



Dundas Messenger™

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #2
Dennison, MN 55018

Postal Customer
ECRWSS

OCTOBER, 2021

Volume 16 • Issue 8

Announcements

REMINDERS:

KEEP Garbage Carts off the street
KEEP Leaves and debris out of the street
Bags of leaves for pickup call
Dick's Sanitation 952-469-2239

• **Wipes clog pipes:** Even if they say "flushable," disposable wipes will clog pipes. Prevent costly backups and place wipes in the trash.

WINTER PARKING BAN BEGINS OCTOBER 31

City Ordinance 271.06(2)
No Parking in Streets or Alleys
2:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.
October 31 to April 15
Exception:

Call Dundas Police 645-5252

Check City's website for more
information www.cityofdundas.org

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

**City Council – Regular Meeting
November 8 at 6:00p.m.**

**Parks & Recreation Advisory
Board Meeting
November 9 at 6:00p.m.**

Golden Link
(pages 7-10)

Do you have an announcement?
Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Dundas Council Sets Preliminary Levy

DUNDAS

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

And as it is deep into budgeting season for cities, school districts and every other type of municipal entity, the Dundas City Council has been hard at work over the last month working to determine their budget for 2022.

Dundas City Administrator Jenelle Teppen said, during their meeting on September 13, the Council set the preliminary tax levy at 12.5%. That increase she said is based on three things. The renewed Dundas Economic

Development Authority has levied just under \$38,000 for 2022, the city is adding a third position in the public works department, and what she called "various capital improvement projects around town."

The EDA also met. Aside from confirming their budget numbers for 2022, the members considered the draft of a survey that will be sent to Dundas businesses. The EDA is looking for input from business owners about where they see opportunities for growth in Dundas in the next few years, and how the EDA might help facilitate that growth.

Finally, the Council approved a new mem-

ber of the Dundas Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Teppen said the Park and Rec Department is looking at further development of Tower Park. Currently, the park is home to the city's outdoor ice rink, but the rest of the area is undeveloped. The Park Department is therefore developing a survey of its own, asking residents about the types of amenities they would like to see in the park.

Teppen said it is important to remember that the preliminary levy is only the maximum amount of money the city will assess for the year, and that generally the number tends to drop somewhat during budget discussions.

The council will vote on the final budget December 13.

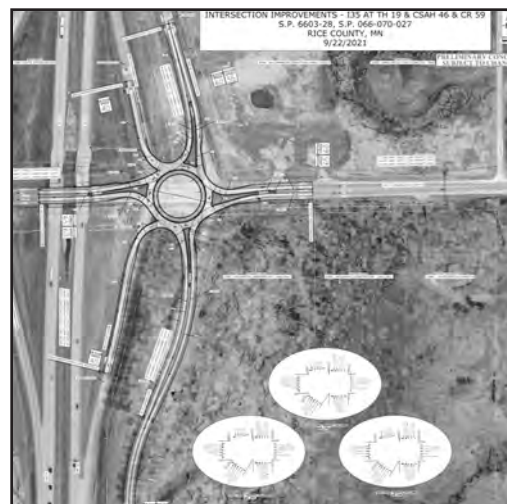
County proposes Roundabout at Hwy 19/I-35 Interchange

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

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

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

(continued on page 13)



Dunn Preparing for Retirement

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

Last month, Rice County Sheriff Troy Dunn announced that he will retire on November 12. As the day approaches, he said he is feeling the emotions one would expect when leaving a thirty-three-year career.

Dunn's first assignment in law enforcement came as a temporary deputy doing seasonal work in Crow Wing County.



Troy Dunn
Rice Co. Sheriff

(continued on page 12)

American Red Cross Blood Drive

November 23, 2021
12:30-6:30 PM

Dennison City Hall
37622 Goodhue Ave.
Dennison, MN

Hosted by
Dennison Vang
Lutheran Church

American
Red Cross



TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
6:00-7:00 PM at Memorial Park, 214 1st Street S

Bring the kids wearing costumes to this family-friendly trick or treat event. Area organizations and businesses will be there with decorated car trunks ready to hand out candy and prizes.

The City is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. If there are restrictions or a cancellation is necessary it will be posted on the City's website.

Reality Check

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

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

I want to take a little survey here. Time for confession. Have you ever stayed up late when you knew you needed sleep? Have you ever eaten or drunk extra calories that you knew you shouldn't have? Have you ever made commitments that you couldn't possibly keep? Have you ever felt you ought to exercise but you didn't? Have you ever known that you should be kind and unselfish but instead you were unkind and selfish? Have you ever tried to take control of your

life, a circumstance or another person and discovered that you couldn't? Welcome to the human race. Paul - the apostle- wrote about his struggle in Roman's 7:15- 16, " I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good."

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

Jesus spoke in his famous 'sermon on the mount,' "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." Matthew 5:3. (The Message) When we come to the end of our rope- it's then that we see ourselves as we are. We need a reality check; we need to be poor in spirit: We must admit we need

help. We must recognize that we're powerless to control our tendency to do the wrong thing, and our life is unmanageable. That is what it means to be poor in spirit. God says if you develop that attitude: admitting that I am powerless, that I need help, that I can't control and manage everything in my life, and I need God's help, he says, then you will be blessed. How can we develop the spirit of being poor in spirit? The Bible teaches us three ways.

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

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

turning crucifixions into resurrections.

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

HOPE CREAMERY BUTTER AVAILABLE AT PARKSIDE!

Local has become an important part of consumer's food choices. People like to know where their food is coming from and how it is produced. Hope Creamery fits that profile very well. Our butter is made using an age old process.

Vat pasteurization, and small batch quantities are churned fresh every week.



The Hope Creamery makes butter the old fashioned way and you can tell the difference.

Parkside General Store

~ Gas & Groceries ~

"The Little Store with More!"

ATM AVAILABLE

Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm; Sat.-Sun. 7am-7pm

230 Main St, Nerstrand

507-332-8626

parksidenerstrand@gmail.com



Business & Subscription Renewal: P.O. Box 125, Dennison, MN 55018

PHONE: 507-645-9877 FAX: 507-645-9878

For advertising information call Terry at 507-951-7417 or email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Support the Local Businesses Who Help Support Our Community!

