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Announcements

**CITY OF DENNISON
CLEAN UP DAY
Saturday Morning
June 12th**

• **Dennison Farmers Market:** Wednesdays 6PM from June 2 thru September 29 at the city's park.

New vendors welcome.

• **Wednesday Wear, Nerstrand United Methodist Church** hours are Wednesdays 1 - 5 and Saturdays 9 - 12. Women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, toys and books. All things are free with donations accepted. Come and see what we have!

• **Dennison Lions Club** meets monthly. During COVID-19, meeting times may vary.

• **Dennison City Council** meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

• **The Nerstrand City Council** meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the Nerstrand City Hall. Office hours are: Monday 8:30-11:00; Tuesday by appointment; Wednesday 8:30-11:00; Thursday 5:00-7:00; Friday by appointment. 507-332-8000.

• **Warsaw Township Meeting** is held the 2nd Monday of each month at the Warsaw Township Hall. Meeting time is 6:00p.m.

• **The Wheeling Township meeting** will be held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00p.m. at the Wheeling Township Hall. Contact Rebecca Vergin, Township Clerk.

Nerstrand Firemans Dinner & Street Dance Returns for 2021

The Nerstrand Fire Department will hold their annual dinner and dance on Saturday, July 10th in Nerstrand. All proceeds benefit the Nerstrand Area Fire Relief Association. Dinner will be served from 5 - 7 pm, and the Live Music and Dance from 7 to 12 pm.

For those that can't make it to the dinner in person, delivery is available to the Nerstrand and Dennison area of the catered meal. Simply e-mail ahead of time to nerstrandfire@gmail.com. Several other community events are planned during the day as well. *Watch next months Messenger for more details!*



Dennison Community Cookout Scheduled for June 15

Dennison Lutheran will be hosting a community cookout on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 PM at the Dennison Park. There will be good food, games, and live music. After a year of cancelled events, it will be great to see our neighbors again.

Dollar General Seeks to Reshape Small Towns

By Brian Depew
SMALL TOWNS

Dollar General has become a ubiquitous feature of America's small towns. The discount retailer is opening new stores at a rate of 1,000 a year.

There are now more than 16,000 spread across the country, including two in the county where I live. The unmistakable concrete walls, steel roof, and bright yellow sign are now commonplace on the outskirts of small towns and stand out like palmer amaranth in a soybean field.

Many local economic developers see the discount retailer as a threat to local retail. Dollar General added limited groceries in 2003, posing a unique threat to local grocery stores, which often operate on tight margins.

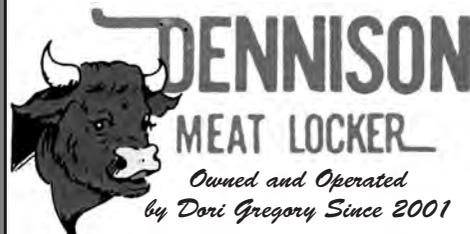
Other economic developers argue Dollar General creates jobs and helps keep shoppers in town.

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Dennison Tire Begins Shop Expansion



Groundwork began recently at Dennison Tire for a planned shop expansion on the south side of their current building in Dennison.



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Fear Not: Mom is Here!

What is one fear that mom helped you overcome? For me it would be the fear of performing—I was still scared, but she always came to my concerts, recitals and checked on my fair projects and she was proud of me—that made me want to continue to do those very things. How about you?

Angel Fiorini suffered horrific burns to her body to save her 3 children as their home burned to the ground – October 2016. She told People magazine, “I have a really strong desire to make a difference from all of this. My life wasn’t just spared for no reason. It’s something that gives me strength, knowing what I’ve overcome and what I’ve been able to fight through.”

Angel faced her fear and against terrific odds was able to “save” her children. Most moms will never have to save their children from a house fire- but they are willing to lay their lives down for their children. You will find moms that will help a teenager study for the ACT long into the night, or sit with a child in their room until they go to sleep or until mom gets rid of the monster under their bed. Moms are asked to put their lives on hold for years as they care for their families instead of going after some of their dreams. In extraordinary circumstances Moms’ will do what it takes to take care of their children.

This month we’re celebrating our mothers- all mothers—we each have one. No matter how “heroic” each was- they brought us into this world and did their best to bring you up to become all that you can be. There was a woman in the bible by the name of Jochebed, she faced extraordinary times and had to make some tough deci-

sions to save her son.

Jochebed and Amram were hiding their son because the Pharaoh had decreed that all baby boys born to the Hebrew people were to be killed as soon as they were born. Jochebed and her husband had no intention of drowning their infant son- but they had to do something. They kept him hidden for 3 months. I’m not sure how that worked—a tiny baby can make a lot of noise! She must have picked him up at the sign of every whimper. The stress she and the family must have went through—3 months hiding their baby son. His brother and sister and father all must have been under a lot of stress wondering when the authorities would break through the doors and kill the little boy! Jochebed had to have times of intense fear that her son would be discovered and that he would be killed. After 3 months it got to be too difficult to hide him anymore- so now what? If they didn’t come up with something he would be killed! Jochebed was an intelligent woman and quite industrious. I have no doubt God planted this plan in her mind- but she also had a strong faith and trusting spirit to listen. “she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River.”

She made the basket waterproof and large enough for the 3-month-old baby boy. Jochebed thought long and hard—where to put this basket and how to make sure he would be safe. I have no doubt the placing of the basket in the area that Pharaoh’s daughter bathed was strategic. She also trusted that that woman had the heart of a

mother and wouldn’t be able to resist a baby that needed rescuing!

