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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.

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## St. John's Lutheran Church Installs New Minister



Pastor Robbert was welcomed with a dinner and installation service at St. John's on Sunday, October 31st. Nine pastors from the Red Wing Conference of the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod offered their blessings on his ministry. L-R: Daniel Reich, Lake City; Martin Weigand, Goodhue; Roger Riedel, Oronoco; Nathan Cordes, Lake City; Alan Horn, Frontenac; new pastor Robbin Robbert; Wayne Schoch, Zumbrota; Edward Frey, counselor for Christian Family Solutions; Peter Sternberg, Red Wing; Todd Engel, Red Wing.

By Beth Brekke

It was a long journey. For St. John's Lutheran church, rural Goodhue, the road to a new minister meant extending the job offer 13 times over 16 months. For Robbin Robbert (Roe-ber't), accepting that call meant traveling 3200 miles through three Provinces and four States over five and a half days. It meant relocating from Wasilla, Alaska to head St. John's congregation and their Christian day school. *(continued on page 4)*

## City Discusses ARP Funds

The city of Goodhue will receive \$62,273.00 under the American Rescue Plan Act (Covid funds) according to the Minnesota Management and Budget local fund distribution report dated September 21, 2021.

Several ideas has been brought up for the usage of the funds. One is to upgrade the walking and bike trail with lights for night walking and riding. One complication is the lighting along the paths would need to be designed so the residents would not be disturbed by the lights. Location would have to take into account maintenance and plowing equipment along the path.

Another idea would be to turn Cranston Heights Park into a dog park for pet owners to have a secure area to run dogs off leash. A skate board park for kids was also mentioned.

## Rally Features Program on Central Africa Mission

By Beth Brekke

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Goodhue hosted the Fall rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS), Hiawatha Valley Circuit, on Saturday, October 16th.

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Pictured to the right: Dr. Lori Ryan, wife of Goodhue native Brent Ryan, presented a slideshow and information on Central Africa Medical Missions in Zambia and Malawi. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society supports this effort and hosted the program at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on October 16th.



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## Thanksgiving

By Fr. Thomas McCabe

As a religious people, God calls us to gather at our place of worship every week to give thanks and praise to God. We give thanks because we are free and able to come to worship. "To worship" means to give ourselves and our praise to God for He is our ultimate end goal, and the source of our life and all that is truly good for us.

God is worthy of all praise because He created us in God's divine image and likeness, and He sustains our every heartbeat and breath. When we had fallen into sin, God redeemed us by the life, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven of his divine Son, Jesus Christ, who was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When Catholic Christians gather at Holy Mass, we are like the Ten Lepers in the Gospel of Luke who cry out, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" We express this by calling to mind our sins at the beginning of Holy Mass and then pray, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

By participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass our venial sins are forgiven, and we are offered the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ to heal and strengthen those places that sin has wounded. If we have any mortal (deadly) sin on our soul, we hear Jesus say to us, much like what the Ten Lepers heard, "Go, show yourselves to the priests".

Of course, the priests of the Old Testament had to determine if the people with leprosy were actually healed from it. If so, the Old Testament priests would welcome them back

into the fulness of the community and into the Temple to worship.

But I, and any other Catholic priest (New Testament priest), can hear a good confession and cleanse the person's soul of all sins, even mortal sins, through the Sacrament of Confession (see Jn. 20:20-23; James 5:16), and then encourage the penitent to go and thank Jesus, especially by receiving him worthily in the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Eucharist is a divine sign that we are in full communion with God and the members of Jesus' Catholic Church.

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word meaning thanksgiving, and of course we are thankful for our physical health, but especially for our freedom to practice our Christian faith so that we might be assured of our spiritual health. Sometimes we take these gifts for granted.

Yet, it is difficult to be 100% thankful at all times, but we know who was. Jesus Christ was, and is. Jesus Christ is the perfect thanksgiving to God the Father and we participate in his perfect thanksgiving every time we receive Holy Communion with sincere and humble hearts since it flows from our baptism – our call to give witness to God every weekend and by living the other Ten Commandments with integrity, as well as his Sacraments.

Loving God above all things by putting Jesus Christ first in our life means receiving the Holy Eucharist in the state of grace which is a pledge of Eternal Life with God and all

his angels and Saints. As we read in The First Letter of (1) John 5:3, 16-17: "For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments... If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly [venial], he should pray to God and he will give him life.

There is such a thing as a deadly [mortal] sin...All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly."

We give God perfect thanks through, with and in Jesus Christ, for our freedom and our natural and supernatural health. We thank God that our Declaration of Independence mentions God four times, like the four Books of the Gospel, for it is God that inspired the foundation of our country.

