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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 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.

Golden Link

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Donald Reese Celebrates Milestone 95th Birthday

By Beth Brekke

It wasn't quite his birthday, but September 11th was a beautiful day to celebrate. Unseasonably warm and sunny, the youngest guests enjoyed time in the above-ground pool while Guest of Honor Donald Reese and his wife, Lila, enjoyed a shady spot under a tree. Son Dan and daughter-in-law, Bonnie, hosted what was intended to be a surprise party on their farm in rural Goodhue. (continued on page 5)

Goodhue City Council

City Clerk Lori Agre has announced she will be retiring on December 31st of this year. She will help to train in the replacement during the meantime. The mayor stated that they may have an audit to protect both the city and the city clerk.

The company running the mobile home park addressed the council on their plans. (continued on page 13)



Don and Lila Reese surrounded by 7 of their children and Don's 2 brothers. (L-R) Sue, Dave, Cindy, Jodi, Don, Hilbert, Diane, Lila, Harlan, Dale, and Dan.



Blake and Joslyn Carlson Named 2021 Goodhue Homecoming King and Queen

Blake and Joslyn Carlson, 18, were named Goodhue's homecoming king and queen on September 20. The twins are heavily involved in their communities, and both are captains of two sports teams.

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Reality Check



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

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

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

I want to take a little survey here. Time for

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

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

He says eat this and you'll be your own god. When I act like I'm God; I'm going to make my own choices instead of doing what God tells me to do, that's when I'm going to have problems in my life. God knows us- he created us, and He has a plan for each of us.

Jesus spoke in his famous 'sermon on the mount,' " You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." Matthew 5:3. (The Message) When we come to the end of our rope- it's then that we see ourselves as we are. We need a reality check; we need to be poor in spirit: We must admit we need help. We must recognize that we're powerless to control our tendency to do the wrong thing, and our life is unmanageable. That is what it means to be poor in spirit. God says if you develop that attitude: admitting that I am powerless, that I need help, that I can't control and manage everything in my life, and I need God's help, he says, then you will be blessed. How can we develop the spirit of being poor in spirit? The Bible teaches us three ways.

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

2. I need to humbly ask God for help. I admit I need help, then I ask God for it. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a

dead marriage. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead career. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead dream. If God can raise a dead person, he can restore the love and romance in your marriage. God can do miracles. God can bring good out of bad. He specializes in turning crucifixions into resurrections.

3. I must humbly accept help from other people. God wired us in such a way that we don't get well by ourselves. You're only going to be victorious when you're honest with yourself, with God and with others. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:9: "Two are better than one, [talking about people] because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up." God created us to be in community. Fifty-eight times in the New Testament it uses the phrase "one another" -- love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, support one another, counsel one another. We are to help each other out. That's what the church is all about. If you've come to the end of your rope- God is there to help and direct, you to a better life. Are there hurts, habits or hang-ups you want to change? Begin with the first step: Realize you're not God. Admit you're powerless to control your tendency to do the wrong thing and your life is unmanageable. God knows and He loves you, He's there for you and He has a plan for you. Trust Him today.

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God is Enough

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ronald John Dohmen

Ronald John Dohmen, age 81 of Dennison, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday morning, September 18, 2021.

Ron was born on December 13, 1939 in Humphrey, Nebraska, the son of Edward and Rose (Schaecher) Dohmen. His family moved to Minnesota in 1949. Ron spent his high school years at seminary in Chicago and later attended Hastings High School, graduating in 1957. He completed basic training with the US Army in 1960 at Fort Leonard, MO and served with the National Guard.

He married Maxine Girgen on April 28, 1962 in Vermillion, MN. He hauled gas, worked road construction, and started farming in Hampton, MN before moving to Dennison, MN, where he continued to farm along with building construction.

