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Announcements

**Everyone's Invited to the
Dennison Lions Halloween Party
at City Hall from 5:00-6:00PM
on Sunday, October 31**

• **Holden Lutheran Church All Saints Dinner, Sunday Nov. 7, 2021.** To Go Only: 12-2 and 4:30-6:30. Delivery available upon request. *(see ad on pg. 3)*

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive November 23 from 12:30-6:30p.m.** Hosted by Dennison Vang Lutheran Church at Dennison City Hall, 37622 Goodhue Ave., Dennison.

• **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.

Boots and Lu's Opened Recently in Nerstrand



The new business in Nerstrand offers coffee and pastries in the mornings, and soup, sandwiches, ice cream and more for lunch. Mary Heggedahl purchased the old firehall building, which allowed for her to expand her business and open the wall between the meat market and the new coffee and sandwich spot. Nerstrand residents are excited to welcome this new business to Main Street. Boots and Lu's hours are: 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. Sunday. Location: 231 Main Street, Nerstrand.

Back to Bingo Fun in 2021

Dennison Lions Annual Turkey Bingo is being planned for November 20th, Dennison City Hall at 7:00p.m.

Working Together for Our Community

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of COVID-19*



**Nina Arneson,
GCHHS Director**

For many, COVID-19 feels as if it has been a part of our lives for much longer than 19 months. Yet every day, we are still learning more and more about COVID-19 and the effects it has on our bodies, businesses and communities overall.

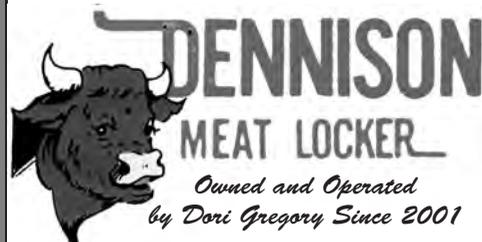
Here is some information and reminders
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Dig Pink Raises Over \$35,000 with 2021 Randolph Event

The Randolph Rocket Community came together once again Thursday, October 7th for the annual Dig Pink Night at the school. At press time, the Randolph School Board reported the total funds raised as part of this annual event Supporting the Side Out Foundation and its cancer research was over \$35,000.00. This amount surpasses their previous annual record, and is the most in the event history. In addition to money raised for Side-Out, the Senior Class helped raise over \$5,000 for Jen Piehl, the Community Spotlight honoree who was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and is currently undergoing treatment. Randolph was the top fundraising group nationwide in 2017.



T shirts from previous years Dig Pink event at Randolph School were on display during the annual event in the school commons highlighting previous years fundraising amounts. The event was not held in 2020 due to covid restrictions.



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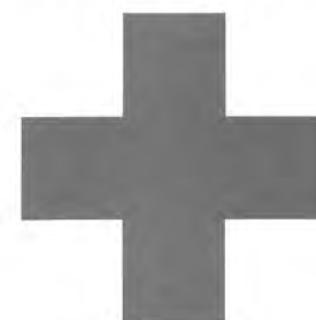
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Reality Check

Do you remember the game Whack-a-Mole? In Whack-a-Mole these moles pop up out of holes and you take this hammer, and you slam it back down. As soon as you slam one down what happens? Another one comes up. It goes on and on and on. The thing about this game - and this is why it's evil - is you can't win it. No matter how many you slam down they keep coming back up. And pretty soon you just give up and you walk away. You can never permanently whack down a mole- they always come up again.

Whack-a-Mole is a metaphor for your life. Just about the time you've got one problem whacked down: another problem pops up. And you whack that one down and two more come up. That is life. This is also true of persistent sins. Not just problems but persistent sins and temptations. God's Word teaches us how to end the game with sin and how to disconnect the power, so those moles don't keep popping back up!

I want to take a little survey here. Time for confession. Have you ever stayed up late when you knew you needed sleep? Have you ever eaten or drunk extra calories that you knew you shouldn't have? Have you ever made commitments that you couldn't possibly keep? Have you ever felt you ought to exercise but you didn't? Have you ever known that you should be kind and unselfish but instead you were unkind and selfish? Have you ever tried to take control of your life, a circumstance or another person and discovered that you couldn't? Welcome to the human race. Paul - the apostle- wrote about his struggle in Roman's 7:15- 16, "I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am

doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good."

Every problem in our lives has the same root. It's playing God. Ezekiel preached to the captives in Babylon, "In the pride of your heart you say, 'I am a god...' But you are just a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god." Ezekiel 28:2 (NIV) We think we know best, and we are going to do it our way! The oldest temptation is the temptation to play God. It goes all the way back to the garden of Eden when Adam was tempted to eat the fruit that God says this is the one choice I'm giving you - don't eat this. Then Satan comes and says, "If you eat this, you'll be a god!" Satan never tempts you to be like himself. He never says if you eat this you'll be like me. He says eat this and you'll be your own god. When I act like I'm God; I'm going to make my own choices instead of doing what God tells me to do, that's when I'm going to have problems in my life. God knows us- he created us, and He has a plan for each of us.

Jesus spoke in his famous 'sermon on the mount,' "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." Matthew 5:3. (The Message) When we come to the end of our rope- it's then that we see ourselves as we are. We need a reality check; we need to be poor in spirit: We must admit we need help. We must recognize that we're powerless to control our tendency to do the wrong thing, and our life is unmanageable. That is what it means to be poor in spirit. God says if you develop that attitude: admitting that I

am powerless, that I need help, that I can't control and manage everything in my life, and I need God's help, he says, then you will be blessed. How can we develop the spirit of being poor in spirit? The Bible teaches us three ways.

1. I must humbly admit I need help. I've got to face the truth about me. The problem is it's painful. It feels a whole lot safer to not handle the truth about ourselves because the truth sets me free, but first it makes us miserable when we realize what needs changing in our lives.

2. I need to humbly ask God for help. I admit I need help, then I ask God for it. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead marriage. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead career. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead dream. If God can raise a dead person, he can restore the love and romance in your marriage. God can do miracles. God can bring good out of bad. He specializes in turning crucifixions into resurrections.

3. I must humbly accept help from other people. God wired us in such a way that we don't get well by ourselves. You're only going to be victorious when you're honest with yourself, with God and with others. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:9: "Two are better than one, [talking about people] because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up." God created us to be in community. Fifty-eight times in the New Testa-

ment it uses the phrase "one another" -- love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, support one another, counsel one another. We are to help each other out. That's what the church is all about. If you've come to the end of your rope- God is there to help and direct, you to a better life. Are there hurts, habits or hang-ups you want to change? Begin with the first step: Realize you're not God. Admit you're powerless to control your tendency to do the wrong thing and your life is unmanageable. God knows and He loves you, He's there for you and He has a plan for you. Trust Him today.

