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## Announcements

• **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.

*Do you have an announcement?*

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## America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Dennison!



Thanks to the sponsorship of the Dennison Lions Club, Fireside Lounge & Dennison Community Church, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Dennison, MN - Thursday, August 5, 2021 to the lot across from the Dennison Community Church located at 37514 3rd Ave.

Now in its 36th edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on

National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

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## Dennison Days Returns August 7



The Dennison Lions Club will host Dennison Days coming up August 7, with many old favorites returning to the weekends event schedule.

At press time, some events were still being confirmed, as the Lions Club was only able to begin planning for the event a few weeks ago. Mar Leas is hosting a Friday Night Band this year to kick off the celebration with THE YA YA BOYS.

Saturday morning brings the Waffle Breakfast and the BBQ cook off. If you want to participate in the BBQ cook off, just give Steve a call or text at 612-968-9547, or e-mail him at kingpin1876@gmail.com.

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## Paul Graham to be 2021 Dennison Days Grand Marshall

Paul Graham of the Dennison & Vang Lutheran Churches will serve as this year's Grand Marshall for the Dennison Days Parade. Paul serves as Pastor of the churches and is very involved in serving the Dennison area beyond just his regular Sunday services. Graham stated "I am honored to be a part of this fun annual event, and glad to see it [and other events] returning to the community this year." The Dennison Days Parade is at 1:30 PM on Saturday August 7th.



## Goodhue County Farmer Forced to Sell Cattle Because of Drought



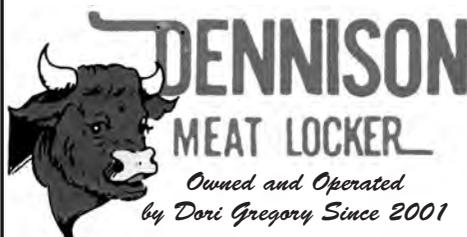
**Farmer Katie Brenny**

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Farmers in Minnesota are still battling the nationwide drought.

The drought has some deciding to go into early retirement or sell their animals.

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## Dinner with Jesus: Matthew & Friends

This weekend is our nation's birthday, Independence Day. Often, we celebrate with family and friends get-togethers- cook-outs or picnics. It's a time to remember our history and the sacrifices of those men and women in the early days of our country that believed in an independent nation apart of King George's rule. How will you be celebrating? However, you celebrate no doubt there will be food! Some of my favorite memories as a kid and as a young adult were picnics with family- when I was a kid and with my church family as an adult. Here at South Troy we always had a huge picnic gathering near the Zumbro River. We played softball, great food and they served pop and ice cream. Great memories and lots of fun!

What is your favorite kind of dinner? casual? formal? Picnic or potluck, sit down or buffet? People have family dinners, fancy dinner parties, or lunches. Meet Matthew; he was a Jew, he was a tax collector, he was wealthy, he had probably cheated many in his community and was despised by the "religious" leaders of his society. His friends were other "sinners" that were despised as well. Then one day Jesus walks by; Matthew recognized him. He had heard him speak, had heard about the miracles and he wanted to know Him better. As Jesus passes by- He stops- He turns and looks Matthew in the eye—He smiles because Jesus sees Matthew's heart—a heart open and ready to receive Him and says, Matthew, come and follow me! Matthew is so excited- he leaves it all behind. He leaves the money on the table; he leaves the paperwork and the position forever to follow Jesus. His entire life changed with those 2 words, "follow me." and now- a few days later, Matthew had a party and he assembled all his friends to meet Jesus. Jesus accepted the invite.

Jesus sat at the table with Matthew and his friends. That's huge!!! When you share a meal with someone you are saying- I accept you, I want to get to know you... I am willing to learn about you. Jesus didn't see this as a way to make points—he was accepting an invite from Matthew and an opportunity to share with Matthew's friends about the good news. That would certainly make evangelism easier wouldn't it? Having Jesus come in person to our dinner or event and having Him share about himself. That's what Matthew did—he hadn't been following Jesus very long- but he knew that Jesus testimony of himself would be a powerful tool to reach his friends and family with the gospel. Matthew cared enough about those in his circle of friends that he wanted them to know Jesus.

Matthew wanted them to receive Jesus as their Savior, to follow Jesus as he has done. Matthew had been freed from his sin and guilt and wanted the same for his friends and family. Are we like Matthew? Have we invited our friends or family to meet Jesus? It begins with a relationship with Jesus and with those we want to introduce. Matthew didn't go and find strangers- he invited his friends and associates. We can do that too.

Matthew's friends felt they belonged-even though Matthew had changed, and they were willing to listen and meet this person that meant so much to Matthew. When we help people to feel like they belong, that they are accepted -right where they are at- they will be much more receptive of what we want to share with them.

When Matthew turned to follow Jesus-one of the first things he did was to desire

to share his new friend with all his old friends. That's the call to every Christian. We are to go into all the world and be His witnesses. First to our close family and friends. Remember Cornelius- his entire household was present when Peter came to share about the good news and the entire household believed that day and was baptized! Were they perfect and shiny Christians—no- they were still the same people they were 10 minutes before on the outside- but they were definitely changed on the inside! How about the jailer in Philippi, he was about to kill himself and Paul intervenes and he brought Paul into his home and over a meal, Paul shared the truth of the gospel and the jailer and his entire family was saved and baptized! Then there was the Ethiopian eunuch, and many others... as they were introduced to faith in Jesus Christ- they believed. On the outside they were still gentiles, tax collectors, jailers, Romans, etc. but on the inside, they were new creations and followers of Jesus!

Peter wrote, "you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16.

We are to be ready to give an answer for our hope as believers We are to share the hope of Jesus Christ with those around us. That's one thing our world needs desperately: hope. Hope that life isn't a waste, hope that there is a future, that there is a

heaven, that we can change, hope for a better life in this world and the next. We, as believers have the answer. We have that hope! We are called to share that hope, to be light, to a dark world. Jesus left us here to be his light to the world. It's time to invite your friends, your family to dinner with Jesus. Introduce them to the love of your life, the one and only one that can profoundly change our dark hearts and hopeless worlds to light, love and joy! John wrote, "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." We have the answer, we have the hope, and we have the ability to invite people to come to the table and meet Jesus!

