

# Goodhue-Bellechester Messenger May 2021

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# Announcements

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

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

• Goodhue County Health & Human Services Immunization Schedule, located at 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN. January through July 1st, Tuesday 1-4pm; August through December, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 651-385-3200 or 1-800-950-2142.

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

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

# Community Rallies Around Goodhue County 4-H at 18th Annual Hog Roast

By Alyson Kloeckner, Goodhue County 4-H Extension Educator

After missing a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the community turned out in force to support Goodhue County 4-H at the 18th Annual Hog Roast Fund-Raiser!

A large crowd of supporters attended the 4-H Hog Roast Fund-Raiser on April 25, raising funds through meal ticket sales, online auction proceeds and in-kind donations.

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Volunteers and 4-H Members packaged meals at stations inside the Goodhue Lions Building

# 2021 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses



Goodhue County Dairy Association is proud to announce the crowning of four amazing ladies as the county's 2021 Dairy Princesses. Madison Bartholome, Cassandra Hinsch and Chelsey Lexvold have all been crowned and are excited to represent the county and promote the goodness of dairy. This year all three girls are from Goodhue. (continued on page 4)

# Goodhue School Board Announces Graduation Schedule

The commencement exercises will be held Sunday June 6th at 1:30pm in the Gym #2. Students will be issued tickets and their guests will be required to register to attend. The program will be live streamed for those who are not able to attend. Afterward a car parade will take place.

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# Goodhue City Council Discusses Senior Living Homes and Solar Panels

The council has approved the new senior living complex but is waiting on the development agreement pending water and sewer extensions for the project.

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# Religion

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**By Pastor Colleen Hoeft** 

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

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

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

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



sions to save her son.

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

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

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Confirmation Class 5:45 on Wednesday at St Peter's. 8:30a.m. Quilting and Bible Study on Wednesday at St

Peter's, and 10:30a.m. Midweek Bible Study

on Thursday at St Peter's.

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

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

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

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

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

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Armed with a Bow Scripture Reading — Revelation 6:2

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

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

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

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

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

### Prayer

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

### ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD

Pastor Steven Frentz, 28961 365th St., Goodhue 651-923-4438 • Email: stpeter@sleepyeyetel.net 10:30a.m. Worship

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hometownmessenger@gmail.com



# Obituaries

### **Bernard "Ben" Linaman** Bernard "Ben" Linaman, 90, of Kenyon,



2021, in 5 Colorado Springs, CO, after complications from a stroke. Bernard Frederick Linaman was born January 20, 1931, Bellechester, in Wabasha County, to

Agnes (Megears) Linaman. He was baptized in Bellechester. He attended country school through the 8th grade. On July 18, 1952, he entered into the United States Army where he was a cook. On June 18, 1954, he was honorably discharged and returned home.

On June 21, 1958, he married Glenora Voxland at Holden Lutheran Church, Ben and Glenora made their home south of Kenyon where he was a farmer for most his life before moving to town in 1993 from the family farm. Ben also worked at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, RYT-way in Northfield, the photo lab at Walmart in Owatonna and Treasure Island in Red Wing until he retired.

Ben was a member of Hegre Lutheran Church. He loved spending time in his wood shop making tables, shelves, canes, or any other project people asked of him. He was always building something. He also enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and

died Monday, April Fred and traveling.

He is survived by two sons, Tommy (Denise) Linaman of Kenyon and David Linaman of Owensville, Missouri; one daughter, Lynette Linaman of Chanhassen; eight grandchildren, Fay (Todd) Crouse, Scott (Ashley) Linaman, Mark Linaman, Craig (DeeAnna) Linaman, Samantha Linaman, Andrew Linaman, Jessica (Runner) Chandler, and Casey Beam; twenty-two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim Linaman of Mesa, Arizona and Donald Linaman of Nevada; one sister, Donna Merkel of Spring Valley, Minnesota; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Glenora in 2002; his parents; three brothers, Louie, Fred and Frank; one sister, Helen Winslow

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Hegre Lutheran Cemetery.