Area Church Directory

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.

LITTLE PRAIRIE UNITED METHODIST 2980 130th St. E.

Pastor Edwin DuBose • pastor@littleprairieumc.org

507-663-6150 church phone • 651-503-4279 Cell

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship; Sunday School & Nursery; Adult Group 8a.m.

CITY LIGHT CHURCH 2140 Hwy. 3 South, Northfield, MN

Pastor Pete Haase • 507-645-8829 Call for service times

LIFE21 CHURCH 2100 Jefferson Road (just north of Target)

Pastor Brent Bielenberg • 645-7730 life21church.com

10:00a.m. Worship Experience

NORTHFIELD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH 5600 East 110th Street

Pastor Dan Runke • 663-0133 • northfieldefc.org

9:30 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Christian Life Classes

HOSANNA CHURCH - NORTHFIELD 205 2nd St. S., Dundas

Pastor Dean Swenson • 507-664-9007 • www.hosannalc.org

Sunday: 9am & 10:45am Worship with Hosanna Kids Church ages 3-5th grade and Child Care for ages 6wks-3years at both services

Fellowship time with refreshments between services.

Wednesday: Middle School Ministry - doors open at 5:30; programming 6-7:15; High School Ministry - doors open at 7pm; programming 7:30-9pm

MAIN STREET MORAVIAN CHURCH 713 Division St., Northfield

Tel: 507-645-7566 • Worship Services at 10:30a.m.

GOSPEL OF LIFE FAMILY CHURCH

"PREACHING JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED"

2010 Jefferson Road, Suite A, Heritage Square on Hwy. 3, Northfield

admin@gospeloflifechurch.org

www.gospeloflifechurch.org

Sunday 10:30a.m.; Wednesday 6:00p.m.

Fall Outdoor Displays



Teri Knight



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Materials

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

Steps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You supply the goblins!

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, www.gardenbite.com, that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Teri's Garden Bite Radio Program can be heard weekday mornings on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM, KYMN Radio from Northfield, MN.



Boots and Lu's Opened Recently in Nerstrand



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



Harvest Thyme Craft Show

Saturdays: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sundays: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Hours: 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

COVID-19: All people should follow the 6 feet Social Distancing Guidelines.
We prefer people wear a face mask while inside buildings.
* If you prefer to set up a private time to shop in our cabin, please call.

Place
Lori & Darwin Amy
2290 County 49 Blvd Dennison, MN 55018
Phone: 507-649-1009
Email: cabincrew@frontier.net



From Cannon Falls
Take Hwy 19 N. to Hwy 66 S.
Go west on Cty 49 Blvd. 1/2 mile,
north to Yang Lutheran Church.

From Northfield
Take Hwy. 246 east to Dennison,
continue east 3 miles, take Hwy. 66
S. for 2 miles, go west on Cty 49
Blvd. North to Yang Lutheran Church

From Kenyon
Take Hwy 66 N. 7 miles
Go west on Cty 49 Blvd. 1/2 mile,
north to Yang Lutheran Church.



Look Us Up on Facebook Under Polkouni kill

Rice County Pheasants Forever Selected for 2021 Wildlife Enhancement Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For nesting cover, an approved seeding plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must be followed. Landowners may plant introduced grasses



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

and legumes such as alfalfa, smooth brome grass, tall and intermediate wheatgrass, orchard grass, and sweet clover. Another option for landowners includes planting native species such as big bluestem, switchgrass, Indian grass, side-oats gramma, little bluestem, and various native forbs. Site preparation, chemical weed control, fertilizer (if needed), seed, and seeding are eligible for cost-share.

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

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

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

The Rice SWCD thanks the Rice County Pheasants Forever Chapter for their commitment to improving wildlife habitat and promoting conservation. Congratulations on receiving the 2021 Wildlife Enhancement Award!

FIXED RIGHT OR IT'S FREE!

Gas Furnace? Boiler Tune Up
Now \$94⁰⁰

Limited time offer. Cannot be combined with other offers.

72 DEGREES
 Streitz Heating & Cooling
 AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

708 Schilling Drive N • P.O. Box 128 • Dundas, MN 55019
www.streitzheating.com
 Phone: (507) 645-4040

Office is closed to walk-in. Call if you need filters or service.

Your One-Stop, Locally-Owned LIQUOR STORE

We have all of your favorite brands and selections in stock at great prices!

Cold Beer • Craft Brews • Wine • Spirits • Champagne
 Hard-to-Find Labels • Gift Sets • Ice

SAVE 15% on Case Purchases of Wine
SAVE 10% on 6 Bottles or More of Wine
10% EVERYDAY SENIOR DISCOUNT
5% EVERYDAY MILITARY DISCOUNT

If it's Selection, Value, and Service, then it must be Firehouse
 Hwy. 3 South, Dundas
645-5717

FIREHOUSE LIQUOR
 Locally Owned Since 1983

BEST SELECTION AROUND!

Like us on facebook

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

By Jennifer Mocol-Johnson
Rice Soil and Water Conservation District

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

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

The 837-acre lake, added to Minnesota's impaired waters list in 2006 due to excess nutrients, sits on the fringe of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, roughly 7 miles southeast of Lonsdale. The lake is hyper-eutrophic — very nutrient-rich, with frequent and severe algal blooms and low water clarity. It's also shallow, with a maximum depth of 14 feet. Houses line its shore. The adjacent land is in agricultural production.

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

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

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

Good things happen when individuals work together with a common goal, Streiff added.

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

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

The land around the drainage tile continued to erode, forming a gully between the Streiff

and Cook properties. Sections of the tile were missing or not reinforced.

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

Meanwhile, the erosion worsened.

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

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

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

Nelson redesigned the project, which was then re-bid. Ultimately, the landowners selected a new contractor. The new design incorporated materials that were more readily available and reasonably priced. Nelson reduced the scope of the project, resulting in fewer, more heavily reinforced joints. New materials connected to existing systems. The redesign met the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) specifications.

