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Announcements

• **Belvidere Happy-Go-Luckies 4-H Club** (usually) meets the first Monday of each month at 7p.m. at St. Peter's Church, rural Goodhue. New members are always welcome! Contact club leader Michelle Benrud at 651-923-5247 for more information.

• **The Goodhue Area Historical Society Museum** is open June through August, Thursday & Sunday 1:00 to 4:00p.m. Available special hours by appointment. Marie Strusz 651-923-4302 or Roy Buck 651-923-4388.

• **Goodhue County Health & Human Services Immunization Schedule**, located at 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN. January through July 1st, Tuesday 1-4pm; August through December, every Tuesday 2-4pm. Clinics are walk-in. No appointment needed. For other times, call for an appointment 651-385-3200 or 1-800-950-2142.

• **Community Library:** The Goodhue School Library, in conjunction with SELCO and Goodhue County is open to the public Wednesday mornings 9a.m.-Noon and Wednesday evenings 4:00-7:00p.m. School year hours are Wednesday evenings 3:30-7:30p.m. Remember - the library is equipped with inter-library loan service, which means if the library does not have a book you want, that book can be there in two days.

• **The Mazeppa Area Food Shelf, serving Mazeppa, Bellechester, and Zumbro Falls Area is open the second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11 am and 3:30 - 5:30pm, and the fourth Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30pm.** Food drop off locations are First State Bank of Red Wing, Mazeppa Branch, and Entry way to Mazeppa City Hall.

Self-Storage Complex Opens in Goodhue

A new self-storage unit opened this fall in Goodhue and is located at 103 County 9 East Blvd. The construction was completed in October and they are currently available for lease.

Steve and Maggie Voth are the owners and this is their first venture in the self-storage unit business. Steve is also employed with the City of Goodhue.

The units have 24-hour access and each is locked with adequate lighting and 24 hour video surveillance cameras. There are twenty-six units in the complex and range in size from 10' x 10' to 10' x 30'.

Cost for a storage unit is \$65 per month for a 10x10, \$75 per month for a 10x15, \$90 per month for a 10x20, \$110 per month for a 10x25 and \$125 per month for a 10x30. Discounts are available for annual pay.

If interested you may contact Steve at 651-380-6557.



Maggie, Macy, Murphy and Steve Voth

KHW INS Merger Begins New Chapter For Local Insurance Firm

The Kenyon Fire Insurance Company was founded on July 3, 1875 by Norwegian farmers in the town of Kenyon in Goodhue County, Minnesota. The purpose of the company was to provide insurance protection against fire and lightning for insured buildings, household personal property and other personal property for policyholders. At that time, the company served the towns of Kenyon, Ellington, Holden, and Richland. Many small mutual insurance companies started up to serve the townships needs, and were located in the center of the community



and in the early days offices were often in the home of the directors or manager. Some of the families who founded the insurance company one hundred and forty-five years ago are still in the area, like Baker, Jorstad, Huseuth, Maring, Sathrum, Flom and Sviggum.

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Goodhue City Council

Current discussions are taking place between Goodhue, Mazeppa, Pine Island, Wanamingo and Zumbrota about a combined sanitary sewer district for the five communities. Some of the benefits include savings on the construction and operation of a single waste water treatment facility for all cities in the future. It would also create a single discharge location for the treated water. There will be a virtual meeting at 6pm on February 3rd.

Fabtech Inc. has been working with the city engineer on the feasibility of relocating their metal fabricating facility in Goodhue.

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Hope for 2021



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

From the pages of the Chicago Sun Times, "An Easter like no other. A summer like no other. A World Series like no other. A year like no other." The phrase was worn out over the past nine months by journalists and news media alike. It became a branded logo to rubber-stamp this slow-motion train wreck: COVID-19 pandemic meets civic unrest meets economic disruption." In reality "EVERY year is a year like no other!" Years are unique, like snowflakes. And besides, 2020 is like other years. It's like 1968, 1945, 1918 ... all the way back to 1066, landmark years where you won't have to purse your lips and ponder, trying to dredge up a single event. We all know what happened in 2001. Nobody is going to snap their fingers and try to recall what year COVID struck: 2020, a year to remember, whether you like it or not."

There were plenty of challenges this past year: quarantines that contributed to work slow downs and unemployment. There was

racial unrest after George Floyd's death in Minneapolis. Almost every home was affected by the Covid 19 virus- and there are people that won't be around in 2021, because of the virus or some other reason. We can focus on the high unemployment, or restaurants and schools being shut down. 2020 also boast of record storms that hit our nation: a derecho in Iowa, and hurricanes in Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. There are many ways that this year will be remembered- and many of them will not be happy memories. But along with the bad- there were a number of good things too. There were other Good things that happened in 2020 Nationally: Scientists responded with unprecedented speed and common purpose to find a vaccine and thousands of people volunteered to take the experimental vaccines. We saw the selfless dedication of nurses, orderlies, doctors and other health workers, and the selfless dedication of truck drivers, grocery stockers, farmworkers and so many more who risked their lives to keep the economy from collapsing. We learned to connect long and short distances with zoom and the telephone. Drive-ins theaters made a comeback, a record number of Americans turned out to vote in the national election, the United States launched astronauts to the International Space Station on a U.S.-made rocket and a panda was born at the National Zoo!

At South Troy we saw some good things happen this year too: God supplied our needs during 3 months of no in-person worship, and He continues to supply our needs!

We were able to go online with our worship services. God supplied the needs of the Food shelf and the PEM Backpack program: both volunteers and finances. We've connected with more people than ever before; online and in-person. Our first caroling event was a hit! True there were challenges; we saw more families than ever make use of the food shelf and we know there are many out of work and our local businesses are suffering. Yet, we continue to believe that God is good and He will continue to provide for our community.

Matthew wrote about Jesus being our Hope, "Look at my Servant. See my Chosen One. He is my Beloved, in whom my soul delights. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will judge the nations. 19 He does not fight nor shout; He does not raise his voice! 20 He does not crush the weak or quench the smallest hope; He will end all conflict with his final victory, 21 And his name shall be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:18-21

First it says, look at my servant- my chosen one. This is talking about Jesus- God's Son. Jesus came not as a superhero he came as a servant. Mark 10:45, Jesus says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus was chosen, He was God's one and only Son. God loved Him and was willing to send him to be our redemption. Jesus came not to fight, but to bring hope for the world. Jesus wasn't out to prove a point, or to stir up conflict. He always remained in control of himself. We never see Jesus

forcing an issue- He gave all people the right to choose whom they would follow. Jesus won't crush the weak or quench the smallest hope; instead, he gives hope to those that are weak and tired. Like the widow from Nain, her son was in the casket on the way to the final burial- and Jesus saw the pain and sorrow and healed the boy right there! Jesus was filled with compassion for the people- his heart went out to them. Yet, he didn't barge in where he wasn't wanted. He always gave each person an out- to choose to believe, to follow, or to not believe or follow. His life was one of giving hope to those that were left in the margins of society. He reached out to widows, children, the weak and infirmed. He went out of his way to touch lepers and blind men. We can have faith and hope because our faith isn't in something dead and buried, but in the living Christ. God raised Christ from the dead and because of this we can have hope for every day. Without Jesus there would be no lasting hope. No Hope for tomorrow, and no hope for eternity.