### **James Edward Howard**

Goodhue, Banner 2021. Jim was born in Hastings, MN on December 13, 1936 to ed from Hastings High School in 1954 and served in the Army from 1955-1958. Jim and Jordis were married on December 19. 1964. He was a journeyman electrician and retired from Local 343 in 1999. He spent his retirement golfing in the winter in Sunland Village Mesa, AZ and spent summers helping Erich on the farm in the Goodhue area of MN. Jim was an avid golfer and belonged to the Men's Golf League. He enjoyed life and loved his family. Jim's favorite things in life were golfing, cars, traveling, running for farm parts, visiting with people, and eating donuts, cookies, and candy.

Jim is survived by his wife Jordis; daughter Kari (Erich) Hemenway; grandchildren Kaitlin (Hunter) Traynor and Mitchell Hemenway; great-grandsons Ryder and Abel Traynor and nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Phyllis Tix and Jane Bohne, and nephew Steven Bohne.

Burial and celebration of life will be at a later date in Minnesota.

# Milford "Pete" Klindworth

Milford "Pete" Klindworth, 96, passed

away on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at The Bluffs in Lake City.

Pete was born on March 31, 1925 in Chester Township in Wabasha County to John & Emma Weich) Klindworth. He farmed in the

Goodhue Area and owned and operated a Plumbing business in Bellchester. He married Donna Rutz May 5, 1990 at in Bear Valley at St. John;s Lutheran Church. They lived in Lake City. Pete was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake City.

Pete is survived by his wife, Donna of Lake City; Step-son, Richard (Kathy) Holst of Lake CityHe is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Linda Soifakis and a sister Marcella "Sally" Schreader.

A Private Graveside Service was held at St. John's Cemetery in Lake City.Mahn Family Funeral Home Anderson - Peterson Chapel Lake City.



# Calvin M.J. Buck



passed away on Dec. 17, 2020 at the Minneapolis Veterans hospital. He was born in Goodhue, MN. He was the son of Gust and Cecilia Steman Buck. He married Jeanette Kuehn of Mazeppa

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MN in 1950. He served in the Korean War and was awarded the Silver Star.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Jeanette, daughters Kathy Brix(Dennis), Virginia Stinchfield(Todd), and son Jeffery Buck(Shirley). Thirteen grandchildren, and twenty four great grandchildren. Sister LaVonne Olson, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

Service will be held on June 4, 2021 at Trinity of Minnehaha Falls, 5212-41st Avenue South in Minneapolis, MN. Visitation at 10AM, and celebration of life at 11AM. Burial will follow the service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

### **Genevieve Siems**

Genevieve Siems, 96, of Mazeppa, died



Sunday. She was born on October 30, 1924 in Bellechester, MN to Peter and Susan (Miller) Arendt. She grew up in the Mazeppa and Bellechester area. Genevieve and Glen were married on September 7, 1949

and raised a son and daughter.

She enjoyed being with her family, cooking, baking big family meals, embroidering, crocheting, and working with her flowers.

She is survived by her son, Ken (Carole) Siems; daughter, Sue (John) Rouchka; Grandsons, Troy, Jarrett Siems, and Tom Rouchka; and her brother, Ervin (Mary Ellen) Arendt.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Glen; parents; brothers; sisters; step-brothers; and step-sisters.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel on April 7, 2021 from 4pm - 7pm with a prayer service at 6:45pm.

Funeral Mass was private at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa.

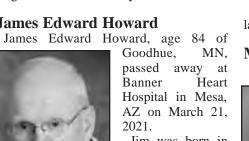
Burial was at Mazeppa cemetery following Mass.





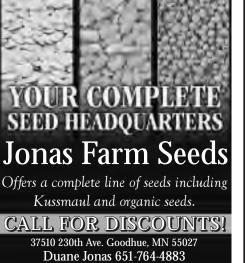
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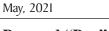


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Eleanor (Niederkorn) Howard. He graduat-Calvin M.J. Buck 92 of Eagan, MN

# Goodhue Co. Dairy Princesses

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



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

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



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



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# Community Rallies Around Goodhue County 4-H at 18th Annual Hog Roast

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This year the entire event was takeout or drive through, and while the committee expected a nominal decrease in those served, the previous record of 1,060 meals served was blown out of the water with 1,788 served in just over two hours.