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

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

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

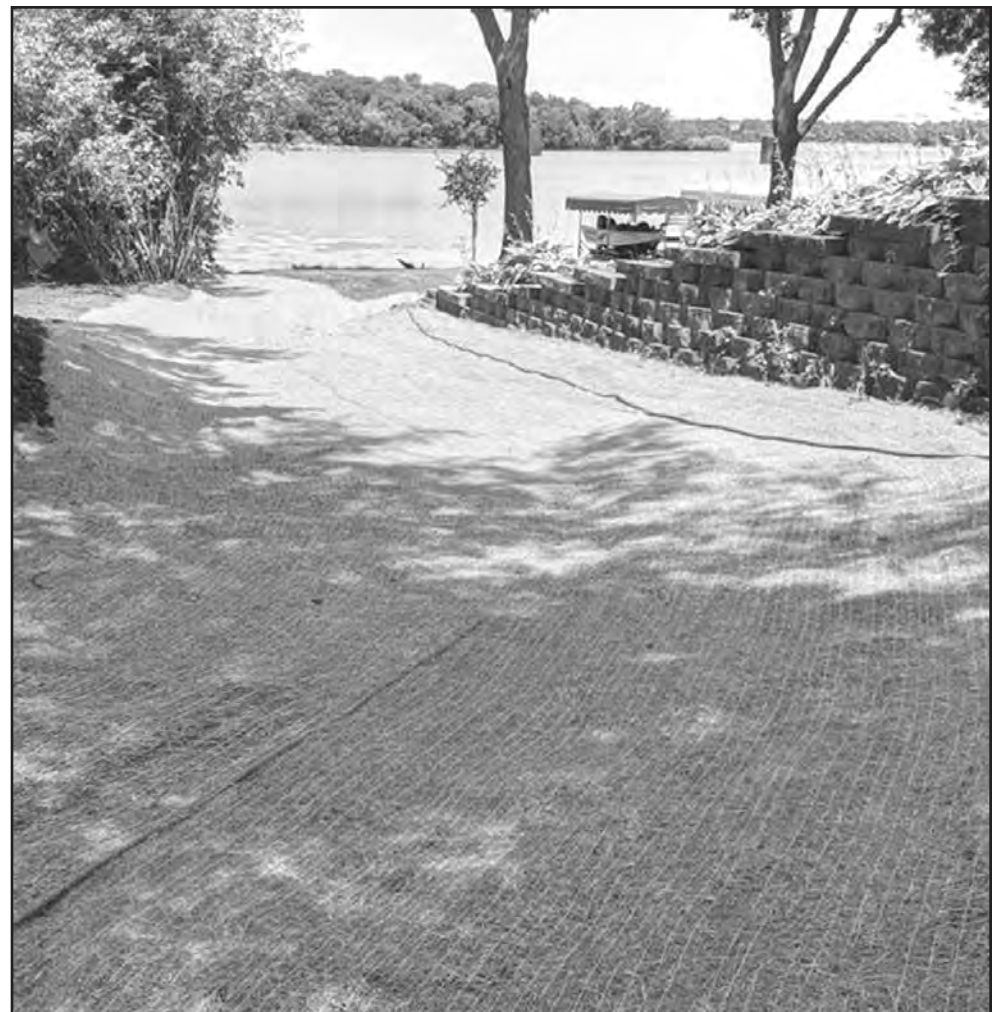
The \$19,225 cost of the project was covered by \$15,740 in local capacity funds (a direct Clean Water Fund appropriation from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources [BWSR] to SWCDs) from two fiscal years for construction, plus technical support from Rice SWCD and the Southeast SWCD Technical Support JPB; and a \$3,485 landowner and Circle Lake Improvement District match.

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

About the author: Jennifer Mocol-Johnson is a Board Conservationist with the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources. She provides technical and implementation guidance to SWCD's on water quality conservation projects. Mocol-Johnson can be contacted at Jennifer.Mocol-Johnson@state.mn.us.



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



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

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.

Reprinted with permission from nationally syndicated columnist Harvey Mackay, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller "Swim With The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive."

Milo Peterson Ford Co.



GREAT FALL SAVINGS ON USED FORD VEHICLES!

2014 FORD ESCAPE



#21162U

4WD, titanium,
98,600 miles

FALL SPECIAL!
\$13,999

2013 FORD FUSION



#21022D

1.6L ecoboost,
turbocharged, auto,
red

FALL SPECIAL!
\$8,950

2020 FORD F-150 XL SUPER CAB



#21080U

2.7L V-6 ecoboost,
10,477 miles, red,
4WD

FALL SPECIAL!
\$36,999

2019 FORD EDGE



#21160U

2.0L ecoboost
turbocharged, white,
22,649 miles, metallic

FALL SPECIAL!
\$35,599

2020 FORD EXPEDITION PLATINUM



#21111U

4WD, 3.5L ecoboost V-6
twin turbocharged,
25,700 miles, metallic

FALL SPECIAL!
\$70,507

2017 F-150 XLT SUPER CREW CAB



#21184U

4WD, red, 3.5L
V-6, 62,659 miles

FALL SPECIAL!
\$34,785



Call our service department to schedule your maintenance needs.
Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5pm.

At Milo Peterson Ford Co., our highly qualified technicians are here to provide exceptional service in a timely manner. From oil changes to transmission replacements, we are dedicated to maintaining top tier customer service, for both new and pre-owned car buyers! Allow our staff to demonstrate our commitment to excellence.



COME SEE OUR COMPLETE INVENTORY AT WWW.MILOPETERSONFORD.COM

3020 457th Street Way, Kenyon • 507-789-6113 • SALES HOURS: M-T-Th 7:30a.m.-8p.m.; W-F 7:30a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.