### LUTHERAN

Dennison/Vang Lutheran Parish  
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Pastor Paul A. Graham

August 1 - Worship at Vang - 9:00 AM

August 8 - Worship at Vang - 9:00 AM

August 15 - Outdoor worship at Dennison Park - 11:00 AM

(followed by a potluck picnic)

August 22- Worship at Vang - 9:00 AM

August 29 - Worship at Vang - 9:00 AM

(Please note that the Outdoor Worship at Dennison Park has been moved to Aug. 15)

Gol Lutheran Marv Kornmann, Pastor

8:45a.m. Sunday School;

9:15a.m. Social & Coffee Time; 10a.m. Worship

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Don Kloster, Pastor

Service 9 a.m.; Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran

Martin Horn, Pastor

10:45 a.m. worship; 6:45 p.m.; New Life Radio - KDHL

Hegre Lutheran

Pastor Chris Brekke

Sunday School 9:15a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.

Moland Lutheran

Nancy Edwardson, Pastor • 10:30 a.m. worship

First Ev. Lutheran

Luther Mathsen, Pastor

Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church LCMC

Curtis Fox, Pastor

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### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Grieving and Quenching the Spirit

*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. . . . Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. — Ephesians 4:30-32*

The Bible includes warnings about grieving the Spirit and hindering his work.

Ananias and Sapphira lied to the church and the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-10). They sold a piece of property, kept some of the money, and gave the rest to the church. That wasn't a bad thing, of course, but then they lied about their gift, saying they donated all of the money from the sale. They wanted people to be impressed by their generosity. But they could not get away with their deception. If we make a false commitment to God, pretending we are following the Spirit and even bragging about it, we fall into dangerous hypocrisy.

Following our own selfish desires, we can quench or suppress the Spirit. We can dampen the Spirit's fire by not following the Spirit's leading. We can refuse to use the gifts of the Spirit when they are available. But if we do things like that, how can we expect to be faithful and useful to God?

We can also grieve the Spirit by rebelling against God and doing as we please (see Isaiah 63:10). We can be stubborn and mean-spirited. Instead of being kind and compassionate, we can act with bitterness and anger. We can be unwholesome and immoral.

How can we protect ourselves from these destructive ways? We can ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us each day so that we can live in step with him. Then God can use us in wonderful ways.

#### Prayer

*Protect us, Lord, from grieving and quenching your Spirit. Fill us and direct us to follow your will, not our own. Amen.*

### METHODIST

Nerstrand United Methodist

Lona Sturm, Pastor

507-330-0025

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Rev. Gary Liker

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7:00p.m. Small Group Bible Studies - Sun.

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Heather Culuris, Pastor

Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship at Holden;

11:00 a.m. worship at Dale

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## Thomas A. Voge

Thomas A. Voge, age 78, of Nerstrand, died on Sunday, June 27, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Funeral Service was held Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Nerstrand. Pastor Timothy Bowman officiated. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, at a later date.

Visitation was held at church one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Thomas A., the son of Arthur and Dorothy (Ring) Voge, was born on April 2, 1943, in Faribault, Minnesota. Upon graduation from Faribault Senior High School in 1961, he joined the United States Navy where he participated in the Cuban Missile Blockade, as well as served off of Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in June of 1965. He married Betty (Skip) Cross on January 29, 1966. He worked as a machinist for most of his career. Tom enjoyed riding his horse, Duke, camping and cruising around Nerstrand in his golf cart.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Skip; two sons, Todd (and Jayne) and Bear

(and Brenda); two grandchildren, Bryce (and Megan) and Bri (and Garrett) Garvey and his sister, Janet DeMoss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Charles, and other family members.

## Keith Freeman

Keith Freeman, age 90, of Dundas, passed away peacefully on Sunday June 27, 2021, at Three Links Care Center.

Keith Arlen Freeman the son of Frank and Nada Freeman. He was the last surviving sibling of Frank and Nada. Keith was born on April 8, 1931, at the home where he resided his entire life excluding the last month of his life. He attended Dundas elementary school and graduated from Northfield High School Class of 1949. He married Monica Louise (Kreitz) Blegseth on June 24, 1960, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield.

Keith served in the Army in the Korean War and then worked construction driving scraper for 31 years. He then did woodwork at Heirloom Brass in Dundas. After retirement he enjoyed traveling. Keith was a fearless man who always had a quick joke to lighten your day. Keith loved people. In

his later years he enjoyed making new friends at FiftyNorth who became a part of his expanding family. He became a father figure to many in his later years. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his three children: Dale (Terri) Freeman of Newnan, Georgia, Susan (Tim) Malecha of Lonsdale and Julie (Don) Werner of Tyrone, Georgia; 10 grandchildren, Nicole Freeman, David (Katie) Freeman, Kurtis (Jared) Malecha, Katelynn Malecha, Megan (Dan) Simon, Nathaniel Thompson, Bethany (Jorge) Bravo, Anthony Werner, Dominik Werner and Rebekah Werner; 8 great-grandchildren; Sister-in-law Nordis Estrem of MN/NM.

Funeral services were at Seventh-day Adventist Church in Faribault on Friday, July 2, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM. Visitation was on Thursday, July 1, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Seventh-day Adventist Church and one hour prior to the service in the church. Burial was at Groveland Cemetery in Dundas. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. [biermanfuneralhome.com](http://biermanfuneralhome.com).

## Clarence Marshall Hines

Clarence Marshall Hines, age 96, of Stanton, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2021, at Reflections End of Life Center in Northfield.

Clarence was born the son of George and Inga (Terland) Hines on August 5, 1924, in St. Paul and the oldest of four children. At the age of 18, Clarence enlisted in the United States Army on November 16, 1942, and served in the infantry during WWII. He fought in the Rhineland offensive in Germany where he was wounded. He received the Purple Heart and two bronze stars for his combat during the war.

He returned to Minnesota where he was united in marriage to Marilyn Davis on July 21, 1951. They built their home in Stanton and raised four children. He was the manager of Triangle Aviation in Stanton. There he taught many people to fly and was also a mechanic and worked maintenance. His job also included hauling skydivers and towing gliders. From this career, he sprayed crops and also farmed. He worked for over 40 years at the Stanton Airport. Marilyn passed away in 2017.

He enjoyed vegetable gardening and taking road trips around the United States with

Marilyn and friends. He also enjoyed camping with his family.

Clarence is survived by his children Brad Hines of Cannon Falls, Keith (Beth) Hines of Cannon Falls, Patty (Don) Enberg of Stanton, Denise Hines of Northfield; nine grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; a great-great grandson; and a brother Martin Hines in Arizona. He was preceded in death by his wife; daughter-in-law Barb Hines; and two sisters Jan and Char.

