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Announcements

• **Cup for a Cause.** Come join the Goodhue Education Foundation September 10th at Dar's Bar in Goodhue following the football game. \$20 donation for a cup, snacks, desserts and fun! 50/50 raffle drawing will happen at 11p.m. so get there early to get your tickets! (see ad on pg. 4)

• **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 for the season. June thru August Thursday & Sunday 1 to 4pm. For after hours appointments call Marie 651-923-4302 or 651-301-5731.

• **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.

Do you have an announcement?

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Goodhue Grand Living Complex Breaks Ground



The Goodhue Grand Living, a senior living facility, held an open house on August 4th to introduce to

project to the residents and have a ground breaking ceremony. This will be the first of its type to offer independent and assisted living housing in the city of Goodhue. Construction is anticipated to be complete later in 2022.

This complex will include 40-units with, eighteen one bedroom/ one bath apartments, four studio apartments, four two bedroom/two bath apartments and fourteen memory care units. The independent and assisted living units each have a kitchen or kitchenette and laundry facilities. There will be two dining rooms, a multi-purpose room, a library, a ten stall parking garage and plenty of parking for residents and guests.

This will allow seniors to remain living in



the community even after selling their homes and downsizing to smaller housing.

Nicole Miller is the vice-president of the senior living facility.

Goodhue School Open House

Goodhue School will host an open house with members of the National Honor Society giving guided building tours Friday September 10th from 4 to 6:30pm followed by a tailgate party. The football game starts at 7pm and admission has been waived for this game. Homecoming week will be September 20-24th and the homecoming game will be against Dover-Eyota.

The elementary school held an open house August 31st to allow students and parents to tour the new classrooms, drop off school supplies and take school pictures. The high school open house is September 1st.

New staff at Goodhue this year include Brooke Breuer and Sydney McNamara, third grade teachers; Olivia Tarlton (middle school) and Ben Thompson (high school) English teachers; Angel Nassif agriculture education teacher, and Krystyn Bremer high school secretary.

The board approved a mattress sale fundraiser for the music department's planned trip to Nashville in the spring.

Goodhue Concerned about Chloride in Waste Water

The council heard concerns about excess chloride in the wastewater treatment plant. The main source of chloride in the water is from water softeners, which use the salt to flush the mineral deposits out of the equipment after removing it from the water. Older softener units are less efficient and cycle more frequently than newer models.

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2nd Chances Jonah 3

How many times do you give someone another chance? Does it depend on the situation? Do we give everyone another chance? After all they're human- they're not perfect... does it depend on our age or our privileges? Or should we give God more than one chance? Who decides? How do we decide?

I've been the recipient of a number of second chances. Gary and I recently celebrated 35 years of marriage. That is a huge 2nd chance for me! The Bible is full of men and women that God gave 2nd chances to: Rahab The Bible is clear and consistent when it refers to Rahab—she was a prostitute. But this woman of ill repute put her life on the line to hide some spies from Israel. And God granted her a second chance. Then there was Moses who was born in Egypt during a dangerous time for young Jewish boys. God chose to spare Moses's life and gave him the privilege and protection of growing up in Pharaoh's palace. As an adult Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster to save a Hebrew young man, the wrath of Pharaoh drove him out of Egypt for fear of his life. Yet 40 years later God gave Moses a second chance to return to Egypt and set His people free.

And we all know Jonah because we are a lot like Jonah- Jonah was in the belly of a great fish for 3 days and 3 nights and called out to God and said he would do all that he promised to do. "And the Lord ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did." We have a repentant and grateful Jonah. A man that is ready to follow God- "I will never worship anyone but you! I will surely fulfill my promises" ... Jonah's

made a big promise...

God wasted no time setting Jonah back on track, 'go to Nineveh and deliver the message I gave you.' It seems Jonah is to go immediately—not waste time over thinking about it, planning how to canvas the city—just GO! Go and deliver the message I gave you. He's giving Jonah a 2nd chance.

This time Jonah obeys. Nineveh is a large city- *so large that it would take three days to walk through it.*

Jonah arrives and begins to shout the message of doom and gloom to the people of Nineveh. He goes from one end to another. It took him 3 days to get the message out and what a response! "The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow." The people of Nineveh believed Jonah, from the least to the greatest. Everyone was equal - they took Jonah's message to heart and began to pray. They went into national mourning. The people of Nineveh recognized their sin- and were convicted.

