

# Community Matters



## Luverne Area Community Foundation

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### BackPack Program sponsors new Summer Food Program

The Luverne Backpack Program is nearing the end of it's first year. This program has been an overwhelming success thanks to the support from individuals, businesses and organizations and also the Luverne Schools for their part in the effort.

Beginning in June, the Backpack Program will be sponsoring a Summer Food Service Program. This is a USDA Program, administered by the MN Dept. of Education. Kids will be transported to the Senior Dining Center where they will meet and split into groups for an activity. St. Catherine's Church has offered their indoor and outdoor facilities for the activity. Following the activity, the children will reconvene at the Senior Center as will the Senior Citizens who have chosen to participate, where lunch will be served. Lunches will meet guidelines set forth by the USDA while being kid friendly at the same time. This is an 11 week program and will be staffed by many volunteers including 2 trained site supervisors. Kids will be sent home with a brown bag snack at the end of each day.

The Summer Food Program is a Second Harvest Partner agency which will provide a cost savings. A \$2,000 grant has been applied for through Second Harvest, sponsored by the Minnesota Vikings Children's Fund and Target. Luverne Rotary Club also donated \$750.00 to purchase a freezer.

Continued donations are essential to ensure these programs will be available as long as there is a need. To donate to the Backpack Program, donations may be sent to: Luverne Area Community Foundation—BackPack Program, PO Box 623, Luverne, MN 56156.



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### Some beliefs about inspired philanthropy

- Everyone has a role in changing the inequities of society, regardless of income or class.
- Philanthropy is a creative expression of that part of yourself that cares about and believes in the potential for change.
- The most effective philanthropy joins your interests and experiences with the current needs in your community and seeks desired outcomes.
- Thoughtful, planned giving gives you a chance to express yourself and your passion as well as your goals and reasons for giving.
- Creating a giving plan fosters more enjoyment, ingenuity, and effectiveness in personal philanthropy than automatic, reactive giving.
- Coming into your own true place of giving is an evolving, definable, and developmental process.
- Inspired philanthropy and service have transforming powers for all—givers and receivers.



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## 17th Annual Charity Dinner and Auction Generates Nearly \$60,000

A Southwest desert scene set the stage for this year's annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction. It was a perfect evening with a spectacular meal and many great donated auction items to bid on. The 2010 Hospice Awards were presented to: Hospice Volunteer—Dick Smook; Hospice Team Member—Jill Swenson, RN; and “Friend of Hospice” - the late Mary Jane Metzger. The raffle drawing winners were: Annabelle Frakes—diamond jewelry; Dianna Spath—handmade quilt; 42” TV—Sara Schreurs; “Pick of the Night” - Mike Rust and trip to Sedona, AR—Dan Dingmann. It was a delightful evening for all who attended. This event would not be possible without all of the many wonderful volunteers and the generous support from area individuals and businesses.

Memorial gifts and donations made to the Luverne Area Community Foundation for Hospice are always welcome and appreciated and can be sent to: Hospice-Sanford Luverne, 402 E Main, Luverne, MN 56156, or to the Foundation office at PO Box 623, Luverne, MN 56156. 100% of your contributions are used for providing care, equipment and supplies to patients and their families.

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## SAVE THE DATE!!!! October 23, 2010



If you missed them last time, mark your calendars now! **Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos** will be returning to the Historic Palace Theatre this fall.

The *Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos* show is based on the dueling piano concept, but goes well beyond two guys and pianos simply taking requests and into a full blown Vegas style variety act insisting on audience participation. Whatever the audience, Deuces Wild! creates an act to fit the mood. And believe it or not — they won't want to leave — they guarantee a fabulous and memorable night.

Get ready for contagious laughter at the impossibly funny antics of Dave and Ted with *Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos!* More details to come in the next issue of Community Matters. Act early, as we anticipate a sell-out!