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Worship Updates

Sunday, Nov. 7 (All Saints Sunday) - 9:00 AM Vang, 11:00 AM Dennison
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Sunday, Nov. 28 - 9:00 AM Vang

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God is Enough

Scripture Reading — **Luke 23:44-46**
Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
— **Psalm 73:25**

Sometimes there is too much wrong in this world! The economy takes your job. Cancer takes your spouse. The river takes your home. Yet even when so much is wrong, God is enough.

But some people skate through life. They seem to have no troubles at all. Their kids run faster. Their jobs pay better. Their dreams shine brighter. And they act like they deserve it, but they don't. It's just wrong! Yet even when so much is wrong, God is enough.

It helps to remember Jesus: accused by his own people, abandoned by his closest friends, stripped naked and nailed to a cross. It was all so wrong! So wrong that the sun quit shining and Jesus cried out, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:33-34). Yet even then, God was enough.

Psalm 73 is a long prayer about how there is too much wrong in this world. It's a complaint, until the psalmist gains a new perspective. Then the prayer takes a turn: "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." In other words, even when so much is wrong, God, you are enough.

At the end of his rope, Jesus releases himself to God: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). Because even when so much is wrong, God is enough.

Prayer

Lord God, whom do I have in heaven but you? And besides you, there is nothing on earth I desire. Let that be my prayer, because you are enough. Amen.

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Taize Evening Prayer

On the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, come spend some peaceful moments with God. Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to open to Christ's presence around and within us. Taizé Prayer is named for the ecumenical Christian community formed in Taizé, France during World War II. It is an evening prayer practiced by millions of people all over the world.

There will be a Taize Evening Prayer service on Nov. 17 at 7:00 PM at Dennison Lutheran Community Church.

Come re-imagine what church can be at Dennison Lutheran Community Church, and help us to "Sing to the Lord a new song!"

Songs OF MY LIFE

Sunday, Nov. 21 at 11:00 AM at Dennison Lutheran Community Church

The Songs of My Life Gathering is open to anyone who is seeking connection. People are invited to gather to share stories, songs and space with each other.

In this way we grow together.

Songs of My Life is a movement that began through work in local churches and in the recovery community.

2021 is the fourth year of gatherings."

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

American Red Cross Blood Drive in Dennison

There will be a blood drive at Dennison City Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 23. The blood drive is being hosted by Dennison Lutheran Church.

Sign up today at redcrossblood.org.

Worship Times November 2021

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County proposes Roundabout at Hwy 19/I-35 Interchange

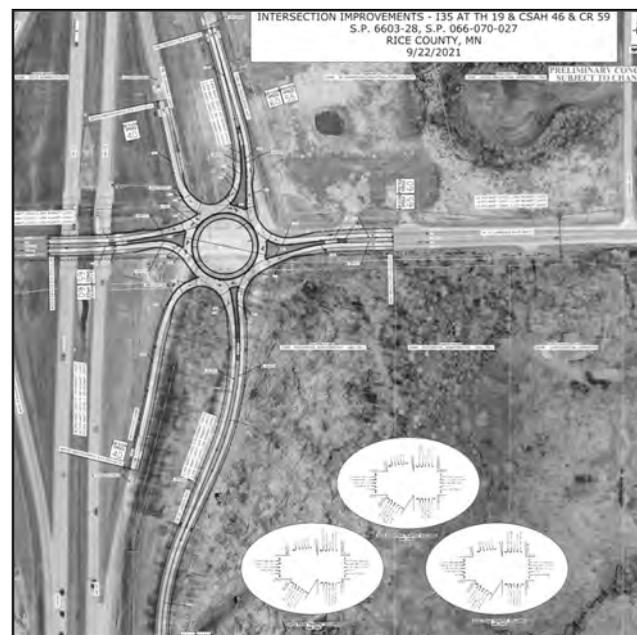
Courtesy of KYMN Radio

Rice County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation has proposed the construction of a six-legged roundabout at the intersection of I-35 at Highway 19.

The county has identified the intersection as one that requires change and redesign. It is an atypical intersection where multiple roadways converge on a single point causing driver delays, which has led to driver confusion and higher than normal crash rates. It is also an area that has seen increasing traffic, with further increases expected.

Ongoing economic development around the intersection has impacted and will further impact the function of the interchange, especially on the east side.

The location is also part of the I-35 Emergency Alternate Route and as such, any closings on I-35 within this area can, does and will continue to create severe congestion and safety issues.



A timeline of the construction schedule, could run from April through August of 2023.

An email to county stakeholders from the Rice County Engineering and Highway Departments speculated that a detour would be installed to County Highway 1, through Dundas, during the construction.

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Kenyon Farmer Reacts to John Deere Workers Strike

Courtesy of KTTC

KENYON, Minn. (KTTC) -- Thousands of John Deere employees are approaching a week of being on the picket line. Striking against a company pay raise that employees feel is not enough for the amount of work they put in.

Many of those strikers help assemble equipment that is needed for farmers. Equipment that is vital as farmers work hard during harvest season.

Farmer Brian Brekken harvests beans and corn, to feed cattle and turkey, and for ethanol. He owns multiple pieces of John Deere equipment.

"Between the tractors and the combines, probably 10 John Deere," he said.

Brekken is keeping an eye out on the strike but said he isn't concerned about it impacting him.

"Strike's only been five days. We're not too worried yet. But, we got a good network of

dealers here and we'll figure it out," he said.

However, if the strike continues then that could be a problem for some farmers.

"Well before when John Deere's had machines down, you get the parts in the next day. And now they're saying that's not going to happen. So, if one of these went down and we can't get the part. You know, we'll be sitting," Brekken said.

He said some of his combines costs around \$900,000. On Wednesday, the U.S. Secretary of State, Tom Vilsack, visited strikers in Iowa and gave his support to their fight.

"You're the best in the world making farm machinery," he said. "You provide a tremendous product that rural America relies on. It's important and necessary for this issue to get resolved and it's fair and equitable for all of you, cause you work hard and you deserve a fair price."

The effort of John Deere workers, as well as the farmers who use the equipment, goes a long way.

"Us and our neighbors we produce all the food that goes all over the world. And without these things we ain't going to be able to get it there," Brekken said.

John Deere and the United Auto Workers Union are in negotiations.

Last Monday, John Deere gave this statement:

We are fully committed to the collective bargaining process and resolving the strike.

We remain committed to providing our production and maintenance employees with the opportunities to earn the best wages and most comprehensive benefits in our industries."

Fall Harvest



The corn piles at the CFS location in Randolph reappeared this month with the fall harvest continuing in the area.