This annual event, which raises money for the Goodhue County 4-H Program and to bring together the community to celebrate 4-H, was held at the Goodhue Lions Community Center in Goodhue. At one point the drive through line stretched four blocks! The auction was hosted online through Houghton's Auction Service and was a resounding success.

All 20 Goodhue County 4-H community clubs and their families participated by selling meal tickets prior to the Hog Roast. Club also donated a "themed" basket or item used in the Hog Roast auction.

Many businesses and individuals across the county donated cash, store items and gift certificates, which were used in the Hog Roast silent and live auctions as well. The hogs were all donated by the Patterson Family of Kenyon. Of course an event like this doesn't happen without the skills and talents of many invested youth and adult volunteers and 4-Hers. A county-wide fundraising committee, consisting of adult volunteers and youth leaders, pulled together to manage such details as the advertising, ticket sales, donations, food, drive through, auctions, volunteers and more.

All proceeds from the Hog Roast go to support 4-H Programming on a county level in Goodhue County, such as 4-H camps, educational workshops, leadership programs, civic engagement opportunities, State Fair trips and more. After a year of no fundraisers due to the pandemic, and continued programming, this year a successful Hog Roast was an immediate need.

4-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in Minnesota. 4-H in Goodhue County is ranked the 3rd largest county 4-H program in Minnesota. 4-H, as part of the University of Minnesota Extension, is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship. The program promotes life skills using your head, heart, hands and health.

To find out more information about 4-H, or to locate a 4-H club in your area, visit the Goodhue County 4-H website at extension.umn.edu/local/goodhue, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/goodhuecounty4h or contact Goodhue County 4-H at the Goodhue County Extension Office at 651-385-3100, or mnextgoodhue@umn.edu.

Volunteer Julie Braford (Red Wing) helps 4-H members Hunter Smith (Red Wing) and Ben Dierks (Wanamingo) with distribution of Auction items at the door.



Volunteers Cassi and Mark Hanson (Cannon Falls) preparing food in the kitchen to keep the packaging stations full.

# Order Your Goodhue Lions Community Events Calendar Today!

The Goodhue Lions are taking orders for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Goodhue Lions Community Events Calendar for the 2021/2022 calendar year which begins in September, coinciding with the start of the school year.

If you have received a Goodhue Lions Community Events Calendar in the past you know how important it can be! You may have wished someone a happy birthday or happy anniversary, simply by being reminded when looking at the calendar? Maybe you have checked the calendar for a Goodhue school activity, the date of a community event or used it as that quick one stop spot for a phone number or email address of one of the 42 local businesses listed on the cover page.

Getting you and your family's birthday or anniversary included on the calendar is easy! Simply print the form from the Goodhue Lions Facebook page or pick the form up at Royal Auto, C&G Hardware or Voth Insurance in Goodhue, add your family Information, and mail it with a \$10 payment for each calendar before May 31<sup>\*\*</sup>, 2021.

In addition to providing the community with valuable and fun information, proceeds from the calendar are circulated back into the community through Lions donations to local food shelves, disaster relief, diabetes, vision, childhood cancer and environmental programs.

Please pass this information on to friends and family who may also be interested in being included on this year's Goodhue Lions Community Events Calendar.

If you have already submitted the order form along with your payment. THANK YOU

The Goodhue Lions truly do appreciate your continued support!

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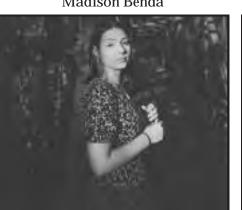


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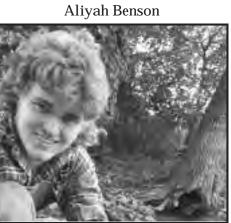
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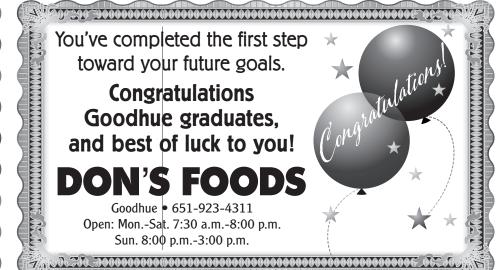