Ron enjoyed playing cards and his trips to Treasure Island. He will be remembered by his family and friends as a dedicated husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Ann Dohmen; and brothers-in-law, John Hegard and Kenny O'Brien.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maxine; children, Martin Dohmen of Northfield, Norma (Scott) Wickum of Wanamingo, Renee (Mike) Bauernfeind of Kenyon, and Leonard (Leona) Dohmen of Dennison; 5 grandchildren, Jeremy (Colbe) Bauernfeind, Samantha (Andy) Meyer, Jesse (Erin) Bauernfeind, Shelby Wickum, and Luke (Trisha) Bauernfeind; 6 great-grandchildren, Luella, Lydia, Lincoln, Wilder, Bodhi, Mason; siblings, Dolores Hegard, Lenore (Lloyd) Peine, Eugene Dohmen, Judy O'Brien, Cyril (Kathy) Dohmen, Sister Irene Dohmen SSND, Larry (Cheryl) Dohmen, Gery (Patti) Dohmen, and Joe (Pat) Dohmen; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Kenyon on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 3:00 pm, with visitation from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. A dinner followed.

Active pallbearers were his grandchildren, Jeremy Bauernfeind, Samantha Meyer, Jesse Bauernfeind, Shelby Wickum, and Luke Bauernfeind. Honorary pallbearers were his brothers, Eugene Dohmen, Cyril Dohmen, Larry Dohmen, Gery Dohmen, and Joe Dohmen, along with Paul Mangan and friends from card club in Dennison.

Memorials are preferred to Boys Town (boystown.org/give).

Arrangements by Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls. Online condolences may be directed to www.LundbergFuneral.com.

Norman Bjorngaard

Funeral services for Norman Bjorngaard were held Friday September 10th at 11:00 AM at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, where he was a lifelong member. The Rev. David Krinke officiated, and burial followed at the church cemetery. The visitation was Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, in Zumbrota and continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Mr. Bjorngaard, 95, died Monday September 6, 2021 at his home where he had recently been receiving palliative care.

A lifelong Roscoe Township resident, Norman was born July 30, 1926 the son of Ned and Minnie (Grove) Bjorngaard. Norman farmed with his father and brothers. Working construction, he erected steel pole barns, and worked at Maple Island. He met the love of his life, Joan Brehmer, at a barn dance north of Goodhue. The couple married on November 19, 1949 at the parsonage at Lands Lutheran Church. He enjoyed going to dances with Joan, having coffee with friends at the Cenex in Wanamingo, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons Brian Bjorngaard of Zumbrota and Tim (Becki) Bjorngaard of Rochester; a daughter Vickie Bjorngaard of Roscoe Township; grandchildren Jennifer (Jeff) Whitesel, Stacey, Amber, Christopher, Erika, Mathew (Nicole), and Erik (Ashley) Bjorngaard, Kaitlyn (Cleary) Grubb, and Carisa Bjorngaard; great-grandchildren Theresa (Ryan), Tyler, Trystan, Lilyana, Robbie, Kiara, Arya, Nick, Tanner, and Zarrick; great-great-grandchildren Hannah, Ella, Ida, Camri, and Barron. He is also survived by his sisters Loretta Broas, Rose Durhman, and Sharon Bjorngaard.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years Joan; parents; a son Bruce Bjorngaard; a grandson Brian Blake Bjorngaard; and siblings Joel, Thelma, and Vernon.

The family would like to thank the staff at Mayo Hospice's Red Wing branch, and a special thank you to Rev. David Krinke and the members of Lands Lutheran Church.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Lands Lutheran Church, the church's organ fund, or to a charity of the donor's choosing.

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Betty Jane Ryan

Betty Jane Ryan, 84, of Red Wing, died peacefully, Monday, September 27, 2021, of natural causes surrounded by her family at St. Crispin Living Community – The Villa. She was born November 2, 1936 in Red Wing to Truman and Hazel

(Wakefield) Stull. She married Arnold Conrad on June 26, 1954. They farmed in the Goodhue area until his death on September 25, 1981. She then married Clement Joe Ryan on August 3, 1984 and the couple moved into Goodhue. On February 1, 2001 they moved to Red Wing. In April of 2001, Clement passed away. Betty was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She was a past member of St. Columbkills and Holy Trinity Catholic Churches in Goodhue and a current member of the Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, cats, the Harry Potter books, going to garage sales and thrift stores. She volunteered her time at Wise Penny and the Clothes Horse.

