JILL DASH:** Your schedule; 3 to 9 pm. Advance tickets only; \$40 - Only 100 sold. Competitive event with log throw, darts, lumberjack 21, and Hammerschlagen; Winners crowned Lumber Jack & Lumber Jill. *Ticket includes: commemorative stein; 4 - \$5 drink tokens & meal.*



**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

- **LOVE THE LIGHT - LIGHT THE NIGHT**  
Luverne City Park - 6:30 pm. Fireworks at 6:30 pm prior to the lighting of park holiday displays. \$5/car donation requested to support community events.

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 5, 2020**

**FLANNEL FEST  
VENDOR SHOW**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
At the Mall on Main

- **ROCK COUNTY SNO MASTERS**  
Free Swap Meet & Membership Drive. Rusty Nutz Vintage Snowmobile Club Show. Howling Dog Saloon - 10 am. *We'll have a ride if there is snow!*
- **FLANNEL FRENZY**  
At Businesses throughout town; Look for sign in windows; Wear flannel for prizes, discounts and give-aways



**ZOOM the  
NORTH POLE**

Virtual Visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus  
10am to Noon  
Check the Chamber website  
[www.LuverneChamber.com](http://www.LuverneChamber.com)  
for log-in information.

**Luverne Area Chamber & CVB**  
**[www.LuverneChamber.com](http://www.LuverneChamber.com)**  
**507.283.4061**



**November 28 , 2020**

**Advance Tickets Only—\$40/person**

**Available at Luverne Chamber or phone order @ 507.283.4061**

**Ticket price includes: 4—\$5 drink cards, commemorative mug,  
Lumberjack Stew meal by Bluestem Catering & contest entry**

**Between 3 & 7 pm stop by these businesses to “compete” and fill out your players card**

**Howling Dog Saloon’s LUMBER JACK & JILL LOG THROW**

**Eagles Club Luverne’s LUMBER JACK & JILL DART THROW**

**Sterling’s Café & Grille’s LUMBER JACK & JILL 21**

**ALL MEET 7 pm—Take 16 North Parking Lot for first round of HAMMERSCHLAGEN**

**Following Hammerschlagen, cards totaled and LUMBER JACK & JILL crowned!**

**LUMBERJACK STEW MEAL SERVED 5 TO 7:30 PM IN TAKE 16 EVENT CENTER  
LUMBERJACK MUSIC STREAM FROM 6 TO 9 PM**

# NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



Entry Deadline  
NOV. 27th

5 - \$25  
CASH  
PRIZES

## BEARD MOUSTACHE Competition

### CATEGORIES:

- MUSTACHE
- PARTIAL BEARD
- FULL BEARD
- FREESTYLE
- KIDS FREESTYLE  
(12 & UNDER)

PRIZES  
AWARDED:  
Nov. 28th

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# NO ONE IS TO BLAME...



Today the world is very different than it was 8 to 10 months ago. The challenges we face today are not local, state, national but international. There is no respect for boundaries...racial, economic, social or intellectual. We are all in this together and everyone one of us bears great responsibility for the health and wellbeing of others.

Billions of people are in lockdown, unable to visit one another, unable go to work, unable to attend school, unable to meet one another in public places. People around the world are struggling, being separated from their loved ones in their hours of emotional, physical and financial need. Today, a simple expression of human kindness such as a handshake, hug or embrace has the potential of transmitting an illness and leading to death. We are confronted with the true uncertainty of human existence and the true vulnerability of human life.

Many of us believed that we could beat or find a way out of any problem if we garnered enough resources. The Covid-19 pandemic shows us how wrong we were. The Coronavirus shows us how terrible it really is to waste our lives, embroiled in endless battles for wealth and status and power. How terrible it really is not to recognize the value in the people around us – not just our family and friends, not just colleagues and fellow citizens, but also complete strangers. How terrible it is not to give our lives meaning – every hour of every day – by honoring the sacredness of life and according all living things the respect, sensitivity and care that they deserve.

The Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates to us the value of freedom – the freedom to move, to be with those we love, to live in dignity and security – for ourselves and for those around us, for friends and neighbors here and around the world. Above all, it shows us the importance of recognizing the true purpose of all our businesses and economies, our political parties and governments, our local civic associations and our international organizations, our conventions and ideologies, and all our other systems: namely, to serve human needs and purposes.

Our lives are based in interdependence. Business owners need customers. Customers need businesses. Employees need employers. Employers need employees. Government needs citizens. Citizens need government. People need friends. Families need each other. We cannot live, work and play without the cooperation and support of others. The Covid-19 pandemic shows us with crystal clarity that all of us are in the same boat. We can't contain the virus without beating the virus everywhere...and that is going to take time and a lot of resources. All countries and regions of the world will have to work at this together in order to succeed.

So, where does that leave us? What should we do? How can we help?

- The first thing we have to do is respect the guidance, advice and rules from our leaders as they work to lead us through this pandemic and then put that guidance into practice.
- The second thing we need to do is to respect each other. We have been living in a climate where there is a lot of finger pointing and the fact with finger pointing is that when one finger points forward the other four fingers point back to us. Speak, act and react with respect and understanding!
- The third thing is to support each other. How can we do that? Read on to the next page:



# NO ONE IS TO BLAME...continued



Since the pandemic, many of our organizations and institutions have had to shut down and/or open to very small groups. Those organizations/institutions are very important to our way of life. Are you back and involved? Are you supporting their work? From churches to sports associations to fraternal organizations to non-profits....they haven't been able to operate the same way that they did before. That doesn't mean that the good work they have done and continue to do isn't important. Think about what you can do to help them whether it is by donating money, volunteering to help or both.

Our small businesses really need our help and support! The shut downs and the lock downs have really made "on-line" ordering an easy alternative. Where does that leave those shops, restaurants and service businesses that we all count on to make Luverne a place where we "LOVE THE LIFE"? Many of them have been hanging on over the last months by using up their reserves and banking on credit to help them through this hard time. Now, more than ever, it is important to come together and show them how important they are to us. Before you go on-line and shop...why don't you make a call or stop down to one of the shops, restaurants or service businesses. They might not have it when you call in but is there a way that you can wait until they get it? Maybe there is something else that you need that is right on their shelves.

## Shop local! Support local! We are STRONGER TOGETHER!

Today is a time to realize that the situation we are in is not political, economic, social or geographic. None of us caused this. We are in a situation that requires us – as a world – to work collectively! Covid-19 has forced us to realize one brutally honest thing: To overcome this pandemic – along with other challenges that lie ahead, such as climate change, cyberwar, financial crises, hunger and more –we need to all be in this together.

This is the lesson that we must take into the post-Covid-19 world: The time has come to mobilize this goodness in our midst, rather than drive it to the sidelines through institutions and incentive systems that reward selfishness and predatory competitiveness. The time has come to re-evaluate the appropriate goal of business; the goal of our economic activities; the goal of our ideologies and social conventions; and the goal of our local, national and international governance structures. The pandemic shows us that the goals of all these domains must always be the same: contributing to the fulfillment of human needs and purposes. This requires us to cooperate locally when we face local challenges, nationally when we face national challenges, and globally when we face global challenges.





Each time you order one of the featured pork dishes from a participating restaurant - October 19 thru November 21 - simply fill out a ballot & drop it in the box!

**80 names will be drawn from the boxes TO WIN \$10 DINING GIFT CARDS**

The ballots will be tallied and the 2020 WE LOVE PORK CHALLENGE TROPHY presented to the restaurant with the highest average score!

**TROPHY PRESENTED SATURDAY, NOV. 28 AT 6:45 PM TAKE 16 BREWING COMPANY**

Sponsors:

**8 GREAT ROCK COUNTY RESTAURANTS  
ROCK COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS  
Luverne Area Chamber & CVB**



### Hideaway's Pork Loin Fritter Sandwich

Your taste buds will "swoon" when you bite into this delicious pork loin fritter sandwich. The fritter is deep fried to perfection and topped with house made sweet pepper coleslaw, onions, and pickles on a delicious Kaiser bun with your choice of side.