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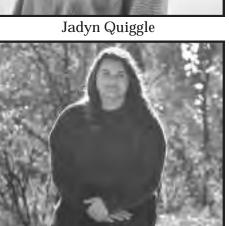


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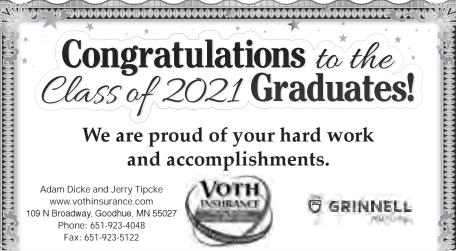




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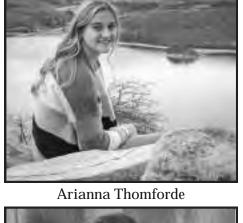


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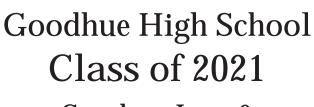




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Sunday, June 6 1:30p.m. in Gym 2

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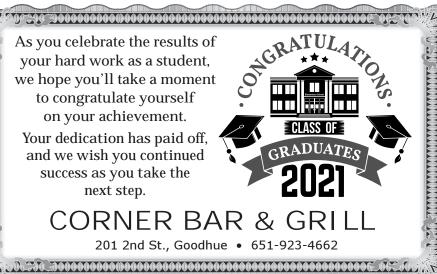
Colors: Purple and Silver

Motto: "I don't know where I'm going from here but I promise it won't be boring." - David Bowie

**Congratulations!** 

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# Congratulations Class of 2021!

We salute the hard work and dedication that got you here. As you complete this journey with your classmates, please know you have made us proud and we wish you all the best.



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# Support the VFW **Poppy Sales**

Before Memorial Day in 1922, VFW members conducted the first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars of the United States, as it remains today.

In 1923 it was decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, the name Buddy Poppy was registered with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the organization all trademark



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rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. This trademark is a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.

The Buddy Poppy was inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Field", written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres. According to legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially dissatisfied with his work, discarded it. "In Flanders Fields" was first published on December 8 of that year in the London magazine Punch.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses row on row.

That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved and now we lie In Flanders fields.

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:* To you, from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow, In Flanders fields.



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# Health

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# **Exercise for the** health of it!

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By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Exercise is widely considered to be the answer for weight loss, heart disease and diabetes prevention as well as overall health. When the topic of cancer comes up, exercise is not usually mentioned as a treatment or preventative tool. But according to recent research, exercise can help lower your risk of cancer; help cancer patients recuperate at a faster rate and diminish your risk of cancer recurrence. Exercise can also help lower your risk of dementia. If you are a man in your middle age, exercising on a regular basis was shown to cut your risk of lung cancer by 55 percent and bowel cancer by 44 percent. Exercise also reduced the risk of dying from lung, bowel, and prostate cancer by nearly one-third. As we age, health concerns start to include the health of our brain. Diseases like Alzheimer's and senile dementia are extremely prevalent in our society. In seniors who are at high risk of dementia, studies have shown that cognitive decline can be reduced with a comprehensive program addressing diet, exercise, brain training, and managing metabolic and vascular risk factors.

Thought for the Week: Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it. ~Plato

Chiropractic Thought for the Week: Although chiropractic care is not normally associated with allergy relief or chronic sinus trouble, it offers a profound and medically sound method for improving wellbeing and fending against common, everyday afflictions. This is achieved through the release of stress on the nervous system, which then permits the immune system to function more effectively - a requirement for all allergy sufferers. In fact, recent research has demonstrated a distinct relationship between the two that entails the nervous system "tipping off' white blood cells about the presence of all forms of bodily invaders. Chiropractic performs this task by correcting body malfunctions produced by vertebral subluxations, a common spinal distortion that puts stress on the nervous system. Freed of nervous system stress, the body can then work more effectively to neutralize allergy-causing chemicals, build healthy immune systems and energize malfunctioning defense mechanisms.