Southern Minnesota

Golden Link

A weekly advertising supplement to these Southern Minnesota publications:

- NEW RICHLAND-HARTLAND-ELLENDALE-GENEVA STAR EAGLE • CLAREMONT MESSENGER • DODGE CENTER MESSENGER •
- DUNDAS MESSENGER • GOODHUE-BELLECHESTER MESSENGER • KENYON MESSENGER • MAINSTREET MESSENGER •
- MAZEPPA-ZUMBRO FALLS MESSENGER • RANDOLPH-HAMPTON-CASTLE ROCK MESSENGER • STEELE COUNTY TIMES •
- WANAMINGO MESSENGER • WEST CONCORD MESSENGER •



SIFT (SAVE IT FROM TRASH)
THRIFT STORE

26 RED WING AVE Kenyon, MN

 facebook

Hours: Thur & Fri 12 to 8pm,
Saturday 9am to 5pm

DOUG AND MARY KLATT
www.sift4you.com

Call us today! 507.259.2386

LIVE LAND AUCTION 114 ACRES +/-
SECTION 34 in PICKEREL LAKE TWP
FREEBORN COUNTY, MN



NOV
18
10:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: SOMEWHERE ELSE CONGER BAR
66918 180TH ST, CONGER MN 56020

Investing in farm land has always been good over the years. This very productive parcel will make a great addition to your present operation or a great farm for the investor.

- 114 +/- Deeded Acres
- 112.02 +/- Tillable Acres
- CPI of 79.1
- Real Estate Taxes \$6,016

GREG JENSEN
LANDPROZ BROKER
AUCTIONEER
Lic: IA & MN
507-383-1067
gregjensen@landproz.com



See Website for Terms - AUCTION #2167 LORI BRUNE FARM

ONLINE BIDDING @ LANDPROZ.COM
LandProz Real Estate LLC / 111 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007 / 1-844-464-7769
Licensed in MN, IA, MO, SD, WI, IL, KS, OH, IN
Broker Brian Haugen - MN, SD, IA, WI, IL, KS / Broker Greg Jensen - MN, IA / Broker Amy Willett - MO
Broker Tim Young - OH / Broker Andrew Fansler - IN | LandProz Country Living Broker Amy Willett - MN, IA, MO

RYAN BAGGING

8', 9' & 10'
Machines Available

Greg & Cindy Ryan
and Sons

651-258-4320
Greg 651-764-3723
Travis 651-764-3724



PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND AUCTION

ROBERT CAHILL ESTATE

74.8 ACRES **NO BUYER'S FEE**

Property Location: Section 30 Blooming Grove Township, Waseca County, Waseca, MN

Saturday November 6, 2021
10:30 Sharp

Auction Site: Inside Waseca VFW • 113 East Elm Ave, Waseca, MN

COL. MARK DITLEVSON
507-456-1164
web: mditlevson.us
Owatonna, MN # 74-21-002



ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS
STATE AUTHORIZED VENDOR
FOR TESTING OF CWD SAMPLING

MN State Law mandates that all deer taken during Firearms Season A&B will be submitted for CWD testing. Check your Zone to be sure you are compliant. We are a State Certified Vendor to collect these samples. Whether you leave your deer here for processing or have other methods to process. We are here to collect your State Mandated samples collected and submitted. Voluntary Submissions into December will be accepted



BOHLMAN'S DEER PROCESSING
3847 DANE ROAD • OWATONNA

CALL US TODAY • 507-451-2784

 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Exchange Club Center for Family Unity in Owatonna is looking for an Executive Director. The position is currently approved for 20 hours a week, but we may expand the position as resources within the organization allow. The Director reports directly to the Center's Board of Directors.

Responsibilities include:

- Supervision of paid staff (currently 5 other than the Director) and the Center's volunteers.
- Organizing community education and awareness activities (e.g. fundraisers, education activities, connection with local groups that support the Center)
- Developing policies related to the administration of the Center (e.g. accreditation documents, personnel policies, operations and strategic plans)
- Work with the Center's treasurer to ensure that the organization is properly utilizing financial resources. Develop grant requests, or coordinate with our contracted grant writer on these tasks.
- Report to the Board of Directors monthly with organizational statistics and the status of progress toward established goals.

Experience preferred:

- Bachelor's degree in Human Services or a related field
- Minimum of two years experience working with a related organization
- Possess knowledge of strategies to deal with family violence, child abuse, and related family situations.
- Superior communication, public relations and motivation skills.

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with the candidates experience and skill sets.

The Exchange Club Center for Family Unity is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is "To educate and support families and communities in the prevention of child abuse". We offer three major programs: Parent mentoring, supervised visitation, and a parent circles group. We serve families in the counties of Steele, Rice, Waseca, Dodge and Freeborn.

For more information regarding this Executive Director position, please contact Brad Haugen, Treasurer at 507-210-6453 or bradpapahaugen@gmail.com

DINERS GUIDE TO FINE LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Take a Drive and Enjoy a Meal at Some of These Fine Dining Establishments in Our Area

PLAZA MORENA
CAMPESTRE GRILL

DINING ROOM
11:00am to 9:00pm
Closed Tuesdays

5% OFF MEAL PURCHASE
Expires December 31, 2021
Does not include Alcohol & Beverages with any other offers.

160 Main Street, Owatonna, MN 56001
507-241-2222

411 W. Highway 70E, Owatonna, MN 56001
507-241-2222

3000 Elm St. SW, Owatonna, MN 56001
507-241-2222

www.plazamorena.com

Olivia's FAMILY RESTAURANT

Family Fare at Great Prices

Breakfast
Daily Specials
Weekend
Breakfast Buffet

10% OFF with this ad
One coupon per meal. Expires 12/31/21

Open 6:00am to 7:00pm
7 Days a Week

1160 Frontage Road, Owatonna
507-444-4000

10% OFF with this ad
(Excl. beverages & alcohol) Expires 12-31-21

KITCHEN OPEN
Tues.-Sat. 11am-8pm
Sun. 11am-7pm

BAR OPEN
Tues.-Sat. 11am-10pm
Sun. 11am-8pm

JB'S TAVERN

CHECK FACEBOOK FOR DAILY SPECIALS!

112 Main Street, Wauamingo • 507-824-2100

THE HUBBELL HOUSE

Superb Cuisine Since 1854 in Historic Mantorville, Minnesota

507-635-2331

Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 to 8:00pm
Friday & Saturday 11:00am to 8:00pm
Sunday 11:00am to 7:00pm
- Reservations Recommended -

TOREY'S
Restaurant & Bar

MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY 11AM-8PM
FRIDAY 11AM-9PM • SATURDAY 3PM-9PM
SUNDAY CLOSED

TOREYS.NET

BOOK YOUR FALL EVENTS NOW!
Banquet Hall, Seating Up to 300
Full Bar • Full Restroom Facilities
Complete Catering Services

208 North Cedar, Owatonna
507-455-9260

EL TORO MEXICAN FOOD
We Grill!