We thank God and all those who have fought for the freedom of our country and its Judeo/Christian heritage which inspired our Constitution of the United States.

President George Washington's Proclamation of our first National Thanksgiving, October 14, 1789 (about one year after the U.S. Constitution was ratified), extols, thanks and praises God for the blessings He had given to our country, and looks forward to more blessings, so long as we strive mightily to remain faithful to God.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,  
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**Scripture Reading — Ruth 4:18-22**  
**Perez was the father of Hezron . . . Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.**  
— Ruth 4:18-22

The first mention of David in the Bible comes in the book of Ruth. David's story was part of God's much bigger story. Through the lives of David and many others, God was shaping and molding a people for himself. God called men and ?women into a relationship of grace, responsibility, and adventure.

The story of Ruth included disappointment, death, and discouragement. But as God worked in the lives of Ruth and Boaz, encouragement, joy, and hope began to shine through. Ruth and Boaz became ancestors of David.

Family connections anchored David's life, making his family story an important part of his identity. As Eugene Peterson noted, "The genealogy shows that the story of Ruth and Boaz wasn't simply a small love story into which they had acci?dentally fallen; rather it was a sprawling love story of epic proportions. For through the union of Ruth and Boaz came David" (Conversations).

Genealogies show us, in part, how God works in the world. Jesse told his children the stories of Perez, Hezron, Ram . . . Ruth and Boaz, and Obed as reminders of God's faithfulness throughout the generations. And the thread of those stories went farther back to a couple named Abraham and Sarah, whom God had called into a relationship with himself (Genesis 12). This was part of the inheritance David had even before he was born.

**Prayer**  
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 Sunday School and Bible Studies (Adult & Teen) 11:00a.m.



## LeRoy Benjamin Swenson

LeRoy Benjamin Swenson, 80, of Goodhue, passed away Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at his home.



He was born on April 2, 1941, in St. Peter, MN to Benjamin & Vera (Whiting) Swenson. He grew up in A t w a t e r, MN where he graduated from high school in 1959. For several years he worked in St. Paul at his uncle's bowling alley and then moved to St. Peter where he met Patricia Beaumont, they were married on October 3, 1964. They lived in various places including, Mankato, St. Cloud, Mitchell SD, Welch and then Red Wing where he worked for Nash Finch. From 1987-2004 he worked for the Red Wing Shoe Company until his retirement. In his earlier years he served in the Minnesota National Guard along with raising and training Labradors. Throughout his life, his obsession with sheep and poultry, allowed him to give his children and grandchildren an extraordinary experience in 4-H & FFA. He also loved to get any and everyone involved in hunting and fishing. Sports played a major role in raising his family. He and Pat were snowbirds that went to Florida and Texas since 2011. In April 2020, they moved to Good-

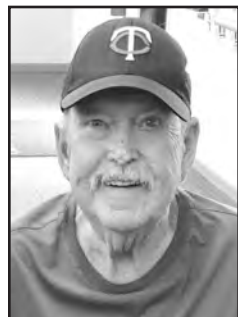
hue. LeRoy is survived by wife Pat of 57 years; five children, Scott (Amy) Swenson of Jacksonville, FL, Tonia Swenson of Richmond, VA, Lorie Swenson of Dodge Center, Dusty (Angie) Swenson of Viroqua, WI and Nicole O'Reilly of Goodhue, MN; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; two sisters, Ruth Ann Tait and Betty (Dean) Torgerson all of Brackettville, TX and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant daughters, Connie and Jodie.

There was a small family graveside burial on Saturday, October 16, 2021, followed by a celebration of life on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Swenson's home in Goodhue. Arrangements are by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ann Flom; three children, Chris (Kari) Flom of Ellsworth, WI, Lisa (Tom) Page of Sugarland, TX, and Michele (Chris) Angell of Red Wing, MN; six grandchildren, Alesha and Drake Flom, Nicholas and Natalie Page, and Jacob and Emily Angell; sisters-in-law, Marge Wendt and Audrey Vaidich; and several nieces and nephews.

## Roger James Flom

Roger James Flom, 79, of Red Wing, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.



He was born in Northfield on June 28, 1942, to Lillian (Underdahl) and Everett Flom. He grew up in Cannon Falls where he graduated from high school in 1961. Following high school, he went to work for First Federal as a loan officer in St. Paul. During this time, he went on a blind date, where he would meet his future wife of 55 years, Mary Ann Nicklay. The two

were united in marriage on February 19, 1966. After living in South St. Paul, they eventually moved to Red Wing. It is here Roger was hired on as a Red Wing Police Officer. From 1979 to 1991, Roger had the honor of being the first K9 handler in the Red Wing Police Department history. Through three partners, Sundance, Frank, and Nick, Roger enjoyed helping keep the community safe and caring for his dogs. After retiring from Red Wing, Roger took a patrol position in Goodhue, where he eventually became the chief of police. Throughout his life, Roger enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events, playing cribbage, having coffee with friends, and anything that involved being with his family. He was a lifelong member of the Red Wing Elks, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the Minnesota Chief of Police Association.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Brandon Angell; and his brothers, Eugene, Curtis, Owen, and Everett Jr.