Jochebed faced a number of fears that would be difficult for any of us and are similar in ways to the fears that women and men face in their lives. One fear we struggle with is our fear of the future. Jochebed had courage to face that fear and trust God to protect her son.

I’ve battled this fear over the years with my own children. As they matured and got older, I had to let them go and do and experience life on their own. There were times, especially in the spring when my son would leave and go and help at the farm and I would have to fight the fears that he would get hurt or killed or who knows—I had to release him even at age 14 I had to accept that I couldn’t be with him every minute of every day.

The truth is bad things do happen. I’ve lost a child through a freak accident; I know other families who have lost children or husbands in accidents or disease. I know there are times when people walk out the door for something routine and never return; but we can’t live constantly worrying about a future that hasn’t happened. We face a lot of fears, but the future is out of our control. We can choose not to live in fear of the future. God’s Word is packed with sweet promises that smash all our fearful thinking. We can trust God with our circumstances and our loved ones. This doesn’t mean that everything will turn out exactly as we desire. This doesn’t mean each prayer will be answered as we wish and we may not see the evidence of God’s faithful hand until the end of our days, but we know it will be there.

People fear many things- getting old, getting fat, dying alone, being poor- These fears concern most of humankind as we age many of these fears become more debilitating too. All these fears- boil down to a lack of trust in our Heavenly Father. Jochebed- despite the very real possibility of her son being killed at any time for over 3 months, remained faithful. She kept trusting God had a plan and she obeyed the plan as it came to her. God blessed her faithfulness and continued to honor her devotion and trust in Him. God desires that we leave our anxious thoughts, our ‘worries’ at the cross and instead of worrying- trust in Him. He’s got this! He loves us and those that we worry about even more than we do. He never fails- and He will do what’s best- we must only trust Him! Jochebed had to be willing to let go of control and leave her son at the mercy of Pharaoh’s daughter. What are you hanging onto that needs to be laid out in the water? It’s time to let go! It’s time to put your complete faith and trust in God. He loves you and He will be with you... Philippians 4:6, “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Just as Jochebed refused to worry about the future of her son- so we too can pray instead of worrying and leave the future in the Hands of God. He is faithful! Trust Him!



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July 25 - Dennison, 9:00 am

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Martin Horn, Pastor

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Armed with a Bow

Scripture Reading — Revelation 6:2

There before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow. . . . — Revelation 6:2

What does it mean that the rider on a white horse “held a bow”? Are we to imagine a soldier who has the training to kill with a bow and arrow? Or perhaps we picture a hunter, with bow in hand, standing over a downed deer.

It is tempting to read God’s story that way. But if we did, we would think the first rider is all about bringing death and destruction. To read the story that way would miss the surprising good news that the One who is skilled with a bow is God. He has worked with a bow for a long time.

In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we find a promise that God gave to Noah after the great flood. “I have set my bow in the clouds” God said, “and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth” (Genesis 9:13, NRSV). We usually understand the bow in the Genesis story as being a “rainbow.” But it is the same word that is used in this story in Revelation.

In other words, the first horseman, Jesus, is armed with God’s covenant promise. His goal is to bring God’s promises for the renewal of creation to every part of creation.

Prayer

Lord, our Lord, you surprise us with your promises and your determination to bring life and healing to your creation. Thank you for so loving this world that you gave your one and only Son to give us life. Amen.

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NOTICE

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

Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the Mainstreet Messenger at: hometownmessenger@gmail.com



Dollar General Seeks to Reshape Small Towns

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I get it. In thousands of miles spent traversing the rural Midwest, I have found myself in small towns with no other retail or grocery options.

The irony is that this solution makes the situation worse with low-wage jobs, loss of local ownership, and loss of local tax revenue when other businesses close or fail to open because they cannot, or don't want to, compete with a corporate behemoth.

We must grow and nurture the communities we want to live in. Local ownership of

small businesses, farms, and ranches makes communities stronger. Local owners care about their towns, neighbors, and customers.

When you shop at the local hardware store, the profit stays in town and builds the local economy. At Dollar General, every dollar of profit goes to Wall Street. The company reported \$27.8 billion in sales in 2019, and its stock climbed 700% in 10 years.

Protecting our communities from these corporate interests is difficult, but here are a few strategies to consider.

End the common practice of awarding tax and development incentives to massive corporations. Dollar General is a highly profitable company. Subsidizing new stores is a cash transfer from local taxpayers to corporate shareholders.

Use local zoning codes to encourage good

growth and discourage harmful businesses. A report available from the Institute for Local Self Reliance outlines zoning strategies to limit construction of box outlets like Dollar General.

Raise the minimum wage. The stagnant minimum wage is a subsidy we allow Dollar General to collect from the working poor. An increase will improve the lives of low-wage workers, and make Dollar General foot more of the real cost of labor.

Support local retail options when you can. We can each choose, when possible, to spend our retail dollars at stores that keep

profit and ownership closer to home.

Write and call lawmakers to ask for stronger antitrust protections. While I am highlighting the case of Dollar General here, the same can be said about Walmart and now Amazon, too. Elsewhere in the rural economy multinational meatpackers, seed companies, and input suppliers have hammered local business.

In the Dollar General model, large corporations and their shareholders get rich while workers and communities suffer. There is an alternative. We must work together to create it.



Volunteers Needed for Painting and More!

Location: Rice County Historical Society Museum—
1814 NW 2nd Ave, Faribault

Painting Volunteers are being sought by the Rice County Historical Society to help paint the Pleasant Valley, one-room schoolhouse located on its museum ground at the east end of the county fairgrounds.