Further Explanation on my why I think people of child bearing years should give serious thought before getting the Covid-19 vaccination: As I have mentioned, the covid-19 vaccination is not really a vaccination per say, as it does not conform to any protocols concerning the science and manufacturing of vaccines. Covid-19 inoculations are a molecular gene therapy that uses messenger RNA to direct the body to create antibodies to the covid-19 virus. My concern is that this can have an effect on genetics in your body and then the changes are passed onto your offspring. A 2006 study shows that sperms cells can take up foreign messenger RNA and convert it into DNA and release it as plasmids in the cell space around the fertilized egg. The embryo then takes the plasmids and clones them into daughter or duplicate cells throughout its



life and even passing them on to future generations. The controversy over this topic stems from the drug manufacturer scientists adamantly stating that this cannot happen, while scientists and researchers not connected with these companies point to research that says it can happen and does happen. My concern is that the answer to

this question will not show up today or tomorrow and we will not know the answer for years. This type of information usually comes to light after years of vaccine testing, which did not happen with the Covid-19 vaccine.



# MISSY'S MESSAGE HEALTHY HABITS!

A couple months back I talked about getting more steps in. I have

MISSY PAPENFUS

been trying to get into a new routine. I am happy to report my step count last week was over 60,000. I've been hitting the 50,000 step mark each week for the past few months, and it was time to STEP IT UP A NOTCH, pun intended.

I like to start off the day with exercise, because when I do not do it right away, it is too easy to not do it. Reporting back, keeps me more accountable. The weather is getting a little nicer, so it is easy to get a quick walk in during the workday. Going shopping or running errands is another way I like to sneak in some extra steps. I get an easy 1000 steps walking to the post office each day.

I have been fighting a cough for about two weeks, and it has been hard for me to get exercise in. I feel like I am starting over with better habits. It is time to get back at it and get serious. I have a friend I have been texting back and forth to keep each other more accountable. Starting small keep adding more healthy habits. Drinking more water, keeping a food journal. Make a plan, and sticking to it. Reporting back to someone has been working a lot better for me. My problem has been that I quit reporting back and then digress into old habits or no habits.

# Memo from MotoProz....

Hustler Mower season is here! Save time mowing with a Hustler! Come see what a Hustler Zero turn is all about! The place to go is MotoProz!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

### May, 2021

### Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes March 17, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Jered Buxengard, Rich Majerus, Mark Gerken as well as Lisa Redepenning and Treasurer Kyle McKeown as well as city Engineer Matt Mohs. Council member Kyle Blattner was absent. Luke Morgan, Steve Gappo, Dan Schell, and Sam Gadient were also present.

Minutes of February, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

### **Old Business:**

• Portable Generator – update progress. Electrician was in today and looked installing a switchbox.

# NOTICE – City of Bellechester is looking for a Part time Mowing Position

We will be looking for a mowing/weed whipping position for this summer for the city. If you are interested in doing this for the summer, please contact a council member and we will discuss at next meeting.

# Local Government

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• Sewer Grant – update progress. Matt provided an update on financial opportunities for this. There are 3 avenues for possibility of getting grants to help out. Everything is going as plan. We may be able to use the recent Federal COVID money to assist in this project.

• ADA bathroom for Community Center/Raffle – update progress. Someone looked into the place that was discussed and it would work in that location. We are not certain on the exact cost as of right now could be upwards of \$20,000. That will be followed up on. There is a gun raffle currently in place to assist in the cost of this. Drawing is June 5th. We are also asking local business/organizations for donations.

• Bellechester lions club – update. There was a meeting with 25 members that signed up and qualifies for us to have our own club. 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 at the Community Center. They will be involved in helping Bellechester. If you are interested in joining or receiving information on the club, you can contact Jody Gordon.

### New business:

• Participating in a consolidation agreement with Goodhue County and the US Census for civil boundary updates. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to decline on the participation of this agreement with Goodhue County. Motion carried.