She is survived by her 6 children, Steve Conrad of Mazeppa, Rick (Taffy) Conrad of Goodhue, Randy (Mary) Conrad of Wau-paca, Wisc., Ray (Lisa) Conrad of Goodhue, David (Ivy) Conrad of Hager City, Wisc., and Sally Ann (Troy) Hattemer of Red Wing; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husbands; brother, Arthur; 2 sisters, Dorothy Sieben and Beverly Hamilton; an infant son; and her parents.

Mass of Resurrection was at 11 a.m., Monday, October 4, 2021 at the Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing. Father James Notebaart presided. Visitation was 2-5 p.m., Sunday, October 3, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home Bodelson-Mahn Chapel in Red Wing and one hour prior to the service at church. Burial was at Hope Cemetery in Featherstone Township. Memorial are preferred to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com



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Goodhue Football wins 20-14 over Pine Island!

September 2, 2021

Behind the running of Malakye Parker, Goodhue won their 1st game of the season against 1 AA competition. Goodhue moved up from class 1A in football to 1 AA due to enrollment. Malakye scored on a 24 yard touchdown run. Adam Poncelet added a touchdown on a 54 yard reception from quarterback Will Opsahl. In the second half, Maddox O'Reilly capped off the scoring with a 1 yard run in the 3rd quarter.

Goodhue beats Lewiston-Altura 28-14!

September 10

The Wildcats overcame a 7-0 deficit to L-A to comeback and win the game decisively! Wide receiver Adam Poncelet caught a pass from Quarterback Will Opsahl and ran for a 69-yard TD. Running back Malakye Parker scored on a 46 yard TD run. LA tied the game 14-14, however the Wildcats, scored in 2 more times in the 3rd and 4th quarter to seal the victory with a TD run by Maddox O'Reilly and a TD reception by Tyson Christianson.

Goodhue drops a close game to the Saints 34-33!



Goodhue Kicking off to St. Charles
Adam Poncelet is kicking, #3 is Ethan Breuer, 67 is Marcus Gardzinski, 10 is Carson Roeschen, 28 is Grant Reed, 35 is Dan Everson

September 17, 2021

The Wildcats Football Team lost a close game to St. Charles with many lead changes throughout the game. The Saints Jett Thoreson sealed the win with a run in from 4 yards for the touchdown, followed by a Brady Koepfel run on the two-point conversion to seal the win. The Wildcat defense gave up 252 yards rushing to the Saints ground attack. Offensively, the Wildcats passed often. Will Opsahl was 20-for-24 for 197 yards with 2 Td's. Adam Poncelet caught 13 passes for 137 yards for 2 scores. Malakye Parker ran the ball 24 times for 131 yards, while Maddox O'Reilly ran for 2 TD's.



Max Loos #24

Goodhue Football gets a 34-20 win over Dover Eyota!

QB Will Opsahl threw 2 TD passes, while Malakye Parker ran for 2 more as the Wildcats won against a good Dover-Eyota team. Adam Poncelet caught 2 of Opsahl's passes. Ethan Mathees also added a TD run for the Wildcats. Parker lead the Wildcat rushers with 147 yards on 22 carries. On defense, Blake Carlson had 10 tackles and Maddox O'Reilly had 9. Grant Reed and Carsyn O'Reilly added 7 tackles a piece.

Wildcats win in triple OT over Caledonia!

Wide receiver, Tyson Christenson caught the winning touchdown pass in triple OT to help the Wildcats defeat the Caledonia football team. The Wildcats and Warriors traded TD's in the first two OT's, but the Wildcats eventually stopped Caledonia from scoring in the 3rd OT in a 39-33 win, which was delayed by lightening. Quarterback Will Opsahl finished with 4 passing TD's to lead the Wildcats offense. Tyson Christenson threw a TD pass to Maddox O'Reilly for in the first OT and led the Wildcats in receiving with 82 yards on 4 receptions. He also had 2 blocked passes on defense. Wide receiver Adam Poncelet caught five passes for 76 yards and 2 TD's for the Wildcats. On the ground, running back Malakye Parker had 37 yards rushing on 11 carries and 25 yards on 3 receptions and a TD.