My prayer and hope are that we will focus our attention on Jesus Christ in the year 2021. I pray God will fill your spirit to overflowing, and that deep down in your soul you will discover the great strengths of joy, love, boldness, and endurance, and will go forward and live for the glory of God each and every day. We have a living hope- Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ is our hope- our rock, our help in the difficult times. He is the HOPE OF THE WORLD!!!



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Be Clean

Scripture Reading — Mark 1:40-45
A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." — Mark 1:40

In Jesus' day most people believed that disease and sin were connected. Leprosy, a horrible disease that was often contagious and caused deformity, was thought to be evidence of some horrible sin. There was no cure, and lepers were declared "unclean" unless somehow they recovered and could be called "clean" again (see Leviticus 13:1-8, 45-46). They were generally banished from the community because of concerns about spreading spiritual impurity and death.

When the man with leprosy in this story came to Jesus asking to be made clean, it wasn't just a request to be cured. The man wanted his life back. Lepers were thought of as the walking dead, and he was asking, in effect, to be raised from death!

Jesus, seeming to risk being defiled, does the unthinkable in reaching out his hand and touching the man. And then the unthinkable happens. The contagion of sin and death does not spread to Jesus; instead, the cleansing of heaven spreads to the man! This "dead man walking" is brought back to life by the touch and word of Jesus. We expect the corrosive effect of sin and disease to spread, but the healing power of Jesus prevails against it.

Jesus came in power to take away what is killing us and what we are helpless to get rid of. What is it in your life that you are unable to cleanse yourself of? Jesus can make you clean!

Prayer: Gracious God, cleanse me of my sin and make me whole again. Restore to me the joy of salvation! Thank you for touching me with your healing power. Amen.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD

Pastor Steven Frenzt, 28961 365th St.
10:30a.m. Worship

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Due to COVID-19 check your church website or Facebook page for updates.

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Minneola Twp. Co. Rd. 7, rural Zumbrota
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.; Communion 3rd Sunday
Sunday School and Bible Studies (Adult & Teen) 11:00a.m.

Richard George Tri

A graveside memorial service in celebration of the lives of Richard and Geraldine Tri was held Monday, December 7th at 11:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Mazeppa. The Reverend Shawn Haremza presided. Richard Tri, 92, of Pine Island, died Saturday November 28, 2020 at Mayo Clinic Hospital – St. Mary's campus in Rochester. Mrs. Tri died at the age of 88 in 2014.

Richard George Tri was born March 31, 1928 in Bellechester, Minnesota, the son of Alexander and Dorothea Tri. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1948. He and his wife, Geraldine (Schiesser) Tri were married on August 27, 1949. Richard farmed near Pine Island and had a milk route in the 1950s and 1960s. Following retirement, they lived in Mazeppa, Zumbrota, and Pine Island. Richard has resided at Pine Haven Care Center for the past five years. Mr. and Mrs. Tri were members at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa.

Richard and Geraldine are survived by two sons, Larry Tri of Pine Island, and Dennis Tri of Wanamingo. Richard is survived by a sister, Marce Erickson of Pine Island, a brother-in-law Jan Schiesser of New York City, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine, brothers Wilfred, Oswald, and Robert; sisters-in-law Lorraine Tri, Irene Tri, and LaVerna Tri; brothers-in-law, Adrian Erickson, Rob Schiesser, and Allen Schiesser.

Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, in Zumbrota is in charge of arrangements.

Wilbert Gerhard Matthees

Wilbert Gerhard Matthees, 100, of Red Wing, died on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at Benedictine Living Community. He was born on July 14, 1920, in Goodhue, to Johannes and Anna (Rehder) Matthees. He was a lifelong member of St.

John's Lutheran Church, in rural Goodhue. He was baptized on August 8, 1920 by Reverend G. Hinnenthal, attended parochial school there through the 8th grade, and was confirmed in the Christian faith on May 20, 1934 by Reverend F.W. Weindorf. He was an active member of the church and volunteered when and wherever he could be of help. He spent most of his life farming with his father, brothers, Milton and Gordon, and sister, Doris. In 1987, he moved to Goodhue with Milton and Doris after selling the farm to his nephew. In 2008, he and Doris moved to the Villa at Hi Park, when she needed more

care. Wilbert was a kind and quiet man who loved his family and spent many hours with his nieces, nephews, and their families. He was a devoted caregiver to Doris for many years.

Wilbert is survived by twelve nieces and nephews, and their families, and by his church family. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gordon and Milton; sisters, Elda Augustine, Gertrude Stemmann, Bernice Voth, and Doris Matthees; and nieces, Jean Augustine, Linda Betcher, and Sandra Sandberg.

A private family service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Goodhue. Reverend Todd Engel officiated. A public graveside service was at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020, at the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Masks and social distancing were required. Memorials are preferred to the St. John's Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran School, or to an organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dennis John Issendorf

Dennis John Issendorf, age 74, of Lake City, passed away Friday, December 11, 2020 at the Elysian of Lake City. He was born December 6, 1946 in Lake City to Dallas and Hazel (Freiheit) Issendorf. He went to school in Goodhue for a few



years then his parents bought a farm near Lake City where Dennis graduated from in 1964. On October 16, 1965 he married Gloria Duden. They farmed with his parents until they retired and moved to Lake City. Dennis and Gloria took over the farm until they retired in 2006. He was a member of United Methodist Church in Lake City. Dennis loved his family, his guns, trap shooting and hunting. In his spare time he enjoyed making things for his wife. He had an abstract mind and made things out of old pieces of metal, bolts, washers, horse shoes, and anything else he could find. He was very talented in his own way and will be sadly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; son Brad (Amy); three grandchildren, Brandon, Emily and Delaney; one great granddaughter, Aubrey Issendorf; sister Eileen (Harry) Linscheid; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mike; one daughter, Diann Kay; one great grandson, Owen Bradley Issendorf.