• Luke Morgan from SE Choppers – discuss event in town in August. Luke Morgan presented background information on the club and what they do for organizations and communities locally and across the state. He also discussed how current events they hold are run. They are looking at August

# City of Goodhue Council Meeting Minutes April 14, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Members present: Mayor Kerry Bien, Wayne Hahn, Patrice O'Reilly, Terry Anderson Buck & Jason Thuman. Also present were Richard Gorman, Chris Heath, Nicole Miller, Scott Fenske, Reese Sudtelgte, Michelle Simms & Steve Voth; also present via Zoom were Melissa Meyers, Brad Servin & Brad Boettcher

Motion by Hahn, seconded by Anderson Buck to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by O'Reilly seconded by Thuman to approve the council minutes of March 24, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by Anderson Buck to approve the special meeting minutes of April 5, 2021. Motion carried.

Michelle Simms from US Solar returned for a conditional use permit. She will bring more information to the April 28th meeting.

Motion by O'Reilly, seconded by Anderson Buck to approve Ikwe Development's senior housing site plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Thuman, seconded by O'Reilly to approve Steve Voth's new storage building permit. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by O'Reilly to approve motor control purchase or \$34,282.00 for the wastewater plant. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by Hahn to approve Joseph Elder's new deck permit in accordance to all setbacks. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by O'Reilly accept summer quotes from Thomforde Enterprises & Augie's Trucking. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to place No Parking signs on the east side of 4th Street between 3rd & 4th Ave. Motion carried.

The council will meet at 6:00 pm on April 28th for a training session on street assessments.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Agre, City Clerk

14th for this end of year event in Bellechester in the current park/ball field. They are unable to do it at the previous location they were at due to closure of the that establishment and are looking for a new place to establish this event for this year and in the future. They would come the night before to setup as well as vendor

setup also. The general public is welcome for this family-friendly event and it is no charge. Tentative event times are 11/12:00 start to 1:00 am which will include food and beverages provided by Tavern, live bands, bon fires, raffles etc. is anticipated at this event. The club is responsible for the complete assembly and clean up of the space they use for this event. Street closures will be needed. Approximate attendance can be 300-400 people. This event will follow all state-mandated COVID rules that will be in place at that time. Onsite camping was discussed. SE Choppers provide their own security at their events both members and attendees. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to allow SE Choppers to have this event on August 14th. Motion carried.

• Storage Shed Request – BC Court -Jered Buxengard inquired on the specifics of storage shed requirements.

• Man Hole Cover Inquiry - Sam Gadient asked about the holes that were dug for the manhole cover issues. It is on the land he rents and he wanted more information on them. These manhole covers that need to be raised are necessary for the water infiltration project that is currently in place. We will update Sam on the future progress on this.

• Set time for April Meeting – Council will meeting in conjunction with the Board of Equalization meeting in April with a start time of 5:00. This will affect the April meeting only.

**Clerk Report** – **Garbage Bill** – We received \$1282.90 in and paid \$1,315.12 out for February. Micro Loan Payment -\$46,275 was done 2/1. \$138,000 of principal and \$6950 of interest is remaining. Board of Equalization Meeting – I received the official notice from both counties and it they set each county to have their own time. Goodhue County Residents @ 5:00 -Wabasha County Residents @ 5:00 -Wabasha County Residents @ 5:30. Will need to discuss if you want to meeting during this time, starting at 5:00, as there will be no county representatives present, only available via phone. 2nd Quarter Utility Billing – will be mailed later this month.

**Treasurer Report** – Shut offs were discussed as well as deposits of checks. Deposits are generally made every 2 weeks. If you drop off your payment at the Bank, it is not immediately cashed. It needs to be processed and recorded on our utility program first before deposit.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – There is a leak in the south well house that has occurred again. Kyle has all the parts to fix issue. Water may be need to be off for less than ½ hour to fix.

Mayor Concerns: None Council Concerns: None

Adjourn

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm. Next meeting is April 13 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Bellechester

Community Center. Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

### NOTICE – City of Bellechester is looking for a

**Part time Mowing Position** We will be looking for a mowing/weed whipping position for this summer for the city. If you are interested in doing this for the summer, please contact a council member and we will discuss at next meeting.

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

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

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

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

• Power Outages – If you have power outage in your home, please check Xcel's website for an update on current outages and contact them directly as they provide the power for Bellechester.