They chose to listen and act on what they heard from the prophet Jonah. **"If your people- call on your name and turn from their sins (repent)—Lord, hear from heaven and forgive their sins."** The people of Nineveh weren't God's chosen people, but they were still people that He loved and created. The people of Israel were to tell the gentiles, the peoples in their communities about Him—Now Jonah was finally obeying and brought a message of "hellfire and brimstone" so to speak—and it worked! verse 10 says, "10 When God

saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened." God saw what they had done—how they had changed- that they truly repented—it wasn't just the words—they followed it with action! For an entire city- to turn to the Lord is amazing and wonderful!

God specializes in 2nd chances. He gave Jonah a 2nd chance. Jonah was going the opposite direction- and when he had his time alone in the fish- he repented and chose to obey God. Through Jonah's obedience an entire city- was given a second chance! That is so amazing. That through the words that came from Jonah's mouth-

city of over 120,000 people repented and turned to follow God.

- We too are called to go—to share the truth of God's word. To share the good news- to make sure 'everyone' knows! We must obey the call—we must be ready to go and tell. How can they know Jesus if there is no one to tell them?

- We must pray for those that still have not heard. And for opportunities to go and tell.

God has given us so many chances- let's not miss any more opportunities to share the good news of Christ. It's time to go and tell- like Jonah- embrace your 2nd chance to share the hope of eternity to whomever God places in your path!

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Fear for Nothing?

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" — Job 1:9

I can remember a time in college when everything was going really well. I had lots of friends, I was getting good grades, I was having fun, I was involved in a great church, my relationship with God was thriving, and I even enjoyed my part-time job. Everything was going great, and I was extremely happy.

When everything is going well, it is relatively easy to honor and praise God and follow him wholeheartedly—to fear God in the biblical sense of being devoted to him.

In Job 1, Satan claimed it was easy for Job to fear God because his life was going so well. Job had 10 children, thousands of animals, and many servants. Job was a great man whose kids threw great parties. He would even offer sacrifices just in case someone in his household sinned against God. So of course Job feared God, Satan said. His life was great!

As the story of Job continued, however, all those blessings were taken from him. His family, his possessions, and even his health were taken away. Yet Job still feared God. Our devotion to God shouldn't be dependent on how well life is going for us. If we fear God only because life is good, then we really don't fear God at all.

As you think about your devotion to God, make sure you fear God because of who he is and not because he can give you great blessings.

Prayer

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Obituaries

Dean Raymond Luhman

Dean Raymond Luhman was born on March 21, 1939, in Red Wing, the son of Raymond and Mildred (Vieths) Luhman. After graduating from high school, Dean started his own business hauling canned milk for Bellechester Creamery. Dean

married Marcia Mae Diercks on April 23, 1960, and began farming and raising a family. After thirty-five years of farming, Dean drove truck for Holms Brothers (Goodhue) and Roberson Lime and Rock (Zumbro Falls). He finished his working career at Menards in Red Wing, fully retiring in 2020. Dean was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Goodhue and remained dedicated to his strong Christian faith throughout his life. Dean enjoyed spending time with his family, watching birds and wildlife, building jigsaw puzzles, watching westerns and compiling his family history. He passed away peacefully at his home in Zumbrota surrounded by family, and will be remembered for his dedication to farming and his family, his blue eyes, and his kind heart.

Survivors include his loving wife Marcia of 61 years; children, Kevin (Bonnie) Luhman, Kari (David) Johnson, Lance (Julie) Luhman, Lonnh Luhman, Lisa (Duane) Miller, Kristi (Bryan) Miller, Karla (Mark) Therros; 21 grandchildren, Terrill,

Dustin, Amanda, Samantha, Chase, Colt, Chance, Valerie, Shelby, Tristan, Trevor, Gage, Kyle, Micah, Caleb, Christopher, Garrett, Bethany, Bo, Brett and Klarissa; 24 great grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Wally) Milow; brothers, Allan (Sherry) Luhman and Jonathan (Lora) Luhman; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mildred; his brothers, Darwin, Curtis, Larris, Raymond, Randal and Arlan; his sisters, Suzanne and Mary Lori; and grandson, Cody Johnson.