Funeral services were held at Stanton United Methodist Church in Stanton on Saturday, July 3, 2021, beginning at 11:00 AM. Visitation was one hour prior to the service in the church. Burial was held at Stanton Cemetery in Stanton. For memorial contributions, the family has designated the Stanton Cemetery or American Cancer Association. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. [biermanfuneralhome.com](http://biermanfuneralhome.com).

## Lee H. Albers

Lee H. Albers, age 51 of Faribault, MN passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family following an extended illness.

Lee Harold, the son of Paul and Donna (Kolb) Albers was born on May 9, 1970 in

Northfield, MN. He attended Faribault Senior High School and graduated with the class of 1988. After high school Lee attended Winona Technical College and later attended Missouri Valley Line Constructors to become a Journeyman Lineman. Lee followed in his father's footsteps and was a Lineman for Xcel Energy for 30 years in the Northfield/Faribault area. On October 7, 1995 he was united in marriage to Jillene Peterson in Faribault. Lee enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, road trips and just loved to be outside!

He is survived by his wife Jillene Albers of Faribault; by his daughters, Courtney, Morgan, Kendra and Monica; by his parents, Paul and Donna Albers of Faribault; by his brothers, Guy Albers of LeCenter, MN, Gary (Colleen) Albers of Zumbrota, MN and Todd Albers of Owatonna, MN and by nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Dorothy Albers, Frank and Hazel Kolb and his aunt Bonnie Kopischkie.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 139 Mercy Drive in Faribault. Fr. Cory Rohlfing officiated. Private interment was held at the Rolling Green Cemetery in Northfield, MN.

Memorial visitation was held at the church on Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Arrangements are being completed by the Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory of Faribault.

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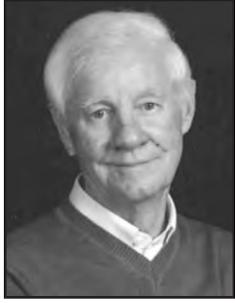
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## Dean Arnold Massett

Dean Arnold Massett, 88, of Red Wing, died Sunday, July 4, 2021 at his home at Deer Crest. He was born, along with his twin brother Gene, on November 24, 1932 in Charles City, Iowa to Ernest a n d Kathryn (S m i t h)



Massett. The family moved to Red Wing in 1935 and Dean attended school in Red Wing, graduating from Red Wing Central High School in 1951. He served two years of active duty during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. He also served in the Minnesota National Guard for 13 years. Following his honorable discharge, Dean attended the University of Minnesota and the Dunwoody Institute. On March 18, 1955 he married Beverley Hanson. He then began his long career with the City of Red Wing and Goodhue County. He began working for the County Highway Department and following that he worked for the City of Red Wing as the Director of Public Works, A City Administrator where he served as the Executive Secretary of the Port Authority, and as the City Civil Defense Director, developing the city's first nuclear power plant response plan. He was also the Community Investment Director for Goodhue County National Bank.

He was dedicated to his community and over his lifetime he served on many advisory boards and citizens committees. He also served as the Goodhue County Commissioner for two terms where he worked on multiple task forces overseeing tax reform, economic development, school finance, waste management and public health. In addition to performing his job requirements with the City of Red Wing, he was very active with the League of Minnesota Cities. For a time, he was the president and secretary for the Issac Walton. He was a committee co-chair for the successful school referendum to build the new high school. He was proudly inducted onto the Red Wing High School Wall of Honor. He also served as a member of the S.E. Technical College President's Advisory Committee.

He was also an active club member and volunteer. He worked with Youth Outreach, Young Adult Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Goodhue County Historical Society and he even volunteered with courtesy parking at the hospital. He was a member of Kiwanis and the Red Wing Elks Lodge PBOE #845 and was elected the Exalted Leader in 1968. His faith was a constant companion and he was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church where he served as a Ruling Elder, Deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Dean was as devoted to his family as he was the community and he was very proud of his children and grandchildren. In his younger years he enjoyed spending weekends up north and boating on the river with his children. He and Beverly shared nearly 65 happy years together before her death in June of 2020.

He is survived by his daughter; Terri (Brad) Swanson; son, Dan Massett, both of Red Wing; four grandchildren; Ryan (Shayna) Swanson of Prescott, Wisconsin, Megan (Kevin) Letnes of Minnetonka; Christian Massett and Adrian Massett, both of Red Wing; five great-grandchildren; Elin, Riley and Jensen Letnes and Briah and Domenic Swanson; many nieces and nephews, other family and many friends and colleagues.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly; brothers Gene and Gerry; and his parents.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 9, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church. A visitation was from 4-7p.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodleson-Mahn Chapel. Burial followed the service at Oakwood Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff at Deer Crest and the nurses at Brighton Hospice for the wonderful care Dean received. Memorials are preferred to the church. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.mahnfamilyfuneral-home.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneral-home.com)

## Robert J. Kendig

MSgt Robert J. Kendig (64) was surrounded by love when he passed away from pancreatic cancer. He was born in Seattle, WA and raised on the West Coast exploring and enjoying the ocean through scuba diving, sailing, and deepsea fishing; and backpacking throughout the Sierra Mountains.

His love and devotion to Family and Country were deep rooted in his DNA, tracing back to 1710 when the Kendig brothers immigrated, bought land from William Penn, and their progeny fought in the American Revolution, Civil War (MN 10th Regiment), WWI on Navy destroyer, and WWII Army as his father drove a Priest tank in Germany, while his Marine uncle survived the South Pacific Batton Death March and Japanese POW camp in Manchuria.

Bob attributed everything good in his life to the military, including life-long friendships and meeting Marla while stationed at Minot AFB, ND; his technical training and college education which provided for his family and allowed him to establish his own company (Pinewood Medical), pursue his love of aviation with his private pilot license and captain for sailing Lake Superior. Bob enlisted in the US Air Force in 1976 and retired from the MN Air National Guard 210th EIS in 2005. He completed tech school in Chanute ATC AFB before serving with the 91th FMMS/OMMS (SAC) in Minot, ND on the Minute Man Missiles. As a Sr. Airman, Bob was transferred to the 261th CBTCSS DA/CC and 146th CSS Tactical Airlift Wing in combat communications in Van Nuys, CA and worked the many fires in Southern CA, before serving in the 210th Engineering Installation Squadron/ 133rd



Airlift Wing, MN Air National Guard at St. Paul, MN. MSgt Kendig was deployed multiple times, serving many roles, including EIS Team Chief. Numerous Meritorious Service Awards were presented to him due his exemplary service during the Cold War, Operation Joint Endeavor (deployed in Bosnian War to Kaposvar, Hungary), Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. He was honored specifically for work at Takli AB, Thailand (also helped train the Royal Thai Air Force); Kunsan AB, Korea; Selfridge ANGB, MI; and Howard AFB, Panama. MSgt Kendig was awarded the Army 302d T.F.S. Air Borne Patch while working with the 327th Signal Battalion (WEZZCO) at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan during his second deployment in 2003, and awarded the War Time Service (SSI-FWTS) metal. In 2006, MSgt Kendig was saluted by the MN ANG for a "job extremely well done".