The work was begun last summer by volunteers, RCHS Board members Pat O'Connor and Dennis Blackmer. More volunteers are needed to help them complete the job this summer. It started on Thursday, May 20, at 1pm but will continue throughout the summer. If interested, please give us a call at 507-332-2121.

Fair Volunteers Needed: The museum offers other volunteer opportunities and is always looking for new volunteers. During this summer's Rice County Fair, Wednesday, July 21 through Sunday, July 25, the Rice County Historical Society will have the schoolhouse, church, cabin, pioneer barn, and Heritage and Harvest Halls, as well as main museum, open to the public. Volunteers to supervisor those buildings during the fair are needed. Shifts are: noon to 4 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. No experience needed.

Anyone interested in helping paint the schoolhouse, volunteering at the fair, or learn of other volunteer opportunities, can call the RCHS Museum at 507-334-2121.



Pastor Paul A. Graham

Dennison-Vang Lutheran Parish seeks to be a loving presence in the community in Christ's name. We are a community of faith that makes a difference through worship and serving outside our walls.

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Goodhue Co. Dairy Princesses



Madison Bartholome is the daughter of James and Lisa Bartholome of Goodhue. She has grown up on a fifth-generation dairy farm. Currently they milk 500 cows three times a day. Madison has been working to complete her high school education at Goodhue High School while starting her college education at Rochester Community and Technical College through the PSEO program. She plans to pursue a degree as a veterinary technician. Beyond performing daily duties at the farm, Madison has been involved in 4-H and Cross Country. Her dad is her hero because he has taught her many valuable lessons in life and has always been there for her. Madison is being sponsored by Select Sires.



Cassandra Hinsch of Goodhue is the daughter of Mike and Ann Hinsch. They currently custom raise dairy heifers for Scott and Chad Hinsch's 600 head dairy farm. She is a senior at Goodhue High School with plans to attend University of Wisconsin- River Falls starting in the fall of 2021 with a major of Dairy Science. Cassandra has been involved in FFA, 4-H, dairy quiz bowl and judging. She has held officer positions in both FFA and 4-H. In 2019, her dairy judging team advanced to World Dairy Expo where she placed 4th overall individual in Ayrshires and the team placed 10th overall. A great memory for Cassandra is growing up on the farm feeding calves with her dad who is her hero. Cassandra is being sponsored by Ag Partners.



Chelsey Lexvold is the daughter of Brent and Wendy Lexvold and hails from Goodhue. Chelsey has grown up on the family farm that her dad purchased from her grandpa and they currently milk 370 cows. Chelsey is part of the 2021 Goodhue High School graduating class. She will also complete two certificate programs with Rochester Community and Technical College through the PSEO program in May. Chelsey has been involved in FCCLA, Speech, Enivorathon, Fishing Club, Math League, Spanish Club and Knowledge Bowl. She does volunteer work with her school and church. Chelsey's hero is her father because he is a hard-working man who puts his family above everything else. Chelsey's sponsor is GB Feed.

Goodhue County Dairy Association would like to thanking the following banks for their sponsorship of the 2021 Dairy Banquet: Security State Bank of Wanamino, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Merchants Bank, Pine Island Bank, Compeer FInancial, Bank of Zumbrota, and Security State Bank of Kenyon.

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The Future of Farmland



Tim Penny
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Many of the farmers that I know in southern Minnesota work on the same land that their parents, grandparents or even great-grandparents farmed. Because of this, the farm is more than a parcel of land to grow crops or raise animals – it is a living piece of family history. At the same time, we are faced with the reality that the average farmer is close to retirement age, and that not everyone has an heir to transfer the land to when the time comes. Fortunately, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has a program that can help farmers safeguard the legacy of their land while simultaneously giving back to their communities.

SMIF's Acres for Good program allows

farmers to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF retains the land and keeps it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed. The landowner receives a tax deduction and bypasses capital gains tax while still being able to maintain a stable revenue source for life.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The income stream from the land is used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. With more than \$7 billion of wealth in SMIF's region expected to transfer by 2030, this program can help retain that wealth locally while creating a unique opportunity for farmers to make a long-lasting impact on rural Minnesota.

Farmers will choose how they want to allocate their gift of land. It can go toward one of SMIF's 30 community foundations which invest in their communities through grants and programs. For a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their land toward SMIF's general endowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth and entrepreneurs in the region. Farmers can even set up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to their specific interests and values such as their place of worship, alma mater or local charity. We will work with farmers to make the process as simple



as possible.

If you know a farmer who is thinking about estate planning, please let them know that there is a way their land can remain active farmland and provide them with a steady revenue stream, while in the long-term also benefitting the communities and causes they care about most. This is gifting with a purpose at its best – and SMIF is here

to help.

To learn more about the Acres for Good program visit smifoundation.org/acresfor-good or contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Philanthropy Officer, at 507-214-7023 or alissao@smifoundation.org.

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

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Cover Crop Project Expands into Wolf and Heath Creek Watersheds

Farmers, resource professionals, and scientists are working together to improve the water quality of local watersheds in northern Rice County. The Farmers Protecting Bridgewater Streams Project provides financial incentives to farmers to try cover crops. The project also includes monitoring of water exiting farm tile lines to track the improvement of water quality in local streams.

The original project, known as the Farmers Protecting Rice Creek Project, began three years ago in the Rice Creek Watershed. Just west of Dundas, the Rice Creek Watershed is a small, subwatershed (about 3,900 acres) of the Cannon River Watershed and is Rice County's only self-sustaining trout stream.