A visitation was held on Sunday, August 22nd, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel, 1475 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota, MN 55992. The funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 23rd, at Grace Lutheran Church, 39774 County 4 Blvd, Goodhue, with visitation one hour prior to the service. There was a committal service at the Belvidere Union Cemetery following the funeral service. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahn-familyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Walter Scharpen

Robert Walter Scharpen, 76, of Hastings, died Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at his home. He was born December 13, 1944 in Albany, California to Walter and Violet (Wolpers) Scharpen. He

moved to Minnesota and grew up in Goodhue where he attended school. On February 15, 1964 he married Marjean Doose and together they had four daughters and later divorced. He married Terry Carroll on March 24, 1979 and they had one daughter together and they later divorced. Robert worked several jobs in the area, including the Red Wing Pottery, Red Wing Milling (now ADM) and the Ford Plant. He also worked on the river barges and farmed in the area. He retired from Thomas and Betts.

He loved deer hunting and fishing. He was a fan of stockcar racing and the Green Bay Packers. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his jokes, and tendency to be a prankster. Bob had a considerate nature and was always there to help anyone in need.

He is survived by his life partner of 15 years, Bev Losinski; 5 daughters, Shellie Tucker, Sherri (Steve) VanBerg, Staci (Bob) Johnson, Stephanie (Scott) McDeid, and Jennifer (Dallas) Wilhelmy; 22 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; Bev's children, Stacy (Jeff) Endres, Shawn (Tammi) Losinski, and Sara (Amy) Losinski; brothers, Maurice (Donna) Alms and Richard (Elaine) Scharpen; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Donna Jonas and 3 great-grandsons, Zachary, Taylor and Rogan Johnson.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m., Friday, August 27, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel. Reverend Dana Jackson officiated.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials are preferred to Hospice of Midwest. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Robert LeRoy Simanski

Robert LeRoy Simanski, 83, of Red Wing, died Saturday, August 28, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born July 1, 1938, on the family farm in Goodhue, to Adolph and Gudrun (Johnson) Simanski, and graduated from

Red Wing Central High School. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1956, serving until he was honorably discharged in 1958. On July 16, 1960, he was united in marriage to Jean Hanson and they made their home in Red Wing. Bob worked as a loan officer for the Phoenix Loan Company and Goodhue County National Bank, retiring in 1982. After retirement, he worked as a salesman for Banitt Motors until 1999. He was a member of United Lutheran Church, RW Elks Lodge BPOE #845, Leo C. Peterson American Legion #54, Red Wing & Ellsworth Country Clubs and the RW Lions Club, where he was a past president. He enjoyed boating, fishing, tennis, basketball and watching all sports.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean; 2 children, Greg Simanski of Red Wing and Beth (Jim) Kelly of Red Wing; 5 grandchildren, Erin (Cody) Buck, Erica (Jeremy) Clark, Patrick (Caroline) Kelly, Rachel & Josh Simanski; 6 great-grandchildren, Marcus, Avery, Sean, Elliot, Ella & Baby Clark and a sister, Lois Dahling of Red Wing. He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, Vern, Don and James; a sister, Jane Wettern and a grandson, Sean Kelly.

Memorial service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel. Rev. Justin Boeding officiated. Visitation was for one hour prior to the service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com



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For fans young and old, if you have ever

been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espking.com) with Chris Olson.

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison the past few years on Labor Day Weekend,

Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Friday, September 3. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside. Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with is



tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".

It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co-written and co-produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

You can see both of these great artists in Dennison September 3rd.

Advance Tickets are just \$20.00. \$25.00 Day of Show. Call Fireside at 507-645-9992 or e-mail them at firesideloungedennison@gmail.com to order tickets.

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American Red Cross



As fall approaches, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help end the ongoing critical need for blood and kick off the season with a blood donation. The Red Cross needs donors of all blood types to give now and help ensure lifesaving transfusions are on the sidelines for those who rely on them.

While summer winds down, the Red

Cross is concerned that the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the delta variant and a potentially active hurricane season may further challenge the ability to collect and meet hospital demand. In recent weeks, the Red Cross has seen blood donor turnout decline by nearly 10% while hospital demand continues to outpace donations. This decline is believed to be due to multiple reasons, including the continued effects of the pandemic on blood drive cancellations and donor availability as well as back-to-school preparations for many families.

Make a game plan to donate – patients are relying on the kindness of blood donors for their continued treatment. Schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Donors who come to give throughout the month of September will receive a free

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Having a stable blood supply is the best defense against a shortage. This September, donors can do good and look good when they give blood or platelets as part of the Red Cross and Sport Clips Tackle the Need. Give Blood. campaign.

Those who come to give blood Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free haircut via email several days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 30, 2021, at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

The Red Cross and Sport Clips encourage donors to use the hashtag #TackleTheNeed to share their new looks and invite others to give.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Goodhue County

Cannon Falls
9/8/2021: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Pius V Catholic Church, 410 W. Colville



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9/9/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 320 West Ave.