Spend \$30 and Get \$5 Off
Expires December 31, 2021

4286 W. Frontage Rd. Owatonna, MN 56001
Mon-Fri 11am to 8pm
Sat 11am to 8pm; Sun 11am to 8pm

507-214-1888

WWW.ELTOROREST.COM
FACEBOOK.COM/ELTORORESTAURANT

East Wind 東風 Buffet

15% OFF

MENU OR BUFFET

Hours: Monday: 11am-10pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wed-Sun: 11am-10pm

"WITH THIS AD" Cannot be used with other offers.
507-451-9666

1015 W. Frontage Rd., Suite 108, Owatonna • South of Lowe's
Dine In Only • Expires December 31, 2021

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!
Indoor Dining or Pick Up

10% OFF ANY FOOD PURCHASE
Not valid with other coupons. Expires December 31, 2021
*Southern 381 Golden Link *

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU (55 and Older)
DAILY BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS
HOMEMADE PIES, CAKES DAILY
COME SEE OUR NEW MENU!

KERNEL Restaurant

2022 Hoffman Dr. Owatonna, MN 56001
507-451-2383

Visit our web site at www.kernelrestaurant.com

Take a Short Drive to Delicious

The Fireside

MONDAY & TUESDAY CLOSED
Current Hours:
Wednesday-Thursday 4:00-8:30pm Friday 4:00-9:30pm
Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm
(BAR OPEN LATER)


Reservations Welcome
Call 507-645-0003
or Email: firesideounge@dennison@gmail.com
to Make Your Reservation
(But "Reservation Request" in the subject line)

37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
www.theclubdennison.com

Nerstrand Meats & Catering
Specialty Meats & Food
 Over 100 Years in Business Providing
 Homesmoked Bologna, Wieners, Jerky,
 Homemade Beef Sticks, etc.
 951 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN
507-334-5396
 www.nerstrandmeats.com e-mail us at: goodfood@nerstrandmeats.com



LOST SPUR TRAILERS
 We stand behind what we say, and follow through with what we promise.
HORSE, STOCK, UTILITY & CARGO TRAILERS
 SALES - PARTS - SERVICE
 Monday-Friday 9-5 • Saturday 9-Noon
 612-507-0128
 407 Stafford Rd., Dundas, MN 55109
 www.lostspurtrailers.com



Let's talk fence



Alpacas, Apples, Beef Cattle, Deer, Dairy Cattle, Elk, Emus, Gardens, Goats, Grapes, Gorillas, Horses, Lions, Llamas, Ostriches, Ponies, Raccoons, Sheep, Trout, Tigers, Yak

K FENCE
 62411 386th Ave., Zumbro Falls, MN
 Phone 507-753-2943 • www.kfence.com
Free Estimates • Free Catalogs

Buying and selling any gold and silver items, collector coins, diamonds, gold jewelry, paying \$20-\$30 for silver dollars, rare currency. No collection too big. Kuehl's Coins, Fairmont, Minnesota, 507-235-3886, 507-399-9982, open 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

www.maringauction.com
AUCTION CALENDAR

Oct. 30, 2021.....9:30 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
 LIVE ONSITE AND ONLINE FARM ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE JAMES SHOBERG ESTATE
 John Deere 4040, 4620, 4020 & 3010 Tractors, New Holland L5170 Skid Loader, Attachments, JD 730, 70, G, H, M, AR Tractors, JD 440 Crawler, AC D-14, Tillage and Planting Equipment, Gravity Wagons, JD X744 Garden Tractor, Snowmobiles, ATV, Farm Support Equipment

Nov. 6, 2021.....10:00 AM CST Rochester, MN
 LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR WAYNE MURRAY
 Low Holed Like New John Deere 7720 2WD & 7610 2WD, John Deere 554 Mega Wide Round Baler, New Holland 7230 Discbine, New Idea 3622 Manure Spreader, 2 Feed Wagons, 2 Call Crop Feeders, Livestock Machinery and More

Nov. 20, 2021.....10:00 AM CST St. Charles, MN
 174 ACRES IN WINONA COUNTY MN, 4 SEPARATE PARCELS FOR LARRY C. CAMPBELL ESTATE
 174 Acres In Saratoga Township Winona County, MN Selling In 4 Separate Parcels, 114 Tillable Acres, Statoly 2 Story 5+ Bedroom Country Home With Great Out Buildings, 43 Acre Pasture With Building Entitlement, Century Farm

November 22
Bidding Begins: .. Nov. 13, 2021
Starts Closing..... Nov. 22, 2021
Albert Lea, MN
 ONLINE ONLY COMPLETE LIQUIDATION OF FORMER HARDWARE HANK STORE OF ALBERT LEA, MN
 Complete Inventory of Hardware Hank, New Power & Hand Tools, Carhart Clothing, Farm Supplies, Lawn & Garden, Electrical, Plumbing, Heating, Hardware, Auto Supplies, Household Items, Paint and Support Items. Over 1000+ Lots

November 28
Bidding Begins: .. Nov. 19, 2021
Starts Closing..... Nov. 28, 2021
Faribault, MN
 TIMED ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE LUCKOW ESTATE
 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Rambler Home With 1 Car Attached Garage, Large City Lot Within Faribault, Very Quiet Part of Town, New Furnance And A/C Unit. Online Only Bidding

November 28
Bidding Begins: .. Nov. 19, 2021
Starts Closing..... Nov. 28, 2021
Faribault, MN
 TIMED ONLINE ONLY PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION FOR LUCKOW ESTATE
 2014 Toyota Avalon Car, 2005 Toyota Tundra 4 Door, '20 Gravelly Zero Turn, Amins 824 Snowblower, Stihl Power Units, Craftsman Tools Box, Milwaukee, Delta & Craftsman Power Tools, 17 Very Good Firearms, Ammo, Fishing, Hunting, All Items In Like New Condition

Dec. 4, 2021.....10:00 AM CST Elmwood, WI
 LIVE & ONLINE EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOE & PAT DOHMAN
 John Deere 8245R, 8100 2WD, 7810 2WD Tractors, Kubota M7-170 Mivd w/Loader, John Deere 9500 Combine, 920 & 643 Heads, Kinze 3600 Planter, 4 Big Gravity Wagons, Complete Line of JD Tillage Equipment, Live And Online Bidding.