The Rice SWCD and Cannon River Watershed Partnership teamed up with the Fishers and Farmers Partnership, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, University of Minnesota/Extension, St. Olaf College, and Compeer Financial to work with farmers to plant cover crops and improve the water quality of Rice Creek.

As a result of the project, producers have planted over 1,000 acres of cover crops in the past three years in the Rice Creek watershed. That's roughly thirty percent of the total farmland in the watershed planted to cover crops.

The results of this effort have had a huge impact on water quality. Scientists from St. Olaf College have sampled water leaving the outlets of farm field tile lines. The results show a consistent pattern that fields using cover crops have 28 percent less nitrates in the tile water than do fields without cover crops, and by 2020, nitrate concentration in Rice Creek was 41% less compared to 2013.

Using the momentum provided by the



success of this project, landowners now have an unprecedented opportunity to further improve local water quality by joining the Farmers Protecting Bridgewater Streams Project.

"The expansion of the Farmers Protecting Bridgewater Streams Project will help us learn the benefits and effects of planting cover crops on water quality, and hopefully, we will be able to apply this knowledge on a larger watershed scale," said Steve Pahs from the Rice Soil and Water Conservation District.

"This is good news for improving water quality, and what is even better is many farmers are seeing increased crop yields with the use of cover crops. Many of these same farmers are skipping spring tillage and planting soybeans into the live cover crop, which also saves time and money," Pahs added.

Farmers in Rice Creek, Wolf Creek, and

Heath Creek watersheds may now apply for the Farmers Protecting Bridgewater Streams Cover Crop Incentive Program. The program provides incentive payments of up to \$35 per acre to try the cover crop practice for themselves. In addition, farmers in Rice Creek who have been receiving incentives can also get \$11 per acre to continue the use of cover crops.

Nitrate testing of tile lines will also be expanded into these new areas to monitor the change of nitrogen levels in tile water.

Farmers and landowners living in the project area can find out more about the expansion of project and the Farmers Protecting Bridgewater Streams Cover Crop Incentive Program at an informational meeting on Tuesday, June 15th at the L & M Bar & Grill in Dundas. The meeting will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the outdoor patio of the bar. Dinner and a free beverage will be served.

Interested farmers and landowners should RSVP to the Rice Soil and Water Conservation District at 507-332-5408 or at this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/informational-meeting-farmers-protecting-bridgewater-streams-project-tickets-153833882283>. Attendees are asked to follow State and local mask guidelines when attending the event.

Landowners who are interested in trying cover crops on their farm may contact the Rice SWCD at 507-332-5408 to learn more about available programs to fund the practice. They also offer full-service custom interseeding, so farmers don't have to invest in equipment in order to plant cover crops. Learn more at the district's website at www.riceswcd.org.

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Don't Let Incompetence Become Your Titanic



By Harvey Mackay

The Titanic was state-of-the art. No expense had been spared to make sure that it would be unsinkable. The officers were unconcerned by their inability to get accurate information on possible hazards which might lie in its course.

The ship had two lookouts on its masts, but they had no binoculars. The crew could see far enough ahead to react to danger, but unbelievably they had no way to get that information to the captain if they did see a problem approaching.

And we all know what happened. The unsinkable ocean liner went to her death,

along with most of her passengers on her maiden voyage – the victim of a disastrous collision with an iceberg.

Disasters like this can happen in business also if we aren't careful to make sure vital intelligence doesn't get swallowed up by internal bureaucracy and inattention to detail.

Most of you have probably heard of the Peter Principle, a management concept developed by Dr. Laurence Peter. It observes people in a hierarchy rise to a level of incompetence. They don't start out as incompetent, but rather are promoted until they reach a level of respective incompetence.

An obvious solution to the Peter Principle is for companies to provide training for employees before they receive a promotion to ensure they are qualified for the job for which they are being promoted.

For example, I've seen many outstanding sales representatives promoted to sales manager when they don't have any experience developing business plans, setting sales quotas and sales plans, analyzing data, mentoring a sales force, hiring and firing and so on.

Besides a lack of training, there are numerous other factors resulting in incompetence in the workplace, such as sheer laziness, poor communication and lack of people skills.

People are lazy for a variety of reasons from Covid fatigue to reliance on technology. People become sloppy in checking their work and thus make multiple mistakes.

They show up late for work and often don't look professional when they do. Waiting until the last minute to get assignments done can also be a sign of laziness.

The most basic yet crucial leadership skill is communication, yet many people struggle with giving clear instructions. To make communication really work, we have to make sure the people we're talking with understand what we are saying as well as we do. Communication requires both effective sending and receiving. To avoid a breakdown in communications, break down your message so that everyone can understand it.

From time to time, it's a good idea to re-evaluate your performance in these fundamental areas: speaking, listening, writing, leading meetings and resolving conflict. Talk is cheap, but misunderstandings can be costly.

Communication ranks high among top people skills, but incompetent people also lack social skills like patience, politeness, sympathy and teamwork.

They are often rude, overbearing, hot-headed, tactless and have trouble getting along with others.

Many companies have had to reduce costs, which puts a heavy burden on otherwise competent employees by spreading them too thin. Where possible, managers should consider outsourcing or hiring contractors to take away some of the burden. Those costs will be money well-spent.

Other companies hire people and expect too much, too soon. Hiring is much more

than filling an open position. Not everyone hits the ground running. People grow at various speeds. Help them prove their competence by setting clear, achievable goals. If they fail, the fault may lie more in the hiring process than the employees' lack of skills.