Memorial Service was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Visitation was two hours prior to the service at the church. Memorials are preferred to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or an organization of the donor's choice. Arrangements made by Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Lloyd Peter Ryan

Lloyd Peter Ryan, 93, of Goodhue, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at Loving Residence in Red Wing. He was born January 5, 1928, in Belle Creek Township and attended rural school in the area and worked on the family farm. On Oct. 31,



1950, he was united in marriage to Joyce Grant. He served in the US Army during the Korean War from 1951-52 and was stationed in Japan. Following his discharge, he returned home to farm, and together, he and Joyce raised 10 children. He farmed until retiring at the age of 65. Lloyd enjoyed being around others whether it was golfing, fishing, shooting pool or playing cards. He and Joyce also enjoyed wintering in Arizona for many years. Joyce passed away in 2018. Lloyd was a life-long member of St. Columbkil's Catholic Church and also belonged to the Leo C. Peterson American Legion #54 Red Wing and the VFW # 5727 Stary-Yerka, Zumbrota.

He is survived by his children, Steve (Nancy) of Red Wing, Pete (Bev) of Goodhue, Kenny (Deb Austad) of Goodhue, Marie (Larry Veek) of Lindstrom, Bob of Goodhue, Randy (Sally) of Mesa, AZ, Charlie of Lake City, Liz O'Neill of Dresser, WI and Dana (Terri) of Goodhue; 25 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Eugene (Kitty) of Stillwater and Michael (Jan) of Pepin, WI; a sister, Audrey Murphy of California and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; children, Susan, Scott and Neil; son-in-law, Tim O'Neill; grandson, Corey Stephen; great-granddaughter, Katherine Rose and siblings, Marietta, Lorraine, Jean and his twin brother, Lyle.

Mass of Christian burial was at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 at St. Columbkil's Catholic Church. Father James Notebaart presided. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel, Red Wing, and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was at the church cemetery. Memorials preferred to the church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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## St. John's Lutheran Church Installs New Minister

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It was hard to leave friends but the move to Goodhue meant he and his wife of 27 years, Jessica, would be closer to their family.

Pastor Robbert grew up in the LaCrosse, WI area where his parents were Lutheran grade school teachers. He had his mother for his kindergarten teacher and his father as his eighth grade teacher. He went to Luther High School in Onalaska, WI for two years before transferring to Martin Luther Preparatory School in Prairie du Chien, WI, graduating in 1987. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern College, Watertown, WI and then earned his Master Degree in Divinity from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI.

Jessica is a country girl, having grown up in a rural area near the village of Somers, WI, 40 minutes South of Milwaukee. Her first job was on a produce farm and later worked in the food stands at Six Flags amusement park. Most recently, she was a licensed public school counselor in Alaska, having studied psychology and theology at Wisconsin Lutheran College and earning her Master's degree from Concordia, Mequon, WI.

Robbert became the associate pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Weyauwega, WI and served in their K-8 Campus School program. During the 15 years in this farming community, Pastor's other service opportunities included the Weyauwega Historical Society and the Weyauwega Trails Committee.

Looking at it as an adventure, Pastor Robbert accepted the Divine Call to serve King of Kings Lutheran Church in Wasilla, a city in South central Alaska with a population near 11,000. Robb and Jessi found it difficult to leave their two oldest children, already attending Lutheran high school in Wisconsin, but headed North and enrolled the three youngest in Christian day school an hour away from their new home. Jessi became a

teacher's aide and says, "Our commitment is Christian Education".

60 % of people in Alaska don't stay longer than five years but the Robbert's had served King of Kings Lutheran Church in Wasilla for over nine years. Robb was involved in the community as president of the Wasilla-Knik Historical Society and as the Bocce Ball head coach for the Mat Su Special Olympics. He explained how they learned "chicken math" on their small acreage. It starts with taking in one chicken that doesn't get along with the rest of the flock. Next, you add two chicks to keep the first one company. Soon, you see a dozen hatchlings walking across the yard and before you know it, you have a total of 55 birds.

Traveling in a U-Haul towing their van on a trailer, Robbin, Jessi, their four dogs and a cat set out on their journey from Alaska to Minnesota in early October. Singing silly songs to entertain themselves, they made stops at Destruction Bay in the Yukon Territory in Canada; Muncho Lake, British Columbia; Grand Prairie, Alberta; Shelby Montana; and Bismarck, North Dakota.