MATT MARING AUCTION CO.
 www.maringauction.com
Thinking of Having an Auction? Call Us Today!
800-801-4502

STATE OF MINNESOTA - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Direct Support Specialists
\$15.25 - \$24.19 hourly

Join our team as a State of Minnesota employee!
Virtual interviews Oct 26 and 27, 2021
South East Minnesota

Minnesota State Operated Community Services (MSOCS) needs knowledgeable and caring staff to provide essential behavioral support for individuals with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviors. Team members will work the day-evening shift at a residential group homes. We offer great employee benefits, including low-cost health and dental insurance, retirement savings plan, generous vacation and sick leave, and 12 paid holidays each year.

When you start a career with us, you may also be eligible for:

- \$1000 Hiring Bonus
- Annual pay increases
- Tuition reimbursement for courses related to the work of DHS
- Student loan reimbursement
- Bonus for voluntarily working days off and weekends

SEE FULL DETAILS & APPLY AT
www.mn.gov/careers, JOB ID# 45419

If you have questions, contact the CBS Staffing:
 651-431-3674 or **CBS.Staffing@state.mn.us**

Equal Opportunity and Veteran Friendly Employer




LANDPROZ
 YOUR PROFESSIONAL LAND BROKERAGE & AUCTION COMPANY

MINNESOTA FARMS FOR SALE
 Cropland / Hunting Properties / Live & Online Land Auctions

79 Acres+/- Freeborn Co., MN 2 Tracts - 43.72+/- Tillable Acres - 3 Bdrm 2 Bath - Personal Property Auction to Follow AUCTION 10/16/21 ID #2123	160 Acres+/- Faribault Co., MN Section 28 of Emerald TWP - 103,295 feet of tile - 156+/- Tillable Acres AUCTION 12/4/21 ID #2140	19.9 Acres+/- Goodhue Co., MN Section 27 of Welch TWP - Next to Welch Ski Village - Great Hunting - CRP Income Acres. \$198,900 ID #2011
37 Acres+/- Steele Co., MN Section 14 of Summit TWP - 25+/- CRP Acres - NE of Ellendale, MN - Bidding ends at 2pm AUCTION 10/22/21 ID #2136	310.76 Acres+/- Freeborn Co., MN Great Crop Soils - Land for Hunting - Lake Shore Land Along Freeborn Lake AUCTION 12/11/21 ID #2142	240 Acres+/- Freeborn Co., MN Section 16 of Manchester TWP - 189.74 Cropland Acres - CPI 84.4 - Tillable near Manchester. \$2,000,000 ID #1505
124 Acres+/- Mower Co., MN Section 18 of Lyle TWP - Nearly All Tillable - Selling as 2 Tracts - CPI of 74.2 - NW of Lyle, MN AUCTION 11/5/21 ID #2128	245.42 Acres+/- Blue Earth Co., MN Sections 23, 26 & 27 of Cambria TWP - Well Managed Recreational Property - Great Hunting - SE of Cambria, MN \$765,000 ID #2155	67.23 Acres+/- Mower Co., MN Section 26 of Racine TWP - Nearly all tillable - Outstanding CPI of 94 - Excellent Investment Property. \$477,333 ID #1964
155.38 Acres+/- Steele Co., MN Section 22 & 27 of Blooming Prairie TWP - More Information Coming Soon!! AUCTION 11/19/21 ID #2148	40 Acres+/- Olmsted Co., MN 9329 85th St NW, Pine Island MN - 2 Parcels - 22+/- Tillable Acres - 2 Building Entitlements - NW of Rochester, MN \$495,000 ID #2129	60 Acres+/- Freeborn Co., MN Section 24 of Bath TWP - 53+/- Tillable Acres - CPI of 81.4 - SW of Geneva, MN UNDER CONTRACT ID #2107
150 Acres+/- Dodge Co., MN Section 22 of Claremont TWP - Nearly All Tillable - Excellent CPI of 94.6 - System Tiled AUCTION 11/20/21 ID #2164	42.5 Acres+/- Rice Co., MN Section 32 of Bridge-water TWP - Apple Orchard - Retail Store - Event Center - W of Northfield. \$2,350,000 ID #1849	325 Acres+/- Waseca Co., MN Sections 25 & 36 of St. Mary TWP - 308+/- Acres of Tillable Land - CPI of 92.7 - Top Notch Soil. UNDER CONTRACT ID #2118

Alex Wayne
 Minnesota Land Agent
 507-456-6559
 alexwayne@landproz.com

Greg Jensen
 MN & IA - 24-21
 Land Broker / Auctioneer
 507-383-1067
 gregjensen@landproz.com

Brian Haugen
 MN, IA, SD, WI, IL, KS
 Land Broker
 507-208-0791
 brianhaugen@landproz.com

GO WITH THE PROZ See our Auctions & Listings @ **LANDPROZ.COM**

LandProz Real Estate LLC / 111 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007 / 1-844-464-7769
 Licensed in MN, IA, MO, SD, WI, IL, KS, OH, IN / Broker Brian Haugen - MN, SD, IA, WI, IL, KS / Broker Greg Jensen - MN, IA / Broker Amy Willett - MO / Broker Tim Young - OH
 Broker Andrew Fansler - IN | LandProz Country Living Broker Amy Willett - MN, IA, MO

WANTED: SCRAP
iron, cars and bat-
teries, etc. Call
Rich 651-208-2108.