9/10/2021: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall, 315 W. 4th St.

9/13/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Cornerstone Community Church Red Wing, 420 W. Third St.

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9/3/2021: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24036 County 7 Blvd.

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Missy's message TRACKING

Last month, I made a promise to myself to start tracking my calorie intake and drinking more water. No more dieting. It is amazing how many calories a person saves when you keep close track of everything you are consuming.

If you want to lose a few pounds, regardless of any plan you decide to use, it comes down to moving more and eating less calories. I have found when I track, I cut down immensely on mindless eating and easily consume less calories without even trying. Along with drinking more water, and I just feel better all around.

It is amazing how fast good healthy habits can go by the wayside when certain situations in life change. Last year was hard, but it's time to move on. I am not getting any younger, and the time has come for me to create some new healthy habits.

I've been reading a book "Tiny Habits" by BJ Fogg, PhD. Stay tuned next month for Tiny Habits in Missy's Message and Missy's Managing the Manor.

Memo from MotoProz...

Tis' the season for snowmobile grass drags. We have a variety of quality preowned sleds currently available at MotoProz. If you act now, you may even be able to snag a new 2022 Arctic Cat snowmobile! The place to go is MotoProz in Mazeppa! Check out our inventory online at MotoProz.com!

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Voth Insurance team, left to right: Agents Jerry Tipcke (owner), Brandon Haidar and Adam Dicke

Voth Insurance Welcomes New Insurance Agent Brandon Haidar.

Brandon Haidar is a Lake City graduate, who now resides in Goodhue. He is a United States Marine Veteran who served as an Infantry Squad Leader and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in June.

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Make Customer Service An Everyday Occurrence



By Harvey Mackay

Comedy writer Bob Orben had an interesting take on customer service: "You go to a coin-operated store and wash and dry your clothes. Then you go to a filling station where you pump your own gas. And on to a fast-food restaurant where you carry your own tray. And what is it being called? A service economy!"

The irony has not escaped customers, who will be the final arbiter of the current options.

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend.

The CRM Buyer website reports that researchers surveyed more than 24,000 consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human being instead of an automated system.

Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.

Sixty-eight percent believe they're more likely to get a better deal when negotiating in person instead of online.

Eighteen percent said they would renew products or services because of good personal customer service, even if they were more expensive.

Good, personalized customer service is that important.

Companies are facing new and serious issues meeting the expectations of customers in the current climate. Hiring difficulties, pandemic restrictions, merchandise shortages and financial challenges have made many organizations rethink their practices. And stressed employees need support more than ever as they handle extra work and procedures.

In addition, customers who got accustomed to online shopping and home delivery have meant many businesses have had to make adjustments to the services they offer.

Those challenges aren't disappearing soon.

And an unhappy customer who receives poor service can make or break a business.

Bad online reviews can cripple an otherwise thriving business.

So the one constant that must not suffer in the midst of all these obstacles is good customer service. There are some fundamentals to keep in mind to achieve that goal.

Hire the right people. The rule is you either hire smart or manage tough. Hiring smart is better, but it requires you to know what you're looking for and to recognize the skills and attitude you want. Look at experience and listen to your gut.

Keep score. If you don't measure performance, your team will be in perpetual warm-up mode. Let employees know what they're being measured on and how it is relevant to them, their customers, and the organization's bottom line.

Reward. Make sure you reward the desired outcome. For instance, if you want your salespeople to create relationships and long-term accounts, reward them with back-end commissions, bonuses or some form of appreciation.

Practice what you preach. If you want a motivated customer service rep, you need to be motivated yourself first. Are you genuinely excited about the work your group produces? You need to love your customers, because if you're not sincerely motivated yourself, you'll never motivate other people to provide excellent service.

Being put on hold on the phone is a pet peeve for most of us. Although you may have to put a client or customer on hold, offer them the courtesy of waiting or getting a call-back.

Give employees the power to actually serve the customer's needs.

Steve Hardison, who went on to become a successful executive coach, began his career in sales at Xerox. Product returns were against company policy at the time, but according to a story in the Chicago Tribune, one day Hardison decided to let one of his customers return a copier regardless of the rule. When his boss demanded an explanation, Hardison said, "If I lose a job because I took care of a customer, then I never had a job."

The next day his boss's boss called him into his office. Hardison fully expected to get fired. Instead, the executive said, "I wish I had more people like you." His reputation for honesty and integrity was made.

