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Announcements

Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) will begin to vaccinate adults aged 65 and older starting in March!
(see pg. 11)

• **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. 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.

City Denies Wrongdoing in Former Police Chief Lawsuit

The sexual harassment case against former Goodhue Police Chief Brian Loos moves forward with the pre-trial hearing set for March 23rd. Former police officer

Allison Jones has filed a sexual harassment suit against Loos over allegations that he made unwanted advances toward her and then removed her from the work schedule.

Jones was terminated in July of 2017 after reporting the activity to her superior. Loos resigned in November of that year after the state notified the city of Goodhue of the charges against him.

The city of Goodhue acknowledges that the former Police Chief sent text messages to Jones but claims that they are not liable since they were sent outside of work hours. The city also claims that they attempted to take corrective measures to address the occurrence but Officer Jones unreasonable failed to take advantage of them. The attorney representing the city of Goodhue and the Goodhue Police Department has asked that the case be dismissed and the city be awarded monetary damages to cover the legal costs associated with this case.

City Moves Ahead with Business District Development

The Goodhue City Council approved a tax increment financing district for twenty acres on Viola Lane southwest of County 9 and Highway 58. The property will be purchased by Kenny Ryan who is the owner of Fab-Tech, a metal fabrication company. He plans to construct a 63,000 square foot facility and will move his manufacturing business from Bellechester to Goodhue. The relocation will allow the company to expand and increase the workforce from 35 to 50 employees.

city hopes this development will spur further growth of businesses in the industrial area in the future.

Survey Results on the Depot Building

The results from the old Depot Building were announced to the city council last month. Eighty-five of the surveys were returned from the 1,070 sent out in January. Seventy of the responses were in favor of preserving the Depot Building while those against expressed their opposition of spending city funds for the project. The next step will be to assess the condition of the building and property. Eighteen individuals volunteered to serve on a committee for the project.

Goodhue FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

The Goodhue FFA Chapter celebrated FFA Week February 20-27. We had a week-long food drive. Community members participated by dropping off donations by the school office. There was also bird seed for sale (40 lbs. for \$15). Members also participated in a social media photo challenge, creating staff appreciation bags, and a tie blanket making night. We donated the tie blankets and money to Feed My Starving Children.



Middle school FFA members show off their new FFA gear! (Left to right: Kyla Nardinger, Ryan Huneke, and Liesl Veiseth)

Back to School for Goodhue Students

The new construction is nearing completion and it will be back to school full time for students. March 9th is planned for middle school students to be in school full time and March 15th is scheduled for High School students to return to classes full time. The kitchen has received new stainless steel equipment and should be operational by March 15th but in the event that it does not pass the inspection students will be required to bring a sack lunch to school. Some of the school furniture and equipment has been delayed and may not arrive until later in March and so existing desks and furniture will be used during the interim.

Graduating students will need to purchase their own caps and gowns this year. The estimated cost will be \$26 per senior. The district will provide the diploma, stole and cords.



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15th Annual **Goodhue Lions**
Farm Shop Tour
April 3, 2021



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Tickets & directions available April 3
at the Lion's Building and at each shop

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Door Prizes & Meal

Shop Tour Order: Tom Schulte; Lee Ledford Taxidermy; Mike Lodermier Const; City of Goodhue;
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Bloom Where You're Planted



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

When we begin to fully follow Jesus Christ- our ambitions, our desires change- but that doesn't mean our giftings or our talents necessarily change. We are created with those- but now the focus of those gifts and talents is new. There's a story of a queen in the Bible- a young woman that was Queen of Persia. She was also a Hebrew, from the conquered people that lived with in Persia. Yet, she was beautiful and gracious and had been chosen to be the queen. The time came for her to come forward to the King to save her people- her cousin Mordecai challenged her to fulfill her true calling. "13 Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. 14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then,

though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." Mordecai told Esther, "Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" Perhaps she was made queen for this time- I would go a bit further-of course that's why God placed her there.) When Esther didn't try to get out of her 'job' but chose to do what would seem impossible and accept the position that God placed her in. God had given her wisdom and grace to be just the right person to reach the king and save the Jewish people.

We are to live faithful in the situation of life in which we were called to follow Jesus. We are to be steadfast, loyal, keep our promises and observe our duty. When we accept Christ as our Savior- we are called to follow Jesus and the Holy Spirit lives in us. With the Holy Spirit's help, we are to be faithful in whatever situation we find ourselves in.

When I began my journey with Jesus, I was a 20 year old stay-at-home mom. As I learned and grew in my faith, I was faithful to that calling. I strived to be the best mom and renter that I could be. I was faithful with the work I was called to do at that time. As a new believer I also felt a desire to serve in the church- the church here at South Troy had a 90 + year old organist and her health was failing- I eventually became bold enough to tell someone that I knew how to play the organ and I became the next organist until they closed the church in 1988. I was faithful to the call of God in

my life at that time. But that doesn't mean we never change- or that we stay in that same job forever. For me- I loved being able to stay at home with my children- first Jeannie and then Michael. But circumstances changed both times and I became a working single mom. I served as a maid and a waitress after my daughter's death. I strived to be the best maid, and the best waitress that I could be- so that Jesus life would be seen in me. As a waitress, which I had vowed I would never do again, I became rather good at it, I was dependable, it helped me to get over my fear of talking to people and eventually I learned to be a short-order cook too. I was able to provide for myself. Later, I ran an in-home day-care- and God blessed that work as well. Each time I strove to be the best that I could be in each situation. I learned new skills, grew more confident and more independent. I was able to tithe- to give from what I earned to the work of the church. Even more important I knew I was pleasing God because I was right where I was supposed to be.

For us to truly grow there needs to be commitment of time and resources to getting to know the other person. As we do in an intimate human relationship; we devote our time and our resources to getting to know that person and spend time with them. To become a fully committed follower of Christ- once we've accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior there are 6 things that will help us to grow our relationship

with Jesus.

- Talk to Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray continually," Communication is essential to strengthening your relationship with God. He is there for you not only in times of need, but in times when you just want to talk.

- Obey Him. James 1:25. The least we can do for Him is to try our best to obey His commandments. In obeying God's will, we become brighter and stronger in spirit, integrity and mind.,

- Read and Study God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16. Scriptures are meaningful and beneficial; they allow God to speak to us.

- Listen for Him Psalm 46:10, When you are finished praying, don't quickly turn toward your phone or computer, take time to stop, look, and listen for God's answers to your prayers. Communication goes both ways.

- Show gratitude. Philippians 4:6 Being grateful for God's hand in your life will make you more appreciative of His constant presence and your purpose here on the earth. Being gracious goes hand in hand with expressing humility.

- Be mindful of God's presence. Psalm 139. Though it may seem like He is far away at times, He is not.

When we are totally sold out for God- and we do what He has called us to do- one day we too will hear our Lord and Savior say, "Well done- good and faithful servant!" Well done.

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Make a Name for Ourselves

Scripture Reading — Genesis 11:1-9
"Let us . . . make a name for ourselves . . . [and not] be scattered over the face of the whole earth." — Genesis 11:4
God created people so that they would increase in numbers and populate the earth. At the time of the tower of Babel, everyone had the same language, and the people said they wanted to make a name for themselves and not be scattered across the earth. But God ultimately scattered them.

Why did they build a tower? They said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens. . . ." From ancient civilizations we have learned that the top of a tower was seen as a holy place where gods lived. But instead of having a holy place that would honor God, the people at Babel wanted this to be a place where they made a name for themselves. They wanted to honor themselves instead of God. In doing so, they banished God from their lives and disobeyed his command to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Because of this rebellion, God confused their language and scattered them.

Imagine how God felt as he confused the people's language. They couldn't understand each other. They couldn't work together anymore. They stopped building, and they moved away from each other.

In the end, people who drive out God cannot do well. They cannot understand each other, and they cannot work together to build a community that honors God.

Prayer

O God, be the Lord and King of our hearts. Let us be concerned about honoring your name, not ours. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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Obituaries

Karleen Barbara Franklin

Karleen Barbara Franklin, 85, of Red Wing and formally of Goodhue, passed away at her home on Tuesday morning, February 9, 2021. She was born in Hastings to Charles and Helen (Kirchen) Wollmering. She graduated from St.

Boniface Elementary School in 1950 and Bethlehem Academy in 1954. She received a degree in English from the College of St. Benedict in 1958 and a Master's degree in Library Science along with a Media Specialist certification from the University of Minnesota.