Max Loos and Grant Reed
Goodhue Football players

Blake and Joslyn Carlson
Homecoming King and Queen!
Goodhue High School 2021



Donald Reese Celebrates Milestone 95th Birthday

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Don may have had an inkling that there would be a party, but he had no idea that it would include a display of the machinery he had used during his many years of farming.

In honor of their dad's upcoming 95th birthday (September 15th), the Reese kids invited family and neighbors for an afternoon of socializing and refreshments. The event had a carnival-like feel and showcased a collection of Don's equipment. The highlight of the afternoon was a grain threshing demonstration.

The guests gathered around the thresher when Dan (under the watchful eye of his dad) fired up the 1935 Minneapolis Moline Twin City gas to kerosene 4-cylinder tractor that powered the belt pulley. The tractor, equipped with road gear and run on rubber tires, was purchased--along with the thresher--by Donald's father, Art Reese Sr. in 1940. The combo had not been run since 1985 but Dan's



The group of family and friends who attended Donald Reese's 95th birthday party on September 11th posed in front of the threshing machine.

pre-demonstration day efforts had it working flawlessly. Likely a new experience for the younger generations, it brought back memories for the older ones. Raised in a family of six boys, Don watched the process with interest as did his two remaining brothers, Harlan (age 90) and Hilbert (age 89).

Another special piece in this family collection is a 1959 Gehl self-propelled Chop-All Harvester. Don ordered the unit new and while he was waiting for it to arrive, the com-

pany sent him an owner's manual with a personal note attached. An updated manual was delivered with the chopper, as it was actually the next, newer model. It was one of only 140 that were made and came at a cost of \$10,500.00. Both manuals and the note, the Chop-All, a forage box, and photos of Don operating the unit in 1959 and again in 2019 were on display.

Also on display were a John Deere 820 and the 5-bottom plow Don bought together, and other JD tractors and implements. Don still owns a John Deere 2010 with a 36A loader but the other pieces have been purchased by son Dan or grandson Lanny. They enjoy working together to keep the equipment running, or even doing a major project like restoring Don's grandpa John's horse drawn manure spreader.

Although a horse lover who enjoyed riding, Don says he didn't do much farming with them. He once had a team of Belgians but rather than train them for field work, he sold them as a pulling team. He was sometimes handed the reins while doing custom work

on other farms because of his ability to handle them. The custom farm work was in addition to running about 440 Acres of his own. He spent so many hours on the Gehl chopper that operating it in 2019 was instinctive even though he hadn't run it in decades.

Don mostly retired from field work in 1985 but was always available to help out his kids. At 95, Don still lives on a farm near Goodhue where he likes to go out and tinker with things and still mows his own lawn. He gave up driving about 10 years ago after a severe bout of vertigo. Lila, nearly 88, is a master at crochet and also makes rugs that she sells. She too quit driving about a year ago so their children make sure they get where they need to go, including church on Sundays. A visit with the Reeses is likely to include a card game, Pony Canasta being a favorite.

Don and Lila marked 69 years of marriage on June 29. They have eight children (Kathy, Diane, Sue, David, Daniel, Dale, Cindy and Jodi), 29 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren (and 1 on the way) and 1 great, great grandchild.



One of the oldest items on display at Don's birthday party was this manure spreader that once belonged to Don's grandfather. It has been restored by Don's son Dan and grandson Lanny.



Dan Reese tells family friend, Donald Hadler about the Gehl self-propelled Chop-all on display at his Dad's 95th birthday celebration.



Dan and Don Reese start the MM Twin City tractor to run the threshing machine. The 1935 tractor was purchased by Don's father, Art Reese Sr. in 1940 and is currently owned and maintained by Dan.

Emergency Blood Shortage: Red Cross Supplies Drop to Lowest Post-Summer Levels Since 2015

American Red Cross



The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage and must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week over the next month for the blood supply to recover and meet hospital and patient needs. Donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give now and in the weeks ahead to overcome this current shortage.

Blood donor turnout has reached the lowest levels of the year as many delayed giving amid a return to the workplace and in-person learning, as well as a recent surge in COVID-19 cases across the country due to the delta variant. As cases spiked in August, blood donor participation decreased about 10%, but

blood product distributions to hospitals have remained strong, significantly outpacing blood donations in recent weeks.