# Goodhue School Board Announces Graduation Schedule

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Spring activities planned include a bicycle trip for the sixth grade on Wednesday May 19th and the following week for the seventh graders. They will follow a trail from Cannon Falls to Red Wing. A Spring Fling fun day is in the works as a powder puff football game or a junior boys against senior boys volleyball game.

# Goodhue City Council Discusses Senior Living Homes and Solar Panels

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In other large building projects the city has covered the cost for the water and sewer utilities to the site. Without an estimate for the project, the council is waiting to find out the anticipated expense.

An additional mini storage building plan was approved by the council. These thirteen units will be larger than the existing units.

The proposed solar farm has been scaled back in size because 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acre of the farm was outside the city limits, requiring approval from the county. The electrical output will still be the same, but there will be more solar panels in a smaller footprint generating enough electricity for 225 homes. The solar farm is intended to be decommissioned after twenty-five years and the panels removed and recycled. Changes in Latitudes, **Changes in Attitudes** 



**By Terry Campbell** This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

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

I let my dog out in the yard and when I walked around the deck the robin was still hopping along the ground, but seemed a little distressed. My chocolate lab, Sable, always comes out of the door in the morning like a jet taking off. As she circled the house for the first time came tearing by and the robin tried to fly away but sort of crash landed after a few feet, with the dog run-

ning right over top of the hapless bird. I picked the bird up, and set it in the box of the Gator so the dogs wouldn't be tempted to harass it. They are retrievers after all, and bringing me a feathered prize would be quite in character for them. The robin weakly looked at me and huddled up in the Gator box in a defeated and disheveled manner.

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



# A Minnesotan: **Third Winter**



By RosaLin Alcoser

The thing that we all know about spring in Minnesota is that the weather can literally do anything. April 2021 alone went from being in the 70's on Easter Sunday to shifting into the third winter. Because after all we already had the first and second winter; how could we even live without a third winter? That would just be unheard of and unthinkable!

The point is that anything can happen in Minnesota's spring months. It can be snowing one day and 100 degrees the next; well maybe not 100 degrees but it can get quite warm.

I remember in May of 2012 it went from being alright weather in the mid to lower 50s to snowing on Mother's Day weekend.

The reason I remember it is because that Mother's Day weekend is also the weekend that I went to junior prom in the snow. The snow that weekend made for many memorable photos for a lot of my peers that year. Alot of people posted Facebook photos that weekend of them dressed up for prom and playing in the snow.

I on the other hand was posed in front of a dead lilac bush; that had been in full bloom the Mother's Day weekend the year before. I remember it being cold, windy and a bit awkward standing on a shoveled off strip of brown grass in front of this dormant bush for photos.

While I am sure that 2012 was not the only Mother's Day snow that I or any of us have seen it is definitely one that sticks in my mind because of that bush. With any hope the good weather that we have seen at the end of April will be sticking with us for the rest of this spring and lead us into the summer months... or it will snow mid May because it's Minnesota and it has to do a fourth winter this year.