After teaching English at Maple Lake and Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Karleen began teaching at Goodhue and became the High School librarian. After meeting Goodhue's Irish mailman, David Franklin, they were married on June 9, 1973 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Goodhue and spent a lifelong commitment and dedication to each other and their community.

Karleen participated in many professional and community organizations. She was the charter president of the Lioness Club and served as an active member of the Goodhue Education Association for two years as president. She negotiated for teacher's

salaries for many years. She was also active in auxiliary units of the rural postal carriers during the time Dave was a postman. She was a member of the Hiawatha Teachers Association and a charter member of the Goodhue Area Historical Society serving as secretary for both organizations. She also enjoyed events with the Goodhue Red Hats as well as coffee with the ladies at the Sawyer Inn.

Examples of her research and work for the community are evident in two books she authored: "Goodhue-One Hundred Years" was written for the Goodhue Centennial in 1997. She wrote the Holy Trinity Parish Centennial in 2003. The Goodhue Area Museum has benefited from her expertise in reports, grant writing and office maintenance. She categorized all the artifacts, organized a library of books, and published the society's quarterly newsletter.

The Franklins made their home in Goodhue until moving to Potter Ridge in Red Wing in September 2019.

Karleen is survived by her loving husband David Franklin of Red Wing, a brother Charles (Mary) Wollmering of St. Paul, a sister Catherine (Gerald) Muntifering of St. Cloud and 8 nieces and nephews who always looked forward to spending time with their special Aunt and Uncle at the "Franklin Inn." There was a special bond and many good times had by all!

There was a burial service at St. Columbkil Cemetery on Friday, February

19th at 1:00 pm. A celebration of life will be planned for Spring.

Memorials are preferred to the Goodhue Area Historical Society, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, or to the donor's choice.

Nathlye E. Benrud

Nathlye Benrud, age 89, died Wednesday, February 10th at St. Crispin's Living Community in Red Wing.

Nathlye Ellen Benrud was born on July 30, 1931 in Rice County, the daughter of Herbert and Florence (Schwake) Luebke.

She grew up in the Wanamingo area, attending rural school for several years, graduating from Wanamingo High School in 1949. Upon graduation Nathlye worked in the Rice County Register of Deeds Office until her marriage on Sept. 23, 1950 to Donald Benrud. Nathlye and Donald farmed and raised their family in rural Goodhue. They were members of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Goodhue, where Nathlye was a Sunday School teacher and member of St. Luke WELCA group. She was a member of the Belvidere Home Extension Group enjoying coffee and conversation with many area ladies.

In 1985, Nathlye went to work as a Home

Health Aide for the Goodhue County Public Health department, retiring in 1997. She and Donald loved to travel; they had many trips and good times with family friends. They especially enjoyed a trip to Norway and celebrating their 60th anniversary on an Alaskan Cruise. They loved wintering at their trailer in Arizona where Nathlye was a member of the Red Hat Society and enjoyed having coffee and fellowship with friends. She loved flowers, gardening, and being a homemaker, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her children Wanda (William) Carlstrom, Jerry (Vicki) Benrud, Cindy (Greg) Ryan, and Roger (Michelle) Benrud; grandchildren

Dan (Kristi) Benrud, Krista (Ricardo) Ramirez, Travis (Sheri) Ryan, Cassidy (Scott Bignal) Post, Shamus (Ashley) Ryan, Paige (Brian) Flaherty, Emily (Dylan Mollenhauer) Benrud, Calvin Benrud, and Clara Benrud; great-grandchildren Aidan, Grayson, Amelia, Lincoln, Ian, Hannah, Cormac, Bridget and Rory; sisters Janice (Maynard) Forss and Marcia Pearson; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald, and her daughter Sandra.

Visitation was on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 from 1-2:30 pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 308 1st Ave, Goodhue, MN 55027. Masks and social distancing were required. A private funeral service followed, with livestreaming on Nat's obituary page at www.LundbergFuneral.com. Online condolences are welcome there as well. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Goodhue. Memorials are preferred to the repair fund of the Horticulture Building at the Goodhue County Fair, River Bluff Humane Society, or the Donor's Choice.



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Goodhue Tri January 29, 2021

Goodhue 51 Stewartville 18

106 Karnitz, Hunter (Stewartville) defeated Forfeit, (Goodhue) === {Forfeit} (Score: 0-6)
 113 Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) defeated Deyoung, Jace (Stewartville) === {Fall 2:47} (Score: 6-6)
 120 Bortz, Ryan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Stewartville) === {Forfeit} (Score: 12-6)
 126 Rinn, Reid (Stewartville) defeated Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) === {Decision 13-7} (Score: 12-9)
 132 Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) defeated Larson, Lucas (Stewartville) === {Decision 6-2} (Score: 15-9)
 138 O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) defeated Elzen, Tanner (Stewartville) === {Fall 1:08} (Score: 21-9)
 145 Carr, Blake (Stewartville) defeated Jaeger, Beau (Goodhue) === {Decision 4-2} (Score: 21-12)
 152 O'Reilly, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Janssen, Cole (Stewartville) === {Fall 3:54} (Score: 27-12)
 160 Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) defeated Dube, Lincoln (Stewartville) === {Fall 0:31} (Score: 33-12)
 170 Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) defeated Ahart, Lucas (Stewartville) === {Fall 3:19} (Score: 39-12)
 182 O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) defeated Nelson, Anthony (Stewartville) === {Fall 2:30} (Score: 45-12)
 195 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Zelinske, Keegan (Stewartville) === {Decision 3-2} (Score: 48-12)
 220 Sackett, Christian (Stewartville) defeated Taxdahl, Mason (Goodhue) === {Fall 1:56} (Score: 48-18)
 285 Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) defeated King, Caden (Stewartville) === {Decision 3-2} (Score: 51-18)

Goodhue 47 Glencoe - Lester Prairie 21

106 Holm, Hayden (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (GSL) === {Forfeit} (Score: 6-0)
 113 Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) defeated Bargaman, Dylan (GSL) === {Tech Fall 16-1} (Score: 11-0)
 120 Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Hagen, Kyle (GSL) === {Fall 2:38} (Score: 17-0)
 126 Bortz, Ryan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (GSL) === {Forfeit} (Score: 23-0)
 132 Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) defeated Meyer, Dawson (GSL) === {Decision 9-5} (Score: 26-0)
 138 Ruschmeier, Carter (GSL) defeated O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) === {Decision 12-7} (Score: 26-3)
 145 Cacka, Jace (GSL) defeated Jaeger, Beau (Goodhue) === {Maj Dec 15-3} (Score: 26-7)
 152 Voelz, Zach (GSL) defeated O'Reilly, Jeremiah (Goodhue) === {Fall 1:52} (Score: 26-13)
 160 Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) defeated Barrett, Joey (GSL) === {Decision 7-2} (Score: 29-13)
 170 Lemke, Keegan (GSL) defeated Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) === {Maj Dec 12-1} (Score: 29-17)
 182 O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) defeated Anderson, Jaxin (GSL) === {Fall 3:30} (Score: 35-17)
 195 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (GSL) === {Forfeit} (Score: 41-17)
 220 Ziegler, Carter (GSL) defeated Taxdahl, Mason (Goodhue) === {Maj Dec 10-0} (Score: 41-21)
 285 Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (GSL) === {Forfeit} (Score: 47-21)

Cannon Falls Tri January 28, 2021

Goodhue 55 Cannon Falls 20

106 Singwald, Calvin (CF) defeated Holm, Hayden (Goodhue) === {Tech Fall 15-0} (Score: 0-5)
 113 Peterson, Gavin (CF) defeated Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) === {Decision 5-4} (Score: 0-8)
 120 Bortz, Ryan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 6-8)
 126 Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 12-8)
 132 Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 18-8)
 138 O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) defeated Black, Colten (CF) === {Decision 3-1} (Score: 21-8)
 145 Jaeger, Beau (Goodhue) defeated Erlandsen, Kyle (CF) === {Fall 3:50} (Score: 27-8)
 152 Carlisle, Preston (CF) defeated O'Reilly, Jeremiah (Goodhue) === {Fall 1:38} (Score: 27-14)
 160 Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 33-14)
 170 Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) defeated Banks, Jonathan (CF) === {Maj Dec 9-1} (Score: 37-14)
 182 O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 43-14)
 195 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 49-14)
 220 Keenan, Riley (CF) defeated Forfeit, (Goodhue) === {Forfeit} (Score: 49-20)
 285 Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (CF) === {Forfeit} (Score: 55-20)