Historically low inventory levels

The national Red Cross blood inventory is the lowest it's been at this time of year since 2015, with less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks. The supply of types O positive and O negative blood, the most needed blood types by hospitals, dropped to less than a half-day supply at times over the last month – well below the ideal five-day supply.

"Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds as donors are more available to give than during the busy summer months, but this year has presented a unique and serious challenge," said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer for the Red Cross. "While it's clear the pandemic continues to weigh heavily on our minds, the Red Cross asks the public to remember donating blood is essential to the many patients that rely on lifesaving transfusions every day."

Don't wait. People across the country depend on the generosity of blood donors. Make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPENFUS

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.

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Pictured: Sheffield Anvil



Pictured: King Craft Generator

- Miller 225 - Thunder Bolt 225 Stick Welder (nice)
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- Murray Comet V-12 Super Drive Pedal Car (unrestored)



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Goodhue County 4-H Members Participate in Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to all on your accomplishments!

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



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

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



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

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

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

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How to Track Down Old Friends Online

Dear Savvy Senior: I'm interested in tracking down some old friends I've lost touch with over the years but could use some help. What websites can you recommend that can help me find them?

--Tracking Tom

Dear Tom: Thanks to the Internet, tracking down long lost friends from many years ago is relatively easy to do and, in most cases, it won't cost you a cent. Here are some tips and online tools to help you get started.

Remembering the Details

Before you begin your search, a good first step is to jot down any information you can remember or find out about the people you're trying to locate. Things like their full name (maiden and married), age or birth date, last known address or phone number, old e-mail address, names of family members, etc. Knowing details can help you turn up clues while you search.

Social Media and Search Engines

After you compile your information, a good place to start your search is at social media sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. And search engines like Google and Yahoo. When using search engines, type in the name of the person you're searching for in quotation marks, for example, "John Smith." You can narrow your search by adding other criteria like their nickname or middle name, the city or state they may live in, or even their occupation.

People Search Sites

If your initial search comes up empty, you can also use people searches like AnyWho.com, Intelius.com or WhitePages.com. These sites will provide a list of potential matches from across the U.S. Because many people share the same name, these sites will also supply details to help identify the right person, perhaps including their age, prior hometowns, names of relatives, colleges attended or employer. While these sites are free to use at a basic level, they charge a small fee for providing certain details like the persons contact information. WhitePages, however, sometimes provides home phone numbers for free.

Niche Finding Sites

Here are a few other niche people-finding websites to help you with your search. To look for old high school classmates, try Classmates.com. This site has contact information only for people who have registered with it. But even if your friend hasn't registered, it could provide contact info for another classmate who remains in touch with your friend. Another option is to check out your high school alumni website. Not every school has its own site, but some do, and you can look for it by going to any search engine and typing in the name of the school with the city and state it's located in. You can also search at AlumniClass.com, a huge hosting site for thousands of high schools across the U.S. If you're looking for old college friends, look for an alumni directory on the school's website. You might be able to access your friend's contact info by completing an online registration. Or, try calling or emailing your alumni relations department and ask them to pass on your contact info to your friend. If you're looking for someone you served with in the military, Military.com offers a free "Buddy Finder" service that has a database of more than 20 million records – visit Military.com/buddy-finder. You can also search for free at GIsSearch.com, TogetherWeServed.com and VetFriends.com. If you can't find any current information about the person you're searching for, it could be that he or she is dead. To find out if that's the case, use obituary databases such as Tributes.com and Legacy.com, which has a newspaper obituary search tool from hundreds of U.S. newspapers.

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Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes August 18 @ 6:00 PM

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:01 p.m. Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people, Rich Majerus, Kyle Blattner, Mark Gerken, as well as Lisa Redepenning. Councilmember Jered Buxengard and treasure Kyle McKewon and City Engineer Matt Mohs were absent.

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

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

Old Business:

- Sewer Grant – update progress. More funds are needed to pay for easements and other unforeseen expenses.

- ADA bathroom for Community Center – update progress. Child changing table and paint touch up needs to be done. This is the final update.

- Park Upgrades. No further updates this year, more picnic tables and other items. No further updates on this until next year.