Referring to a column on customer service a few years back, one of my loyal readers sent me an email about the power of personal touch. He and his wife serve on the welcoming committee at their church. Before each service, they try to greet as many people as they can with "happiness and appreciation," visitors or members alike.

He mentioned an occasion on vacation when attending another church, only one person spoke to them. As they left, the pastor greeted them, and that made all the difference in the world.

Mackay's Moral: Make "at your service" your motto.

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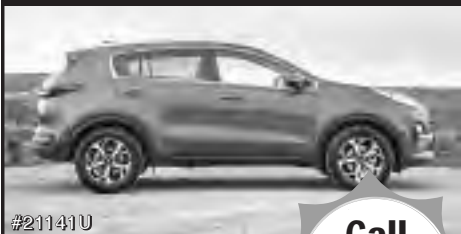


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Continuing Education Close to Home



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

Continuing education in a business or profession is critical for future growth, but trainings can be difficult to participate in when events are held far away or are too costly. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we take pride in hosting a variety of high quality, low-cost training opportunities close to home for entrepreneurs and early childhood professionals here in our 20-county region. At SMIF, we are currently gearing up for fall training events which will be beneficial to many in our region.

For the seventh year in a row SMIF is

looking forward to hosting the Entrepreneurial Bridge event, a celebration of entrepreneurial innovation in the region. This year's three keynote speakers are experienced business leaders who will be sharing inspirational stories and practical advice for businesses. Victor Hwang, CEO and founder of Right to Start, will discuss how to create prosperity in our communities by dismantling barriers for everyday Americans. Beth Fynbo, president and founder of Oronoco-based Busy Baby, will be sharing how she turned an idea into a seven-figure business, making it all the way to Shark Tank. Todd Churchill, CFO of BizOpps and CliftonLarsonAllen, is a fierce advocate for rural entrepreneurialism and will be sharing finance and marketing tips that led him to create one of America's first grass-fed beef brands among other ventures.

Carrying the theme of "Voices of Innovation" throughout the event, we will also have a chance to hear from a diverse group of unique southern Minnesota entrepreneurs, who we are calling "Firestarters." One of these Firestarters is Craig Kaisec, whose Faribault-based hot sauce company, Cry Baby Craig's, was recently featured on CNN Business. Another Firestarter, Mariah Lynne, is the president and CEO of Good Steward Consulting based in Albert Lea, which assists renewable energy development companies with their public outreach vision, goals and implementation. Equal

parts training, networking and inspiration, we look forward to hosting the Entrepreneurial Bridge event in Albert Lea on September 28. Registration details and agenda can be found at smifoundation.org/bridge.

SMIF's fall events will continue with an early childhood training series in October and November. Stacy Boysen will share techniques that can help caregivers avoid challenging situations with children. Theresa Peplinski will be discussing how to engage children in a variety of sensory experiences, which are activities that help children learn and develop a greater understanding of the world by using their five senses. We are looking forward to working with Stacy and Theresa, in addition to other dynamic speakers, for this exciting fall series.

We know that in order to deliver quality trainings to early childhood professionals, it is critical to accommodate their schedules. Therefore, in addition to holding these sessions in the evenings, half of these will be in person (in Owatonna, Byron, Faribault and Chatfield) and the other half will be virtual sessions. Individuals can choose to opt in to as many sessions that they are interested in. One major benefit is that all of these trainings are "Develop-approved", so folks will



receive credit for participating, further aiding them in reaching their professional goals. Keep an eye on our website at smifoundation.org/ectrainings for registration details later this summer.

In the 35 years that SMIF has been serving southern Minnesota, our continuing education opportunities have trained thousands of people in the region. In the past year alone, more than 1,300 entrepreneurs and more than 600 early childhood professionals were trained through SMIF's programming. We know that these trainings have contributed to our region's growth.

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



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Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:00 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, Councilmember Kyle Blattner, Treasurer Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs were absent. Goodhue County Sherriff Deputy Jeremy Lorfald, Goodhue County Sheriff Marty Kelly, Goodhue County Sherriff Deputy Jenny Hofshulte, Sue Majerus & Luke Morgan from SE Choppers was also present.

Minutes of June, 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:

- Sewer Grant – update progress. Waiting of easements verification.

- ADA bathroom for Community Center –

update progress. Fixtures are next and then plumbing.

- Park Upgrades – Monday the picnic tables were installed and cleaned up around the grounds.