Goodhue 46 Lakeville South 29

106 Clark, Riley (LS) defeated Holm, Hayden (Goodhue) === {Decision 6-0} (Score: 0-3)
 113 Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) defeated English, Leo (LS) === {Tech Fall 16-1} (Score: 5-3)
 120 Bischof, Bo (LS) defeated Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) === {Fall 3:18} (Score: 5-9)
 126 Bortz, Ryan (Goodhue) defeated Thomas, Nick (LS) === {Tech Fall 20-4} (Score: 10-9)
 132 Wendt, Theron (LS) defeated Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) === {Decision 3-1} (Score: 10-12)
 138 O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (LS) === {Forfeit} (Score: 16-12)
 145 Jaeger, Beau (Goodhue) defeated Hall, Parker (LS) === {Fall 0:35} (Score: 22-12)
 152 Bischof, Brice (LS) defeated O'Reilly, Jeremiah (Goodhue) === {Tech Fall 16-1} (Score: 22-17)
 160 Hermann, Peyton (LS) defeated Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) === {Fall 5:05} (Score: 22-23)
 170 Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) defeated Hall, Peyton (LS) === {Fall 3:35} (Score: 28-23)
 182 Pearson, Jonas (LS) defeated O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) === {Fall 4:48} (Score: 28-29)
 195 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Rose, Landon (LS) === {Fall 2:49} (Score: 34-29)
 220 Taxdahl, Mason (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (LS) === {Forfeit} (Score: 40-29)
 285 Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (LS) === {Forfeit} (Score: 46-29)

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Goodhue vs Faribault Wrestling 2/4/21

106 Bo Bokman (Faribault) over Hayden Holm (Goodhue) (MD 11-1)
113 JT Hausen (Faribault) over Lucas Bortz (Goodhue) (Fall 3:57)
120 Elliott Viland (Faribault) over Jeremiah Bien (Goodhue) (Dec 7-1)
126 Tyler Boyd (Faribault) over Ryan Bortz (Goodhue) (Dec 6-1)
132 Isaac Yetzer (Faribault) over Ethan Breuer (Goodhue) (Def.)
138 Alex Nelson (Goodhue) over Willie Potter (Faribault) (Dec 6-4)
145 Gael Ramirez (Faribault) over Unknown (For.)
152 Aiden Tobin (Faribault) over Beau Jaeger (Goodhue) (MD 14-3)
160 Malakye Parker (Goodhue) over Cooper Leichtnam (Faribault) (Fall 3:25)
170 Kade Altendorf (Goodhue) over Cael Casteel (Faribault) (MD 11-2)
182 Carsyn O'Reilly (Goodhue) over George Soto (Faribault) (Dec 5-4)
195 Marcos Ramirez (Faribault) over Mason Taxdahl (Goodhue) (Dec 6-1)
220 Cody Lohman (Goodhue) over Gabriel Shatskikh (Faribault) (Dec 6-2)
HWT Blake Carlson (Goodhue) over Unknown (For.)

Team Score: Faribault 35 Goodhue 25

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GMLOS 52 Goodhue 24

106: Anthony Romero (GMLO) over Hayden Holm (GOOD) (Fall 3:25)
113: Austin Clemens (GOOD) over (GMLO) (For.)
120: James Jacobsen (GMLO) over Lucas Bortz (GOOD) (Fall 1:59)
126: Cohen Wiste (GMLO) over Ryan Bortz (GOOD) (Fall 1:54)
132: Braxten Wiste (GMLO) over (GOOD) (For.)
138: Maddox O'Reilly (GOOD) over Lucas Winfield (GMLO) (Fall 2:54)
145: Donavon Felten (GMLO) over Makae O'Reilly (GOOD) (Dec 9-2)
152: Rece Voigt (GMLO) over Jeremiah O'Reilly (GOOD) (Fall 1:42)
160: Daniel Smith (GMLO) over Grant Reed (GOOD) (MD 13-5)
170: Christian Jacobsen (GMLO) over Kade Altendorf (GOOD) (Fall 1:34)
182: Noah Sayles (GMLO) over Carsyn O'Reilly (GOOD) (Fall 0:29)
195: Cameron Sneed (GMLO) over Cody Lohman (GOOD) (Dec 3-1)
220: Mason Taxdahl (GOOD) over (GMLO) (For.)
285: Blake Carlson (GOOD) over Christian Luthe (GMLO) (Fall 4:29)

Zumbrota-Mazepa 34 Goodhue 21

106: Jack Krier (ZM) over Hayden Holm (fall: 5:55)
113: Lucas Bortz over Myles Ramer (ZM) (3-2)
120: Lucas Schiell (ZM) over Ryan Bortz (4-1)
126: Kaleb Lochner (ZM) over JJ Bien (fall 1:45)
132: Ben Murray (ZM) over Ethan Breuer (11-9)
138: Beau Jaeger over Mason Goodman (ZM) (7-0)
145: Beau Jurens (ZM) over Maddox O'Reilly (5-2)
152: Kyle Cloutier (ZM) over Makae O'Reilly (5-4)
160: Tanner Mancilman (ZM) over JJ O'Reilly (4-2)
170: Kade Altendorf over Isaiah O'Reilly (ZM) (4-1)
182: Ryan Lexvold (ZM) over Carsyn O'Reilly (6-0)
195: Mason Taxdahl over Luke Janssen (ZM) (fall-1:45)
220: Ethan Kovars (ZM) over Cody Lohmann (12-0)
285: Blake Carlson over Macallister Bengtson (ZM) (fall- 0:51)

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Goodhue 78 Rochester John Marshall 3

106 Holm, Hayden (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 6-0)
113 Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 12-0)
120 Bortz, Ryan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 18-0)
126 Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Gostomckik, Kaleb (RJM) = {Fall 0:41} (Score: 24-0)
132 Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) defeated Bertschinger, Ethan (RJM) = {Fall 3:12} (Score: 30-0)
138 O'Reilly, Maddox (Goodhue) defeated Jordon, Darius (RJM) = {Fall 5:53} (Score: 36-0)
145 Bengton, Dustin (RJM) defeated O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) = {Decision 14-9} (Score: 36-3)
152 O'Reilly, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 42-3)
160 Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 48-3)
170 Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 54-3)
182 O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 60-3)
195 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 66-3)
220 Taxdahl, Mason (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 72-3)
285 Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (RJM) = {Forfeit} (Score: 78-3)



Ethan Breuer wrestling Ethan Bertschinger of John Marshall HS. Breuer won by pin at 132 LBS.

Rochester Mayo 40 Goodhue 30

106: Hayden Holm (GOOD) over Adam Buenger (ROMA) (Fall 0:00)
113: Lucas Bortz (GOOD) over Kai Kobayashi (ROMA) (Dec 4-1)
120: Ben Timmerman (ROMA) over Ryan Bortz (GOOD) (Dec 2-0)
126: Jeremiah Bien (GOOD) over Lucas Peterson (ROMA) (Fall 0:00)
132: Riku Kobayashi (ROMA) over Ethan Breuer (GOOD) (Dec 7-2)
138: Marshall Peters (ROMA) over Alex Nelson (GOOD) (MD 15-6)
145: Maddox O'Reilly (GOOD) over Ian Funk (ROMA) (Dec 4-3)
152: Makae O'Reilly (GOOD) over Cason Larson (ROMA) (Fall 0:00)
160: Ethan Smith (ROMA) over Malakye Parker (GOOD) (Fall 0:00)
170: Logan Burger (ROMA) over Kade Altendorf (GOOD) (Fall 0:00)
182: Dylan Peper (ROMA) over Carsyn O'Reilly (GOOD) (Fall 0:00)
195: Sam Allen (ROMA) over Cody Lohman (GOOD) (Fall 0:00)
220: Dedric Burger (ROMA) over Mason Taxdahl (GOOD) (Fall 0:00)
285: Blake Carlson (GOOD) over (ROMA) (For.)



Ryan Bortz wrestling vs Rochester Mayo. Ryan won 4-1.