Incompetence in one area doesn't necessarily carry over. We all have strengths and weaknesses. The balance between the two often determines the perception of competence. Build on your strengths but don't ignore your weaknesses.

Let's face it, everyone has had an incompetent moment or two or three in their lifetime. That includes me. When I was starting my envelope manufacturing company many years ago, I worked many long, long days. One night when I got home late again, my very pregnant wife Carol Ann, told me that the light in the hallway wasn't working. I flipped the switch and sure enough, no light. I thought there was a short in the switch or something, so I called our electrician.

He fixed the problem early the next morning, handed me the bill and said, "This is the first time I've ever made a house call to change a light bulb!"

Mackay's Moral: The time to right the ship is before incompetence becomes impossible.

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City of Dennison Regular Council Meeting April 8th, 2021

The April Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Ann Anders, Nichole Schiell, Heidi Cooke and Diane Ruddle, and Clerk Jessica Page.

Approval of Minutes: Councilor Anders move to accept the minutes. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 5:0. Councilor Anders moved to approve the treasurer's report, Councilor Schiell second. Motion passed 5:0.

Building Permits: None Administrative Issues:

1. Force Main: The liner sample was sent off on Friday to be analyzed. Should've arrived there on Tuesday. Too wet out at the ponds for anything to be happening now.

No information as to what was found with the liner. Nate felt he would probably have to keep discharging as it will be hard to keep the so low if there was a large amount of rain. Pricing of liner may be an issue. Plastics in short supply also.

2. Phosphorus project: Update from Carley: MPCA has not reviewed plans yet. ISG planning on having bids out in May, award in June. For the shed itself, one company has indicated interest in completing the building, and has done a site visit so far. Clerk has sent out several emails to potential construction and excavation companies. One excavation company declined as they are booked for this year already.

3. Mayor submitted the updated proposed schedule to PCA for the Phosphorus reduction Project, and they accepted those dates. Lance Loverink, MRWA, forwarded sample copies of the sump inspection form to

review for council members. Other samples forwarded, POS for service lines ordinance and info the smoke testing. Overall dates were to have shed and phosphorus system completed and operational by 6-22, and I and I issues taken care of by 2024.

City of Northfield ordinance can be added to the current ordinance as an amendment. Diane can plug it in to the current ordinance and send it out to everyone. Discuss the May meeting and vote in June

4. Metronet: Does the City want to act on the resolution proposed by them? Jim Burkhardt reviewed the resolution and recommended passage. Nichole move to accept, Diane second Resolution 4-2021-1. Motion passed 5:0.

5. Charlie Terpstra submitted quotes for mowing for ponds \$155 each time (usually does every two weeks), storm water ditch \$175 a time (usually does about 3 times a year), and 5th Ave. Way \$100 (usually done about 2 times a year). Street sweeping \$850 for spring sweeping. Charlie has asked if Nate can help with the trim for the main City Park, City Hall, Maintenance shed, and the small park. He said he will continue to do what he can on the riding mower. Nate is interested in doing the ponds inside and outside the fence. Charlie T. would still do storm water ditch and 5th Ave. Way. Nichole move to have Charlie Terpstra do the storm water ditch, 5th ave, and street sweeping. Nate will do the ponds. Heidi second. Motion passed 5:0.

6. Tobacco Ordinance. Would be ordinance 84. Needs to be passed by resolution. Table to next meeting to have a resolution for it.

7. Clean up day for the spring? Put on the 19th agenda. 12th or 19th of June ok for Councilor Schiell.

Citizens Issues:

Resend the document to Nordis to get notarized. Jess need to send the form to Nordis again. Sewer hookups, looking at some PDF files.

Clerk needs to talk to Chuck Bolstrom about his fence.

Mayors Issues:

Parking of semi's on Main Street. 3-7, two semi-trucks on Main Street, 3-8 one truck, 3-11 one, 3-12 two, 3-13 two, 3-15 one, 3-21 one, 3-26 one, 3-27 one. This was all day. All trucks belong to the same owner. Possibly solve this issue by passing a city resolution to prohibit semi trucks or trailers on Mainstreet, as found in Ordinance 65, subd 4. Mayor doesn't think amending that Ordinance is necessary, just put up signs on

Main Street prohibiting this type of parking will do. Ann gave a history of the current Ordinance 65. The restrictions were put in place but Main Street was left open intentionally for a place for semi's to be parked. Council discussed the issue and felt there was no need for additional restrictions to parking on Main Street for semis'

Utilities:

1. Update from Nate: Discharge finishing up. Then transfer. Will be at the lowest he can get the ponds without pumping. Influent samples done in March. Pumps up from .9 hours each daily, to three hours each daily.

Jeff move to close the meeting for Nate's evaluation. Heidi second. 5:0
Evaluation was completed.

1. Jeff move to reopen the meeting. Diane second motion passed 5:0.

Councilor Cooke move to pay the bills. Councilor Schiell second. Motion passed 5:0.

Councilor Schiell move to adjourn. Councilor Ruddle second. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday May 6th, 2021 at 7:00.

City of Dennison Special Council Meeting April 19, 2021

The special meeting of the Dennison City Council was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten Monday April 19th at 6:30 pm. Mayor Jeff Flaten, Councilors Nichole Schiell, Heidi Cooke, and Diane Ruddle, and Clerk Jessica Page were present.

Action was limited to the discussion and approval of the quotes for the phosphorus shed, and setting the date for the spring clean up

Phosphorus shed: Two quotes were received. One was for the complete project, one was for only the concrete work. Discussion was on the complete quote. Council felt it was reasonable and was from local construction folks. Councilor Schiell move to accept the Milltown Construction quote for bid for \$128,640. Councilor Cooke 2nd. Motion passed 3:1 (Councilors Schiell, Cooke and Ruddle voted yes, Mayor Flaten voted no.