A walk-through visitation was from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Anderson-Peterson Chapel in Lake City. A graveside service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday December 16, 2020 at Lakewood Cemetery. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Deborah Leona "Debbie" Schuette

Deborah Leona "Debbie" Schuette, age 65, formerly of Goodhue, died on Friday, December 4, 2020 at Augustana Care Health & Rehabilitation in Apple Valley, following a lengthy illness.



Debbie was born on October 19, 1955 in Northfield, MN. She graduated from Cannon Falls High School in 1974. She married Robert Tuve on June 2, 2000.

Debbie was loyal and loved her friends and family. Most of her friends were family to her. She enjoyed her good times with nieces and nephews. Most recently Debbie enjoyed learning how to do woodworking with her sister, LuAnn. She also picked up crocheting, enjoyed playing some Nintendo (Mario mainly), loved a good game of cribbage, and fishing.

Debbie loved her job at Lutheran Social Services and decided to further her education to be able to help as many individuals as possible. She was close to gaining her bachelor's degree in social work before she became ill. Debbie had the ability to light up a room she entered, mostly because she would say or do something that could make anyone laugh. Debbie will be greatly missed by anyone that had the pleasure of knowing her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, LaVerne and Jean Schuette; her husband, Robert "Bob" Tuve on January 15, 2017; and her grandparents, aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her siblings, Gordon (Kathy) of Farmington, Kent (Gerri) of St. Paul, Vernon of Zumbrota, Bonnie (Kevin) Gillispie and LuAnn Franklin, all of Cannon Falls; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; three Goddaughters, Sara Franklin, Gina Schuette, and Missy Swart; and many friends, including special friend, Teri Ziemer.

For everyone's safety and health, masking and social distancing were required. A visitation was held on Saturday, December 12 from 1-2 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls. A graveside service followed at 2:30 pm at Stanton Cemetery.

Margaret "Therese" Huneke (Manahan)

Margaret "Therese" Huneke (Manahan), age 91, passed away at the Zumbrota Care Center on Monday, December 21, 2020. She was born on November 22, 1929, to Donald and Veronica (Cronin) Manahan of Chatfield, Minnesota, where she grew up. She attended 8 years of school at the 8 Corners Country School and 4 years at Chatfield High School graduating in 1947.

After graduation, she worked at Mayo Clinic before marrying Norbert Huneke at

Saint Marys Catholic Church in Chatfield, Minnesota on June 7, 1952. They made their home in Bellechester, Minnesota, raising one son and five daughters. She returned to work at Mayo Clinic following the death of her husband, Norbert, in 1974. After her retirement from Mayo Clinic, she worked at Midwest Imports in Cannon Falls. Always staying busy, she then volunteered at the Food Shelf in Zumbrota, MN. She loved to garden and grow flowers. She had a natural green thumb. Her biggest joy was seeing her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by one son, Bill (Eileen) Huneke of Phoenix, AZ; five daughters, Pat (Jim) McNamara of Bellechester, MN, Jean (Jerry) Walters of Elgin, MN, Maureen (Wes) Scheffler of Wanamingo, MN, Karen (Terry) Bruns of Phoenix, AZ, and Jennifer (Dennis) Laumeyer of Benson, MN; two sisters, Rita Huneke of Zumbrota, MN and Kate Jones of Rochester, MN; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert; parents, Donald and Veronica Manahan; brother, Robert; brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Mary Manahan; brother-in-law, Cyril Huneke; brother-in-law, David Jones; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Fred and Kate Huneke; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, James and Tillie Huneke; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Louie Huneke; and one grandson, Brent Huneke.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the outstanding staff at the Zumbrota Care Center for their kind and excellent care. You were a blessing to our family.

A private family service was held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Bellechester. Father Randal Kasel presided. Burial was at the church cemetery. The funeral service was streamed live via Facebook Live on the Mahn Family Funeral Home's Facebook page at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Arrangements made by Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Margaret Therese (Manahan) Huneke, please visit our floral store.



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Murray Albert Burfeind

Murray Albert Burfeind, 89, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Deer Crest Memory Center, Red Wing, with his wife and family nearby.



He was born May 8, 1931, in Belvidere Township, rural Lake City, the fourth of four children of Margaret (Prigge) and Henry Burfeind. He grew up on the farm, learning about farming, but also as the helper to his mother, learning to cook, responsible for bringing in wood for the cookstove and canning catsup, fruit, meat and vegetables. He listened to the stories of the "old-timers" and they became a part of his past and present. He loved to spin stories of the old days.

As a young boy he learned to play the piano that became a part of his whole life. By age 12 he also learned to play and love the pipe organ. He began playing in church for services, both at his own and other churches. He was a church organist his whole life. But playing was not enough. He learned how a pipe organ worked and became a pipe organ builder that was his lifelong focus.

Murray graduated from Lake City High School in 1949, living with his aunts, Minnie and Lizzie Prigge, for the four years. He went on to school at Bethany College in Mankato and Concordia College in St. Paul. He graduated as a parochial school teacher and taught elementary school in Fond du Lac and Appleton, Wisconsin. At Fond du Lac the congregation was buying a new organ and as the church organist he was on the selection committee. While at the organ company, and after playing and recommending purchase of the pipe organ, he found his lifelong interest in organ construction. After one last year of teaching, he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to apprentice for United Organ Company. He always referred to that day at the organ factory as the single day that changed his life.

In Milwaukee, he met and married his wife of 60 plus years, Flora (Olm), a teacher, and later a newspaper reporter and librarian. Together they followed the lure of building and designing new pipe organs, completing installations, and providing service and tuning to hundreds of organs in churches throughout the country. From Milwaukee they moved first to Louisville, Kentucky, where their two oldest sons, Philip and Andrew, were born. They relocated in the Chicago area, living in Arlington Heights, Illinois, to better serve churches in Illinois and Indiana. Their third son, Steven, and daughter, Ann, were born while in Illinois.

After 15 years of travel and nights away from home, the family relocated in Minnesota near his family, living in the country near Goodhue, where Murray had his shop and continued his organ work, completing installations from Pierce, Nebraska, to California and Maine, in

Minneapolis, St. Paul and nearby areas. Flora continued her work as a teacher, a newspaper reporter at the Republican Eagle in Red Wing for 12 years, and as children's librarian, assistant director, at Zumbrota Public Library for 23 years, and until retirement.

In Minnesota, Murray achieved his most satisfying goal of designing and completing the reinstallation of the Kilgen Pipe Organ at the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing. That was a labor of love that continued for the rest of his life. He enjoyed playing the organ himself, but often he would sit in the balcony outside of the organ chambers to hear the variety of sounds. He installed bird calls, truck horns and bass drums in the upper reaches of the theatre above the proscenium arch. He loved hearing it played and analyzed every nuance of the variety of sounds.