Pulling up to the rented house they will be living in North of Zumbrota, it felt like home. The landscape is similar to where they grew up, Robb's father having worked on farms during the Summer months while school was out. They will enjoy these last, nice Fall days, knowing Minnesota Winters can be even more brutal than in Alaska--although not quite as long.

One thing they most look forward to is seeing more of their five children, all living in Minnesota or Wisconsin. Deirdre is 26 and lives in Wisconsin Rapids with her husband, Tyler and their 3 children which includes 2-year-old twins. Joel is 25 and married to Jacki. They have a 4-month old daughter and live in Lake Mills, WI. Christopher is 23 and attends Martin Luther College in New Ulm and is a member of the MN National Guard. Chloe, 21, is student teaching at St. Croix Lutheran High School to earn her degree from Martin Luther College and Emma, 16 attends Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI. Jessi enjoys the chaos of having kids and grandkids around but also likes to relax with a good book and taught herself how to crochet during the pandemic. Robb likes hiking and is looking forward to exploring the local trails.



Pastor Robbert Robbert and his wife, Jessica were joined by three of their five children at the installation service at St. John's Lutheran Church rural Goodhue. L-R is Chloe, Robbin, Jessica, Emma and Joel.

A new journey begins as Pastor Robbert officially started his ministry duties after an installation service on October 31st. Jessi will

be substitute teaching at the school and play piano (and trombone) as needed.

## Take a Short Drive to Delicious



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## Rally Features Program on Central Africa Mission

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A robust crowd of nearly 70 attended the in-person event that had been postponed since April 2020 due to the pandemic. With fewer places to go and things moving to a virtual format, Dr. Lori Ryan watched the online ver-

sion of that cancelled Spring rally and became interested in serving the LWMS as a contact woman for their Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM).

As contact person she is responsible for distributing information monthly to area churches. She shared information at the event through a slideshow and keynote address.

Lori grew up on a farm in Iowa and says watching their veterinarian may have sparked an early interest in the medical field. While attending Luther College, she met Brent Ryan, a Goodhue area farm boy. Brent and Lori were married in 2004 and now live in New Hope, MN. They chose that area so their 3 children, now ages 8, 10 and 14, could attend Holy Trinity, a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) school. It is also a convenient commute to Abbot Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis where Brent is an internal medicine doctor who sees adult patients and Lori is a pathologist who oversees lab testing.

First earning a degree in public health, Lori always had an interest in global health and also in Christian mission work. Volunteering for the CAMM program is a way for her to combine those two interests. While she is relatively new to the program, CAMM has been operating for 60 years. WELS began its medical mission in the African nation of Zambia in 1961 and expanded its missionary and medical work to neighboring Malawi in 1970. There has been great improvement in

health care, infant mortality and medical equipment since they opened and they hope to upgrade more things and possibly expand to other areas in the future.

Zambia and Malawi are both considered developing countries, meaning they still do not have consistent, reliable water or electricity. Solar power is increasingly popular and citizens often travel to a borehole (well) to pump water for their daily needs. The population is generally poor and lacks adequate health care. The CAMM works to heal body and spirit in both countries. Each day starts with a devotion for those waiting in line at the clinic and nearby borehole. Church services are held at the clinic locations on Sundays. The Mission's medical workers may also perform baptisms, which is not allowed in government run medical facilities.

Zambia is similar in size to the state of Texas with a population exceeding 17 million. The clinic operates in a recently refurbished physical building, seeing 15,000 people per year. They have recently started using electronic medical records so patients will no longer need to carry their health history with them. This clinic offers many basic services with an emphasis on nutrition and sanitation issues and are currently following COVID prevention guidelines. They also offer a much needed birthing site.

Malawi is a country the approximate size of Pennsylvania with a population of 19 million. The CAMM program does not have a phys-

ical clinic here but travels to four villages using land rovers to carry equipment and supplies which are stored at the missionary's home. Many people come to these mobile clinics for vaccinations or treatment of Malaria. 6,500 of the 33,000 people seeking help from this mission were treated for Malaria as the prevention program is not as aggressive as it is in Zambia at this time. Both locations are staffed by locally trained medical personnel.

The extension of this mission into Malawi was the direct result of Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA) members who moved from Zambia to Malawi. CAMM is supported by the WELS synod but is not a budgeted mission. Operating solely on donations, every dollar received goes to the efforts of this Christ centered medical mission. Congregations, ladies' groups, schools, and individuals provide the necessary funds to continue serving the people of Zambia and Malawi. Those attending the Fall rally donated \$306.70 to the LWMS working fund and an additional \$609.00 to the missions fund. Additionally, there was a sizable collection of needed items including pill bottles and baby blankets. The mission is also in need of other baby items and sunscreen.