Bob's civilian life was just as rewarding especially working at Medtronic, Inc. in R/D for the Drug Administration Device Systems (DADS Syncromed®) and the Pacing group for rate response and tachycardia (Jewel®), enjoying softball, bowling, and sailing with co-workers. He married into a ranching family and worked many vacations/months working cattle and haying. He retired after working 20 years for the Federal Aviation Administration as an Airways Transportation Systems Technician, being certified in Radar, Landing Systems and Equipment in the Air

Traffic control Tower. Serving as a technical support specialist in the Minneapolis District, he did advanced troubleshooting on Radar and Landing Systems and supported the 4 State area. Bob met his best friends along the way.

Bob was a devoted and involved DAD and PAPA to his 7 grandchildren. He coached soccer and football, while mentoring Boy Scouts and any young person within his reach, often providing sports equipment and rides to kids who could not otherwise afford to participate. His passions included backpacking (MN, WI, Centennial Trail and Porcupine Mts), Boundary Waters Canoe Area with family and friends, Man Trips with his Bros, Cruising, and Camping (which evolved into Glamping in later years). Bob was always Mr. Fix-IT and Mr. Good Wrench at our Longfurrow Farm and for anyone who needed assistance, especially plowing out after snow storms.

Bob is survived by the love of his life for nearly 43 years (Marla), and his children Nicolas (Shar), Marita (Joe), and Anna (Darrin) and his 7 grandkids: Logan, Elijah, Isaiah, Miles, Brooke, Mataya, and Shali – who will miss their Papa Bob greatly. He is preceded in death by infant daughter, Sara Raye, and big sis Gail. "Check your oil. Be Good". "We're just ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives".

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Friday, August 20th there will be a hog roast at the Kenyon VFW from 5 to 7pm with live music following from Mitchell

Hall and the Tennessee Trio from 7:30 to 10:30pm. A Rose Fest Regatta Challenge is being held at the Kenyon Swimming Pool Friday at 7pm. Build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape and come compete. A wine and beer tasting will be held at the Fire Hall on Friday from 5 to 8pm.

Saturday starts off with a 5K run/walk at 8am. A vendor and craft fair will take place at Held Bus Company on Saturday and the VFW will host a lunch from 10am to 2pm and Bingo will be from 6 to 8pm. A street dance will be held by the muni Saturday evening from 8pm to 12:30am.

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### GRANDSTAND EVENTS

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.**  
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FREE show

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.**  
Demolition Derby

Adults - \$12.00

Under 12 - \$6.00

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**Thursday, August 12, 2021 6:30 p.m.**  
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**Friday, August 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

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**Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5 p.m.**

### Demolition Derby

Adults - \$15.00

Under 12 - \$10.00

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### 2021 Free Entertainment Schedule

#### Daily entertainment

#### All American Lumberjack Show

Located on the southwest side of beer garden

Join us each day for action-packed lumberjack competitions, intricate wood carvings and kid's lumberjack camps!

Show times TBD

For more information, visit [lumberjack-shows.net](http://lumberjack-shows.net).

#### Just 4 Laffs Kids Entertainment

Located by the children's barnyard/4-H building

Providing family-friendly entertainment for all ages, including live variety shows, magical entertainment, enrichment classes and more!

Show times TBD

For more information, follow Just 4 Laffs on Facebook or visit [just4laffsmn.com](http://just4laffsmn.com).

#### FFA Children's Barnyard

Located west of the 4-H building

Local FFA students will be on hand to introduce kids to plenty of furry friends - chicks, rabbits, goats and more!

Open Tuesday-Saturday

#### Goodhue County Historical Society

Located in the school house next to the children's barnyard

The Goodhue County Historical Society offers fun for the whole family. Each day will feature unique programming, so be sure to come back daily to participate in new activities!

For more information, visit [goodhuecountyhistory.org](http://goodhuecountyhistory.org).

#### Exhibit Buildings

4-H building open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Commercial buildings open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Open class exhibit buildings open from Noon to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

#### Beer Garden

Open all week with FREE jukebox and bands Wednesday-Saturday

#### Daily schedules

#### Tuesday, August 10 (Opening Day)

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Open class exhibit entry (except quilts)

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - TRIAD - Goodhue County Sheriff's Department

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Goodhue County Sheriff's K9 Unit

#### Wednesday, August 11 (Day Care Day)

9:30 a.m. - Goodhue County Junior Holstein Association Show (near dairy barn)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

#### Thursday, August 12

#### (Kid's Birthday Party Day)

10 a.m. - Goodhue County Commissioners Meeting (entertainment tent)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

4:30pm - Bridget's Decorated Cupcake Contest (beer garden)

7:30 p.m. - Farm Bureau Century Farm Program (entertainment tent)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

#### Friday, August 13 (Senior Citizen's Day)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

3 p.m. and 6 p.m. - All-American Lumberjack Show

7 p.m. - Outstanding Senior Award presentation (beer garden)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

#### Saturday, August 14 (Family Day)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

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(North of Dennison Depot Marathon)

Start off August on the right foot - literally - by joining others for the Dennison Days 5K Fun Run and Walk. Continue the celebration by inviting all of your family and friends for the day filled with entertaining events and activities for everyone. You can run, walk and roll.

**\$30.00 Entry Fee**  
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Sign up at 12:00 p.m. South Mainstreet

**\$100.00 Prize for Best Parade Entry!**

Contact Diane Ruddle mobile at 612-532-0268

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 BBQ COOK OFF OVER \$2,500 IN PRIZES!

Judging begins 2:30pm on Saturday. Electricity is not provided.