HOLLAND AUCTION & REAL ESTATE
"Your #1 Auction Professionals"
(507) 684-2955
For full color pictures & listings visit our
Web site at www.hollandauction.com

UPCOMING 2021 AUCTIONS

Sat., Nov. 20, 2021 • 9:00 A.M.
219 ACRES FARM LAND
FREEBORN COUNTY, MN
142 Acres, Moscow Township, Sec. 29
77 Acres, Moscow Township, Sec. 31
Very Good Soils, 82 + 84 CPI Ratings
ORIN + MARTHA
WANGEN - ESTATE
Albert Lea, MN

For more information on these
auctions call (507) 684-2955 or
visit www.hollandauction.com

Conducting Auctions for 37 years •
Computerized Clerking • Competitive Rates
• Our state of the art advertising & years of
experience will generate you top dollar •
Give the #1 Auction Professionals a call
today for your auction!
Tracy Holland
#7405002
Ellendale, MN
507-684-2955

BigIron AUCTIONS www.bigiron.com
Always Unreserved | No Buyer Fees

AGRICULTURE | CONSTRUCTION | TRANSPORTATION

BigIron provides full service auction support to
efficiently turn used equipment into cash.
**Contact your local representative today to start
planning your auction with BigIron!**

JOSH ULLAND, BIGIRON SALES REP
507-481-5047
josh.ulland@bigiron.com

Farm Services
ADS Plastic Drainage
Tile-Farm & Highway
Grade Material
Steel Culverts
**JANESVILLE
TILE SUPPLY**
507-234-5553
414 S Main St. Janesville, MN 56048

PART TIME WRITER WANTED
Duties include covering feature and human interest stories and upcoming events in the
Messenger coverage area. Will also work with content production for future on-line
distribution. Pay negotiable and based on experience.
Qualified applicants will possess:

- Ability to work with deadlines
- Knowledge of/access to a computer
- The ability to work some night hours as needed for editorial
- Great people skills
- Enjoy small town atmosphere

Email resume and sample of work to: hometownmessenger@gmail.com or call Terry at 507-951-7417

Claremont Messenger Dodge Center Messenger

HOKANSON FARMLAND SALE
OTISCO TOWNSHIP, WASECA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Sealed bids are now being received by PATTON, HOVERSTEN & BERG,
P.A. Law Office for the sale of approximately **154.83 acres of farmland**
located in Section 15 of Otisco Township, Waseca County, Minnesota, and
generally described as:

The SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 106 North, Range 22 West, with the
exception of 5.17 acres located in the NE corner thereof.

Interested parties are invited to submit a sealed bid in person or by mail
with a check for \$5,000.00 made to PHB Real Estate Escrow Account at
215 E. Elm Avenue, PO Box 249, Waseca MN 56093 or present such a bid
and check at the meeting room on the morning of the sale and prior to
opening the bids. **Bids will be opened at the Waseca County East
Annex, 300 N. State Street, Waseca, MN on Friday, November 12, 2021,
at 10:00 a.m.** Only persons submitting a written bid together with a
\$5,000.00 bid deposit shall be allowed to be present and may raise their bid
in writing after the initial bids have been opened. Deposits shall be returned
on November 12, 2021, to all unsuccessful bidders. The successful bidder
will be able to use the \$5,000.00 bid deposit toward the earnest money
obligation.

Terms of Sale: Terms will be set out in the information packet and include
earnest money of \$50,000.00 payable on November 12, 2021, and the
balance due on or before December 20, 2021, the date of closing.

**An information packet including the exact legal description, diagrams
of the property, and other information about the property and terms of
the sale is available by calling the offices of PATTON, HOVERSTEN, &
BERG, P.A. at Waseca, MN, at 507-835-5240.**

The Sellers reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to modify any pre-
announced bidding procedures, and to waive any irregularities in the
bidding proceedings.

PATTON, HOVERSTEN & BERG, P.A.
William L. Hoversten, Attorney for Seller
215 E. Elm Avenue PO Box 249
Waseca, MN 56093
Phone: 507-835-5240 Fax 507-835-1827

**Are you interested in
working for
THE COSTCO DEPOT
in Owatonna,
but aren't quite sure
what they do?**

Costco Open House
Saturday, October 30
10 AM to 1 PM

**STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE
TOURS AND TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS
YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT COSTCO.**

**THE DEPOT IS LOCATED AT
3601 SW 10TH ST • OWATONNA**
THE PARKING LOT IS LOCATED
ACROSS FROM KIBBLE EQUIPMENT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Must be over 18 to attend.

COSTCO
WHOLESALE

Anhydrous Safety Should be Top Concern This Fall

The MDA offers safety tips for those maintaining equipment and applying and transporting NH3

Many farmers and applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH3) after har-

vest. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Recent accidents involving anhydrous ammonia have proven how dangerous and deadly the chemical can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers and applicators so they can safely apply anhydrous ammonia.

Always wear appropriate goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean, adequate emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections as if lines contain anhydrous ammonia.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining anhydrous ammonia equipment. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear proper protective equipment, and have access to safety water.

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains

that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, immediately call 911 and then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/nh3.

As a reminder, fall application of anhydrous ammonia should happen after average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler to help prevent nitrogen loss, protects water quality, and ensures more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

View the MDA's interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks. View a map of the vulnerable regions of the state.

MDA Now Accepting Applications for Noxious Weed/Invasive Plant Grants

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant. Counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and weed management entities (including weed management areas) may apply for grants to mitigate noxious weeds around the state. Grants for fiscal year 2022 will be funded up to \$5,000. The awards are intended to support local projects.

Since 2018, the MDA Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant has awarded over \$1 million to fund a variety of activities such as purchasing equipment and supplies, conducting mapping and outreach activities, and hiring private applicators to manage noxious weeds. One hundred nineteen projects were awarded averaging \$9,000.

Review the request for proposals (RFP) and find the application on the MDA website. Applications are due no later than 3 p.m. on December 3, 2021. Questions can be directed to Emilie Justen, MDA Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, at emilie.justen@state.mn.us.

The grant program is funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Funds Available to Improve Safety on MN Farms

Cost-share, rebate programs offset purchase, installation costs

Minnesota farmers who want to improve safety on their farms can now apply for funding through two programs from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) that help with the cost of buying, shipping, and installing eligible safety equipment.