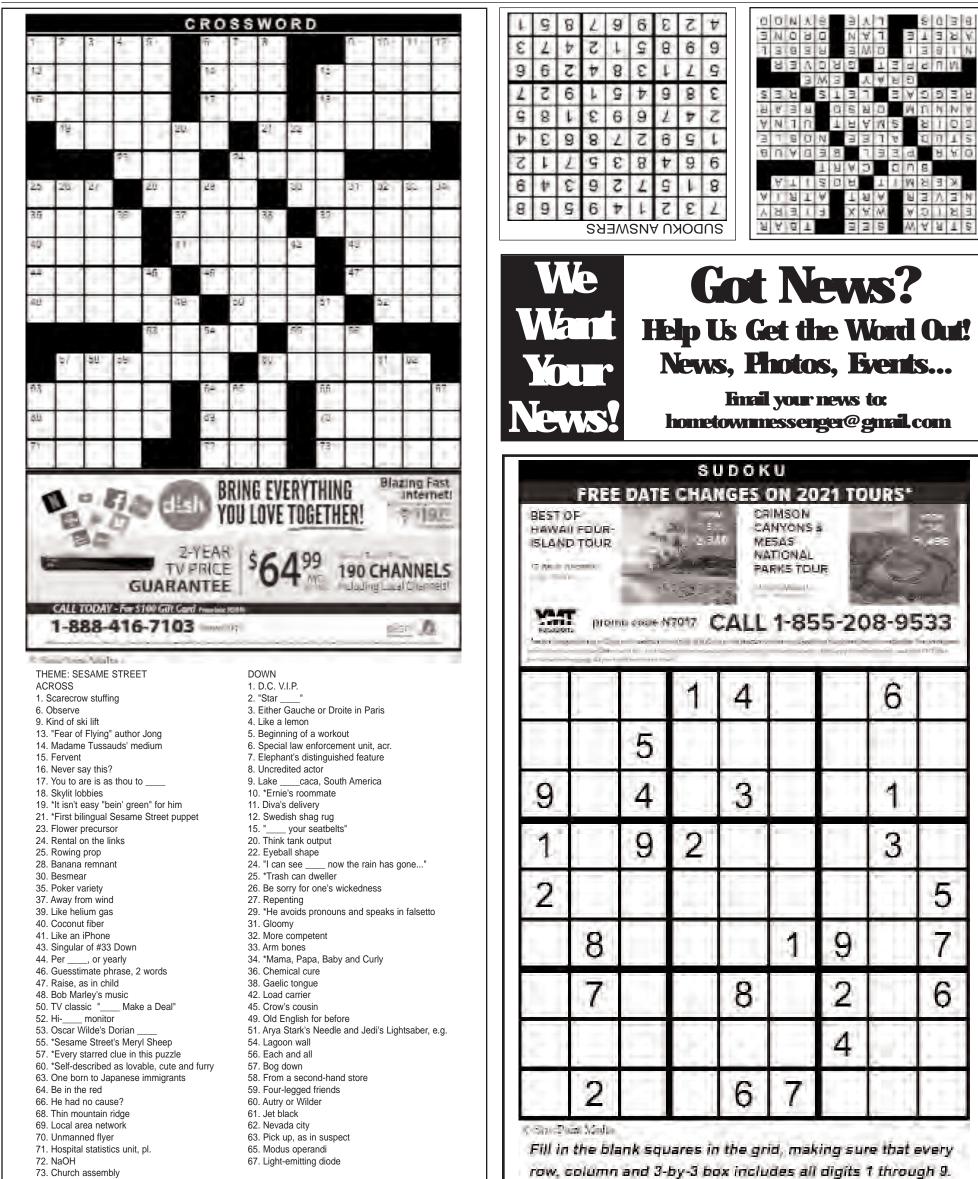
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# Entertainment

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**State FFA Secretary Farms Goodhue Area** 

Nicole Koziolek was elected state FFA secretary on Saturday. Nicole is a member of the Randolph FFA chapter and is currently a freshman at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul, where she is studying agricultural communications and marketing. Nicole and her parents live in Northfield and own and operate a 800 acre crop farm near Goodhue, Minnesota.

Nicole was the Randolph FFA chapter president during her junior year and served as Region 8 secretary as well as Randolph FFA chapter vice president as a senior in high school. She was elected as Region 8

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president for 2020-21 and will now serve the 2021-22 State FFA as secretary.

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Nicole applied for a state FFA office on March 1st and advanced to the final selection last Friday. She submitted a resume, letters of recommendation and pictures and after many interviews including written tests and speeches, was elected on Saturday by a panel of teachers, industry professions and peers.

Her supervised Ag experience has been raising crops on twenty-acres she rents. She has taken care of tillage, planting, fertilizing, harvesting and marketing the crop over the last five years. She followed a soybean/corn rotation selling the soybeans as seed to Pioneer Seeds and the corn through the elevator and ethanol plant. This last year she sold food grade beans to Japan.

She also has some show hogs she is raising. Now that she has graduated from High School she is more active in the farming operation. Her parents are Steve and Carolyn Koziolek. Dad works for Rosen's Diversified Inc., a company that sells yield enhancement products for the agricultural market and mom is an accountant with Minnesota Ag Group. Nicole plans to find a career with an ag company in product development or marketing after graduating from college and will also stay involved with the family farm.



Nicole Koziolek





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