- Review Preliminary Budget – discuss.

New business:

- Security Camera for Recycle Bins – We

have had issues with burn pile. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to purchase the camera for the recycle bin and burn piles. Motion carried.

- Water/Wastewater Project GAP funds survey review

- MMS Environmental Service and Operating Contract Renewal. Motion was made by Mark Gerken with an 2nd by Rich Majerus to renew the MMS contract for sewer monitoring. Motion carried.

Engineering Report –

Clerk Report – 2021 - Preliminary Budget – I did receive the 2022 LGA amount and put in the new police charge on the budget worksheet. Water/Wastewater funding – I contacted the League of MN cities on clarification on how to pay for the upcoming project. The did say that the Water and Sewer accounts are enterprise accounts, meaning they are to collect fees to pay for the ongoing running and maintenance of both of these services. They did say that it is possible that part of the cost of the project can be assessed to benefited properties. I have contacted Goodhue County as to how we handle this. I assume it's the same as a school levy that is set for a certain amount of time

until the loan is paid off, but I am confirming that. Camera System for recycle Bins – I spoke to Stoddard Telecom (I do bookwork for them) about a camera system at the recycling area. He quoted 2 cameras and recorder that would be able to show license plates and faces. It holds 40 days of footage and then

records over. If we needed to get footage from it, it would just need a USB drive to copy off that portion of the tape to. He indicated it would be \$600.00. I also inquired with the county on cost and signage that is similar to what is in Goodhue by their recycle bins that the county also manages. Draft Gap funding Survey Mailing – I have included in the packet the documents that will be sent in the September utility mailing. These are in draft format. Any changes, let me know; otherwise, this is what will go to each household that we need to have them return. I am getting wording from Matt on the reason why we need this and the consequence of NOT being able to do this project due to not meeting the required survey return results. You can use this in conversion with residents about the importance of them responding. I will forward to you when I receive them. I recommend including a self-address, stamped envelope as an option for returning surveys. Park Improvements Fund Balance - \$5022.91 - FYI. Revenue Received in July – Goodhue County 2nd half Tax payment (\$27,560.28), 1st half LGA from State (\$11,990.50), Small City assist from state (\$5731.00) and American Rescue Plan from Federal Govt (\$9206.08). SEARCH Grant – I submitted the final invoice from Bolten & Menk to Laurie for reimbursement.

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

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – None.

Mayor Concerns – Speed issues in town was discussed. Electrical pole concern. Chopper event went well.

Council Concerns:

Adjourn

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Mark Gerken to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. Next meeting is September 15 @ 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.

Goodhue City Council

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They would like to improve the road with a 2" overlay, but the street is in bad enough shape that it will require a reconstruction and not an overlay. They plan to remove older trailer homes which are an eyesore and replace them with newer models and put new siding on the better ones. Residents who have caused problems and frequent police calls may be evicted.

The council approved a resolution for the new wastewater treatment facility called the North Zumbro Sanitation district. The total cost of the project serving four communities is anticipated to be \$79 million. Goodhue would account for about 12% of the usage at the new plant or 320,000 gallons per day. One concern is the future growth and need for more waste water treatment.

The council approved holding a Christmas market on Second Street in December. The street will be closed to allow vendors and food stands and music.

The city sent out letters to nine property owners who were in violation of the city ordinance regarding trash, junk and health, fire and safety hazards. They were given ten days to resolve the violations or face further action.

The police department has received approval to purchase a new squad car. Rochester Ford has two Ford Interceptors for around \$33,000 and are available now. The law enforcement equipment for the squad will cost an additional \$27,000. The equipment in the old squad is outdated and cannot be used. The police chief would like to acquire a new squad every five years, and keep each one for ten years. There are funds in the DWI forfeiture account that can be used to fund the squad.

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City of Goodhue Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Members present: Assistant Mayor Wayne Hahn, Patrice O'Reilly, Terry Anderson Buck & Jason Thuman with Mayor Kerry Bien absent. Also present were Richard Gorman, Laural Seither, Wilma Seither, Steve Voth, Dave & Sheila Kylo, Josh Smith & Tony Brecht.

Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Thuman, seconded by O'Reilly to approve the council minutes of August 25, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Thuman, seconded by O'Reilly to approve new garage building permit for Dave Kylo. Motion carried.

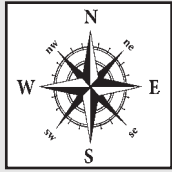
Motion by Thuman, seconded by O'Reilly to purchase 2021 Ford Explorer squad car. Motion carried.

Motion by Thuman, seconded by Anderson Buck to pay the bills. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Agre, City Clerk

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes End of an Era



By Terry Campbell

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

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

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

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

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

Being an ambitious young man back then I

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

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

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

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A Minnesotan: Bundled Up



By RosaLin Alcoser

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

Halloween of 2002 was my first Halloween in Mazeppa. I remember that my sister and I went trick or treating as a pair of Dalmatian puppies. It was a warm Halloween or at least warm for a Minnesotan Halloween. At least I think that I remem-

ber it being warm. Honestly, I have no idea I was six, and the Dalmatian costume was mostly made up of sweats.

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

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

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

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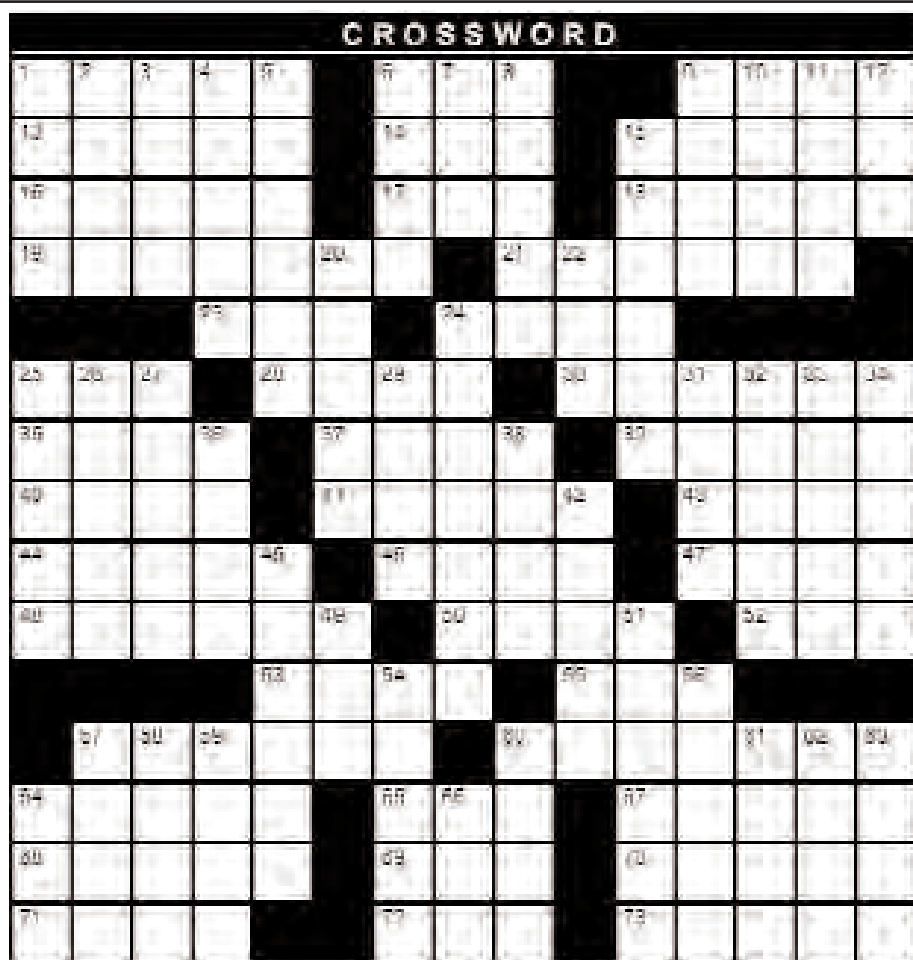


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43. At any time
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46. Greek portico
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48. Former President of Egypt
50. Ancient eternal life symbol
52. *Bathtub, hacksaws, Jigsaw
53. Euphemism for "darn"
55. *Blind violinist, transplant surgery, sees ghosts, with The
57. *Hotel, mother, shower
60. *Count, bite, cross
64. Hot winter drink
65. Aye's opposite
67. Financial benefactor
68. Seize a throne
69. Headquartered in Langley
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72. Old age, archaic
73. 6666...