New business:

- Dance Permit – SE Choppers for August Event. Luke Morgan was present with the dance permit. Flyer of the event was questioned as well as expected procedures of this event. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the dance permit. Motion carried. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the closing of street and allowing alcohol consumption in fenced area to be controlled by The Tavern. Motion carried.

- Goodhue County Sheriff Police Contract Review Discussion – Goodhue County Sherriff Marty Kelly presented information related to the contract we have with the County for policing services with costs involved in our rate. Speed in town was addressed as well as solutions to slowing down traffic.

- Review Preliminary Budget – Preliminary budget information was reviewed.

- Building Permit – Dan Poncelet. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the building permit as presented. Motion carried.

- Dance Permit – AIR – Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the dance permit on July 17th. Motion carried.

- Generator Maintenance Contract – Discussion on the contract as presented. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to not enter into a contract with Cummins for generator maintenance. Motion carried.

- Funding – Small Cities Development Program (SCDP). Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the pursuit of a SCDP grant application for a cost Not-to-Exceed \$3,700 without Council approval. Motion carried.

Engineering Report –

Clerk Report – RD Grant – FYI - Matt indicated that there needs to be a representative for the city to attend meetings, etc. during this upcoming process. He asked me if we wanted to hire someone, as other small cities do, due to not having someone available. He indicated that over the application process moving forward, approx. 40 hours would be needed as well as travel time to Rochester and/or Faribault. I told him that I could make myself available for this and that an additional outside representative did not need to be hired and cost added to the grant request. If this is not what you'd like to do, please let me know. It would not be a problem with me.

Also as part of the grant, there will need to be a survey of residents done. Matt asked about the best way to do this. I told him that the next quarterly billing will be September 27th and it would be best to coordinate it with that billing, as it would be the most effective way to survey versus online or emailing. Matt, Kyle, Jody and I did all the required submittals for the RD grant and Matt informed Laurie @ USDA of completion. Garbage Switchover & Utility Billing Done. Portable Generator Grant & SEARCH Grant – I received the final electrician bill for generator grant as well as the final invoice from Bolten & Menk for Matt's work on the SEARCH grant and submitted to Laurie @ RD. Jody and I will be doing the closing on these next week and therefore, we will get reimbursed \$60,000 that we initially paid for these items. 2021 - Preliminary Budget – First look at what was spent and a start on next year's budget. We do not need to get preliminary levy numbers (property tax) to county until September 30 with a final levy date of November. By September meeting, you need to decide on if the Levy should change or remain as last year (\$60,000). You cannot go up on the Levy amount after the preliminary is set, only down before the final. Need to think about if increasing levy amount is necessary to start collecting funds for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation project expense. Quarterly Filing – County Building Permit Report; MN Unemployment, Withholding & Sales Tax; and Federal Withholding have been done. Wabasha County Tax Payment – was received \$5924.93

Treasurer Report – Utility past due list was distributed and reviewed.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – Mowing/sprayed/baling was done at ponds.

Mayor Concerns – Inquired about the location of soccer nets.

Council Concerns: It was noted that according to the Historical Society sign, Bellechester is 150 years old.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm. Next meeting is August 18 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

- 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.

City of Bellechester

The City is applying for grant funds to help reduce the overall costs of upcoming needed sewer system improvements. The City is required to conduct an income survey of its residents to qualify for the grant funds. By taking the time to complete this 2 question, anonymous survey, you are helping the City gain access to these grant funds. Without your input, the City will need to raise taxes in order to complete these important improvements. Look for council members to deliver these along with your utility bill the week of September 13th.

City of Goodhue Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Members present: Mayor Kerry Bien, Wayne Hahn, Patrice O'Reilly, Terry Anderson Buck & Jason Thuman. Also present were Richard Gorman, Laural Seither, Tony Brecht, Joshua Smith, Tracy Gadiant & Reese Sudtelgte.

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

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by Hahn to approve the council minutes of July 28, 2021. Motion carried.

Chief Smith introduced new officer, Tony Brecht.

Motion by Thuman, seconded by O'Reilly to approve Goodhue Education Foundation raffle. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to approve the Purple Heart City proclamation and to proclaim the week of August 23rd a time to remember & recognize veterans who received the Purple Heart Medal. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by Anderson Buck to approve Twin Home Lot 7 & 8 building permit in accordance with all setbacks with five-foot front correction. Motion carried.