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Lake Erosion Control Project Will Help Send Cleaner Water Down the Cannon River

By Jennifer Mocol-Johnson
Rice Soil and Water Conservation District

It started out as a simple request, backed by a series of photos shot after a heavy rain. Neighbors Ben and Rachel Streiff and Pete Cook moved to Circle Lake to be close to nature, enjoy outdoor recreation and take in the sunsets. But a growing gully between their two properties threatened that enjoyment.

When the gully persisted after heavy rains washed away their own attempts and a landscaper's efforts, the neighbors knew it was time to contact the Rice Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

The 837-acre lake, added to Minnesota's impaired waters list in 2006 due to excess nutrients, sits on the fringe of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, roughly 7 miles southeast of Lonsdale. The lake is hyper-eutrophic —

very nutrient-rich, with frequent and severe algal blooms and low water clarity. It's also shallow, with a maximum depth of 14 feet. Houses line its shore. The adjacent land is in agricultural production.

Located in the Wolf Creek subwatershed, Circle Lake outlets into Wolf Creek. From there it flows into the Cannon River at Dundas, and eventually the Mississippi River at Red Wing. Thus, soil erosion and its excess nutrients entering Circle Lake affects the water quality of many downstream in the Cannon River Watershed.

An active lake association was part of what attracted Ben and Rachel Streiff to Circle Lake. The Circle Lake Association established the Circle Lake Improvement District in 2019 to generate money for projects that move the lake closer to removal from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) impaired waters list. To Ben Streiff, the lake association's hard work to improve the lake seemed rare. He wanted to be a part of it.

"Growing up, my aunt and uncle lived along Mink Lake near Maple Lake, and when I was younger, they did a project and it drastically improved the water. The lake became crystal clear, with bass and sunfish. It was always in my mind with a lake association that's active and has the lake's best interest in mind."

Good things happen when individuals work together with a common goal, Streiff added. Rice SWCD technician Emmie Scheffler

received Ben Streiff's email request. She served as the liaison among the property owners and Chris Nelson, an engineering technician with the Southeast SWCD Technical Support Joint Powers Board (JPB).

A heavy rain in June 2019 prompted the landowners to contact Rice SWCD.

The land around the drainage tile continued to erode, forming a gully between the Streiff and Cook properties. Sections of the tile were missing or not reinforced.

While both landowners had attempted to stabilize the gully, the erosion continued, and mini sinkholes continued to form. Eventually, the draw between them deteriorated to the point where the retaining wall on Cook's property and sediment along both yards were washing into the lake. The gully was more than they could repair. A landscaper fixed the site, but subsequent rains washed away the repairs.

Meanwhile, the erosion worsened.

Nelson described a sediment plume of soil that entered the lake. Led by Nelson, the JPB determined the best option was to replace the failing tile.

The COVID-19 pandemic added complexity to the project. After Nelson designed it and a contractor was selected, the homeowners learned of statewide PVC piping and materials shortages. The cost of materials fluctuated from \$9 to \$32 per linear foot. The result: A project redesign.

Frustrated, the homeowners contemplated

waiting one year. But after talking to Scheffler and Nelson, they decided to move forward.

Nelson redesigned the project, which was then re-bid. Ultimately, the landowners selected a new contractor. The new design incorporated materials that were more readily available and reasonably priced. Nelson reduced the scope of the project, resulting in fewer, more heavily reinforced joints.

New materials connected to existing systems. The redesign met the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) specifications.

Streiff said the new design worked out better — it preserved the privacy they greatly appreciated by retaining a few trees and lilacs that otherwise would have been removed.

"Working with the SWCD was a good experience. We were happy to have them on our side because they know what to look for. We tried ourselves; didn't work. Hired a landscaper; didn't work. It's nice to have an expert in the field explain how it should be and what would work," said Streiff.

Work finished on July 10. The project's estimated annual pollution reductions include 2.1 tons of sediment and 2.1 pounds of phosphorus. It's estimated to curb soil erosion by slightly more than 6 tons a year and will help send cleaner water down the Cannon River.

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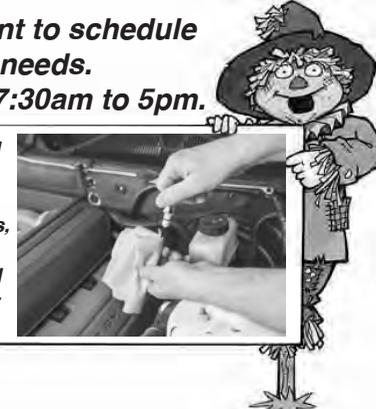
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Lake Erosion Control Project Will Help Send Cleaner Water Down the Cannon River

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The \$19,225 cost of the project was covered by \$15,740 in local capacity funds (a direct Clean Water Fund appropriation from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources [BWSR] to SWCDs) from two fiscal years

for construction, plus technical support from Rice SWCD and the Southeast SWCD Technical Support JPB; and a \$3,485 landowner and Circle Lake Improvement District match.

For questions about the Circle Lake erosion control project, contact Rice SWCD district technician Emmie Scheffler at Emmie.scheffler@riceswcd.org. To learn more about erosion control practices, visit the Rice SWCD website at www.riceswcd.org. If you have an erosion problem on your property, feel free to contact the Rice SWCD at 507-332-5408.

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BEFORE: The worsening gully between neighboring properties on Circle Lake southeast of Lonsdale is shown on June 21, 2019. Landowners worked with Rice SWCD staff and Southeast SWCD Technical Support JPB staff on a solution. To fund the work, the SWCD used local capacity dollars — provided by Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) — and matching dollars from the landowners and the Circle Lake Improvement District.