For more information on CAMM and how you can help, visit their website, [www.camm.us](http://www.camm.us). To learn more about LWMS, their other mission programs, and to view their online videos go to [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org).



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## Wildcats drop game to Lake City 59-40!

10/13/21

The Cats football team scored 6 touchdowns, but could not stop the Tigers of Lake City in a high scoring game. QB Will Opsahl passed for 120 yards and 2 TD's. Malakye Parker ran for 218 yards and 1 TD, also 76 yards receiving and a TD. Adam Poncelet had 4 receptions for 40 yards and 2 TD's.

Defensively, Grant Reed had 15 tackles, Ethan Matthes 13 tackles, Maddox O'Reilly 12 tackles, Gavin Schaefer 12 tackles, Tyson Christianson had and Blake Carlson 11 tackles each.

## Wildcats defeat Triton 33-22 in Football!

10/19/21

Malakye Parker rushed for 150 yards and scored 1 TD to lead the Cats over the Cobras. Will Opsahl passed for 123 yards.

Maddox O'Reilly and Ethan Matthes each ran for 2 TD's.

On Defense Grant Reed had 19 tackles, Blake Carlson had 15, Ethan Matthes 10, and Maddox Oreilly 9 tackles.

**Pictured to the right:**

**Grant Reed has been playing at a high level on defense for the Goodhue Football Team.**

**In the last 3 games he has averaged over 10 tackles per game. He recorded 19 tackles in a Wildcat win over Triton.**



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## Goodhue Beats Dover-Eyota 46-12 in the 1st Round of Section 1AA Football Playoffs

10/26/21

Malakye Parker ran for 146 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to an easy win over the Eagles. QB Will Opsahl passed for 40 yards and a TD. Ethan Matthes, Dylan Schafer, and Ethan Breuer each ran for a TD.

On the defensive side of the ball, Grant Reed had 9 tackles and a sack. Ethan Matthes had 12 tackles and 3 sacks, and Maddox O'Reilly and Kade Altendorf had 6 tackles each.

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## Goodhue runs past Lewiston-Altura to advance to the Section 1 AA finals!

Behind the running of Malakye Parker, the Wildcats scored 48 points to defeat the Cardinals 48-28 in Goodhue. Parker ran for 300 yards on 42 carries for the Wildcats and scored 3 touchdowns, 1 receiving as well. Quarterback Will Opsahl threw for 105 yards and 3 touchdowns. Maddox O'Reilly added 49 yards and a touchdown. Adam Poncelet had 3 receptions for 38 yards and a touchdown.

The Wildcat defense stepped up in the 2nd half allowing just 32 yards of offense and no points for the Cardinals. Lewiston-Altura scored all of their 28 points in the 1st half. Defensively, Grant Reed had 14 tackles, Ethan Matthes had 12, Blake Carlson 9, Maddox O'Reilly, Kameron Zeetah, and Tyson Christianson had 8 each.

Goodhue will face Chatfield in the Section 1 AA finals at Kasson-Mantorville High School Friday, November 5th.



#33 Malakye Parker getting set to run the ball



Kason Bigalk kicking off and scoring an extra point versus Lewiston-Altura.

*Photo by Theresa Bigalk*



#2 QB Will Opsahl, #33 RB Malakye Parker



Seniors

*Photo by Amber Lohman*



Goodhue Football Seniors

#8 Dylan Schafer, #7 Kameron Zetah, #25 Ethan Matthes, #55 John Collins, #68 Mason Taxdahl, #65 Cody Lohman, #3 Ethan Breuer, #53 Blake Carlson, #34 Maddox O'Reilly, #9 Tyson Christianson, #35 Derrick Evenson, #17 Makae O'Reilly



## Teachers Make a Difference



By Harvey Mackay

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

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

Twenty-five years later another group of graduate students was given the job of testing the prediction. They went back to the same areas. Some of the boys – by then men – were still there, a few had died, some had moved away, but they got in touch with 180 of the original 200. They found that only four

of the group had ever been sent to jail.

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

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

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

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

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

There is no magic formula for being a success. Sure, natural talent can make a big difference. It takes iron determination and lots of hard, hard work. The harder you work, the luckier you get. Success only comes before work in the dictionary. My mentor Curt Carlson, founder of one of the world's largest privately owned companies, used to say, "You work five days a week to keep pace with the competition. You work Saturday to get

ahead."

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

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

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

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

**Remain trustworthy.** Trust is the most important word in business, as well as life in general. Trust is central to doing business with anyone. Without it, you have another word that begins with T: Trouble. It takes years to build trust, but only seconds to destroy it.