June 12th 9-10:45 will be the day for clean up day as that is the day that Flom's can do it. Nichole will distribute flyers again.

Mayor Flaten move to adjourn. Councilor Schiell second. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48.

City Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Mayor Niki Portillo, Council Members Monica Gernandt, Tom Voge, and Jennifer Valek. Other people in attendance were Public Works Director Steve McDowell, Planning and Zoning Don Quistorff, and City Clerk Dana Jans, 8 residents in person and 8 via ZOOM.

Roll Call

Valek, Voge, Gernandt, and Mayor Portillo, present. Schwab is absent.

Public Comment

-Garbage being left at the cemetery and on Kielemeyer, residents have cleaned it up, but would like the word spread to clean up after yourselves.

Approval of Agenda

-Motion to accept the agenda by Councilperson Gernandt, second by Councilperson Voge, motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

-Motion to accept all consent items by Councilperson Gernandt, second by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

-Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to approve the Barga Inc. bid for necessary roof repairs, second by Councilperson Valek, motioned passed unanimously

New Business

-Rice County poled townships and cities on how much election pay is for their judges. Motion by Councilperson Voge to increase judge pay to \$14.00 and increase head judge pay to \$16.00, second by Councilperson Valek, motion passed by majority. Voge yes, Portillo yes, Valek yes, Gernandt abstain.

-Representatives from Goodhue County, Inspectron, and Beaver Creek in attendance to discuss benefits to hiring them as the new City Building Permits inspector. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to contract with Goodhue County pending City Attorney approval, seconded by Councilperson Valek, motion passed by majority. Valek yes, Gernandt yes, Portillo yes, Voge abstain.

-Resolution 2021-04 to donate historical items to Rice County Historical Society. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to donate all items listed including the any further documents after they have been viewed by McDowell and Jans. Seconded by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

Public Works

-From Public Works Director, requesting contracting with someone to complete lawn sweeping. Motion by Councilwomen Gernandt seconded by Councilperson Valek motion passed unanimously. The shed is pretty much empty behind City Hall. New EV bulbs installed. Hydrant flushing is coming up. Brush pile has been burned Bids for generators hopefully by May meeting.

City Clerk

-Discussion on a dog park and if Jans could look into this further. Council agreed that we could look into it. Zoom will continued to be offered as an alternative meeting platform until further notice.

Fire Department

-No questions from the report given to council by Fire Chief Johnson.

Report from Mayor

-City Wide Clean up will be held in September. Flom said that Portillo should reach out to her in August. Budget dates will be decided at the next meeting. Jon Powell from WSP will attend the next meeting to help with guidance and help organize projects.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilperson Voge to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Gernandt motion to adjourn meeting passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by;

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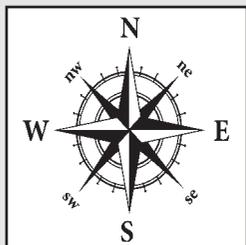
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes



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.

I like to watch birds. All kind of birds. They have an incredible ability to fly and sing, neither are things I can do. This morning I looked out the front door and there were a couple robins on the porch. The one closest had its head tucked in and feathers quite ruffled. I had never seen one sleep that close to the house. But when I opened the door, it didn't fly away with the other, but moved to the end of the railing. As I got closer it then fluttered off the porch to the ground and hopped away.

I let my dog out in the yard and when I walked around the deck the robin was still hopping along the ground, but seemed a little distressed. My chocolate lab, Sable, always comes out of the door in the morn-

ing like a jet taking off. As she circled the house for the first time came tearing by and the robin tried to fly away but sort of crash landed after a few feet, with the dog running right over top of the hapless bird. I picked the bird up, and set it in the box of the Gator so the dogs wouldn't be tempted to harass it. They are retrievers after all, and bringing me a feathered prize would be quite in character for them. The robin weakly looked at me and huddled up in the Gator box in a defeated and disheveled manner.

When I came back to the Gator, the bird was laying there dead. I imagined his friend had stayed by him through the night knowing the end was near. Maybe he was an old robin and the cold winter was just too much. It was sad to ponder the end of the bird, once sailing through the air with such freedom and singing merrily to welcome each new day. But as I thought about it, I was also reminded of hope. God watches even the birds and not one of them can die without Him knowing it.



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Container Planting



Teri Knight



trailing plants that tumble over your container to soften it. Great trailers include sweet potato vines, vincas and ivies.

A yellow/red canna with yellow celosia and purple torenia! PS, that grass overwintered! It adds a yellow/brown color and different texture to the planting

Proven Winners has some recipes if you're having trouble deciding. Here's the thing with these recipes... you won't likely be able to find all the specific plants listed but you can use this as a guide for color and sun/shade conditions.

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, www.gardenbite.com, that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Besides all that, Teri is News Director at KYMN Radio and can be heard weekdays on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM The One, From Northfield, MN.

It's the Rite of Spring! Container planting... Wahooooooo We peruse our local garden centers giddy with anticipation of what we will find and create.

I created a video on Container plants with tips on root pruning, what the soil level (why does that matter?) should be and the three 'illers! Thrillers, fillers and spillers.

Your recipe for success:

Thriller – big, bold and beautiful. This plant is the tallest and is your main accent. Could be outstanding foliage, fantastic flowers or both. btw, you can cut the flowers off of coleus... they don't really add much!