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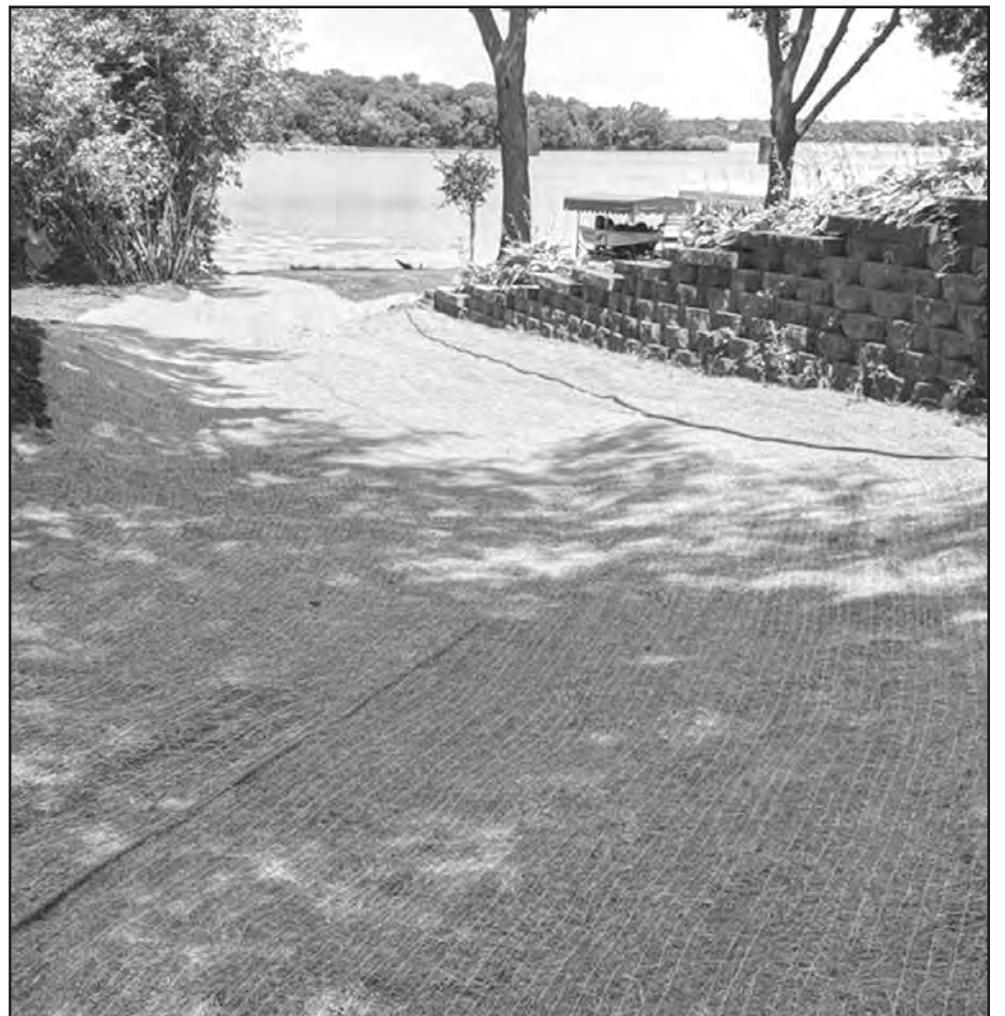
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AFTER: The completed project, seen here on July 21, 2021, incorporated new tile and a regraded slope covered by erosion control fabric made of jute. It will keep an estimated 2.1 tons of sediment and 2.1 pounds of phosphorus out of Circle Lake each year

Rice County Pheasants Forever Selected for 2021 Wildlife Enhancement Award

The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District has selected the Rice County Chapter of Pheasants Forever as the 2021 Wildlife Enhancement Award winners for Rice County.

The Wildlife Enhancement Award recognizes individuals or organizations who do an exemplary job in implementing conservation practices that benefit Rice County wildlife.

For over fifteen years, Pheasants Forever has been committed to improving habitat for pheasants and other wildlife in Rice County. The chapter has put \$750,000 back into the ground to create high-quality habitat. In the Boyd Sartell Wildlife Management Area, funds were used to improve the land in several ways. A food plot was planted to provide food for pheasants and other wildlife during the winter. Native prairie plants were seeded to improve habitat for nesting sites. Thirty acres of trees have been cleared to make way for more native prairie.

The chapter also purchased 100 acres of land which will add habitat to existing wildlife management areas in Rice County.

Along with improving habitat, the Rice County Chapter of Pheasants Forever also promotes the Conservation Reserve Program and provides funding to hire a Farm Bill Conservation Technician for Rice SWCD to implement the program.

In addition to promoting conservation, the Rice County Pheasants Forever sponsors area high school trap shooting teams and also holds the Everett Ostermann Memorial Youth Mentor Hunt in September.

Finally, the Rice County Chapter of Pheasants Forever developed a cost-share program that is available to Rice County landowners who would like to establish, food plots, nesting cover, or woody cover for pheasants. The program pays up to 50% of the landowner's cost after any other available cost-share payments. Pheasants Forever may also be able to provide volunteer labor for your project.

For food plots, a maximum of two acres per food plot may be planted. Pheasants Forever will provide free food plot seed. The location of the food plot must be located within a ¼ mile of good winter cover. The food plot must be planted before to June 10th and remain intact until March 15th of the following spring.

Each year, members of the chapter work with local landowners and public lands across the county to plant around sixty-five acres of food plots. They also give away seed to any landowner willing to plant a food plot.

For nesting cover, an approved seeding plan from the Natural Resources Conserva-



Rice County Pheasant Forever Chapter President Dean Turek and board member Jon Switala stand in the Boyd Sartell Wildlife Management Area where the chapter has been implementing conservation practices to improve local pheasant habitat.

tion Service (NRCS) or Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must be followed. Landowners may plant introduced grasses and legumes such as alfalfa, smooth bromegrass, tall and intermediate wheatgrass, orchard grass, and sweet clover. Another option for landowners includes planting native species such as big bluestem, switchgrass, Indian grass, side-oats gramma, little bluestem, and various native forbs. Site preparation, chemical weed control, fertilizer (if needed), seed, and seeding are eligible for cost-share.

For woody cover, landowners would need to plant a minimum of 10 rows of trees that are at least 200 feet in length. At least four of the rows would need to be planted to conifers. The location of the planting must be in a beneficial location for pheasants. The

planting must be approved by the Rice SWCD, NRCS, or DNR. The cost of the trees, labor, tree mats, and chemical weed control for the first year are eligible for cost-share.

Cost-share payments are made after spot-checking the completed project. To learn more about this unique local program or to receive an application, contact the Rice SWCD at 507-332-5408 or visit our website at www.riceswcd.org.

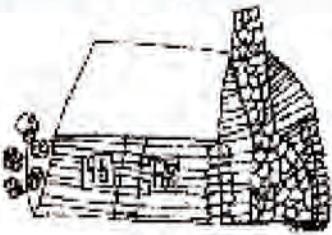
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Teachers Make a Difference



By Harvey Mackay

Years ago a John Hopkin's professor gave a group of graduate students this assignment: Go to the poorest sections of the city. Take 200 boys, between the ages of 12 and 16, and investigate their background and environment. Then predict their future outcomes.

After consulting social statistics, talking to the boys, and compiling much data, the students concluded that 90 percent of the boys would spend some time in jail.

Twenty-five years later another group of graduate students was given the job of testing the prediction. They went back to the same areas. Some of the boys – by then men – were still there, a few had died, some had

moved away, but they got in touch with 180 of the original 200. They found that only four of the group had ever been sent to jail.

Why was it that these men with many disadvantages had such a surprisingly good record? The researchers were continually told: "Well, there was this teacher."

They pressed further and found that in 75 percent of the cases it was the same woman. The researchers went to this teacher, long since retired. How had she exerted this remarkable influence over that group of children? Could she give them any reason why these boys should have remembered her?