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5. Xerox machine
6. *Videotape, stone well, seven days, with The
7. Paleozoic one
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9. Make over
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11. Ragtime turkey dance
12. And so on, abbr.
15. Bias crime perpetrators
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22. Pilot's announcement, acr.
24. ID badge, two words
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10 Fantastic Words To Guide Your Day



By Harvey Mackay

As a writer and speaker, I look for the deeper meaning in the words I choose. It doesn't matter how long the words are, or how difficult to spell or pronounce, or how familiar they are to my audiences. Sometimes the simplest, most familiar words have incredible significance.

Someone compiled this interesting list to illustrate what just 10 words can teach us. (I've searched for the identity of the writer, to no avail. If anyone can fill in that blank, I promise I will put that information out there!)

This list is very useful as an everyday

guide. I've added my thoughts to the brief explanations. Here goes:

1. The most selfish one letter word – "I." Avoid it.
2. The most satisfying two letter word – "We." Use it.
3. The most poisonous three letter word – "Ego." Overcome or kill it.
4. The most used four letter word – "Love." Value it.
5. The most pleasing five letter word – "Smile." Keep it.
6. The fastest spreading six letter word – "Rumors." Ignore them.
7. The hardest working seven letter word – "Success." Achieve it.
8. The most enviable eight letter word – "Jealousy." Distance it.
9. The most powerful nine letter word – "Knowledge." Acquire it.
10. The most valued ten letter word – "Friendship." Maintain it.

Ego. Let's combine the first and third words. In my opinion, you should use the word "you" ten times for every time you say "I." Using "I" too often is an indication that you are more interested in yourself than in others. That's an instant turnoff.

Too much I, I, I is indeed selfish, but it's also like ego. Ego trips have a dangerous destination. I can still hear my parents saying: "Don't hang your hat higher than you can reach." And my dad's stern advice, "It is far better to have other people say how

great you are."

We. Whenever possible, say "we" instead of I. Include others in your accomplishments, activities, and ideas. Especially in business, acknowledge contributions of your peers. There's strength in numbers, and this is proof positive.

Love. The Beatles insisted "All you need is love," and I think that's a great start. Love may be the "most used" four letter word, and with good reason. You can love your family, love your neighbor, love your country, love your work and love life.

Smile. I learned years ago that one of the most powerful things you can do to have influence over others is to smile at them. I'm a big believer in the proverb, "Don't open a shop unless you know how to smile." That's why I never underestimate the value of a smile. You shouldn't go to work without a smile . . . and that goes for your personal life too.

Rumors. The Internet has brought gossiping up to warp speed. Someone calculated that, if a rumor was started at midday, and was repeated within two seconds by everyone who heard it to two other people, who repeated it and kept the cycle going, by about 6:30 p.m. the same day everyone on earth would have heard it.

Spreading rumors about co-workers can create a hostile environment that customers will pick up on. This is a good reason for avoiding gossip. Add to that the fact that

I've seen many deals go down, due to gossip.

Success. Success comes in many forms and means different things to different people. In the working world, it is often defined as landing the perfect job, achieving a targeted income level, occupying a corner office or owning a business.

My own formula for success includes dogged determination, focus and the ability to finish, daring to dream, owning and learning from mistakes, looking at problems as opportunities, and staying positive. Success is a journey, not a destination.

Jealousy. This word is pure poison. And we all know how deadly poison can be.

Knowledge. While the old theory that we use only 10 percent of our brains has been widely debunked, there's plenty of evidence that we can increase our brainpower, retention and focus. Books and websites offer all kinds of help. Check out every opportunity to broaden your horizons. Knowledge is power.

Friendship. The best ship to sail is friendship. I enjoy meeting new people because I get a different view of the world. I may not agree with everything I hear, but what a way to expand your mind.

Mackay's Moral: Words are powerful, no matter how you spell them.

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