His last installation was the Burfeind designed and built organ at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin. That Burfeind organ was an original with Subczyk and Meyer pipes built to order in Milwaukee. Originally it was installed in the La Crosse home of Betty Middlestadt, and later purchased and moved to St. Norbert College in 2012 and 2013.

Murray's practice organ in his shop in rural Goodhue was well played and well loved, but he also built furniture, with a special interest in Stickley mission, enjoyed now by friends and family.

Flora continues to live in rural Goodhue. Children are Philip (Kimberly) of New Brighton, MN, Andrew (Jacqueline) of St. Paul, Steven (Brenda) of Sioux Falls, SD, and the Rev. Ann Burfeind (Florian) of Vancouver, British Columbia Canada. Grandchildren are April (Chuck) Knower and Elizabeth AKA Betsy Burfeind, Adriana, Harli (Craig) Mulder, Carl (Miranda) and Austyn, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Helen Amundson, two brothers, Donald and Gerald, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

A celebration of his life and burial will be at Belvidere Union Cemetery, rural Lake City, at a later date. Memorials are requested to Deer Crest Assisted Living or to donor's choice. Arrangements with the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel, Red Wing. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Andrew Jonathan Brinkman

Andrew Jonathan Brinkman, age 39, of Goodhue, passed away suddenly on Monday, December 21, 2020.



He was born December 7, 1981, in Lake City to Terri Brinkman. Andy was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Belvidere, where he was baptized and confirmed. He graduated from Goodhue High School. He married Katie Possehl, June 27, 2015, but they later

divorced.

Andy had a passion for driving tractors and did any chance he could get. He especially loved John Deere ones, just like his Grandpa. He also enjoyed derbying and built many cars with his brother and friends. Most of all, he cherished his special times he spent with Kendra.

He is survived by his daughters; Kendra and Kyla; his special friend, Kelsey; his mother and step-dad, Terri & Dana Ryan; brother & sister -in-law; Kurt & Cheri Brinkman; nephews, Lincoln and Lane, all of Goodhue; grandmother, Arlis Brinkman; aunt, June Brinkman of Lake City.

He is preceded in death by his beloved grandfather, Ralph Brinkman.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Reverend Steve Frenz held private funeral service Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at Mahn Funeral Home in Lake City. A live stream of the service could be viewed on the Mahn Family Funeral Home Face Book Page Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at 11:00 am. Burial was at St. Peter's Belvidere Cemetery. A walk-through visitation was held on Monday, December 28, 2020, from 4pm to 7pm at the Mahn Funeral Home in Lake City. Both the Burial and Visitation were open to the public. Both masks and social distancing were required. Online condolences can be left at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Loretta Louise Lexvold

Loretta Louise Lexvold, 85, of Goodhue, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Red Wing on October 7, 1935 to Torliel and Ferolyn (Wobschall) Bakken. She was




baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Wing and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. She graduated from Zumbrota High School on June 4, 1954. On June 26, 1955, Loretta was united in marriage to Lyle Lexvold at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. Loretta was a very active member of St.

John's Lutheran Church of rural Goodhue and served in the church's Ladies' Aide. She enjoyed spending her time sewing and quilting, but most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and will be remembered for the wonderful meals she made.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lyle; children, Debra (Greg) Anderson, Julie (Curtis) Schrimpf, Bradley Lexvold, Brian (Rose) Lexvold, and Brent (Wendy) Lexvold; 14 grandchildren, Seth, Shane, Joel, Kimberly, Jeffrey, Tyler, Tony, Joshua, Reed, Nicole, Kyla, Cody, Chelsey, and Jenna; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Neal and Willis Bakken; and two sisters, Anita and Cynthia Bakken.

A private funeral service was on Sunday, December 27, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Goodhue. Reverend Todd Engel officiated. A public walk-through visitation was held from 12 until 1 p.m. on Sunday at the church prior to the service. Masks and social distancing were required. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery in Goodhue. Arrangements made by Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Glen Loyd Dankers

Glen Loyd Dankers, age 85, of Goodhue, loving husband of 61 years, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died on Christmas morning at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester. In his final days, he said his goodbyes to his family, including his beloved wife Margaret. Glen was born on March 7, 1935, in Lake City, Minnesota to Harvey and Irene (Thimijan) Dankers. He graduated from the University of MN Agricultural School in 1953 and then served in the MN National Guard from 1954-1962. On May 9, 1959, he married Margaret Olson at Salem Lutheran Church in Salem Township. In the early years of their marriage, Glen and Margaret lived on a farm near Goodhue where he farmed from childhood to 1986. Glen also hauled livestock for Zumbrota Livestock Market for about six years. Many in Goodhue County knew Glen because of his 20 years working in real estate, a career he was passionate about. He spent 8 of those years working with Coldwell Banker McCaughy Real Estate, and then started his own business, New World Realty, which he ran for 12 years. During the over six decades of Glen & Margaret's marriage,



they raised two children, worked hard running the farm and later the real estate business, and attended their children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's activities.

Glen was an active member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church where he served on numerous committees. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, playing board games, shopping at consignment shops, admiring vans in car lots, caring for his rose garden, and listening to polka music. He was known as a patient man who was impeccably groomed, with starched shirt collars and polished shoes.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, sister-Lorraine Brown; brother- LaVerne Dankers; grandson- Dustin Dankers. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter-Mary Jo (Dan) Schwartau of Red Wing, son-Bruce Dankers of Red Wing, grandchildren- Melissa (Dave) Fitzgerald, Bryce (Brooklyn) Dankers, Ashley (Ean) Gibson, and Tyler Matthys; great grandchildren-Morgan, Mikayla, Madelyn, and Mariah Fitzgerald, and many other relatives and friends.

A private family service will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Goodhue with Reverend Martin Weigand officiating. The service will be lived stream at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 16, 2021, on the church's Facebook page (Grace St. Peter's Goodhue) or their website, (www.gracestpeters.org). Burial will be at the Evergreen Cemetery in Goodhue. Memorials are preferred to St.

Peter's Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements are by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Shirley (Hanson) Allers



Shirley (Hanson) Allers passed away on December 26, 2020 at St. Crispins Living Community in Red Wing. Shirley was born in Red Wing to Oliver and Anna (Simanski) Hanson on October 8, 1925. She graduated from Red Wing High School in 1943.

After graduation she worked for Prudential Insurance in Winona, Minnesota.