"No," she said, "I really couldn't." And then, thinking back over the years, she said musingly, more to herself than to her questioners, "I loved those boys."

Teachers hold a special place in our lives. As we start another school year, it's a perfect time to salute and applaud the people who helped mold us into who we became.

October 5 was World Teachers' Day, so let's celebrate the important role teachers play in all our lives. I learned many life lessons from my teachers that had a significant bearing on my life.

There is no magic formula for being a success. Sure, natural talent can make a big difference. It takes iron determination and lots of hard, hard work. The harder you work, the luckier you get. Success only comes before

work in the dictionary. My mentor Curt Carlson, founder of one of the world's largest privately owned companies, used to say, "You work five days a week to keep pace with the competition. You work Saturday to get ahead."

Stay focused. The person who is everywhere is nowhere. If you have the ability to focus fully on the task at hand, and shut out everything else, you can accomplish amazing things.

Respect has to be given to be received. Respect people for what they are and for what they stand for – even if you don't agree. Be respectful or be regretful.

Dream big. I was taught to aim high and to have dreams that inspire me to go beyond my limits. Show me someone who doesn't dream about the future and I'll show you someone who doesn't know where he or she is going. If you can dream it, you can become it.

Never be afraid to make mistakes. You're bound to fail at some things. Learn what you can and move on instead of beating yourself up. Embrace mistakes as opportunities to grow. If you're not making mistakes, you're not taking any risks. And that could mean you're not making progress.

Remain trustworthy. Trust is the most important word in business, as well as life in general. Trust is central to doing business

with anyone. Without it, you have another word that begins with T: Trouble. It takes years to build trust, but only seconds to destroy it.

There are consequences for bad decisions. Bad decisions are quite different from mistakes, as any teacher can tell you. Deciding to take shortcuts instead of doing the job right, making promises you can't keep – there are consequences that are often difficult to overcome which could be avoided by starting off on the right path.

Make the best of your opportunities. Look for occasions to display your talents and see where it leads you. There's an old saying that you make your own opportunities. Don't sell yourself short.

You can make a difference. Sometimes all a person needs to hear is that they matter. Great teachers inspire that confidence, no matter what the grade or age level. They also set wonderful examples of making a difference in their students' lives, like the teacher who showed all those boys that they had tremendous potential for success.

Mackay's Moral: The best teachers share lessons not found in books.

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For more information on where to get a vaccine, go to: www.co.goodhue.mn.us/1406/Where-Can-I-Get-a-COVID-Vaccine.

Other ways to protect our community are to continue to wear a mask, stay 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, wash your hands often, get tested for COVID-19, cover coughs and sneezes and clean and disinfect highly used surfaces.

Local COVID Testing

COVID-19 testing remains a key part of keeping our students, workers, and families safe. There are many ways for you to get tested for COVID. You can go to a clinic or hospital, or you can visit a no-barrier community testing site run by the State of Minnesota. To find a local COVID testing site that is convenient for you, go to: <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/index.jsp>.

You can also use Minnesota's no-cost Test at Home program. To request a test to be delivered to your residence go to: <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota/> learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-

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For more information on COVID testing, read through the Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Testing page at <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/faq/index.jsp>.

Get Help

COVID has greatly impacted our community in almost every way imaginable. Numerous people are unemployed or need assistance with food, housing, mental health, and more. This website, HYPERLINK "<https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/get-help/index.jsp>" mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/get-help/index.jsp, has many links to resources that our residents may find helpful in this time of great need. If you have questions or would like to discuss local financial support/social services call 651-385-3200.

Booster Shots and 3rd Dose Shots

Moderna

At this time Moderna has not been approved for booster shots but has been approved for third doses shots.

Third dose shots have been approved only for adults 18+ who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or who are diagnosed with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise. If you fall into that category, please contact your health provider.

Pfizer

Pfizer has been approved for third doses

shots for those who are immunocompromised and booster shots. Adults who received the complete two dose series of the Pfizer vaccine can receive a booster shot at least six months after their initial series based on the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance:

Adults 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster;

Adults aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster;

Adults aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster; and

Adults aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting (e.g., frontline medical workers, teachers, and first responders) may receive a booster.

Goodhue County Health and Human is not administering COVID Vaccine booster shots or 3rd dose vaccine shots at this time. If you fit into one of the categories above, call your health provider or go to: <http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/1406/Where-Can-I-Get-a-COVID-Vaccine> or <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp> mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp for more information on vaccine providers, or call the Goodhue County COVID-19 Hotline at 651-385-2000.



Flu Vaccination Clinics

The best protection you can get and give is a flu shot. Did you know 1 in 5 Americans get the flu each year? Don't let the flu stop you! Stop by the Goodhue County-sponsored flu vaccination clinic. Family members are welcome. Minimum age is 6 months & up.

Pine Island Public School
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Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School
November 1st, 3:30 - 6:00pm

Cannon Falls Middle/High School
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Kenyon Wanamingo Elementary
November 11th, 3:00 - 6:00pm

Goodhue Public School
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Cannon Falls Elementary School
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Goodhue County 4-H Members Participate in Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show

Four 4-H youth from Goodhue County participated in the Minnesota 4-H State Horse show Sept. 17-20, 2021. 4-H'ers demonstrate their skills and knowledge in hippology (showing knowledge and understanding of horse training and achievement, speech and demonstrations about interest in horses or the horse industry, showmanship and drill team skills throughout the event.

This year, the following youth were members of the Goodhue County delegation: Tucker Jacobson (Cannon Falls – Cloverdale 4-H Club), Rachel Nesselth (Kenyon-Wanamingo – Aspelund Ever Readies 4-H Club), Charlie Gjemse (Zumbrota-Mazeppa – Zumbrota Busy Bees 4-H Club) and Maggie Mlsna (Cannon Falls – Zumbrota Busy Bees 4-H Club). They each earned their trips during the Goodhue County 4-H Horse Show in August.

Tucker Jacobson in his last year in 4-H had a banner year. He placed 1st in Jumping Figure 8, 4th in Key Race, 5th in Barrels, and 8th in Poles in his age division.

Rachel Nesselth placed 3rd in English Pleasure – Hunt Seat, and 6th in Western Pleasure in her age division

Charli Gjemse placed 4th in Jumping Figure 8, 6th in Barrels and 7th in Key Race in her age division.

All four members showed well, and worked together as a team to keep their stalls clean and all have built lifelong friendships and mentorships through the program. In a unique year, there was a large age gap between our youngest and oldest exhibitors – which gave a fun twist to the group. Always teaching, helping each other out, and giving pointers and advice – a tight knit group was formed.

Congratulations to all on your accomplishments!