Contact: kingpin1876@gmail.com or 612-968-9547 to register or for more information



## Saturday Schedule of Events

- 7a.m. **Annual BBQ Cook Off Begins. Over \$2,500 in Prizes!** Hosted by MarLea's Contact Steve at kingpin1876@gmail.com or 612-968-9547
- 8-11a.m. **All You Can Eat Dad's Waffle Breakfast** Sponsored by Polka Dot Dairy, Parkside General Store, Dennison Community Church \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under, 3 & under FREE. Includes waffles, sausage, coffee, juice, milk. Under Mainstreet Tent.
- 7:30 a.m. **Sign Up for Clutchmen Truck & Tractor Pull at Pull Site** Contact Larry Enfield 507-789-6692
- 8a.m. **Citywide Garage Sales & Street Vendors Start**  
**5K Run** Begins at Paul's Plumbing Building, North of Dennison Depot. For more information text Barbie at 507-581-1021 or e-mail: dennisonvangoffice@gmail.com  
**Classic Car Show on Mainstreet** Presented by Capitol Construction. Trophies at 1:00p.m. Contact Steve King 612-968-9547 or email: kingpin1876@gmail.com
- 9a.m. **Truck & Tractor Pull Begins on the Hill**, sign up begins at 7:30a.m.  
**Euchure at Fireside Lounge** For information, contact Jen Eggum 507-649-0602
- 10a.m. **Cow Milking Contest** across from Fireside
- 11a.m. **Food Stands Open**  
**Joel Stenhaug & Jim Tracy Memorial Horseshoe Tournament in City Park** Presented by the Dennison Lions  
**Kids Pedal Pull Mainstreet** Presented by the Dennison Lions. Pre-register at 10:30 a.m.
- 1-3p.m. **Kiddie Carnival & Games Beside City Hall** Presented by Randolph FFA students
- 1:30p.m. **Parade Downtown - A Kiddie Parade Leads Off Main Parade** (Ages 12 & Under) **\$100.00 Prize for Best Parade Entry!** Sign up at 12:00 p.m. South Mainstreet. Contact Diane at 612-532-0268
- 2:30p.m. **Purse Bingo Under Mainstreet Tent** Presented by Dennison Lions & Fireside Lounge
- 7p.m.-12a.m. **Live Music from "Driver Five" on Mainstreet Stage** 18+ event. No Cover Charge. 21 to drink. Presented by Capitol Construction and Fireside Lounge & Supper Club



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 CLASSIC CAR SHOW 8AM Trophies at 1PM TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL 9AM**

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## Dennison Days Returns August 7

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City Wide Garage sales are also part of the days events. Just look around for the signs.

Dads Waffle Breakfast returns and serves from 8 AM to 11 AM under the big tent on main street hosted by The Dennison Church. The Classic Car Show hosted by the Clutchmen Club will again be on main street across from the Fireside. Those interested in the Car Show can also contact Steve King at 612-968-9547.

Other activities include Euchre, which will be at The Fireside Lounge this year, and the Truck and Tractor Pull on on the north side of town. The 5 K Run/Walk returns this year. Participants can sign up after 7 AM on main street and be a part of a fun activity to help raise funds for the Dennison Community Lutheran Church

and their outreach programs. The race kicks off at 8.

For participating runners, a Free Waffle Breakfast is included that you may enjoy before or after the run. Several food booths will be on main street to keep you filled up with your favorite summer "fair" food, including the Cannon Falls Lions Club. The Cow Milking Contest is at 10 AM, with the Dairy Princesses joining in, and this years special guests will be announced soon. Sign up for the kids pedal pull begins at 10:30 am with the pull at 11 AM on Main Street

The Dennison Days Parade is at 1:30 PM.

Afternoon events include:

DESIGNER PURSE Bingo under the big top at 2:30 PM.

Again this year is FREE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT under the Mainstreet tent. This years musical act is DRIVER 5.

After a year without outdoor and family events, the Lions Club looks forward to hosting this annual event once again for the area.

Watch [www.dennisondays.org](http://www.dennisondays.org) for updates.



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## Goodhue County Farmer Forced to Sell Cattle Because of Drought

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"These cows should be in grass that should be up to my waist and it's down at my ankles. It's just not growing," said Katie Brenny, of Brenny Farms.

Brenny Farms has 25 cows, a bull and a donkey. She runs the farm with her husband, and the couple is fifth-generation farmers. They raise the cows for beef.

"We have the white cows behind me which are Charolais. And the black cows are Angus," Brenny said.

She said within the last two years the farm had seven to twelve inches of water for the grass and this year it's only been about two inches.

"This ground has been so dry and it's so hot. And the winds have been strong this summer. And it just automatically dries that ground out. And so, if it rains today like it did yesterday, which was nice. But it just beats the ground and just runs off. We need it to soak in," Brenny said.

Her last resort to feed the cows is hay, but hay prices have now skyrocketed.

This issue has forced her to make a decision to sell parts of the herd.

"A handful if not a half of dozen that will have to end their time here at Brenny Farms. Just due to simply, they need feed, and I don't have enough," Brenny said.

Gov. Tim Walz said about 40 percent of farmers in the state are at a level two drought, which means it's severe.

Walz has requested the federal government provide aid to allow "emergency haying and grazing on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in Minnesota counties."

"We've asked USDA to help us on several fronts. One of those is using CREP (The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) land. The land that is set aside, that you usually can not hay that, or use it until August 1st. We're asking them to accelerate that because we are going to need it," he said.

"CRP is land that farmers and ranchers put aside for the government to rebuild for natural habitat," Brenny said. Some farmers do CRP ground because that just means, you can't farm it. You get paid to leave it out of production. And kind of let it restore itself, and give back to the beauty of Minnesota."

And this program helps ease the struggle for food producers.

"So, when they can open those CRP grounds for feeding or for grazing or for making hay off of, it just allows us more supply. And allows us to put the cows out on that ground or to just bale it. So, those hay bales can come back home and be fed as dry hay," Brenny said.

And the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association executive director is happy about the governor's request.

"We are extremely grateful for those programs that are put in place to help buffer producers through natural disasters and droughts like we are experiencing," said Allison VanDerWal. "If I think about this impacting everyone and if I keep it in animal ag, this is going to be a drought that impacts producers for generations."

And the drought's impact goes beyond the farm.

"Maybe it's a box of cheerios. Well, at some point that product started out as a farm product and so it's going to affect everyone. Because when it doesn't rain it doesn't allow us to water any of the crops. If that's corn,

or soybeans, or the grass, or alfalfa, or wheat or barley. It might even affect our beverages," Brenny said.

She also said that although her cattle are raised for beef, selling some of them early isn't easy.

"I think they live a better life than I do. They have beautiful grass to lay in even though it was short this year. It does hurt. But at the same time, I can't keep going in debt," Brenny said.

Brenny Farms plans to sell those cows through an auction in Lanesboro by August.

She hopes the farm can rebuild the herd in the fall.