Shirley met Alvin Allers while bowling. They married September 16, 1950. Together they owned and operated Allers Construction and Allers Hardware. They retired in 1994. Shirley was also a part-time postal clerk in Goodhue. She retired from the post office in 1989.

Shirley was involved in many civic and church activities at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Goodhue Commercial Club, Goodhue Development Corporation, and the Goodhue School Board. She was an avid bowler, bridge player, and an excellent cook and baker.

Shirley is survived by her children Nancy (Charles) Larsen of Morristown, Karen (Randy) Stein of Red wing, John (Teresa) Allers of Rochester; grandchildren Josh (Melissa) Larsen of Monticello, Molly (Joe) Dee of Montgomery, Danielle (Andy) Lawler of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Emily (Jeff) Wertz of Scottsdale, Arizona; great-grandchildren Mira, Kyla, Beckham Larsen, and Sutton and Blair Lawler; two sister-in-law Bev Allers of Goodhue and Bev Stueber of Austin, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alvin in 2014, her parents, her brother Stanley Hanson, and two brothers-in-law Robert (Bud) Allers and John Stueber.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorials are preferred to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Goodhue or the Goodhue Historical Museum.

Arrangements by Schleicher Funeral Homes, Lake City Chapel. Guest register may be signed at www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com

Kenneth Strusz

Ken "Papa" Strusz died Saturday, January 2, 2021, surrounded by his family, at his home in Faribault, following complications of COVID-19. He was 80 years of age.



Kenneth Erwin Strusz was born June 18, 1940 in Red Wing,

the son of Maynard and Elsie Strusz. Raised in Zumbrota, he was a graduate of Zumbrota High School. Ken served his country in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964 and was stationed in Germany and stateside in California. He attended welding school in the Twin Cities, and then returned to the Zumbrota area, living in Zumbrota and Bellechester. For more than 40 years he worked at Meyer Utility Structures in Hager City, Wisconsin, and he retired in 2004. He married Cheri Lynn Rueb on May 25, 1985 at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. Following retirement, Ken worked part-time at Ag Partners in Goodhue. He and his wife eventually moved to Faribault, where they were residing at the time of Ken's passing.

Ken loved horses, his cowboy hats and boots, and he had a never ending passion for restoring cars he acquired. Most of all, he loved spending time with his wife, kids, and grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Cheri Strusz of Faribault; a son, David (Emily) Strusz of Kenyon; a daughter, Heidi Strusz-Bien of Owatonna; and five grandchildren, Riley Timm, Israel Hiller, Austyn Sankey, Devin Bien, and Zachariah Strusz. Also surviving are his brothers, Vernon (Carol) Strusz, Leroy (Betty) Strusz, and Donald Strusz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a nephew Seth Strusz.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 8th at 1:00 PM at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, rural Goodhue. The Reverend Todd Engel will officiate. The visitation will be Thursday, January 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, and that will also be at the church. The visitation will continue one hour prior to the service on Friday. Cowboys hats are encouraged.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association.

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KHW INS Merger Begins New Chapter For Local Insurance Firm

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In 1986 the Kenyon Mutual merged with Holden and Warsaw Mutual to form Kenyon Holden Warsaw Mutual Insurance. At the time of the merger, the company had a total insurance in force of \$ 29,762,960

and a policyholder surplus of \$ 142,366. Since the merger, the company has grown its insurance in force to \$ 282,128,644 and its policyholder surplus to \$ 2,273,668. As of 2019 they had \$518,058 in revenue and \$2.3 million in assets. The coverage territory had also been expanded to cover the counties of Goodhue, Rice, Steele, Dodge, Wabasha, Olmsted, and Dakota in Minnesota.

KHW Mutual Insurance policy holders approved the merger on September 1, 2020. The company will be merging with Hay Creek Mutual on January 1, 2021 and become Great Rivers Mutual. The office will be located in Goodhue, Minnesota.

This merger allows two very strong companies to combine to provide even better service and a broader area of coverage, as Hay Creek Mutual is licensed statewide. KHW has over 420 policies and this merger with Hay Creek Mutual will increase the total to nearly 3,000 policies and provide more financial security for all.

Karla Bauer, who has been with KHW for nineteen years, will be the underwriter at Great Rivers Mutual. Jim Sviggum, a great, great grandson of one of the founders, is

still an agent and will keep an office in Wanamingo next to Area 57 Coffee Café after the merger takes effect January 1, 2021. Policy holders will not see many changes through the merger and they will offer the same service with even more options.

The address of the new office will be 109 Broadway North, Goodhue, Minnesota and the phone number is 651-923-4044. Jim Sviggum can still be reached in Wanamingo at 507-581-6614.

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Goodhue School Announces Nominees for Triple A and ExCEL Awards

Goodhue School is proud to announce this year's nominees for the Triple A and ExCEL awards. Seniors Torrie Rehder and Logan Ferguson are Goodhue's nominees for the Triple A Award. Junior Anika Schafer was selected for the ExCEL Award.

The purpose of the Triple "A" Award is to recognize high school seniors who have excelled in academics, athletics and arts. The ExCEL Award recognizes high school juniors who are active in school activities, show leadership qualities and do volunteer work.

Torrie Rehder, daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey Rehder, has had a distinguished career as a four-year varsity letterwinner in



Torrie Rehder

three different sports, earning multiple awards at the conference and regional levels in volleyball, basketball, and softball. This past year, she took advantage of the season delay to give cross country a shot and was one of the team's top runners. Rehder has been a three-year member of the choir, including ensemble contest. She excels in the classroom, maintaining a 4.02 GPA while challenging herself with AP, PSEO, and college in the school courses.

Logan Ferguson, son of Jason Ferguson



Logan Ferguson

and Amanda Ferguson, has been active in athletics as a three year varsity letterwinner in both football and baseball, serving as captain in each. He has been in the school's band and choir programs for four years, including an ensemble contest. He has challenged himself in the classroom, taking seven college courses through the PSEO program to give himself a head start on his future major in the medical field.

Anika Schafer, daughter of Brian and Heather Schafer, has been an active mem-



Anika Schafer

ber of her school in many areas. She is a three-sport varsity athlete, competing in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Additionally, she has held leadership positions as a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, youth coach, and 4-H, all while remaining a constant presence on the A Honor Roll at school. Schafer is a leader in the Goodhue community through her example, through her kindness, and by believing in those she works with.

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Red Cross Urges Individuals - Especially Those Who Have Recovered From COVID-19 - to Give Blood

The American Red Cross urges individuals – especially those who have recovered from COVID-19 – to give blood and to help tackle the national convalescent plasma shortage. Right now, more donors are needed to help hospital patients.