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Kasson-Mantorville 49 Goodhue 15

Goodhue 65 Triton 15

106 Holm, Hayden (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Triton) = {Forfeit} (Score: 6-0)
113 Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Triton) = {Forfeit} (Score: 12-0)
120 Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Garness, Hunter (Triton) = {Fall 3:07} (Score: 18-0)
126 Bortz, Ryan (Goodhue) defeated Stark, Hunter (Triton) = {Fall 1:05} (Score: 24-0)
132 Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Triton) = {Forfeit} (Score: 30-0)
138 Jaeger, Beau (Goodhue) defeated Ibarra, Justin (Triton) = {Tech Fall 18-2} (Score: 35-0)
145 O'Reilly, Maddox (Goodhue) defeated Adreon, Austan (Triton) = {Fall 1:03} (Score: 41-0)
152 O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Triton) = {Forfeit} (Score: 47-0)
160 Dobbs, Colby (Triton) defeated Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) = {Decision 6-1} (Score: 47-3)
170 Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) defeated Garness, Owen (Triton) = {Fall 3:59} (Score: 53-3)
182 Schlichting, Brekken (Triton) defeated O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) = {Fall 4:30} (Score: 53-9)
195 Barker, Mason (Triton) defeated Taxdahl, Mason (Goodhue) = {Fall 4:49} (Score: 53-15)
220 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Triton) = {Forfeit} (Score: 59-15)
285 Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Triton) = {Forfeit} (Score: 65-15)

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Plainview-Elgin-Millville 32 Goodhue 31

106: Isaac Walch (PEM) over Hayden Holm (GOOD) (Dec 7-1)
113: Lucas Bortz (GOOD) over Carson Rahman (PEM) (Fall 3:47)
120: Jeremiah Bien (GOOD) over Nolan Ford (PEM) (MD 15-1)
126: Ryan Bortz (GOOD) over (PEM) (For.)
132: Ethan Breuer (GOOD) over (PEM) (For.)
138: Cooper Hofschulte (PEM) over Makae O'Reilly (GOOD) (Dec 11-4)
145: Garrett Olson (PEM) over Maddox O'Reilly (GOOD) (Dec 8-7)
152: Kael Lamb (PEM) over Beau Jaeger (GOOD) (Dec 8-3)
160: Cael Marx (PEM) over Jeremiah O'Reilly (GOOD) (Fall 1:35)
170: Dereck Boyum (PEM) over Malakye Parker (GOOD) (Fall 2:12)
182: Alex Rahman (PEM) over Kade Altendorf (GOOD) (MD 12-3)
195: Martin Prieto (PEM) over Mason Taxdahl (GOOD) (MD 14-3)
220: Cody Lohman (GOOD) over Anthony Robertson (PEM) (Dec 4-1)
285: Blake Williams (GOOD) over Cody Schneider (PEM) (Fall 2:49)

Goodhue Wrestling

Lake City 41 Goodhue 24

106 Holm, Hayden (Good) defeated Ramirez, Cris (LC) = {Decision 6-4} (Score: 0-3)
113 Evans, Nate (LC) defeated Bortz, Lucas (Good) = {Decision 5-2} (Score: 3-3)
120 Ramirez, Steven (LC) defeated Clemens, Austin (Good) = {Decision 3-0} (Score: 6-3)
126 Bein, Jeremiah (Good) defeated Dodd, Elijah (LC) = {Fall 3:23} (Score: 6-9)
132 Skifton, Luke (LC) defeated Breuer, Ethan (Good) = {Tech Fall 15-0} (Score: 11-9)
138 O'Reilly, Makae (Good) defeated Meincke, Aaron (LC) = {Decision 2-0} (Score: 11-12)
145 Harvey, Jonathan (LC) defeated Jaeger, Beau (Good) = {Fall 1:45} (Score: 17-12)
152 Becker, Luke (LC) defeated O'Reilly, Maddox (Good) = {Decision 6-5} (Score: 20-12)
160 Kozlowski, Joe (LC) defeated Parker, Malakye (Good) = {Fall 3:51} (Score: 26-12)
170 Gohl-Krier, Dominic (LC) defeated Altendorf, Kade (Good) = {Decision 3-2} (Score: 29-12)
182 Nutt, Sam (LC) defeated O'Reilly, Carsyn (Good) = {Fall 1:29} (Score: 35-12)
195 Lohman, Cody (Good) defeated Nutt, Ben (LC) = {Fall 1:29} (Score: 35-18)
220 Taxdahl, Mason (Good) defeated Nguyen, Jeremy (LC) = {Fall 2:49} (Score: 35-24)
285 Balow, Max (LC) defeated Carlson, Blake (Good) = {Fall 4:34} (Score: 41-24)

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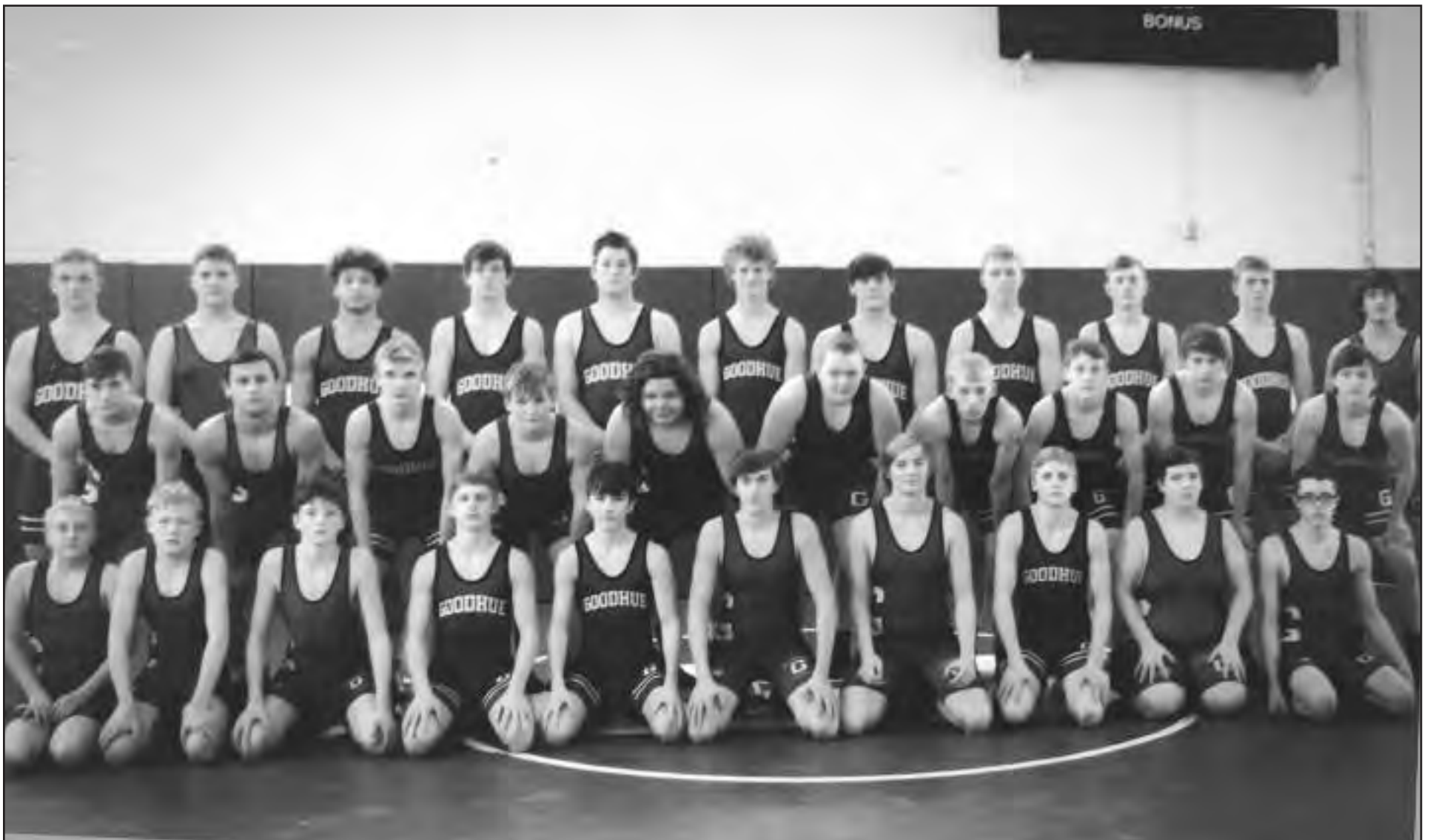
Goodhue 68 WEM-JWP 10

106: Carson Petry (WEJW) over Hayden Holm (GOOD) (MD 8-0)
113: Austin Clemens (GOOD) over Zach Quast (WEJW) (Fall 1:11)
120: Lucas Bortz (GOOD) over Patrick Adams (WEJW) (Fall 1:24)
126: Jeremiah Bien (GOOD) over Nolan Morsching (WEJW) (Fall 1:42)
132: Ethan Breuer (GOOD) over Lucas Morsching (WEJW) (TF 19-3 0:00)
138: Makae O'Reilly (GOOD) over Gavin Krause (WEJW) (Fall 1:34)
145: Maddox O'Reilly (GOOD) over (WEJW) (For.)
152: Jeremiah O'Reilly (GOOD) over Jack Cahill (WEJW) (Dec 3-0)
160: Malakye Parker (GOOD) over (WEJW) (For.)