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A woman who lived far beyond eight decades had been in the habit of having a birthday party every year. Her friends and relatives always remembered her with little gifts, usually knick-knacks for her house.

As she was getting ready for her 90th birthday party, a friend asked her what gift she wanted for her birthday that year.

"Give me a kiss," was her reply. "Then I won't have to dust it."

Yes, I know that's not always a safe option in these Covid times. But you get the idea. Creative gift giving is an art.

Strive for a gift that shows you have taken the trouble to pay attention to the recipient and have a genuine interest in them. Price isn't important; sometimes the best gifts cost little or nothing, because they come from the heart.

I recently came across a list of priceless, useful, thoughtful gifts anyone can give – and better yet – they are all free. I guarantee the recipient will love them.

**The gift of listening.** No interrupting, rushing the speaker, letting your attention wander or finishing the speaker's thoughts. No planning your responses or trying to top the speaker's story. Just listen.

Good listeners steer conversations toward other people's interests. When you feel you are being listened to, it makes you feel like you are being taken seriously and what you say really matters. And remember, you can't learn anything when you are doing the talking.

**The gift of affection.** Be generous with appropriate pats on the back, hand holding, hugs and even kisses, like the 90-year-old woman preferred. (Again, keep pandemic recommendations in mind.) Find a way to show your love, especially when so many people are craving human contact.

**The gift of support.** Show your co-workers that you care by empathizing with them, displaying concern and understanding. Be compassionate and try to build deeper relationships. Open up a bit and be understanding. Try to anticipate needs, and help when needed and wanted. Just be interested in others.

**The gift of laughter.** Share articles, positive news, funny stories and cartoons to tell someone, "I love to laugh with you." Laughter makes you healthier and feel better. A laugh a day keeps the doctor away. Maybe people should take a humor or joke

break ... instead of just a coffee break.

**The gift of a compliment.** Everyone likes a hearty "well done." Mark Twain once said, "I could live for two months on one good compliment." Who doesn't love to receive compliments? They make everyone feel better.

Compliments not only reassure people, they create positive energy, strengthen relationships and build trust. They are a sign of respect. You don't need to be an expert at giving compliments. You just need to be sincere and genuine.

**The gift of solitude.** Be sensitive to the times when others want nothing more than to be left alone. Solitude does not mean loneliness. It's natural to feel overwhelmed at times, so time alone can be refreshing.

**The gift of joy.** Be happy and joyful whenever you can. Your mood should never turn into gloom and doom for others.

One of my favorite authors, Norman Vincent Peale, said: "Joy increases as you give it, and diminishes as you try to keep it yourself. In giving it, you will accumulate a deposit of joy greater than you ever believed possible."

**The gift of friendship.** Without friends, life would hardly be worth living, so let your friends know just how much they mean to you today. I've always felt that the best vitamin for developing friends is B1.

I can't imagine what my life would have been like if I hadn't had such loyal and true friends. I am fortunate to number among my friends several classmates from first grade, as well as people I just met. My



friends have saved my bacon over and over again. A few have actually saved my life.

**The gift of your smile.** A simple smile breaks all the barriers of language and culture. The more you smile, the happier other people around you feel. Never underestimate the value of a smile.

People all over the world smile in the same language. A smile should be standard equipment for all people, both at work and at home. It takes only 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown – so really, you have no excuse. Put on a happy face!

**Mackay's Moral: Gifts that are freely given are worth more than all the gold in Fort Knox.**

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### Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes June 8

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Mayor Niki Portillo, Council Members Monica Gernandt, Jennifer Schwab and Jennifer Valek. Other people in attendance were Public Works Director Steve McDowell, City Clerk Dana Jans, 7 residents in person and 2 via ZOOM.

#### Roll Call

Councilpersons Valek, Gernandt, Schwab and Mayor Portillo all present. Voge absent..

#### Approval of Agenda

-Motion to accept the agenda by Councilperson Schwab, second by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### Public Comment

-No public comment

#### Old Business

-No old business

#### New Business

-Discussion on window cleaning, two bids received. Motion by Councilperson Schwab to approve Rich's Window Cleaning, seconded by Councilperson Gernandt. Motion passed unanimously

#### Public Works

- Rain caused problems at the transfer station. McDowell and Gernandt worked on the problem overnight. Flom came and assisted. Jetted out a large amount of rags which caused the problem. McDowell will get someone to complete regular maintenance on pumps. Gernandt brushed the

gravel at the compost site. Some streets were patched. Bids for various roads but undecided on which ones will get done at this time. Working on the culvert on Kilmeyer and 246. Met with electrician to run electrical to the generator, deadline for the grant is end of September. Water service to community garden will get repaired.

#### City Clerk

City Hall will be closed June 14-18 for training.

#### Fire Department

-Firemens dance and Hog Roast is July 10.

#### Report from Mayor

-Complaints received by attorney are being reviewed.

#### Adjourn

Motion by Councilperson Schwab to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Valek, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by;  
Dana Jans, Nerstrand City Clerk



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## City of Dennison Regular Council Meeting June 3rd, 2021

The June Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Ann Anders, Heidi Cooke and Diane Ruddle, and Clerk Jessica Page. Nichole Schiell was unable to attend.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilor Anders move to accept the minutes for the May meeting. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0. Councilor Anders moved to approve the treasurer's report, Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

**Building Permits:** Michelle Zimmerman/Marleas's patio. Michelle has indicated that the setbacks would be 5 feet from the side line, and 25 feet from the back. It was asked where the property lines were. Clerk tried to reach Michelle via text, but was unable to get a hold of her. Discussion was also had regarding what is the size of the building vs the size of the patio. The ordinance also states that the patio can't be more than 30% of the usable floor space. Clerk was able to find the square footage of the building online and it was determined it would meet the 30% rule with the first floor's and basement's usable floor space. No determination was reached at the meeting as Council was unable to get the questions answered.

### Administrative Issues:

**1. Karen DuCharme from SEMMCHRA has some resolutions that need approval:** Resolution 6-2021-1 addressing Civil Rights Policy, Res 6-2021-2 Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan Certification for a drug free work place, and Administration contract with SEMMCHRA. Karen talked about the documents and gave some background. Res 6-2021-1 is a federal requirement for the funding. 6-2021-2 is in case something happens if the owner needed to leave or is displaced. There would be an investigation if something major happened, contractor insurance, etc would cover. City would not be liable for the replacement cost of the house. SEMMCHRA has to monitor the loans for 10 years to make sure all requirements are being met (like the primary resident, not renting or selling) Cost is \$125 per year to the City of Dennison. If no repayments on loans, SEMMCHRA would bill the City on this annually. There was some discussion and Council would like to see some additional information on these requirements and if this was an appropriate contract for the City to sign. Council

will vote on these next month.