Individuals can schedule an appointment to give blood today with the American Red Cross by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or activating the Blood Scheduling Skill for Amazon Alexa.

How those recovered from COVID-19 can help

There are two ways COVID-19 survivors can help – through a convalescent plasma donation or by simply giving whole blood. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients. Health emergencies don't pause for holidays, game days or a pandemic – blood is needed every

two seconds in the U.S. to help patients battling injury and illness.

Blood donation opportunities in Goodhue County: Cannon Falls

1/25/2021: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Highway 19 Blvd.

Red Wing

1/13/2021: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sheldon Theatre, 443 W. 3rd St.

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My Top 3 Healthy Living Tips



By Shauna Burslem, D.C.

With 2020 over, I would like to present to you my top 3 healthy living tips that I have personally found to be essential for every single living person on our entire planet. If the population would adhere to the advice offered below, I am quite certain that health care costs in our country would plummet.

The number one health tip is increasing the serum levels of vitamin D3 in our bodies. Vitamin D3 has been in the spotlight this year concerning the coronavirus pandemic, as a majority of people who contract covid-19 with severe symptoms are D3 deficient. Many researchers are saying that optimal D3 levels could be the difference between life and death for some people with co-morbidities. Scientists published around the world are reporting that vitamin D3, could prevent chronic diseases that claim nearly one million lives worldwide each year. Vitamin D3 can significantly lower your risk of a variety of cancers, including bladder, colorectal, and breast cancer. There appears to be a causal relationship between vitamin D3 levels and death; this relationship is strongest when it comes to death from cancer.

In addition, D3 is a potent immune system enhancer and has been shown to prevent and reduce severity of the flu and common cold. D3 is the sunshine vitamin and is the reason why there is a flu season in the winter time, not the summer season. Healthy sun exposure creates vitamin D3 in the body. Scientists suggest that the optimal D3 supplement dosage during the winter months is 35 units per pound of body weight (ex. 150 lb. person would need just over 5000 units a day).

The next two health tips involve

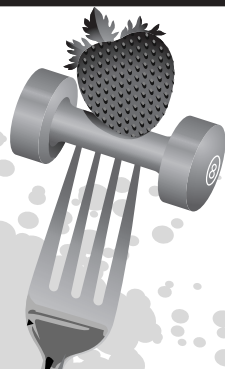
weight gain. Obesity is the leading cause of overall ill health and disease in the United States. By paying attention to the following health tips, the general population would lose weight, thus improving health and lowering health care costs. Research shows that the artificial sweetener aspartame (as in Nutra Sweet) worsens insulin sensitivity to a greater degree than sugar. Artificial sweeteners promote weight gain by tricking your body into thinking it will receive sugar (calories); when the sugar doesn't arrive, carb cravings can result, making you even hungrier. Artificial sweeteners likely also cause weight gain by disrupting your intestinal microflora, thereby raising your risk of both obesity and diabetes. In addition, aspartame is a neurotoxin and can lead to the same symptoms of multiple sclerosis. Popular artificial sweeteners to avoid are Nutra Sweet (aspartame), Sucralose and Splenda.

The last tip for promoting health involves exercise and boosting the metabolism for weight loss. Interval cardio training has been shown to be the most effective form of cardio training for the entire body. Not only is it the most effective way of increasing the body's metabolism (the ability to burn calories at rest), interval training increases heart and lung volume, improving cardiovascular health more than typical endurance training like distance running, distance biking or distance swimming. The whole idea of interval training is that you do an exercise that gets the heart pumping for 20-40 seconds non-stop. You then take a 10-15 second rest break and repeat. Beginning trainers would do this for only 6 minutes a day. As endurance improves 12-20 minutes is all that is needed for optimal benefits. Researchers in Japan have found that 5 minutes of high intensity interval training is the equivalent of jogging / biking/ swimming for 40 minutes. So not only is interval training better for you, it saves you time! Example exercises include running, swimming and biking (run, swim or bike hard for 20-40 seconds than rest 10 and repeat). Skipping rope, jumping jacks and or a combination of calisthenics could also be performed in this style of training. In summary, these three health tips could have a major impact on your personal health and well-being as well as the having an impact on the ever increasing health care costs in our country. The only problem is the old adage about leading the horse to water!!

Chiropractic Thought for the Week:

Take the time to Google images and videos of white blood cells attacking and destroying bacteria and viruses. It will amaze you how much power and intelligence the immune system has. Chiropractic care has a positive effect on white blood cell production. White blood cell production increased (enhanced phagocytic cell respiratory burst, as per study) with chiropractic spinal adjustments of the thoracic or mid back region of the spine. In a laboratory study, cell counts were measured pre and post chiropractic adjustments. A control group was included that received a sham chiropractic adjustment. The group that received actual chiropractic care measured a significantly higher immune response than the sham control group. This study showed that chiropractic care can have a positive affect on immune system response and function. This is one of the reasons that over the last 125 years, chiropractic patients will say that they get sick less often than they did before seeing a chiropractor for regular care.

MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

Everyone is going through something right now, in their own way. If you've been reading my articles lately, you know about my unknown situation with my job. I'm still in limbo time. Christmas Eve (tomorrow) I get my "severance talk". We all don't know from day to day what the future holds. With the new year, I don't know about you, but it's time (for me) to make some changes and bring some of my healthy routines back.

I try to be upbeat and positive, but this state of not knowing is physically exhausting to me. We have been busy, so I just keep plugging away, one thing to the next. I know if my situation was a little more clear, I would get more done. In regards to my healthy lifestyle, the first thing to go was my water intake. Next was my healthier eating. I feel like I see vegetables once a week instead of multiple times a day. Third to go was exercise. No more excuses. Time to practice what I preach.

I know, I should give myself a break. It's been a rough time. But everyone is having a tough time in one way or another. One of my best friends had the same surgery as I did. She's had some complications, 1% chance of having these complications, and she ended up having three more surgeries. She was in pain, but more worried about her husband and her boys at home. They could not visit because of COVID. As I type this, she's still not home, but I was assured by her, she is on the mend.

No matter how bad I feel things are, things can always be worse. God will take care of us, and everything will work out. It's time to get back on track, reset, and make some new goals. Number one, starting with exercise first thing in the morning five days a week. Next, increase my water and vegetable daily intake, and keep going forward from there. Just keep trucking! Set some goals! You can do it; I can do it! I've done it before, and I'll do it again. Looking forward to the new year!

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Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Majerus at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Greg Majerus, Council people Doug Majerus, Rich Majerus, Brian Ringeisen, and Mark Gerken as well as Lisa Redepenning, Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs were also present. Jody Gordon, Paul Reding and Kevin Poncelet were also present.