170: Kade Altendorf (GOOD) over Isaac Quast (WEJW) (Fall 0:46)
182: Kurtis Crosby (WEJW) over Carsyn O'Reilly (GOOD) (Fall 2:24)
195: Mason Taxdahl (GOOD) over (WEJW) (For.)
220: Cody Lohman (GOOD) over Keegan Kuball (WEJW) (Fall 0:39)
285: Blake Carlson (GOOD) over (WEJW) (For.)

Goodhue 48 Medford 30

106 Holm, Hayden (Goodhue) defeated Lopes, Luis (Medford) = {Fall 3:10} (Score: 6-0)
113 Elwood, Tommy (Medford) defeated Bortz, Lucas (Goodhue) = {Decision 4-0} (Score: 6-3)
120 Meyer, Jack (Medford) defeated Clemens, Austin (Goodhue) = {Decision 7-3} (Score: 6-6)
126 Bien, Jeremiah (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Medford) = {Forfeit} (Score: 12-6)
132 Breuer, Ethan (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Medford) = {Forfeit} (Score: 18-6)
138 O'Reilly, Makae (Goodhue) defeated Neumann, Kael (Medford) = {Fall 3:45} (Score: 24-6)
145 Jaeger, Beau (Goodhue) defeated Mccarthy, George (Medford) = {Fall 3:35} (Score: 30-6)
152 O'Reilly, Maddox (Goodhue) defeated Hoffman, Garron (Medford) = {Fall 4:54} (Score: 36-6)
160 Hermes, Tate (Medford) defeated Parker, Malakye (Goodhue) = {Fall 1:56} (Score: 36-12)
170 Hedensten, Josiah (Medford) defeated Altendorf, Kade (Goodhue) = {Fall 2:45} (Score: 36-18)
182 Heiderscheidt, Dylan (Medford) defeated O'Reilly, Carsyn (Goodhue) = {Fall 1:57} (Score: 36-24)
195 Lohman, Cody (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Medford) = {Forfeit} (Score: 42-24)
220 Taxdahl, Mason (Goodhue) defeated Forfeit (Medford) = {Forfeit} (Score: 48-24)
285 Hermes, Gavin (Medford) defeated Carlson, Blake (Goodhue) = {Fall 0:38} (Score: 48-30)



2020-2021 Goodhue Wrestling Team

Front row: Lucas Erickson, Blaize Kiser, Taite Goodman, Lucas Bortz, Hayden Holm, Nate Beck, Payton Holst, Ryan Bortz, Austin Holst, Jack Goodman. Middle Row: Tristan Mandelkow, Grant Reed, Austin Clemens, Jack Carlson, Jullian Nolett, Cayden O'Reilly, Alex Nelson, Jeremiah Bien, Beau Jager, Ethan Breuer, Back Row: Mason Taxdahl, Caleb Kurtti, Malakye Parker, Kade Altendorf, Blake Carlson, Makae O'Reilly, Cody Lohman, Carsyn O'Reilly, Maddox O'Reilly, Jeremiah O'Reilly, Ethan Matthees.

Goodhue Honor Roll

Goodhue High School Announces First Semester Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Honor Roll at Goodhue High School for the first semester of the 2020-21 school year.

A Honor Roll

Grade 9 – Caden Berg, Kasen Bigalk, Laura Brinkman, Julia Carlson, Braden Eckhoff, Ava Gadiant, Teagan Hinsch, Sophia Huneke, Abigail Jablonski, Jordyn Lantis, Alyssa Luhman, Carsyn O'Reilly, Ellie Peterson, Chance Rehder, Jed Ryan, Olivia Ryan, Alexa Schafer, Tanner Smith, Ali Strauss

Grade 10 – Kade Altendorf, Melanie Beck, Calvin Benrud, Kennedy Diercks, Madison Ferguson, Brianna Fitzgerald, Marcus Gardzinski, Tori Miller, Kiera Norman, Madisyn Nurnberg, Hallie O'Connor, Abigail Opsahl, Will Opsahl, Jeremiah O'Reilly, Adam Poncelet, Carson Roschen, Brooke Ryan, Jada Scheele, Tally Stehr, Emma Thomforde, Karli Zetah

Grade 11 – Taylor Berg, Madisen

Betcher, Lucas Bortz, Ryan Bortz, Ethan Breuer, Brooke Buck, Joslyn Carlson, Tyson Christensen, Joseph Cuccio, Emily Doerhoefer, Trent Heitman, Trey Heitman, Alandra Hinsch, Alivia Holst, Laurel Jacobson, Cody Lohman, Lindsey Mangan, Darby Miller, Madelynn O'Connor, Maddox O'Reilly, Makae O'Reilly, Estefania Parra-Figueroa, Jehimi Rodriguez, Alivia Roschen, Jenna Ryan, Gisel Sanchez Gonzalez, Anika Schafer, Dylan Schafer, Claire Schulte, Grace Schulte, Haley Stern, Grace Thomforde, Alejandra Vargas-Garcia, Karli Vieths, Kaylyn Westerberg, Kameron Zetah

Grade 12 – Aliza Altendorf, Madison Benda, Aliyah Benson, Alexis Callstrom, Cloe Deegan, Bannen Donovan, Kathryn Evans, Logan Ferguson, Hannah Gadiant, Travis Hammond, Kelby Heitman, Emma Jennings, Chelsey Lexvold, Elissa Lodermeier, Abigail Majerus, Emma Pawlenty, Samuel Peterson, Haley Poncelet, Jady Quiggle, Alana Schmit, Elissa Smith, Arianna Thomforde, Emily Urzua, Reagan Wagner, Dwight Wojcik, Kody Zetah

B Honor Roll

Grade 9 – Austin Clemens, Caleb Dicke, Elisabeth Gadiant, Taite Goodman, Devon Hublit, Samuel Jimenez, Mason Mandelkow, Jocelyn Medina Gutierrez, Hannah O'Neill, Eli Ryan, Gavin Schafer, Alexandra Tinajero, Samuel Tipton, Jada Wagner

Grade 10 – Hudson Bryan, Lilian Germann-Hutter, Beau Jaeger, Zachary Luhman, Lucas, Melson, Sofia Pantoja, Seth Stella, Ethan Strickland, Alex Vieths

Grade 11 – Kristopher Carlson, John Collins, Izaak Duden, Kyler Hokanson, Katelyn Huppert, Johnathan Jensen, Cameron Mandelkow, Alex Nelson, Mason

Taxdahl, Liv Veiseth, Dayne Wojcik

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FFA members distributed dairy products at the Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm in June. (Front row: Liv Veiseth, Austin Bartholome, Madison Bartholome, and Alivia Holst. Back row: Anika Schafer, Alandra Hinsch, Laurel Jacobson, Cass Hinsch, and Jess Hinsch).



Goodhue FFA purchased gifts for a family during the holidays. Laurel Jacobson (left) and Alivia Holst (right) show some of the gifts purchased.



Meeting: FFA Meetings have been held over Google Meet and include various activities. Members hold up their frozen pizzas they were tasked to find during a virtual scavenger hunt!



Events went virtual this year! Left to right, Alivia Holst, Lexy Callstrom, and Laurel Jacobson were some of the Goodhue FFA members who participated in the Region VIII FFA Fall Leadership Day via Zoom in the fall.



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Good News Concerning COVID-19... Finally!



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

It's about time that I report on some good news related to the coronavirus pandemic. Covid-19 cases across the country reached a peak in mid-January. In February, the World Health Organization changed their lab testing parameters for Covid-19 testing. The WHO raised the value as to what constitutes a positive test, stating that the lab testing was giving out way to many false positives. With the change in protocol came a rapid decline in Covid-19 cases closely reflecting a more accurate case count. This drop in cases is occurring worldwide. In Japan, Covid-19 cases have decreased 85% since January 13th. Coincidentally, Japan's vaccination program just started on February 20th. In Columbia, where there are no vaccinations available, covid-19 cases have decreased by 78% since mid-January.