There are consequences for bad decisions. Bad decisions are quite different from mistakes, as any teacher can tell you. Deciding to take shortcuts instead of doing the job



right, making promises you can't keep – there are consequences that are often difficult to overcome which could be avoided by starting off on the right path.

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

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

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

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## Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

September 15 @ 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, Jered Buxengard, Mark Gerken, as well as Lisa Redepenning treasure

Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs. Goodhue County Deputy Jen Hofshulte and Sherriff Marty Kelly from the Goodhue Sheriff Office was also present.

Minutes of August, 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 Kyle Blattner to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Sewer Grant – update progress. Survey was distributed and reviewed.
- Approve 2022 Budget & 2022 Preliminary Levy – discuss and approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve the 2022 budget and

preliminary levy as submitted (\$60,000). Motion carried.

### New business:

- Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement – discuss and approve. Matt Mohs discussed the need to create permanent easements of the sewer lines are needed for our sewer project to move forward. It includes finding property pins, create easement sketches of property, and create legal descriptions for each easements. In order to receive a loan for this project, we need these easements done. This will only need to be done 1 time and it will be permanent and complete. This was not done in the past and is not recorded with the County. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement as submitted. Motion carried.

- In-Town Speed Issue & Policing – Questions on placement of squad cars in town. Sherriff Marty Kelly discussed that the current contract that we have with the County is to be here, not just to do speed monitoring. Overall patrolling and visual police presence in the entire city is what is priority. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve a resolution 2021.2 to support the purchase of radio infrastructure and EMS in Goodhue County by the Sherriff's department. Motion carried.

- Goodhue County - 2022 Sealcoat & Bituminous Paving Work – Review/Discuss. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to not participate in the 2022 Sealcoat work for 2022 as submitted. Motion carried.

- Parking Personal Items on Public Streets – Discuss. Discussion was made on parking several items on street.

- Recycle Bin/Brush Pile Signage – Review/Discuss. Discussion was on the pole used to adhere these signs to. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to purchase the signage as quoted by Goodhue County. Motion carried.

**Engineering Report** – None

**Clerk Report** – Camera System for recycle Bins – Have been ordered and will be installed this month. Interest Payment on Micro Loan Paid - \$1725.00 in August.

**Treasurer Report** – Utility past due list was distributed and reviewed. Some residents have made payment plans.

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – Current plan is to discharge in October.

**Mayor Concerns** – Resident inquired about window replacement and if permit needed.

**Council Concerns** – Gopher issues.

### Adjourn

Motion was made by Kyle Blattner with a second by Rich Majerus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. Next meeting is October 20th @ 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.

- Brush 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 Residents - Reminder

The recycle bins in town are for cardboard, newspapers, glass and tin. These are the ONLY items accepted. Brush pile is for natural yard waste only and for Bellechester residents only. No other finished or unfinished wood products are allowed.

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## City of Goodhue Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

The City of Goodhue held a regular council meeting on October 13, 2021

Members Present: Wayne Hahn, Jason Thuman, Terry Anderson Buck, Patrice O'Reilly and

Mayor Kerry Bien appeared via Zoom. Also present were Steve Voth, Erin Gravemann, Officer

Anthony Brecht, Officer Nicholas Sievers and Adam Lodermeier.

1. Acting Mayor Wayne Hahn, lead the group through the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion by Anderson Buck, seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Thuman and second by Anderson Buck to approve the council minutes of September 22, 2021. Motion carried.
4. There was no old business.
5. Erin Gravemann provided recommendations for use of the ARPA funds, including lighting the walking trail in specific areas that are particularly dark and converting the Cranson Heights park into a dog park or skate park.
6. Council reviewed the written City Engineering Updates provided by Reese Sudtelgte regarding the Swanson Heights 3rd Addition and Viola Watermain Loop.
7. Council reviewed the Northland Security Contract. Motion by Hahn and seconded by Anderson Buck to approve the contract. Motion carried.
8. Motion by O'Reilly seconded by Thuman to approve Resolution No. 2021-16 a resolution to designate the Goodhue Community Center at 105 Broadway Street N, Goodhue as the polling place for the 2022 election. Motion carried.
9. No Mayor Concerns.
10. Under Council Concerns, there was a discussion about having Chief Josh Smith follow up with landowners that had received a clean-up letter and who haven't yet complied.
11. Motion by Thuman to pay bills and second by O'Reilly. Motion carried.
12. There being no further business, there was a motion by Anderson Buck and seconded by Hahn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

Submitted by:

Adam Lodermeier



## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes One for the Old Times



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.*

Coming back to Minnesota this spring we had made the decision to sell the house that my grandparents had lived in. As a rental it was becoming more of a problem to us. That meant a renovation, so we started working.