Filler – complimentary to your thriller, these plants are generally smaller flowers that can be monochromatic or contrasting flowers.

Spiller – the



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25. Rowing prop
28. Banana remnant
30. Besmear
35. Poker variety
37. Away from wind
39. Like helium gas
40. Coconut fiber
41. Like an iPhone
43. Singular of #33 Down
44. Per ____, or yearly
46. Guesstimate phrase, 2 words
47. Raise, as in child
48. Bob Marley's music
50. TV classic "____ Make a Deal"
52. Hi-____ monitor
53. Oscar Wilde's Dorian ____
55. *Sesame Street's Meryl Sheep
57. *Every starred clue in this puzzle
60. *Self-described as lovable, cute and furry
63. One born to Japanese immigrants
64. Be in the red
66. He had no cause?
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72. NaOH
73. Church assembly

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6. Special law enforcement unit, acr.
7. Elephant's distinguished feature
8. Uncredited actor
9. Lake ____caca, South America
10. *Ernie's roommate
11. Diva's delivery
12. Swedish shag rug
15. "____ your seatbelts"
20. Think tank output
22. Eyeball shape
24. "I can see ____ now the rain has gone..."
25. *Trash can dweller
26. Be sorry for one's wickedness
27. Repenting
29. *He avoids pronouns and speaks in falsetto
31. Gloomy
32. More competent
33. Arm bones
34. *Mama, Papa, Baby and Curly
36. Chemical cure
38. Gaelic tongue
42. Load carrier
45. Crow's cousin
49. Old English for before
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56. Each and all
57. Bog down
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Red Cross Urges Americans to Give Blood and Make It a Summer Full of Life

The American Red Cross along with actor James Van Der Beek and his wife, Kimberly, have joined together to urge all who are healthy to make this a summer full of life for patients by scheduling an appointment to give blood or platelets.

As the nation transitions to a new, hopeful phase of this devastating pandemic and people begin to return to some of their favorite activities, the Red Cross is concerned about the impact this could have on blood donor turnout and the blood supply this summer. The need for lifesaving blood transfusions never takes a break. It's critical to have blood ready to go when every second counts.

The Van Der Beek family knows firsthand how important blood donations are in a health crisis. In the past year, Kimberly Van Der Beek experienced back-to-back pregnancy losses. Each time she needed emergency hospital care and blood transfusions to save her life.

"Donating blood is something that I've always done throughout my life," said James Van Der Beek. "It seemed important. But I never knew how important until the woman I love most was in a situation where that much blood made the difference between life and death. It just brought it home in a very real way."

Hemorrhaging is the leading cause of pregnancy-related complications that can occur anytime during pregnancy. "In instances of severe bleeding, blood transfusions often play a lifesaving role," said Dr. Ross Herron, divisional chief medical officer for the Red Cross. "For mothers with complicated pregnancies or deliveries, generous donors are the only source of the transfusions they may need to survive."

"If you've never given blood before, allow this to be your formal invitation. Will you please give blood?," added Kimberly Van Der Beek.

Individuals of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment now to give blood, and in most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility. Appointments can be made 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.

In thanks for making it a summer full of life, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in May will automatically be entered for a chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps five*, powered by Suburban Propane, via their SuburbanCares initiative. The Red Cross is also thanking those who come to donate May 28-June 12 with a limited-edition T-shirt, while supplies last.

"Suburban Propane is honored to partner

with the American Red Cross and actor James Van Der Beek on their summer campaign to help bring attention to the need for blood donations," said Nandini Sankara, Spokesperson for Suburban Propane. "Our SuburbanCares corporate pillar highlights our continued dedication to giving back to our local communities and through this platform, we support a host of community outreach initiatives throughout the nation; including our national partnership with the American Red Cross. It is our hope that this promotion for a chance to win a travel (trailer) camper will encourage donors to show their support and to help fulfill the need for blood collection."

Health insights 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 they developed symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

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.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody test and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety

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 masks 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 mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Blood donation opportunities: Kenyon