Motion by Thuman, seconded by O'Reilly to allow the closing of the block between 1st Ave & 2nd Ave. for Lion's Chicken BBQ. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to close the meeting for attorney-client privilege. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn, seconded by O'Reilly to open the meeting. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Agre, City Clerk

Goodhue Concerned about Chloride in Waste Water

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It is expensive to remove the chloride from the water at the wastewater treatment plant, and residents with older softeners are asked to limit the frequency that their units cycle. Goodhue is looking at a combined community treatment facility with Zumbrota, Pine Island and Wanamingo. The cost of the plant is over \$40 million. With a shared project like this, each community would save on building their own facility. The city of Mazeppa has already dropped out of the project because they cannot wait long enough to address their city needs.

The Police Department has hired a new officer. He is Tony Brecht, and he has worked part-time with the city in the past. He grew up in Red Wing and has worked in law enforcement in the area and with the county before coming to Goodhue.

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Rain in Tennessee



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.

It likes to rain in Tennessee. It is not unusual to get two or three inches overnight. It can be sunny all morning and then a cloud can show up and pour rain and then be back to sunny an hour later. Makes the grass grow real, fast and keeps the lakes full of water.

But last week one community got too much rain. Seventeen inches in half a day. A foot and a half of rain in twelve hours. Waverly Tennessee is about thirty minutes south of us. A real good friend bought a house outside of Waverly shortly after we moved down. He posted pictures of water rushing through his backyard about mid-morning.

Seventeen inches of rain is a lot all by itself, but the town of Waverly is in a valley beside the Trace River. Highway 70 and the

railroad track are between the town and the river. The railroad track is on top of a man-made levee, keeping the river away from the highway and the town.

The emergency crews were preparing for the heavy rainstorm Saturday morning, which had already flooded some homes and businesses in the lowest part of town. But they were not expecting the levee to break. About midmorning the pressure of the raging Trace River blew out the levee in two places and within minutes the problem changed from ankle deep water seeping through doorways to a five-foot tidal wave crashing down the streets, pushing houses off their foundations, collapsing walls of houses and flushing their contents out the other side, rolling vehicles ahead of it and burying houses and commercial buildings in a muddy tsunami.

Unfortunately, people were unable to get to safety in time and more than twenty lost their lives including children swept out of their parent's arms as they fled the deluge. Hours later the waters subsided and the town was littered with houses, mobile homes, vehicles, tractors, boats and personal possessions jumbled in heaps by the floodwaters.



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A Minnesotan: Predictability in Driving



By RosaLin Alcoser

When I was a teen driving to and from Rochester to the community college the only thing I really had to worry about on the road as a constant hazard was the milk truck in the morning.

The reason I had to worry about the milk truck is because the drive would always take one turn into the middle of the road regardless of where other vehicles might be. This causes me to create my schedule

for leaving home in the morning around when the milk truck would be coming down the road.

The milk truck had a schedule making it predictable. So while it was a nuisance in my youth it's a predictability that I miss now. The reason that I miss the predictability of the milk truck is because of Highway 62 East.

62 East is the most direct route from my office to my apartment; it is also the most direct route to just about anywhere that I might want to go into Minneapolis. However, 62 East, and only 62 East not 62 West, has no predictability whatsoever. It does not seem to matter the day or the time of day that I try to take it, 88% of the time it is backed up. The other 12% of that time is in the middle of the night, at dawn, and when the heavens open up to take pity on us mere mortals..

My conclusion about 62 East is that it was just poorly designed as far as the entrances and exits go. Because when I tried to take it, before I decided to just avoid getting on it all together, opting to take a longer route home, all the backups appeared to be caused by people trying to get onto the highway.

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Beginning Farmers Tax Break Still Available

Tax Credit Available for Land, Equipment Expenses to Start Farming

A tax credit for the sale or lease of land, equipment, machinery, and livestock in Minnesota by beginning farmers is still available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming in Minnesota within the past ten years, provide positive projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$862,000, and enroll in, or have completed an approved financial management program.

The farmer cannot be related by blood or marriage (e.g., a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling) to the person from whom he or she is buying or renting assets. The farmer must provide most of the labor and management of the farm.

The tax credit for the sale or lease of assets can then be applied to the Minnesota income taxes of the owner of the agricultur-

al land or other assets.

Three levels of credits are available:

5% of the lesser of the sale price or fair market value of the agricultural asset up to a maximum of \$32,000

10% of the gross rental income of each of the first, second and third years of a rental agreement, up to a maximum of \$7,000 per year

15% of the cash equivalent of the gross rental income in each of the first, second or third year of a share rent agreement, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by October 1, 2021.