The good news in the US is that cases continue to drop with only 13% of the population having received the vaccine as of this writing. In trying to explain the decline of Covid-19 cases, different theories have been brought up and then quickly shot down. Theory # 1 was warmer weather patterns due to seasonal change. But this is not the case as the southern hemisphere countries are also having a major decline in Covid-19 cases and their weather pattern is opposite ours. As we get warmer, they get colder. Theory # 2 was that more people are wearing masks. But mask use only increased from 74.5% to 75.5% between August and Christmas. The 1% increase in mask wearing cannot account for the rapid increase in cases this winter or account for the major decline in cases we are experiencing now.

A third explanation for the continued decline in Covid-19 cases is gaining traction among scientists. This theory states that we are running out of people who have not yet been infected or exposed to the virus. Scientists state that the natural immunity acquired from the Sars-CoV2 virus offers powerful protection and reinfection is quite rare. Out of the 113 million confirmed Covid-19 cases worldwide, there have only been 57 cases of reinfection reported. Johnson and Johnson in their vaccine study, which included 2,230 people

who were previously infected with Covid-19, found that those people were better protected from getting the virus again than people who had gotten the vaccine.

A lot of talk in the news is about Covid-19 variants. And that these variants spread faster and might be deadlier. The British variant is doubling every 10 days, even so, the good news is that even with that happening, coronavirus cases across the United Kingdom and in South Africa are actually on a rapid decline.

More good news is that many hospitals around the country have adopted the Math+ protocol for coronavirus treatment of their hospitalized patients. The Math+ protocol (includes IV vitamin C, D and Zinc with an anticoagulant like heparin and antiviral medication like remdesivir and antibiotics) is saving lives!!

I am also happy to report on the death rate from Covid-19. Initial modeling predictions were that Covid-19 would have a fatality rate of 2%-3%. According to a recent estimate from the WHO, 10% of the global population has been infected with the coronavirus. With a worldwide population of 7.8 billion people and 1.16 million deaths worldwide from coronavirus this makes the fatality rate for all infected age groups 0.32%. Which is much lower than the predicted 2-3%. Sadly, this fatality rate number does nothing to console all the families that lost one of their loved ones due to this virus. Death is never just a number or a percentage when it affects you. It is as real as real gets. For safety concerns, it is also important to stress that the fatality rate affects the elderly more than the younger generation. According to a large study in France, there was a 1000 fold difference in death risk for those age 80 and above. A study in Sweden found that the fatality rate for those over age 65 was 2.7%. It is vitally important that we still continue to protect our older generation.

My last bit of good news concerns herd immunity. Science states to reach herd immunity 2/3 of the population would have to either have been infected or taken the vaccine. Two thirds of the US population is roughly 220 million people. The 29 million Americans who have had Covid-19 are more than likely now immune from the virus. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) says that for every documented case

of Covid-19 there are 8 more cases that are not documented. A conservative estimate for sake of argument would be 6 to 1 ratio. Meaning 6 infected for every one documented case. So, if we multiply 6 infections times the 29 million confirmed documented cases we get a total of 170 million people already immune to the virus in the United States. 170 million is rapidly closing in on the 220 million needed for herd immunity to take place. The sooner we reach that number, the faster life returns to normal for all of us.

Covid-19 Vaccination information: As part of informed consent for your personal information here is the latest reported events from the CDC vaccine adverse reaction reporting system (via their website) to help you make your own health care decision concerning the vaccination.

As of 2/28/21, 72 million people have been given at least one dose of the vaccine. Adverse reactions total over 19,769 (Of the 19,769 reported events, common reactions such as arm soreness and swelling, fatigue, fever, body aches and headache are included. Also included are the more severe reactions such as anaphylaxis (203 reported cases). The most common reactions are chills (over 2,891 cases), headache (3,827 cases), shortness of breath (2,867 cases), nausea (over 2,633 cases). Also, 580 people contracted the covid-19 virus after receiving the vaccine. In addition, it has also been reported on the CDC web page that over

Prenatal Pregnancy Chiropractic Care

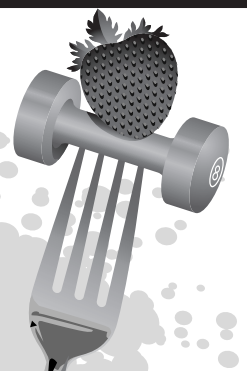
Prenatal ultrasound, is the use of ultrasonography in pregnancy, sound waves are used to create an actual images of the developing embryo or fetus in the uterus.



The images allow the doctor to observe if the baby is developing normally. One to two ultrasounds are typically given during a normal pregnancy. From a chiropractors perspective the ultrasound in the last trimester of pregnancy also lets the chiropractor know what position the baby is in. If the prenatal pregnancy scan reveals a breech positioned fetus, the chiropractor is able to focus their care on uterine constraint and pelvic alignment and work on relaxing the round ligaments so that the baby has room to turn to the head down position for childbirth. The chiropractor uses a technique called Webster's technique for uterine constraint.

810 people have died after receiving the vaccine.

MISSY'S MESSAGE



GETTING MORE STEPS!



MISSY PAPERFUS

I am finally full-time at MotoProz with the boys! Ready for a fresh new healthier start! Things have been busy for us. I like to exercise first thing in the morning, so I do not come up with a reason to put it off. I have come up with a bunch of reasons not to exercise, and I have put it off. My number one excuse is being tired and not getting up when the alarm goes off. Being on my feet most of the day every day is something I am still getting used to.

I decided it is time to focus on simply getting more steps in. It is not that hard running around the store getting this or that for whoever needs it in turn getting more steps. I walk to the post office every day. I go walking with a friend a couple days a week, but we chose not to walk if it is 30 degrees below zero! I also do not like to go if it is too icy. I have a treadmill at home which bores me, but it is a nice option to have if the weather is not cooperating. I also have a small trampoline, but I have not gotten that out for quite a while.

This fall, I was walking with my mom a few days a week. I think it is best to find a walking partner to hold you accountable and have the right equipment if the weather is not cooperating. I walked 3 miles in my new Sorel boots, and they are NOT walking shoes. I got the worst blisters. I can finally wear them again, and I could not walk for two weeks. Do what works for you, and keep building from there.

Memo from MotoProz....

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It's Your Life... Love It In Health!

Goodhue County Health and Human Services will begin vaccinating people 65+ in March

Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) will begin to vaccinate adults aged 65 and older starting in March! Adults aged 65 and older are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19 and tremendous progress has been made to vaccinate this population. Statewide, over 52% of our seniors have been vaccinated, illness and death have plummeted in long-term care settings, and COVID cases are down 89% from the November peak. The Statewide goal is to vaccinate at least 70% of Minnesota seniors before expanding eligibility to other groups.

Vaccines are here and they are saving lives however, demand for the COVID-19 vaccine still far exceeds supply. As vaccine supply increases, it will become easier to get vaccinated. Until then, it's important to take easy steps to slow the spread of illness. Wear your mask, stay 6 feet away from others, wash your hands, and get a COVID-19 test if you need one. When it's your turn, get your vaccine. After you've been vaccinated, continue following these safe practices to protect others while they wait for their vaccine.

Here is some important information on the process to register for a COVID vaccination, if you are 65+:

- Starting March 8, adults aged 65 and older will be able to register online and by phone for a COVID vaccine in Goodhue County. We are also collaborating with community partners to assist community members with the registration process, more details to follow.

- Each Monday at 8:30 a.m., an online link and phone line will go live. These will both be on a first come, first serve basis.

- If you do not have the opportunity to register one week, please come back the following week for another opportunity to register to receive a COVID vaccine. GCHHS is not building a cumulative permanent waitlist for future clinics. Each week, a limited number of people will be able to register themselves for that week's vaccine clinics waitlist. This is so vaccine doses do not go to waste if someone has to cancel, re-schedule or no shows.

- The online registration link will be available on the Goodhue County COVID website- co.goodhue.mn.us/COVID-19Vaccines and on the GCHHS Facebook page facebook.com/gchhs.

- If you need assistance or do not have access to the internet, please call 651-385-2000 starting at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays to register by phone.