Minutes of October, 2020 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Brian Ringeisen with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and a motion by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Brian Ringeisen to close the regular meeting. Meeting was closed at 10:04. Motion carried.

Public Hearing was called to order by Greg Majerus at 10:04.

Public Hearing - Matt Mohs presented an overview of the project council is considering.

Paul Reding inquired about how long the lining will last. Matt indicated it would last as long as pipe would last. Main lines only or service to house lines also was asked. Matt stated that we would evaluate both scenarios in the PER to understand cost implications as well as what can be expected via infiltration if service lines are not included. Ground water and service water is coming to ponds and overwhelming them to near capacity. Lining the pipe versus digging will be looked at. Paul inquired about how much the grant was going to cover and how quickly this project would be done. Matt Mohs indicated a reasonable goal for a project is 2022. He also stated that grant amounts cannot be determined today and are a result of work that still needs to be done.

Greg Majerus asked for further comments or questions from the public. No further

questions. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Doug Majerus to close the public hearing at 10:16.

Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Doug Majerus to re-open regular city meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was re-opened and called to order by Greg Majerus at 10:16.

Old Business:

- Locker Plant – update progress. Work still continues on this.

- Portable Generator – update progress. Generator is ordered. Trailer is getting worked on, cement work is done. Electrical will be done when the generator arrives. Possibly mid-December for generator to be shipped.

- Sewer Grant – update progress. Matt Mohs gave a brief recap the grant process with USDA. Bellechester is one of the only cities applying for a SEARCH grant currently.

- Old Mowers – discussion. Old mower is running. Discussion on getting it to Graves Auction to sell. Motion was made to auction the mower by Brian Ringeisen with a 2nd by Rich Majerus. Motion carried.

- Old Bar – update. Nothing has been done. Oats were planted last month to help with erosion.

New business:

- Consideration of Engineering Agreement – discuss/approve – Matt Mohs gave a brief update on this agreement. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Brian Ringeisen to accept the Engineering Agreement contingent upon RD concurrence and any future minor changes if needed. Motion carried.

- Special Assessments – Resolution No. 2020.5 - discuss/review/approve – Motion was made Rich Majerus by with a 2nd by Brian Ringeisen to approve the identified special assessments for 2021 giving allowances for payment to be made by 11/30. Motion carried.

- Dan Poncelet – request for posts/fencing on property. A drawing was presented to council on his behalf. There are snow/water issues currently. Dan will be asked to come to next meeting to discuss further with him.

- Kevin Poncelet inquired about water

hookup and charges on his building.

- Canvassing of Election Results – approve. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to canvass the results of both Goodhue and Wabasha County. Motion carried.

- Agreement with Goodhue County for State Building Code Administration – approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the State Building Code Administration agreement with Goodhue County. Motion carried.

- Approval of Final Levy for 2021 – approve Resolution No. 2020.4 – Set Final 2021 Levy. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the final levy setting it at \$60,000 which is unchanged from preliminary levy. Motion carried.

Clerk Report – Dog License Renewals – I will be sending reminders to any license holders that have not paid yet. Consideration of Engineering Agreement – This is a document that is required for the Grant. It is a standard USDA document and Matt will have it to me by Tuesday and I will get it to you all before the meeting. 2021 Final Levy Approval – The preliminary was set at \$60,000, which was unchanged from last year. Generator Purchase – I authorized the payment for this and submitted the invoice to USDA for reimbursement. Special Assessments & Election Results – I will have the final list at the meeting.

Treasurer Report – Past due report was distributed.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – 3 year reports were distributed and water infiltration issues were further discussed based on the reports. Matt indicated that future growth of the city is not part of this project, it is only fixing current lines. A question on if we would be told to replace our ponds. The state is the entity could possibly replace our ponds. Currently the I & I is the main factor causing the stress on the ponds. Heaters were put in well houses and muskrats were taken care of. There may be another discharge before year's end.

Mayor Concerns: None

Council Concerns: Extra dirt at new generator pad was discussed.

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Brian Ringeisen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was

adjourned at 11:58 pm. Next meeting is December 9th @ 10:00 a.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

Due to the closure of the bank, night drop pickups in Bellechester will now occur only on Tuesday and Friday. You can still drop off utility bills at the black mailbox on the deck at the Treasurer's house (Kyle) at 204 Red Wing Avenue.

- Yard Cleanup – Please take the time to clean up anything stored on your property. Please be mindful that other people may not enjoy your lawn storage – please help to make our city tidy.

- Fee Change for Utility Bills – Shut off fee was eliminated with a single reconnect fee of \$100, a 10% interest fee after 90 days and returned check fee of \$25.

- Burn Pile – Please remember that burn pile is for brush and leaves only. We can get fined for all other items left here. The burn pile is for Bellechester City residents only. If you witness any dumping of unauthorized items or non city resident use, please call us.

- Recycling - Please recycle whenever you can. There is a recycling bin located on the north end of town by GB Feed and Supply. By recycling, this will keep our garbage rates from rising.

Goodhue City Council

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They are a metal working and fabrication company that has grown into a large business over the last ten years.

The city council approved a 4% levy increase for 2021. This includes adding a third police officer as well as city employee cost of living raises and other public amenities.

Liquor and tobacco licenses were renewed for local businesses for 2021 but the \$30 annual fee was waived because of the Covid-19 hardship. A survey will be sent to residents with their January water bill to get public input into restoring the old Depot building. The old Depot building was built in 1889 and used as a train station until 1950. The city bought it in 2018 with the intent that it might be restored or remodeled into a business. I there is no interest it may be demolished.

City of Goodhue Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

Members present via Zoom: Mayor Kerry Bien, Wayne Hahn, Rick Buck, Tia Schimek & Tom Haugen. Also present were Richard Gorman, Patrice O'Reilly, Melissa Meyers, Reese Sudtelgte, Kathy Holm, Ardis Voth & Donna Mack.

Motion by Hahn, second by Schimek to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Schimek, second by Haugen to approve the November 12, 2020 council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, second by Buck to contract with Red Cedar Consulting in developing & conducting anti-discrimination training. Motion carried.

Motion by Schimek, second by Buck to return TIF 1-4 fund balance to Goodhue County for redistribution. Motion carried.

Motion by Buck, second by Haugen to set the 2021 levy at \$547,041.15. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, second by Haugen to approve Rodney Wilson's four-foot deck variance. Motion carried.

Motion by Buck, second by Schimek to renew tobacco licenses for Corner Bar, Dar's Pub & Country Station. The \$30 fee will be waived. Motion carried.