With more than 200 screened adult volunteers, 700+ 4-H members and 19 4-H clubs across the county, Goodhue County is ranked one of the largest 4-H programs in Minnesota. To find out more information about 4-H, or to locate a 4-H club in your area, please visit the 4-H website at extension.umn.edu/local/goodhue, or contact the Goodhue County 4-H Extension Educator, Aly Kloeckner, at the Goodhue County Extension Office at (651) 385-3100 or schw1348@umn.edu



L-R: Rachel Nesselth (K-W), Maggie Mlsna (Cannon Falls), Tucker Jacobson (Cannon Falls), Charli Gjemse (Z-M)

Goodhue County 4-H Dairy Judging Team Places Second at All American Dairy Judging Contest



L to R: Evelyn Scheffler, Calvin Benrud, Natalie Clemenson, Caryn Miklas

The Goodhue County 4-H Dairy Judging Team placed 2nd at the 2021 All American Dairy Show Judging Contest in Harrisburg Pennsylvania on Sunday. Coached by Tony and Maizie Scheffler, the team consisted of Calvin Benrud (Goodhue), Natalie Clemenson (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), Caryn Miklas (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), and Evelyn Scheffler (Kenyon-Wanamingo).

Individually Caryn placed first in the contest. All four team members performed well! Congratulations to the team!



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Fall Outdoor Displays



Teri Knight



I love Fall displays. This year I'm not able to do much creating as I recover from hip replacement surgery (yes, I'm young to have it) BUT, that doesn't mean I can't enjoy others...

Eons ago I grew large pumpkins... one weighed about 120 pounds. Huge at the time... NOW they're enormous.

Local garden centers, farmers markets and apple orchards are a great place to pick up those odd curcubitas (as we talked about last week) and find Indian corn, straw bales and corn stalks. Maybe nothing quite as huge as the Gertens display... but there are just so many options now.

You can tie the stalks to bamboo or hidden pvc pipe. Should you use bales of straw or hay for lawn decorations, keep in mind they'll kill your grass if left longer than a few weeks, unless this year's drought season already took care of that!

Those fallen leaves can be used for decoration before composting using kids clothes and rubber bands. Stuff the clothes with the leaves to overflowing closing the holes with rubber bands.

I've put them in wheelbarrows using pumpkins as their heads or prop them up against trees. If you have a penchant for scaring people, hang a few in the trees!

Preserving Fall branches from Martha Stewart. If you go to the site you have to sift through a bunch of advertising...

Materials

- Cut branches with leaves
- Pruning clippers or handsaw
- Hammer
- Deep bucket
- pH testing kit (lemon juice or powdered lime, if pH is off)
- Glycerin (available at local drugstores)
- Surfactant, such as Spreader Sticker (available at local garden centers)
- Florist's wire; wreath form

Steps

Select a dozen or so small but leaf-heavy branches from trees at their peak of color. For best results, cut branches at night. Use ones that have not weathered a frost this season; the process will not work on leaves that have seen a frost. Keep in mind that glycerin will change the leaves' colors. Yellows respond best, becoming more intense; reds and oranges turn a ruddy brown; green magnolia leaves take on a chestnut color but retain their glossy veneer.

Cut branches from trees with pruning clippers or a handsaw. Pound the end of each branch with a hammer to expose its vascular system.

Fill a deep bucket with a half-gallon of water. Test the water with a pH testing kit to make sure it has a pH between 3 and 4. (If pH is too high, add citric acid — lemon juice. If too low, add powdered lime.)

Add 17 ounces (2 cups plus 2 tablespoons) of glycerin and 4 to 5 drops of surfactant to the water. (The surfactant breaks down the glycerin molecules into smaller ones, enabling the branches to absorb glycerin more easily.)

Stand the branches in the bucket; place them out of sunlight while the branches and leaves draw up glycerin. After 3 to 5 days, leaves will feel supple. Magnolia branches may take 3 to 6 weeks to absorb the glycerin.

Pick leaves from branches and, with florist's wire, bind into small bunches. Position a bunch on a wreath form and bind with wire to hold in place. Wire on a second bunch so that leaves overlap wired stems. Continue until circle is complete.

This method is easy and great for indoor and outdoor use making garlands, wreaths or just placing them upright in pots.

Ornamental grasses are great for adding texture, form and, sometimes, color. I have also been known to spray paint spent sedum flowers. You can do the same thing with hydrangea flowers too.

You supply the goblins!

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! Teri's Garden Bite Radio Program can be heard weekday mornings on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM, KYMN Radio from Northfield, MN.



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To the Editor:

On September 30th Enbridge of Canada celebrated the completion of the 1,200 mile Line 3 pipeline from Edmonton to Superior. This \$2.9 billion pipeline across Minnesota has been controversial. But Governor Walz, the PUC, the MN Supreme Court and Army Corps of Engineers all approved.

But the new news for our area is the Koch Refinery in Dakota County will now kick off about \$2 billion for additional projects. A big new co-generation plant will add to electric reliability and use various bi-products of the refinery.

The fifty year old Line 3 was at half capacity due to serious risks of leaks. The new pipe will move an amazing 660,000 barrels daily of Alberta tar sands oil. Because it is a heavy oil, it produces a lot of asphalt, making the Koch refinery one of the biggest asphalt producers in America. Area farmers have had to switch to very low sulphur diesel fuel, and this interestingly requires farmers to put on more sulphur in their fertilizer. So Koch removes the sulphur from the oil and operates a new fertilizer plant that mixes the sulphur with other nutrients, shipped all over from Dakota County.

After all the controversy, isn't it nice to have a completely secure source of motor fuels and fertilizer and even electricity right here in Minnesota. Every time you fill your tank in Goodhue or Rice County, 80% of your gasoline and diesel is coming from clean, dependable Alberta tar sands oil. Don't let anyone kid you. It is indeed clean.

Doug Jones, rural Nerstrand

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Letter to the Editor:

**Kenyon-Wanamingo Referendum:
A Matter of Trust**

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It has been described as the "Mortar that binds leader to follower" (Nanus, 1989). "It is the expectancy that the words, actions, and promises of another individual, group, or organization can be relied on" (Goddard, Tschannen-Moran & Hoy (2001). "If schools are to prosper and succeed, trust is crucial" (Hoy, 2002).