**2. Kelm and Haugen land request.** They would like to annex in the small lot owned by Terry Haugen, then split it to match each of their lots, then add to the current lots. Roger reviewed the results of the last meeting. Terry and Roger talked and they would like to annex the Haugen property and then split the parcel and add to Terry's and Roger's parcels to square them up. Roger is asking for an interpretation from Burkhardt on this issue. Kelm's acreage is 7 acres, so it's already a conforming parcel. For Terry Haugen -the non-conforming issues are regarding the acreage and being non-conforming, and the multi family dwelling. Council will ask Jim to interpret it and write an opinion to the Council. Roger is willing to talk with Jim. Forward Roger's email to Jim. Need to ask Jim what Terry can do with his shed. Adding 16 feet to his shed in the back. Does he need to update the septic etc to do that?

**3. Paul Nygaard possible land split and building of a house.** It was noted that 2nd Ave. was not ever accepted by the city to be a road on the property that Mr Nygaard owns. This could have possibly been due to drainage issues in that area, and the County didn't want to have another entrance on 9 from there. There should be sewer and water in the middle of the road for them to tap into. The proposed lot would need to meet the R-2 requirements. Paul would like to split it into three parts. One to make a parcel for his daughter's house, the second would be added to his lot, then the long skinny piece would be split off and old to the property owner that it runs alongside of. Public hearing on the split, must notify other landowners 10 days prior.

**4. Force Main Update:** Carley was going to try to have the cost to weld/replace the liner at the ponds. Nothing yet. Need to bring in a subcontractor to do the work.

**5. Phosphorus project:** Update from Carley. MPCA has approved plans. Not known if the bids were put out for the ISG portion. Several items that need to be addressed within the approval letter. Movement on shed construction? Big woods Excavating has put in the driveway and brought in fill for that and the shed. They have asked for the final building plans to ensure they are getting the location of pipes correct. Nate will call Cara on when he needs to have the C license as the letter from the PCA has contradicting requirements.

Councilor Anders noted that the website for the grant money shows there is only

\$80,000 left as of May 31st, 2021 on that money that has been assigned to the City. This doesn't include shed, phosphorus system, ISG bills, remainder of force main. It was explained that there is \$174,000 remaining of the bonding money that hasn't been requested to be used by the City. What the website is showing is the remainder of the bonding money that has been already encumbered for the force main project. The City needs to get a change order for the liner replacement so that the PFA can get that money encumbered and dedicated to that system.

Need to do a resolution to borrow \$ from the general fund until the city gets the loan to cover that cost. Having the bank doing a short term line of credit until the loan comes in is a possibility as a way to cover the expenses as the City does not have a true idea of the amount of money that needs to be borrowed from MRWA. City needs to talk to the bank to establish a line of credit for \$150k. Council appointed Councilor Cooke and the clerk to go to the bank. Heidi will tentatively call and set up an appt for Tuesday afternoon. Councilor Ruddle move to go to the bank to set up a line of credit for the phosphorus shed for up to \$150k. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

**6. POS Ordinance for sewer lines.** Review the work Diane did on this. Diane thought we could add new articles in to the Ord 55. She formatted them to match Ordinance 55. Jeff will put newly formatted stuff on the website. Hopefully can have the resolution ready to be approved at the next meeting.

**7. Northfield Township is spraying for Wild Parsnip this year.** Clerk contacted them to get a price on what it would cost to do the City of Dennison portion of the north end of Goodhue Ave. Clerk spoke with Ron Sommers Northfield Township Supervisor. They are going to be doing spot spraying for the wild parsnip. Northfield Township has an employee do the spraying. They are not licensed to be hired to complete spraying.

**8. Fix the downspout on the NW corner of City Hall.** Someone vandalized it, causing the water to not run out anymore. Would also recommend putting back up the wood fence that once stood between Marlea's and City Hall. Dan will look at the downspouts and see if he can fix them up within the next week. City Hall and pump house need to be tuckpointed and painted. Nate and Dan will see if they can put the wooden fence back on with hinges to make access to that area easier. There is a crack needs sealing, by the ground. Nate has a friend who thought there might be storm damage to the roof. The name of the company is Starr Exteriors. Council authorized them to take a look at the roof with Nate present to see what condition it is in.

**9. Charlie Helcl brought in a check for \$900 as a donation to the Park Fund from collecting/recycling aluminum cans.**

A donation from the Kenyon Snowdrifters for \$1500 to the City was just received also. Councilor Anders move to accept both donations. Mayor Flaten second. Motion passed 4:0.

**10. Wood chips for playground.** Quote from Midwest Playscapes out of Savage, MN for 77 cu yds of Engineered Wood Fiber Safety Surfacing. \$1878.50 includes delivery to the City. Does not include installation in the playground itself. Duane Eglund said they would get a group together to help install the wood chips after deliv-

ery. Councilor Anders move to pay for the wood chips with the donations the City had just received. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

**11. On 5-24-21, Dan and Jeff met with Goodhue County to look at the catch basins off of County Road 9 and 1st Ave. Court, (the intersection with the bank and the Clutchman's.)** On the Clutchman side of the street, there is a baseball sized hole in front of the catch basin (storm sewer). Water appears to have been eroding under the street in that area. On the Bank side, the cement curb around the catch basin has sunk, needing to be fixed. The cement on top of the metal grate has been broken for a while, needing to be fixed. The County has proposed to do the asphalt work and the City be responsible for the cement work. There is also another small hole developing in front of the catch basin on County Road 9 in front of the bank (south entrance) that will be addressed, too. Dan was going to talk to Lenny Dohlman about his availability. The County has spray painted the areas on the street, if Council members want to take a look.

**Citizens Issues:** Complaints from last month letters were sent out with reply's, progress reports due July 1.

Clerk spoke with Chuck Bolstrom regarding this fence. It would meet the 5% open as it is open for about a foot on the bottom, as well as having lattice work on the top. The fencing materials themselves are 6 feet in height, but being placed a foot off the ground, they are 7 feet tall. The posts do go higher than the 7 feet. In the back along the property line, he lined it up just inside the power poles. It does veer over a little bit in the back in an unfinished length, but he said he can straighten them out and pull them in a little bit. He did trim the bushes, but according to the ariel photo, it does look like they are over grown on his side. He noted his neighbors liked the fence as it kept his project vehicles out of sight. If he needs to apply for a building permit to keep his fence at the height it is, he would like to proceed with that. Council recommended that he could either take a foot off the top of the fence, or apply for a building permit with a variance.