Motion by Buck, second by Schimek to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Schimek, second by Haugen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Agre, City Clerk



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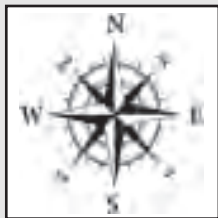
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes World Traveler



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell.

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

Little did I think that when I moved to the middle of the south that I would become a world traveler. I didn't even like to go out of the country and was not in possession of a passport. In fact, the only time I left the good old USA was to go skiing in Canada when I was much younger and had better knees.

But here I am and have found that we take frequent trips to Paris, sometimes a couple times each week, often just to eat a great lunch. And most times we pass right by the Eiffel Tower. And I still admire it as we go by. What a beautiful structure rising above the trees on the north side of town.

Our all-time favorite restaurant is the Paris Southside Restaurant. Great food, incredible prices, friendly waitresses and out of this world desserts. It is always packed and if you come at lunch time you



will stand and wait until a table opens up. The last time we were there we saw a table for five next to us with a couple dining there alone. When a party of three walked in the waitress asked if they would mind sharing a table. In a few moments they were seated and shortly all five were visiting like old friends. Everyone is friendly in the City of Love.

I suppose I might have led you to believe we were talking about the Paris in France, but Paris, Tennessee is less than a half hour down the highway from our home. The rest

is true however, and there is an exact replica of the Eiffel Tower in Tennessee. Actually, there are nine cities in the United States using the name Paris, but the one in Tennessee has the second tallest Eiffel Tower in the world. It does have a fence around it because college students found it irresistible to climb to the top.

So it is probably a whole lot less romantic now that you know the real story, but my wife and I love going to Paris, Tennessee to shop at Tractor Supply Company and Lowes.

A Minnesotan in the North: Hoar Frost



By RosaLin Alcoser

One of the most beautiful things about living in Northern Minnesota in the win-

ter is the all hoar frost. It sparkles and glistens in the sun light and basically hangs around all.

It also makes up for the fact that it's both freezing cold and the ice fog... and this close to North Dakota there seems to be a lot more ice fog than I remember from growing up in Southeast Minnesota.

I have found two really good things about 2020 as I look back on the year. First is that like many I now work from home most of the time I don't have to drive through the ice fog every morning. Instead I get to enjoy looking at the hoar frost from my window.

Secondly face masks. I have found these to be great in the winter because it keeps my face warm while I'm outside. Honestly, I might keep wearing them outside in the winter after this is all over just to keep my face warm.

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 31. What willow did
 32. Read-only chip
 33. Greek bazaar
 34. *Clark's fellow traveler
 36. College party chant
 38. Celestial bear
 42. Dancer's beat
 45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
 49. "Wizard of Oz" man
 51. Archimedes' exclamation
 54. Furlough
 56. Flower part
 57. Frog delicacy
 58. Wheel shaft
 59. Swerve
 60. European sea eagle
 61. "David and Paul on the " ____ Show"
 62. Italian currency, pl.
 63. Maple genus
 64. Negative contraction
 67. *Jerry's fellow treat-maker

Achievement Takes More Than a Dream



By Harvey Mackay

A scrawny old man wanted to get a job at a nearby lumberjack camp so he approached the boss who politely tried to talk him out of the idea, thinking the old man wouldn't be able to fell a tree, much less keep up with the daily quotas.

"Give me a few minutes of your time, and I'll show you what I can do," suggested the man.

When the two arrived at a grove of trees needing to be cleared, the scrawny old persistent man picked up an ax and proceeded to chop down a huge tree in record time.

"That's incredible," the boss said. "Where did you learn to fell trees like that?"

"Well," said the old man, "you've heard of the Sahara Forest?"

Hesitantly the boss replied, "Don't you mean the Sahara Desert?"

The old man smiled and said, "Sure, that's what it's called now."

"Achievers are producers," writes Glenn Van Ekeren. "They understand the world will not recognize them for what they could have done, should have done or would have done. Recognition is experience by proving what you can do by doing it."

Achievement is one of the desires that drives us. Why do you think we have various awards like Grammys, Emmys, Oscars, Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes, not to mention numerous halls of fame? "Who's Who in America" grows larger with every edition because people feel the need to be recognized.

"The number of new products available and the new inventions which make life easier from generation to generation all testify to mankind's thirst for more achievement," wrote authors Leonard and Thelma Spinrad. "No matter what kind of society or political system a country may have, it seeks to provide recognition for what it regards as achievement."

Outstanding efforts, great courage, heroic deeds, superior commitment and innovative accomplishments all are spectacular achievements that deserve acknowledgement. But recognition shouldn't be the primary motivation for achievement.

I can tell you from personal experience that achieving a goal or completing a major business or civic project is a reward in itself. Yes, my ego appreciates the kudos,

but it doesn't make the achievement any sweeter. I just want to do the best and most complete job I can do.

Finding the motivation to achieve is sometimes a challenge. You know what you can achieve; it's the getting started part that inhibits results. When you feel stuck, you can pull yourself up with an attitude adjustment. The Success magazine website offers some ideas how to make the change.

Rely on yourself first. You'll have to ask others for advice, assistance, and support, but remember that in the end, your success is your responsibility alone.

Have a plan. Don't go off in all directions at once. Work out a solid, detailed plan for getting from your starting point to the result you want.

Focus on commitment. Are you really committed to your goal? If not, you won't be motivated to pursue it.

Concentrate on gaining knowledge. Don't expect instant results. Instead, work on accumulating the knowledge you need to get to where you want to go.

Have some fun. Don't make the work all drudgery. Set a goal you'll enjoy working toward, and look for opportunities to have fun along the way.

Spark your imagination. Be open to anything, no matter how wild it seems at first. Generate ideas through brainstorming with others, exploring the world around you, and seeking opportunities to learn new things.

Challenge yourself. Don't wait for the perfect moment to take action. Take



chances, get out of your comfort zone, and be realistic about your mistakes and the causes of your failures.

We all have the potential to be great achievers. It may not come with a trophy or a job title, but achievement is measured on many fronts. Don't just dream about achieving something – stay awake and do it!

Gretchen Alexander refused to allow her blindness to limit her life experiences. She mastered archery, golf, softball, sailing and water skiing as well as a number of other activities her sighted friends had yet to learn.

Speaking to a group of high school students about her achievements, one student asked if there was anything she wouldn't try. "I've decided not to skydive," she answered. "It would scare the heck out of my dog."

Mackay's Moral: Getting something done is an accomplishment; getting something done right is an achievement.

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