With the aforementioned in mind, I would like to begin with two paragraphs from a letter I sent on August 12, 2020, to the current Kenyon-Wanamingo Superintendent of Schools. Due to the fact that I was concerned about the direction the school district was going, I agreed to set up a meeting with him and a group of retired school board members, businessmen, educators, and farmers from our local community. Unfortunately, not only was my letter never answered, but it would take almost a year before he would meet with us. Could this be why a local farmer recently said, "I would not know him from a bale of hay?" Please note the following:

Dear Mr. Boysen:

Let us begin with the basic condition that you are the school district's superintendent and I am just one of its resident tax payers. Moreover, you have indicated that you want to address declining enrollment and an upcoming referendum; I want the school district to focus on student achievement and a restoration of its "high" standing in the educational community. Furthermore, you and the school board want to increase my property taxes by \$300.00 per year; I want to

know why I would be willing to add this amount to a recent property tax increase (payable in 2020) of \$600.00 per year.

As you move forward, you want to spend time completing a dissertation that will take you elsewhere; I want you to spend time showing us the kind of leadership qualities we have not seen in a longtime. You want to thread the needle by living in Austin, attending Winona State University, taking on the responsibilities of being both a superintendent/elementary principal, and promising us that you can find the balance; I want you to stand before the community and tell us how you are going to take us from where we are today...to where we will go tomorrow...and beyond. It is the least we can expect from our traveling CEO.

As I reflect on what has transpired over the past year, I now realize that a great deal of time was wasted due to the superintendent's on-going delay in meeting with us. While I appreciate the fact that he was new to his job, the chance to meet with a group of learned citizens would have given him a wonderful opportunity to discuss the kind of issues our school district is currently facing. It has been my experience that these are the kind of events whereby leadership and trust are oftentimes born. Once lost, they are hard to recapture.

In preparation for a special election that will be seeking general education revenue in the amount of \$950.00 per pupil unit, I would like to remind the public that school boards are meant to play an important part in providing quality education at the local level. When this does not happen, you start seeing decisions that diminish rather than enhance a program. For instance, you see a decision whereby funds from a recently passed building referendum were used to pay part of a previous superintendent's salary. This is not what the patrons of the school district had in mind when they voted for building upgrades

to the Kenyon and Wanamingo sites.

Secondly, we have seen a recent decision that denied the school district much needed revenue even though the school board promised the voters that the use of our new athletic complex could generate thousands of dollars in general operating funds. Could this misguided decision of putting the Booster Clubs before the patrons be part of the reason that the school district is facing deficit spending for the third time in recent memory?

Thirdly, we have seen a decision that allows the superintendent to live 60 miles from a school district that he claims to represent. Could this be why he is not only unable to meet with patrons who could/would give him valuable insights on who we are and what is important to the community, but after over a year in his current assignment, he has yet to provide us with his plan for the future?

Fourthly, we have seen decisions that continue to allow substandard academic achievement to go unchallenged in spite of the fact that, under the right learning environment, our students are the equal to students anywhere. Could this be why the Minnesota Department of Education continues to report over a decade old concern with **Student Proficiency** or why a local newspaper reporter noted, "There was a time when you were at or near the top of the list." He would go on to say, "What happened?"

Finally, and in what began as a question of leadership and trust, has suddenly evolved into a "bale of hay" and the question that should bring shudders to the school board and its administration: What has happened to Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools? Sadly, if our leadership is unable to find the right answers to our problems, they had better prepare themselves for an outflow of students who will be looking for schools and programs that will do a better job of meeting their respective needs.

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To the Editor:

Going along with the take what you need, leave what you can movement. People have been turning the little book houses you see around that used to contain books, into mini food shelves. There will be a small food shelf opening soon in Sogn Valley at 5530 County 9 Blvd. Dennison, MN 55018. Plenty of parking. There are no hours. Basically, the little barn on our property will be left open. I have two 5ft shelves, a 6ft table, and a refrigerator & freezer. People can just go in and anyone is welcome to take what they need. Leave something if you can. I also foresee clothes, your pocket change, items you think someone could really use being left. Kind of like a place to swap.

In order to open, I am in need of donations of boxed and canned food. Refrigerator & freezer items can be taken as well. If there is a business that has food they just throw away, I can make the rounds a couple times a week.

**Thank you,
Christy Whipple
651-600-9450**



Letter to the Editor

Here is an excerpt from the United States Dept of Education Covid-19 Handbook:

CDC issued an order requiring wearing masks on all public conveyances, including on school buses. Accordingly, regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, regardless of vaccination status, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's order.

As the school bus contractor for Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools, we want to reach out to parents in our community to explain our school bus mask policy — and urge them to please provide a mask for their children and instruct them to wear it while riding the bus.

Parents may not realize that even if your child isn't required to wear a mask in school, they still need to wear one on the bus. The federal government requires passengers and drivers to wear masks on all modes of public transportation, including school buses. This rule has been in effect since 2020 and applies to everyone across the nation, whether you are in Minnesota, South Dakota or Texas. Local contractors, school districts, cities and even the state have no say in this matter.

We are finding that many children are not wearing masks on the bus, and oftentimes do not even have a mask with them when they board. Aside from the cost of having to provide masks to students — which many bus companies are spending their own money to do, with no help from school districts or the state — this puts bus drivers and operators in a legal predicament. If we do not enforce the mask policy, we could potentially be held legally liable.

Further, the Department of Homeland Security recently announced that any passenger—including passengers on a school bus—who does not comply with the mask requirement on public transportation may be fined \$500-\$1,000 for their first offense and up to \$3,000 for their second offense.

School bus drivers are doing our best to adhere to the law and working hard to make sure your children get to and from school safely. Please help ease the stress and burden on bus drivers by making sure your children have a mask and wear it whenever they ride the bus.

**Jon & Mary Held
Held Bus Service**

Letter to the Editor

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A number of years ago I had the privilege to write a position paper for a Regional High School in rural Alaska. During my research, I came across a quotation from the Alaska Commissioner of Education, Dr. Shirley Holloway. In a speech used to confirm her commitment to excellence and in what would become the Quality Schools Initiative, she said, "Nothing is more important for families in our state, and the future of Alaska, than education. The hopes and dreams we have for our children and our communities begins with quality education." Her goal: "To create high standards, academic achievement, excellent teaching, and new partnerships between families and schools." It sure sounds good to me.

Before I conclude my thoughts, let me remind the public that schools are in the business of **student readiness**. Whether or not their students choose to pursue College, Vocational Education, OJT, the Military, or some other form of higher learning, much of their success will be predicated on what happens between Kindergarten and high school graduation. This cannot be accomplished when their Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) show a mathematics proficiency score of 33%; a reading proficiency score of 41%; a college readiness score of

17.5%; and a ranking that places Kenyon-Wanamingo worse than 57.9% of high schools in Minnesota. Is there any wonder why some of our top graduates (3.5 to 4.3 GPAs) are reporting that they are not being prepared for the next level?