Then things began to change. After stripping it down and cleaning it up, we noticed the charm hidden underneath.

The house was built out of fir. Not pine. Fir gets harder as it ages. You have to drill eighty-year old fir floor joists. It will bend a nail right over. This was a home to my grand-parents. Two of the nicest people you would ever meet. I knew my grandmother for over forty-years, but my grandfather died the year I was born. My memories of my grandfather Otis, came from some of my neighbors.

Lester Derby was one of my neighbors who lived in the valley next to us when I was growing up. Lester and Lillian were great friends of our family. I remember Lester telling me about my grandfather about forty-years ago. Lester and his wife had moved onto their farm and had three children. Their house had a porch on the front where Lillian did the laundry. One day Otis was visiting Lester and asked how Lillian would do the laundry when the winter came and it would be too cold outside. Lester commented that he would like to enclose the porch, but farming in the 1950's

did not look like the money would be available. The next day, Otis stopped down and handed Lester \$500. He said, "fix the porch for your family, pay me back when you are able."

My neighbor Jim Buehler told me about my grandfather Otis. Otis had arthritis quite bad and got around on crutches in his last years. Jim had watched my grandfather cultivating corn and the grass would plug up the cultivator shovels. Most people would get frustrated and raise the cultivator and pop the clutch to bounce the sod balls of the shovels. But not my grandfather. Jim said he watched him

raise the front mounted cultivator, back up and then dismount from the tractor and slowly make his way around the front and push the dirt and grass off the shovels with one crutch. Calmly and patiently, each time with the demeanor of a man who was unflappable.

As I stripped the house down to the sub-floor and bare studs, I realized that I was looking at a house no one had seen since my grandfather built it, over eighty years ago. The memory of a simple farmer who lived the righteous way seemed worthy to preserve. My wife and I decided we would move into it and keep it for our summer home.

## A Minnesotan: Thanksgiving



By RosaLin Alcoser

Thanksgiving 2019 was my first year back in Minnesota from Missouri. Don't get me wrong I loved Thanksgiving in Missouri, spending it with my older sister and getting Chinese food out so that we did not have to cook a large meal for two. Which made 2019 the first more traditional Thanksgiving I had had in a couple of years.

My family has the tradition of getting up watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade every year and making a big meal. The thing that stands out to me the most about that's year's Thanksgiving is cooking that meal.

The reason that cooking this meal stands out to me is because my mother's oven would not stay shut on it's own. Meaning that it was my job that day to keep the oven door shut; so I sat with my back against the oven door to hold it shut for a better part of the day so that the Thanksgiving meal could bake.

Thanksgiving 1999 was my family's first Thanksgiving in Minnesota, which is also the first time I can remember seeing snow. However, it is the Thanksgiving of 2019 that sticks in my mind this year.

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Our goal with the Messenger is to help insure our home towns, still have a community voice of its own, direct mailing to all residents in the zip code. This format allows the community to maintain a local monthly paper,



and better connect local residents, businesses and the community. We also understand the need for

more timely information within the month, so we look forward to expanding our digital and online offerings in the coming months, while still maintaining our dedication to our hometowns!