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Fri, May 28	Lake City Serpents	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sun, May 30	Hastings Hawks	Home	2 p.m.
Mon, May 31	Northfield Knights	Away	2 p.m.
Fri, June 4	Elko Express	Away	2 p.m.
Sat, June 5	Blaine Fusion	Away	6 p.m.
Sun, June 6	Forest Lake Brewers	Away	1 p.m.
Fri, June 11	Hampton Cardinals	Home	7:30 p.m.
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Sun, June 13	Miesville Mudhens	Home	2 p.m.
Wed, June 16	New Market Muskies	Home	7:30 p.m.
Fri, June 18	Lake City Serpents	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sun, June 20	New Market Muskies	Away	2 p.m.
Wed, June 23	Lyon's Pub Warriors	Home	7:30 p.m.
Fri, June 25	Rochester Royals	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sun, June 27	Rochester Royals	Home	2 p.m.
Wed, June 30	Cannon Falls Bears	Away	7:30 p.m.
Fri, July 2	Red Wing Aces	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sun, July 4	Northfield Knights	Home	2 p.m.
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Wed, July 7	Eagan Bandits	Home	7:30 p.m.
Fri, July 9	Elko Express	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sun, July 11	Hampton Cardinals	Away	2 p.m.
Wed, July 14	Shakopee	Home	7:30 p.m.
Fri, July 16	Highland Park Beavers	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sun, July 18	Anoka Bucs	Home	2 p.m.
Wed, July 21	Austin Greyhounds	Home	7:30 p.m.
Fri, July 23	Minnetonka Millers	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sun, July 25	Miesville Mudhens	Away	2 p.m.
Fri, July 30	Faribault Lakers	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sun, August 1	1B Play In Game	TBD	2 p.m.
Sun, August 1	Forest Lake Brewers	Home	2 p.m.
Wed, August 4	St. Louis Park	Home	7:30 p.m.
Fri, August 6	1B Series (Gm 1)	TBD	8 p.m.
Sun, August 8	1B Series (Gm 2)	TBD	2 p.m.
Tue, August 10	1B Series (Gm 3)	TBD	8 p.m.
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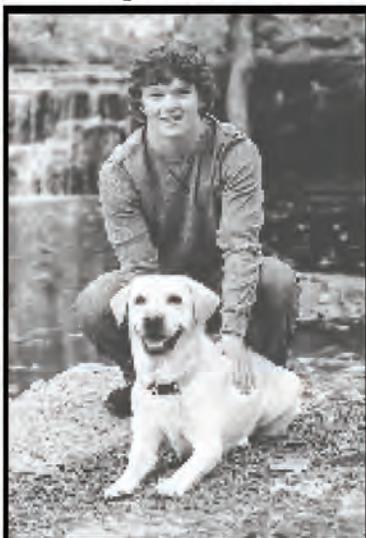
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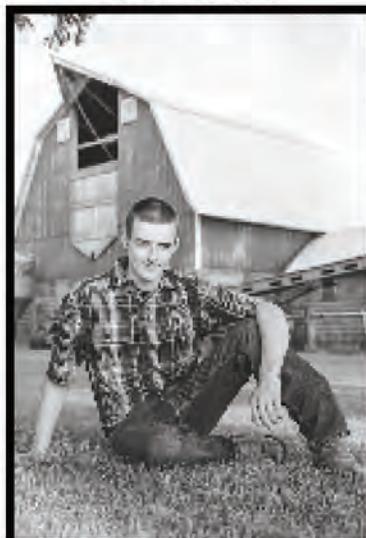
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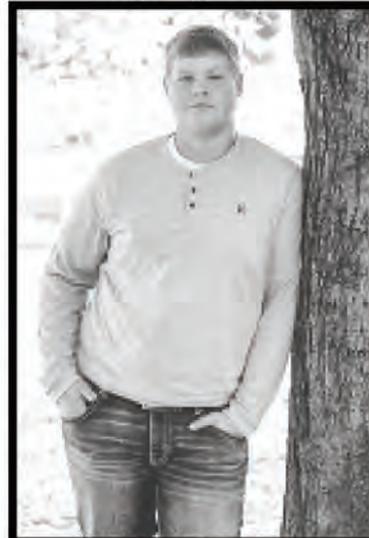
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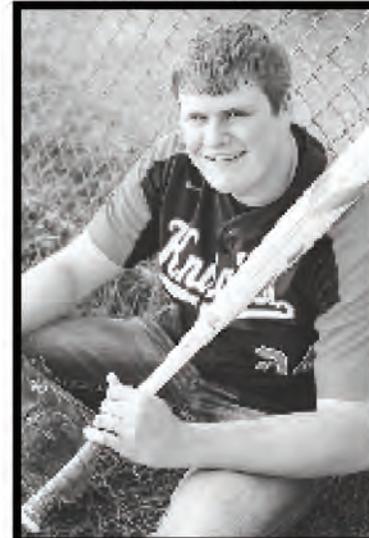
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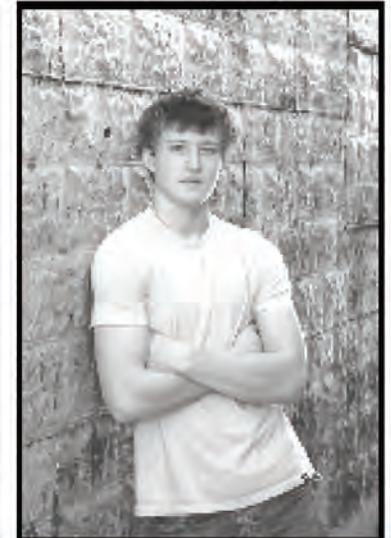
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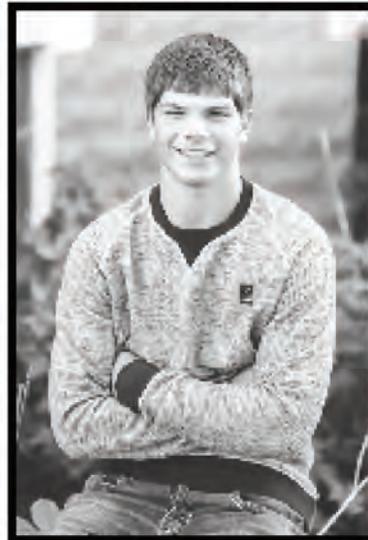
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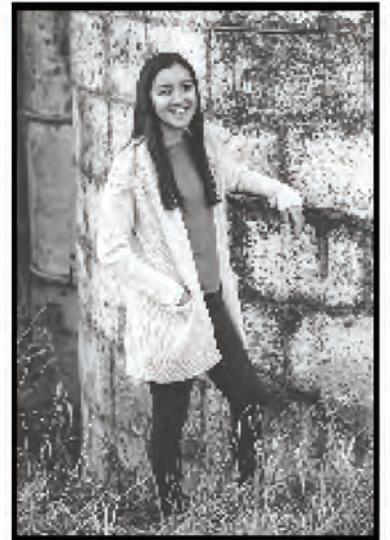
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