In conclusion, permit me to end with two thoughts. First and foremost, I know of no Kenyon or Wanamingo resident who is unwilling to provide our children and/or grandchildren with a quality education. Unfortunately, past practice would seem to indicate that additional operating funds did not solve what has now become an ongoing problem: **Low Student Proficiency**. And second, a close look at the numbers from the Minnesota Department of Education indicate that the problems we are facing were there long before the virus came down the pike. Just remember an old adage that says, "When there is no accountability...there is no performance." It is time for a major overhaul at KWPS.

**Dr. James Russell Lehman,
KHS Class of 1963
Kenyon, Minnesota**

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Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Council Members Monica Gernandt, Jennifer Schwab, Jennifer Valek, Mayor Todd Evavold. Other people in attendance were Public Works Director Steve McDowell, City Clerk Dana Jans, 5 residents and business owners in person and 0 via ZOOM.

Roll Call

Councilpersons Valek, Gernandt, Schwab and Evavold present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

New Business

-Resolution 2021-07, declaring Council vacancy. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to adopt Resolution

2021-07 Declaring Council Vacancy, seconded by Councilperson Valek. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion to appoint Councilperson Dan Pflieger to council by Councilperson Gernandt, seconded by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

-Resolution 2021-08 Accepting the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act ARPA. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to adopt Resolution 2021-08 seconded by Councilperson Schwab. Motion passed unanimously.

-Resolution 2021-09 Final Operating Tax Levy motion to adopt by Councilperson Gernandt, seconded by Councilperson Schwab. Motion passed unanimously.

-Council consideration of accepting donation from Lake Country Community Bank in the amount of \$389.42 for library supplies. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt, seconded by Councilperson Valek passed unanimously.

Public Works

-Street work from 3rd to 2nd to fix drainage issue. Culvert fixed at Kielmeyer and 246. Transducer at the lift station went out and had to be replaced. The well was pulled and went fine. Generator is getting pushed to October. Needs to be done by the end of the year. Rick Valek completed the pads for the generator at no cost. Flushing hydrants is coming up but no date has been selected at this point.

City Clerk

-Jans requested to attend Clerks Academy October 7 and 8. Motion by Councilperson Schwab for Clerk to attend, seconded by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

-Consideration of getting a debit card through Lake Country Community Bank. Motion to start the process by Councilperson Gernandt, seconded by Councilperson Valek. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

-School is looking for substitute paras. Contact the school if interested.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by;

Dana Jans

Nerstrand City Clerk



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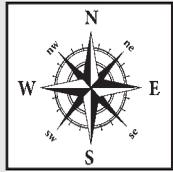
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes End of an Era



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.

Twenty-one years ago, I began my life in the newspaper business. It was actually quite by accident. I wasn't intending to help out for more than a few months but ended up buying the paper and the rest is history.

One of the first acquaintances I made were the folks who printed the newspaper each week. In those days we would layout the pages by pasting printed copies on a large sheet and then deliver them to the printer. After printing, the bundled papers would be hauled back to the post office and distributed to retail locations.

Leonard, Margaret and Jeff Bauman owned the press, a business called Country Impressions near Waseca, where we printed each week. I would drop the pages off at 8am and return in the afternoon to pick up the newspapers. The smell of printer's ink and the hum of the big machinery rolling newspapers fresh off the press was exciting. Johannes Gutenberg would have been so proud. At one time they printed nearly every small-town newspaper in this area, about twenty-eight by our recollection.

Early on we had a mishap. One week somehow a page was omitted and the press spit out all copies of our West Concord Enterprise with one blank page in the middle. I didn't notice it until I was back at the office with all copies printed and distributed. The next week I pulled out a copy at the printer and paged through it to see if any were missing. I looked up and there was Leonard, Margaret and Jeff looking at me, rather concerned from around the office door. I never found out whose fault the missing page was.

Being an ambitious young man back then I

would spend hours doing sales calls in Owatonna. It was a lucrative market back then and I made lots of ad sales. Actually, too many sales for one certain person. Elsie Slinger was the owner of the Blooming Prairie Times and she took offense at the number of Owatonna businesses I was selling ads to. She called me up and informed me I was to lay off Owatonna sales calls and I should sit in my office like a good sales person and wait for the businesses to call me. I guess that way she could get those sales. Naturally being a farm boy who always took the bull by the horns and made my own way in life, I couldn't believe someone would have the gall to feed me this line of bull. Needless to say, the phone conversation degenerated rapidly and I informed her that we lived in a free country and I could sell to anyone I pleased.

Maybe that would have been the end of the issue, except that when I dropped off the paste up sheets that next Tuesday morning, who should I see but Elsie Slinger, there picking up her Blooming Prairie Times. She was still steaming from our phone call earlier and launched into a tirade at me. This was better, now we had an audience for the fight. It is amazing at how calm and articulate one can be when they are right and the other person is crazy. When Elsie stormed out, I looked up and saw Leonard, Margaret and Jeff looking cautiously at me from around the office door. I am fairly certain they were expecting some kind of bloodshed from this confrontation. From then on Elsie picked up her papers later, I sold ads to every business in Owatonna as well as some in Blooming Prairie and I never crossed paths with her again.

Over the years I became great friends with the Bauman's and enjoyed visiting with them every week. The number of newspapers they were printing dwindled down to ours and a couple others and they ceased printing newspapers and retired at the end of September. I am going to miss those guys. As for Elsie, she wrote a murder mystery book.

A Minnesotan: Bundled Up



By RosaLin Alcoser

October 31st, 1999 was my very first Halloween in Minnesota. I was three years old at the time, and I went trick-or-treating in my snow boots. It was a light dusting of snow. But as a newcomer to Minnesota, who had minimal experience with snow, I remember it as more than a light dusting.

Halloween of 2002 was my first Halloween in Mazeppa. I remember that my sister and I went trick or treating as a pair of Dalmatian puppies. It was a warm Halloween or at least warm for a Minnesotan Halloween. At least I think that I remember it being warm. Honestly, I have no idea I was six, and the Dalmatian costume was mostly made up of sweats.

There have been relatively warm Halloweens in my childhood as well as years when it snowed. There was one year when it snowed, and I refused to wear my coat up to the houses while out trick or treating. Because if I wore my coat, then my costume couldn't be seen. And really if you can't see the costume then what's the point? The true mark of a good Halloween costume is that it can be worn over a snowsuit if need be.

Which brings me back around to last Halloween; which was really my first truly grown up Halloween meaning that I was the one handing out the candy and not the trick-or-treater or at the high school or college Halloween event meant to keep us contained for the evening.

Last year was 2020 so the trick-or-treaters were really just the kids on our street due to COVID and it was also a cold year. So when the neighbor's child was outside our house for trick-or-treat they were bundled up... and as far as I know to this day that was the costume. The kid was just bundled up; reminding us all that the mark of a truly good Halloween costume in Minnesota is the ones that can go over your snowsuit.



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