Interested farmers should note that they can also apply for a separate tax credit to offset the cost of a financial management program up to a maximum of \$1,500 per year – for up to three years.

Livestock Processing Grant Available

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$750,000 through its Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant program, using a competitive review process. The maximum equipment award is \$150,000, and the minimum award is \$1,000.

The intent of the program is to increase sales of Minnesota-raised livestock products by investing in equipment and physical improvements that support processing, capacity, market diversification, and market access for meat, poultry, eggs, and milk.

"We've seen how much meat processing demand and capacity can change in a short time," Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "This new grant can help processors become more agile and resistant to disruptions in the processing supply

chains."

Applicants must:

Be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, egg, and milk.

Be an individual (including farmers), business, agricultural cooperative, or a local unit of government (including Tribal governments).

Currently reside in Minnesota or be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota.

Grantees are responsible for at least 50% of the total cost for the first \$25,000 and 75% of the total cost for every dollar after as a cash match. Funding for the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant will be awarded in one round.

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021.

If a grant application is not selected for an AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant, it will be considered for the AGRI Value-Added Grant that is expected to open in January 2022.

Proposals must be submitted through our online application system.

For more information, visit the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant webpage.

Historical Happenings

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Henry Sommerfield Seriously Injured

Henry Sommerfield, South Mazeppa farmer, is still in serious condition following an accident with a runaway team last Wednesday. He was taken to the Lake City hospital and Saturday was moved to the Colonial hospital, Rochester.

He suffered a crushed pelvis, broken leg and severe internal injuries.

The accident occurred when Mr. Sommerfield was thrown from a manure spreader when the horses started to run away. The spreader wheels passed over him. Mrs. Sommerfield found her husband in the field when the horses came back to the barn.

KINGSLEY BUILDING SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Kingsley have sold their building on Main Street to S.H. Prigge of Mazeppa. The building, a Mazeppa landmark housed the Kingsley drug store for many years.

VILLAGE ELECTIONS SLATED FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Offices to be filled in the village elections Tuesday are justice of the peace (Carl Stull); trustee (J. B. Gregoire); assessor (Martin Kuehl), and clerk (Gilbert Schmitt). There were no filings.

In The Service

Neil Robinson, H.N. of the Great Lakes Naval hospital, arrived home Sunday evening to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Robinson.

Around the School- Cheerleaders

Last week the following girls were chosen by grades 7-12 to be cheer-leaders for this season; Janice Ramthun, Diane Darcy, Mary Hammes and Laurel Wobschall. These girls will hold this office until the end of the 1953 football season.

RAGING BLIZZARD HITS HERE TUESDAY, CLOSING ROADS

A raging blizzard hit here Tuesday closing roads after a four-inch snowfall.

Starting Tuesday morning, the downfall melted at first, turned into slush and by mid-afternoon was freezing and making driving almost impossible. Strong winds and a drop in temperature followed during the night. The snowfall abated by Wednesday morning but a strong northerly wind still persisted.

Heavy damage was sustained by telephone and power companies as wires and poles were down all through the area. Transportation was almost at a standstill and plowing by state and county units proved very difficult as the wet snow provided very poor traction.

Mazeppa's basketball team, including cheering section, went to Goodhue, Tuesday evening and had to remain overnight after the game. According to radio reports the locals lost 47-35.

MAZEPPA FARM BUREAU TO MEET AT GORDON BRIGHT'S

The Mazeppa Farm Bureau will meet at the home of Gordon Bright Friday, evening December 5, when they will also have their Christmas party.

Program committee members are Gordon Bright and Joe Ferber. The refreshment committee will be Mrs. Gordon Bright, Mrs. Lecil Grossbach and Mrs. John Roland.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Jim Richardson underwent an operation at St. John's hospital, Red Wing, Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mills and family of Austin were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sommerfield and Isaac Ahneman.

Thomas Schmitt, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmitt, fell down the basement steps Sunday at his home and received bad bruises about the face.

Guests, Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stull were Mr. and Mrs. George Whipple, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. George Horton, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ohm and family of Elgin, and Mr. and Mrs. John Roland and Pat.

BELLECHESTER NEWS- Mrs. Nick Befort, Correspondent

James Huneke received his honorable discharge from service and arrived home, Thursday. He has been stationed in Korea the past year or more. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Huneke.

Mrs. Frank Heppelmann suffered a fractured arm when she fell Saturday, and was confined to the hospital overnight.

Shortest Poem of the Week

It's bad enough to put on boots.

But even worse are kids' snow suits.