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THEME: BASKETBALL

- ACROSS**
- 1. Repeating word on South Pacific map
  - 5. Bro's sibling
  - 8. Dashboard abbr.
  - 11. Fusses
  - 12. \*Basketball slam
  - 13. Go "Boo!"
  - 15. Boisterous play
  - 16. Upper hand
  - 17. Part of mortise joint
  - 18. \*Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)
  - 20. "The Famous Five" children's writer Blyton
  - 21. \*Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
  - 22. "Mares eat \_\_\_\_" or "does eat \_\_\_\_," sing.
  - 23. One who covers in silver, e.g.
  - 26. Figure
  - 30. Be ill
  - 31. Part of "panther"
  - 34. Capital of Latvia
  - 35. Like helium
  - 37. Quilting party
  - 38. Analyze
  - 39. Dehydrated
  - 40. Litter of piglets
  - 42. Down Under bird
  - 43. a.k.a. aardvark
  - 45. Provincial governor in ancient Persia
  - 47. Argo propeller
  - 48. Subway in Paris
  - 50. Conclusion starter
  - 52. \*Made basket (2 words)
  - 56. Not a soul
  - 57. Like animal near extinction
  - 58. Greek sandwich
  - 59. Bandages
  - 60. Arabian bigwig
  - 61. Answer to "Shall we?"
  - 62. Bar offering
  - 63. \*It sends a basketball game to overtime
  - 64. Highland tongue
- DOWN**
- 1. Vomit
  - 2. Sensory input
  - 3. It wasn't built in a day
  - 4. Characteristic to consider
  - 5. Traditional scarf/headdress
  - 6. Brick of precious metal
  - 7. Place at an angle
  - 8. Indian princess
  - 9. Circus trainer's poker
  - 10. '80s band "\_\_\_\_ At Work"
  - 12. Remove antlers
  - 13. Titanic propeller
  - 14. \*Shaquille O'Neal and Wilt Chamberlain, e.g.
  - 19. Halloween option
  - 22. Not their
  - 23. 1/100th of a rupee
  - 24. Wrinkle-prone natural fabric
  - 25. Warning
  - 26. \_\_\_\_-do-well
  - 27. Part of a stair
  - 28. Old World lizard
  - 29. \*Fast-break \_\_\_\_
  - 32. Skier's aid
  - 33. Part of H.M.S.
  - 36. \*Reward after missed shot
  - 38. \*Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
  - 40. Away's partner
  - 41. Stable worker
  - 44. Relieves
  - 46. On/off type of switch
  - 48. \*\_\_\_\_ Hurricanes
  - 49. Creepy
  - 50. Work very hard
  - 51. Use a whetstone
  - 52. Worry without necessity
  - 53. Deed hearing
  - 54. A in A&E Network
  - 55. \*The Phoenix Suns did it in the 2021 NBA Finals
  - 56. \*Professional basketball league

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# MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

## MISSY'S MESSAGE

Missy's message is about my opinion and sharing my experiences with health and wellness. A big part of wellness is a person's mental health. Everyone has got to be appreciative and thankful for something in their lives. We get so busy, we don't stop and think how much there is to be thankful for. With Thanksgiving this month, it's the perfect time to list my blessings and think about yours.

My number one blessing is my husband and my son. I get to work with them almost every day. Who gets that? And they are both the hardest workers I know. I am so grateful for Monty. When Mike is too busy, I can always ask Monty and he has glad to help.

Number two is our health. I have been at the point in my life a few times where I can't exercise for one reason or another, and it stinks. Hopefully, that is all behind me.

Number three is family, friends, and customers. I am thankful for being able to hang out with family, friends, and customers. To have family and friends help us out when we need it and for us to be able to help them out in return. We have spent a lot of extra time with our parents and siblings during the pandemic. Our families live very close together, and it is nice to hang out when we can. It was also nice to have more time to interact with customers now that I am at MotoProz every day instead of just part-time.

*Memo from MotoProz...*

Save the date! MotoPhest at MotoProz is Friday, November 26 through Saturday, December 4. Our 7 days of sales always starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through the following Saturday!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.



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### How to Write an Online Will

**Dear Savvy Senior**

**Writing a will has never been a high priority to me but this lingering coronavirus crisis has changed my thinking. Can you recommend some good do-it-yourself resources to help me write a simple will?**

**--Getting Older**

Dear Getting:

The coronavirus crisis has changed the way a lot of people look at things, including wills. Currently, fewer than half of American adults have prepared a will. But having a last will and testament is important because it ensures that your money and property will be distributed to the people you want to receive it after your death. If you die without a will, your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but assets typically are distributed using a hierarchy of survivors. Assets go to first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on.

You also need to be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. If you jointly own a home or a bank account, for example, the house, and the funds in the account, will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise.

Similarly, retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep them up to date too.

**Online Will Makers**

If you have a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation, writing your own will – with the help of a good online will making program – is a viable alternative to hiring an attorney and much cheaper. Like tax software, these online tools will guide you through a series of questions and will insert your answers into a will for you, and it usually takes less than 20 minutes from start to finish. Three top-rated do-it-yourself options include the Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2021 downloadable software (available at nolo.com) that costs \$100 and works with Windows and Macs and is valid in every state except Louisiana; LegalZoom (legalzoom.com), which offers basic wills for \$89 or \$99 if you'd like assistance from an independent attorney; and Trust & Will (trustandwill.com) which charges \$89 for a basic will. If that's more than you're willing to pay, consider FreeWill (freewill.com), which is a completely free will making resource made possible with the support of nonprofit organizations.

**When to Hire a Lawyer**

If you have considerable financial assets or a complex family situation, like a blended family or child with special needs, it would be smart for you to seek professional advice. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone. The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (naepc.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area. Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 to get your will made. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. And before you meet with an attorney, make a detailed list of your assets and accounts to help make your visit more efficient.

**Make it Valid**

Be aware that to make your will valid, you must sign and date it and have it witnessed according to the laws of your state. Most states require two witnesses who are not listed as beneficiaries in your will to watch you sign it. Some states also require that a notary witness the signing as well.

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