- When registering, you will be making an appointment for a vaccination clinic that will take place the same week you call.

- GCHHS COVID Vaccinations Clinics are Wednesday – Friday of each week. You will receive location details during the time of registration.

- When registering please make sure to have this information ready. It is needed to sign up.

- Mother's maiden name, phone number, and an email address.

- If the person who is eligible does not have an email address, then please use an email address of a trusted friend or family member.

- During the registration process, there will be questions regarding the Moderna vaccine ingredients and your history of allergic reactions. Please be prepared to answer these questions.

- If you are uncertain about possible allergies to Moderna ingredients, talk to your doctor before you call or register online. Our registration staff are not able to give medical advice.

Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector

We are excited to be a part of the strong network of health care providers including pharmacies, clinics, statewide vaccination sites and hospitals that have been mobilized to administer COVID vaccines to our residents but especially those who are most vulnerable. Agencies across the state are administering COVID vaccines to eligible priority groups.

The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector (mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/) is a tool that helps Minnesotans find out when, where, and how to get a COVID-19 vaccine. The Vaccine Connector will:

- alert you when you are eligible to receive a vaccine;
- connect you to resources to schedule a vaccine appointment; and
- notify you if there are vaccine opportunities in your area.

If you have questions about the Vaccine Connector or need assistance filling it out, please call our Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector Hotline at 833-431-2053.

Everyone 18 years and older, is encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to them. This includes people with medical conditions, people who have had COVID-19, and those of different ages, races, and ethnicities.

www.co.goodhue.mn.us

Volunteer COVID-19 Vaccinators Needed

Many agencies are working around the clock to get as many people vaccinated as possible. Holding a vaccine clinic is no small task! It requires a significant amount of people-power to make them happen. As vaccine supply increases there is a real need for volunteers to help us vaccinate and protect our community from COVID-19.

Here at Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) we are looking for volunteers who are licensed to administer vaccines to help us with our vaccination efforts. If you are licensed to give vaccinations in the State of Minnesota, we need your help! Please register at www.mnresponds.org

Minnesota Responds is a vetted volunteer service that helps our community respond to emergencies and disasters. Our local Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) units help communities meet unexpected medical and public health needs, using qualified local volunteers.

Hear from a Local Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer

We conducted a brief question and answer with Mary Heckman, local MRC Volunteer, to hear more about her choice to volunteer.

Interviewer: Why did you choose to sign up to be a MRC volunteer?

Mary Heckman: I recently signed up to be a MRC volunteer after retiring this winter. I had always planned to sign up to be a MRC volunteer after I retired, but with the COVID pandemic I knew it was especially

important now. The pandemic has taught me that we need everyone to fight this monster (COVID). I also know that there are not enough nurses to administer vaccinations, so it was natural for me to volunteer for something I have been doing most of my professional career. I also know how over extended all of the Public Health staff is, so if I can relieve just a small amount of time for staff, it will help.

Interviewer: What are some reasons you would tell community members to sign up to be a MRC volunteer?

Mary Heckman: We need everyone's help to fight Covid-19. There has been a lot of frustration and criticism of the slow rollout of vaccines. I have always believed to take action or stop talking. If you can help solve a problem, help. By helping with the clinics you would be doing a great service to our society by helping get the vaccines out and ending the pandemic sooner. It is so needed and worthwhile. I'm so incredibly proud of our health care providers, Public Health and essential workers in this country and I want to do my part to help, that's why I became a nurse.

To reiterate, I encourage community members to sign up to be a MRC volunteer to:

- Help get the vaccine out faster and to more people.

- Help current staff that are overwhelmed and over extended who have been fighting COVID-19 for over a year.

- Be a part of the solution to this overwhelming situation we are in. We all need to do our part.

- If you are licensed to administer vaccines and would like to help with our vaccination efforts, please register at www.mnresponds.org. We appreciate everything that our communities are doing to slow the spread of COVID! For detailed instructions on how to register, go to www.co.goodhue.mn.us/COVID-19.

Red Cross calls for healthy blood donors following severe weather

The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can't wait.

Every day thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant, even during snowstorms and the COVID-19 pandemic. To help ensure lifesaving patient care isn't impacted, individuals in areas unaffected by severe weather are urged to make appointments to donate by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunity in Goodhue

3/15/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church, 702 3rd Ave.

Collaboration is Our Way Forward



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

When I served in Congress, I was dedicated to representing my southern Minnesota district. I was not there to simply vote the party line; I did my best to take into consideration the differing political ideologies that existed at the time among my constituents. As a legislator, I made it a priority to develop partnerships with other legislators – in both parties – to find common ground and to influence legislation to the benefit of the communities I served.

As divisions in our country and state have become amplified in recent years, I believe it is important to emphasize that collaboration is central to how we will be able to

move forward. Here at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), collaboration is a key value and a guiding force in how we do our work.

SMIF's vision is that southern Minnesota will be a prosperous and growing region with vibrant communities, innovative and successful economies and engaged and valued citizens. As we celebrate SMIF's 35th anniversary this year, and more than \$121 million invested in our 20-county region during that time, we know that we would not have been able to make progress on this vision without the many partners that have supported our efforts over the past three and a half decades.

Partnerships have made it possible for SMIF to award 4,300 grants since our inception. For example, we work with Ace Hardware and Arrow Hardware & Paint, to distribute paint to communities for projects like murals through our Paint the Town Grants. We partner with publishers ABDO and Capstone to distribute thousands of books to children birth through age five through our Early Literacy Grants (and many more thousands of books get distributed through our Early Childhood programming). We recently partnered with Region Nine Development Commission and SE MN Together to launch a special Inclusive and Equitable Communities Grant program, awarding \$160,000 to organizations that are increasing equity and inclusion within communities and supporting entrepreneurs of diverse backgrounds.

Since 1986 we have been able to support



more than 700 businesses through our lending program because of our partnerships with financial institutions and economic development agencies. We have also partnered with our 30 Community Foundations by providing \$823,000 in matching grants over the years, offering direct support to their communities.

Our commitment to collaboration made it possible for us to distribute \$12.1 million in COVID-19 response dollars. SMIF partnered with the State of Minnesota throughout 2020 to distribute grants and loans to support children, childcare providers, entrepreneurs and communities in our region during this crisis. Most recently we partnered with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to distribute \$10.2 million in Small Business Relief Grants, helping keep more

than 1,000 southern Minnesota businesses afloat. We also worked with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to award \$180,000 in Early Care and Wrap Around Grants to fund early care and education wrap around services for children birth to age eight from underserved populations impacted by the pandemic.

It is impossible to name every partner that has made a difference in SMIF's work, but we are appreciative of each and every one of them. Without this culture of collaboration, we would have a vision for our region's prosperity without the means to execute that vision. Likewise, Minnesota – and our country – will make progress when we all work together.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

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Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Oath of Office – Oath was administered to Jered Buxengard, Jody Gordon & Kyle Blattner.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Jered Buxengard, Kyle Blattner, Rich Majerus, Mark Gerken as well as Lisa Redepinning and Treasurer Kyle McKeown. City Engineer Matt Mohs was also present.

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

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

Old Business:

• **Locker Plant** – update progress. No update

• **Portable Generator** – update progress. Waiting for it to be delivered.

• **Sewer Grant** – update progress. Matt updated on the SEARCH grant with USDA. We were approved for \$30,000 for the process of researching.

• **Old Bar** – update. No update.

• **ADA bathroom for Community Center** – update progress. Greg Majerus was to look into this. No further update.

• **Engineer Report, Matt Mohs, City Engineer/ Bolton & Menk, Inc.** – update on projects. Manhole inspection has begun to see what their status is, which is a standard procedure for any I & I work. Matt will begin the reports on this project and get to us. Matt is also wanting to get the appli-

cation in with the state with a revolving loan fund for city infrastructure.

New business:

• **Committee Appointments for 2021** ~ Acting Mayor: Mark Gerken; Ambulance: Rich Majerus; Bank: First Farmers & Merchants; Attorney: Gorman; Fire Association: Kyle Blattner/Jered Buxengard; Paper: News Record; City Engineer: Matt Mohs ~ Bolton & Menk, Inc. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to make above assignments for 2020 as the same as 2019. Motion carried.

• **Change of Council meeting date and time.** Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to move the council meeting to 3rd Wednesday at 6:00. Motion carried.