**Mayors Issues:** None

### Utilities:

1. Update from Nate: He and Dan flushed the tower and hydrants. He said it looked better than in previous years. Nate is thinking it might be a good idea to flush the tower 4 times a year. Along with the end of the line by Ann's to prevent build up of sediment in that area. He has been mowing the sewer ponds where needed. Nate will mow the park area that Nordis is donating. He completed the last discharge for June. Ponds will then sit until Sept 15 when discharges can be done again.

2. There is a ravine in the dike by the fence that needs to be filled in. Nate was going to see if Big Woods Excavating can do it?

3. Card players back in the maintenance garage? Council felt that it would be ok to go ahead and play cards again whenever Charlie was ready to take that on again.

Mayor Flaten move to pay the bills, including the \$550 to Dennis Remme for grading work. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

Mayor Flaten move to adjourn. Councilor Cooke second. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday July 1st, 2021 at 7:00.

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**The Tennessee Tilt**



**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 saw pickup trucks driving around like this and thought there must have been a mechanical failure. Then I found out it was actually a fad. It comes from giving a perfectly good four-wheel drive pickup to someone lacking in common sense. They call it the Tennessee Tilt and it has been seen in neighboring North Carolina where they call it the Carolina Squat. It is a terrible new trend for pickups from the millennial country kids. You take a perfectly good 4x4 truck and then you jack the **front up** so the headlights are in the trees and the back of your truck resembles a dog with an itchy butt, rubbing across the carpet.

I have spent my life driving pickup trucks. A man is not a real man unless he owns one. He uses it daily and he treats it with respect. You put every thing in the back including the kitchen sink and you want it to stay there.



No logical, intellectual being would slope the bed of the pickup box to self-unload everything you put in there. You put over-size springs on the rear axle so a heavy load doesn't have you dragging the hitch ball down the highway. You want clearance so you don't get hung up on a stump when you go off road.

But down here some hillbilly brain trust came up with a backwards way to make the most noble vehicle on the road look silly. I first thought that "Bubba" found a way to load his fishing skiff without a trailer. Just back that old truck down to the water and run the john boat up in the box. But it is mostly new pickups which were emasculated and sent down the highway looking like some punk at the mall with his pants hanging below his underwear.

It has become bad enough, that the state legislature passed a law to ban this practice, stating; "A private passenger automobile shall not be modified or altered by elevating the automobile more than 3 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the front and lowering the automobile more than 2 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the rear."

One of the great things about being an old farmer is that you are actually smarter than most kids, and ornery enough to tell them so.

**Lake Shoreline Plantings**



**Teri Knight**



I visited friends on a lake and noticed the plantings (or not) of the various properties.

Shoreline planting provides physical stabilization of a lakeshore or river bank. The extensive root systems of native plants embrace the soil and hold it in place.

They also benefit the water ecosystem by filtering-out pollutants from water runoff, creating healthy shoreline habitat.

Attracting birds, butterflies and hummingbirds.

While it's a great idea to contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District to find what plants are best for your particular area, there are some good overall choices to consider.

These plants for wetlands/lakeshore are native to the Upper Midwest and you can find them at nurseries like Prairie Moon or Prairie Nursery out of Wisconsin offers plans for buffer zones.

The 2nd best time to plant is mid-August to mid to late September, depending on your weather conditions.

Swamp milkweed grows 3 to 4 ft tall in sun to part shade. It's a close relative of the common milkweed and monarch love IT too.

Blue vervain is pretty awesome. It has multiple delicate blue flowers and grows 2 to 6 ft. tall in sun to part shade. Sandpipers, cardinals and juncos eat the seeds and, bonus, due to its high nectar content, bees and butterflies visit blue vervain. Best of all, it blooms all summer.

As for a shrub, Chokecherry is great and grows to about 20 ft in sun to part shade. It's spring flowers are incredibly aromatic! Ruffed grouse and many other birds and mammals (chipmunks, fox, bears) love the berries. Often, a dozen or more birds can be seen feeding actively on ripe cherries in a single shrub.



**swamp milkweed from  
Prairie Moon**

Top 10 shoreline plants from University of Wisconsin Burnett County.

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, [www.gardenbite.com](http://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.



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  25. Gayle King's network
  28. Capital of Latvia
  30. \*Canoeing: slalom and \_\_\_\_
  35. Rhine tributary
  37. Building annexes
  39. A in AV
  40. Three-ply cookie
  41. \*Madison cycling, e.g.
  43. \*Light ball tap, in volleyball or tennis
  44. What hoarders do
  46. Not happening (2 words)
  47. Half-rotten
  48. \*Martial art debuting in Olympics in 2021
  50. Make a plaintive cry
  52. Short for although
  53. Luau instruments
  55. Street in Paris
  57. \* \_\_\_\_ horse in gymnastics
  60. \*One of pentathlon events
  64. Kentucky Derby drink
  65. Rock in a glass
  67. Small Asian ungulate
  68. Spy's cover
  69. Not a win nor a loss
  70. Run off to marry
  71. Pat dry
  72. Eastern Standard Time
  73. Between shampoo and repeat

- DOWN
1. Corn units
  2. Final notice?
  3. Rod attachment
  4. Greek sandwiches
  5. Federal Reserve in relation to U.S. currency
  6. \*Boxing moves
  7. \*All-time Olympic record holder in medal count
  8. Popular fitness magazine
  9. Military no-show
  10. Crowd-sourced review platform
  11. Mature elvers
  12. I do this with my little eye
  15. Tibetan mountaineer
  20. Slipperier
  22. \_\_\_\_-been
  24. London's Tyburn Tree, e.g.
  25. Kick the bucket
  26. Thailand's neighbor
  27. Give sheep a haircut
  29. A valley in Scotland
  31. "Ant-Man" leading actor
  32. Dostoevsky's "The \_\_\_\_"
  33. Beethoven's famous symphony
  34. \*2021 Olympic host
  36. Civil Rights icon
  38. Long adventure story
  42. \_\_\_\_ welcome!
  45. Tree cutters' leftovers
  49. \_\_\_\_ out, as in victory
  51. One suffering from tuberculosis
  54. Chosen few
  56. Food safety threat
  57. \*Threat to muscles
  58. Mixture
  59. Source of protein
  60. Pedal pushers
  61. Golf club
  62. Midday slumbers
  63. High school club
  64. #6 Down, sing.
  66. Post-Soviet Union union

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