W, F, Sat: 11 am to 8 pm



Sun: 7am-3pm  
M-F: 6am-9pm  
Sat: 7am-9pm

### The Morning "Oinker"

The hogs are still "squealing" over the flavors in this delicious sandwich. Our hand-pattied sausage is drizzled with maple syrup, topped with brown-sugared bacon, shaved ham, American cheese, and scrambled egg on grilled Texas Toast. Served with sides of homemade sausage gravy dipping sauce & hash browns! Morning, noon and nighttime too...try this delicious meal!



### Cuban: "Howling Dog Style"

From the shores of Miami & Key West comes the CUBAN: "Howling Dog Style"! The sandwich starts with delicious piled-high pulled pork, smoked ham and "perfect" pickle...topped with the "Dog's" special sauce served on grilled rye bread.

Monday thru Saturday: 10am to 10pm



### The Magnolia Humdinger

This "humdinger" of a sandwich is made to inspire! Start with homemade pork tenderloin, layer with fried cheese, top with cheesy BBQ pulled pork, onion straws and apple butter BBQ sauce that is served on a delicious Ciabatta bun. Add our side of homemade apple coleslaw to fill your plate!

Monday thru Friday: 6am to 2pm

### HELP SELECT THE BEST PORK DISH IN ROCK COUNTY IN 2020!



EVENTS—GOLF—GRILL

W-Sat: 5 to 9 pm

### Homestyle Smothered Pork Chop

Stop by our restaurant/pub to enjoy this delicious new dish! Start with an 8 oz, thick cut pork chop, pan-seared to perfection and cover it with our home-made brandy mushroom sauce for a flavor anyone can enjoy. Add our house made loaded mashed potatoes with buttered corn and the only thing to say is...YUM!



### Pork Shank Sauerbraten

This is sauerbraten like no other! Start with delicious-tender-braised pork shank that falls off the bone, add cabbage and seared potato Gnocchi and top it off with a rich Take 16's "Kick the Can" IPA butter sauce.

Add fresh diced tomatoes and pickled onions as garnish for a "world-class" flavor you'll savor.

T-Th: 11am-2pm & 4pm-9pm

F: 11am-2pm & 4pm-10pm Sat: 11am-10pm



### Hardwick Ham & Bacon Club

There is no better sandwich than a good club and the Hardwick Ham & Bacon Club is something your won't forget! Starting with smoked ham & bacon we add American & Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions and mayo before placing it on Texas toast. Pickles and your choice of side make the meal complete!

T-F: 11am-1pm T&W: 4-8:50pm F: 4-9:50pm  
Sat: 2-9:50pm Sun: 12-8:50pm



### Pork Platter...Like No Other

Daily: 9am to 2pm & W-Sat: 5pm to 8pm

There is no better comfort food than Southern barbeque...and Vinnie's has the perfect platter for you! Enjoy 2 delicious Baby Back Ribs with BBQ Pulled Pork all served on top of toast. Add our homemade cheesy hashbrowns for a meal you'll never forget!

# Join us! Learn via Zoom!

## State & Federal Workforce Development Resources

Guests from CareerForce and the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council will share an overview of the resources, programs and services available to Minnesota employers. Learn how they can help you find, develop and retain the talent you need for your business to grow and thrive!

- Who and/or What is CareerForce?!
- Post Jobs and Search for Applicants with No Fees
- Highlight Your Business by Creating a Business Profile on CareerForceMN.org with No Fees
- Utilize Hiring Incentives and Tax Credits
- Learn About Resources for Incumbent Worker Training and Apprenticeships
- Engage with Youth (e.g. Career Fairs, Job Shadows, Internships, Work Experiences)
- Hold Hiring Events and Interviews at CareerForce Locations

**CareerForce**<sup>™</sup>

*Minnesota's Career Resource*

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**SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA  
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 8 AM**

**ZOOM MEETING**

RSVP's required to obtain meeting connection  
Please email: [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us)