• **Approve move of April meeting to Tuesday, April 13 at 5:30, set Board of Equalization Meeting for April 13th @ 5:00 and discuss training requirements.** Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to move the meetings to stated date and time. Motion carried.

• **Local Road Improvement Program Grant Discussion** – Matt Mohs, City Engineer. Great Western Avenue road improvements. This grant can address current drainage issues and can possibly upgrade the street for future use. Engineering costs are not included in this grant. \$1.25 million cap is available for this grant. Applications are due March 1st. Takes about 30-40 hours to complete paperwork (\$2,000 - \$5,000 approximate cost). We would need the county to sponsor the application. Matt spoke to the county regarding this. We would hear by May if we qualify. Council decided we will pass on this for now.

• **2021 Goodhue County Seal Coating** – Council decided we will pass on this.

• **Authorization for signature change at Bank to new mayor/remove old.** Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd Kyle Blattner to authorize the bank to remove Greg Majerus and add Jody Gordon as signer for the checking account, savers plus account and the safe deposit box. Motion

carried.

• **Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Statement.** Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the 2020 Financial Statement for City of Bellechester. Motion carried.

• **Clerk Report** – 2nd Half LGA received in December - \$ 11,697.00. Matt Mohs – City Engineer will be here to update and discuss current engineering projects in the city. Year End Processing – Is done. Check Order – we are running low on our stock of checks. I have contacted the vendor and received a quote of approx. \$275. The last time we ordered checks was 3/2015 and it was for 1000 checks. Auto Payment – we can setup Countryside Disposal on autopay as well as Nuvera. Both are monthly checks.

• **Treasurer Report** – Past due list was distributed.

• **Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – Need air compressor. \$1600 - \$1700 estimate for replacement. Chlorine pump may also need replacement. \$900 approximate cost. Pressure gauges need to be purchased. \$100 x 2. Gophers were seen at softball field.

• **Mayor Concerns:** Skating rink was

brought up. It does not work without putting plastic down first and we do not have this. Past years, weather has caused issues.

• **Council Concerns:** None.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 pm. Next meeting is February 17 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepinning
City Clerk

• **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.

City of Bellechester council meetings are now held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 at the Bellechester Community Center.

City of Goodhue Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Members present via Zoom: Mayor Kerry Bien, Wayne Hahn, Patrice O'Reilly & Jason Thuman. Also present were Richard Gorman, Melissa Meyers, Reese Sudtelgte, Terry Anderson Buck, Ardis Voth, Kathy Holm & Carolyn Ryan.

Oath of Office was taken by Terry Anderson Buck.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to approve the body camp public hearing minutes of January 27, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by Thuman to approve the council minutes of January 27, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by O'Reilly to pay Ag Partners for street as agreed upon. Motion carried.

Carolyn Ryan gave a depot update.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by O'Reilly to approve Benda Electric \$2,500 façade grant application. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to change the council meetings to 5:00 pm during lent. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Reilly, seconded by Thuman to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by Anderson Buck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Agre, City Clerk

Goodhue Joins Discussion on Joint WWTP

Goodhue is one of five local communities exploring the possibility of a combined waste water treatment facility. The old and outdated WWTP will have to be addressed in the coming years and could mean an investment of up to five million dollars. The cities of Zumbrota, Pine Island, Goodhue, Mazeppa and Wanamingo are discussing the feasibility of building one new centrally located waste water treatment plant. A combined facility could save funds for each community in construction and operation and manpower. The downside is the cost of building the new facility and the volume of discharge from one location.

The Goodhue wastewater treatment plant is over eighty years old and needs to be upgraded or replaced. It like most the surrounding communities is operating with an expired pollution discharge permit. A new plant would cost between \$5 and \$8 million to build. Another option would be to install a line to pump waste to the Zumbrota plant would cost about \$5 million. The joint sanitary district with all five communities is the other option. By March 31st the cities involved will have to come up with a cooperation plan and a feasibility study would follow to determine location and cost estimates. There is still no certainty that the state would approve such a plan. If the plans were to go forward it would require application for a bonding bill next year to allow construction in 2025. Many of the cities will need to upgrade their own WWTPs by that time anyway. The city of Mazeppa has already opted out of the plan stating that they cannot wait that long to address their waste water treatment facility needs.



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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The "S" Word



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.

That four-letter word everyone uses so casually in Minnesota is not accepted in Tennessee. If one says it the men will look at the ground and the women reach for their smelling salts. It has such a chilling effect on the natives. Strikes fear into their hearts at the mere mention of it.

We are talking snow. And I don't mean blizzard snow or snow storm or even enough to send the snow plows out in Minnesota. Just white flakes from the sky and people go nuts. The mention of snow on the news and local folk race to the Piggly Wiggly and buy up milk, bread and eggs. I guess French Toast is winter survival food down here.

So, after three winters down here we finally got hit. The in-famous February "snow-mageddon" of 2021 that slammed across the nation delivered an icy treat to Tennessee. We were hammered with an astounding two inches of snow. Life shrieked to a halt. Businesses were closed, cafes shuttered, school cancelled, no postal delivery and the radio broadcast winter survival tips. They had to repeatedly warn folks not to walk out on the lake because a quarter inch of ice cannot support a person.

My neighbor has two four-wheel drive trucks and his wife will not leave the house if it snows. Roads don't get plowed like they do in Minnesota. I think the county here has one snowplow truck and it looks like a one-ton pickup with a blade on front. So, the snow just stays on the roads and waits for the sunshine. They have a philosophy here that God put it there and He will take it away when He is ready. But the young guys with four-wheelers and UTV's love it. I see them flying down the snow-covered roads like they were on the salt flats. So, not to keep you in suspense, a couple days later the temperatures were in the 50's and the sun melted all the evidence.

We had a couple spending their Valentine's Day weekend honeymoon at our rental cabin down by Big Sandy River and they were snowed in. Not really snowed in, but just unwilling to drive with snow on the road. We gave them an extra day free stay so they didn't have to brave the snowy roads back to Clarksville right away. It will give them a good story to tell for the rest of their life.

made the 30s feel a lot warmer than it really is.

Native Minnesotans are calling this warm snap the start of sweatshirt weather. Personally all I have done is wear a less heavy coat and left it unbuttoned unless I am going to be outside for a long period of time. But then again we all know that I do not take being cold as well as those of you who have always lived in Minnesota.

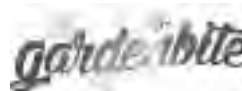
Either way the snow is getting shorter early this year which is nice. However, it's all fun and games until it gets cold again. After all there are still four more weeks of winter or is it five?

Honestly I am not so sure anymore about how many more weeks it is till spring at this point. But I am sure that it will come along at some point in April or May just like it does every year.

Houseplants 101



Teri Knight



BRRRR... baby it's cold outside! We're hunkering down indoors with our houseplants and noticing some things.

Like dull color, browning tips, yellowing or leaf drop. What could be going on? A few things. Our homes aren't getting as much light and humidity at this time of year and that has an affect.

My Norfolk Pine is not pleased... and frankly, I'm embarrassed. BUT, my home is very dry and I didn't check the moisture as well as I should have.

But my Mother-in-law tongue is a happy camper.

Two plants, different needs. Something very helpful I've learned is, when you first purchase your houseplant, keep it in the pot it's been growing in. These are designed to drain.

Place the new plant in your decorative pot, if there's no drainage to that one, then either make a hole in the decorative container or use a plastic saucer underneath so your plant doesn't sit in water. That's the quickest way to kill them.

Another thing, invest a few bucks in a moisture meter. I had no idea how helpful that it was going to be! Mine also measures pH but you can buy ones that measure soil temperature too!

For plants that require humidity, pebble trays of water and/or misting are two of the best things you can do for them.

Be sure to know which plants need it. For instance, my Norfolk pine enjoys a mist, but the sansevieria does not! Unless I'm wiping down his leaves and drying them off!

Remember that our houseplants are mostly dormant right now, they're taking some down time. In other words, don't fertilize them right now.

Too much stimulation when they would really rather relax! Sort of like having a dark roast coffee right before bed time!

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Mother-in-law tongue
2020 aka Sansevieria

A Minnesotan in the North: False Spring



By RosaLin Alcoser

The worst part of warm weeks in mid February is that it gives one false hope of an early spring... this will most likely not be the case.

The reason why the false hope is so bad this year is the weather being in the 30s is because it came right after being between 0 and -22 degrees. Naturally this has

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