"There's very little that can comfort a family who has lost someone due to a preventable accident on the farm," Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "Fortunately, small safety improvements can prevent that from being necessary, and we're grateful to offer support so farmers can make those changes."

Now in its second year, the Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share program reimburses up to 75% of the cost to buy, ship, and install eligible safety equipment for on-farm grain bins or silos. The program will pay up to \$400 per bin or silo, with a limit of \$2,400 per farm per year. The first year of the program reimbursed 91 farmers an average of \$831 to install guardrails, platforms, auger

shields, safety harnesses, and more.

For more information and to apply, visit the MDA's Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share webpage.

The Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) Rebate Program makes tractor safety equipment affordable and simple to order. Minnesota's program reimburses farmers and schools at least 70% of the cost to purchase, ship, and install a rollover protection kit, limiting the cost to no more than \$500 per tractor. The National ROPS Rebate Program (NRRP) works with farmers to identify and price the appropriate rollover protection kits for their tractors.

For more information and to apply, visit the MDA's ROPS Rebate Program webpage.

Both programs are accepting applications through June 30, 2022, or until all funds are exhausted. Funding for these programs comes from the Minnesota Legislature and private donations.

Now Sewing

Curbside Take Out Tuesday

Curbside Friday Eats.

Catering

Your catered event begins with a conversation. It's your vision that drives the menu we create.

We cater birthdays and graduations for small groups. Delivery available.

Custom Requests

Custom Requests for a dish or a dinner.



Visit Ruthsonstafford.com and sign up for email notifications.

410 Stafford Lane S, Dundas • 507-581-7410



Fall Harvest



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

Dunn Preparing for Retirement

(continued from page 1)

From there he took a job as a police officer with the Kenyon Police Department, before joining the Rice County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer. He was promoted to patrol deputy in 1991 and rose through the ranks to become Sheriff Richard Cook's Chief Deputy, and then ran for Sheriff when Cook retired in 2010.

After three decades, he said, saying goodbye to so many people with whom he has worked is "a little tough."

He also marveled at the amount of time that he has spent as a public servant, not just acting in a law enforcement capacity, but as

a community outreach ambassador as well. Working through programs like D.A.R.E. in the same area for more than three decades has produced some inevitable results.

"This girl comes up [with her children] and said, 'Hey kids, this was my D.A.R.E. officer.' And these kids are like 12, 13 years old. And I said 'Lonsdale-New Market-Veseli?' And she said 'Yes.' [groans] And she said, 'You still look the same.' And I said, 'Shoe polish in the hair goes a long way.'"

Sheriff Dunn is retiring, he said, because this is the right time to do so. He said throughout his career his wife and family have made many sacrifices to support him. Now, with his wife in a job that has taken her out-of-state, he said it's time to support her.

He leaves with one year left on his third term. The Rice County Board of Commissioners has appointed Chief Deputy Jesse Thomas to the role of Interim Sheriff.

Dunn pleased with selection of Thomas as Interim Sheriff

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

The Rice County Sheriff's Chief Deputy, Jesse Thomas, has been named interim Rice County Sheriff by the County Board of Commissioners. Chief Deputy Thomas will assume the role when Sheriff Troy Dunn retires next month.

When Sheriff Dunn, who announced his retirement on September 14, steps down, he will do so with about a year left on his term, which made it necessary for the board to name an interim sheriff. Dunn said he is very pleased that Thomas has been named to the position.

"That's what I recommended to the county board and administration and I'm very happy that they went with that. I just feel that it makes the most sense. Jesse's been with the sheriff's office for 25 years, and he's been my Chief Deputy for the last seven. I think that's going to make the easiest transition for everybody."

Sheriff Dunn said, in fact, that he has worked with Thomas for many years so that when the time came, Thomas would be ready to move into the position. According to Dunn, Thomas told him some time ago that he planned to run for sheriff when Dunn retired. To that end, Thomas has been put in charge of the department when Sheriff Dunn has been on vacation or out of town. Dunn has also had Thomas heavily involved in the budgeting process over the years, to help round out his experience.

With the board naming Thomas as his immediate successor, Dunn said he feels like he is leaving at the right time. "I have all the confidence that I'm leaving our agency in a good place, and that things will continue to go well."

Dunn's final day as Rice County Sheriff will be November 12.



Place Your Ad in the November Issue of the Dundas Messenger!

Call Terry at 507-951-7417 or
Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com



the one

K Y M N 9 5 . 1 F M 1 0 8 0 A M

For something different

**Keeping You Informed
During this Difficult Time**

www.kymnradio.net

Capital CONSTRUCTION

Residential & Multi-Family Contractor

Roofing | Siding | Gutters | Windows



952.222.4004

www.CapitalMN.com



DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES Monday, September 13, 2021 7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer (arrived 7:04 pm); Councilors: Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Luke LaCroix, Luke Swartwood
Staff Present: City Engineer Dustin Tipp, Administrator Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

**CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Mayor Modory called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM – No public spoke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Swartwood, second by Fowler, to approve the agenda with addition of A Resolution Approving 2022 Proposed Economic Development Authority Property Tax Levy. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix second by Fowler, to approve the consent agenda as follows: Regular Minutes of August 23, 2021 Disbursements - \$119,888.54. MCU

PUBLIC HEARING

Business Subsidy

Policy Public Hearing: Acting Mayor Modory closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. for staff presentation and public comments regarding the draft of a Business Subsidy Pol-

icy.

Staff Presentation: Administrator Teppen reviewed minor changes to the draft policy on two pages to read: Page 7 B(1) Poor project quality. Following consultation with the City's consulting engineers; and Page 7 B(4) Project that do not meet financial feasibility criteria established by the City and following consultation with the City's economic development consultants. Page 8 A The project shall create and retain at least one full-time equivalent (FTE) job with a minimum wage of at least 100% of the median wage for Rice County for the particular industry sector that the business is categorized by, in accordance with the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The wage information will be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), and shall be equal to or greater than the living wage (110% above the current poverty level for a family of four, exclusive of benefits).

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion by Swartwood, second by LaCroix, to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. MCU

OLD BUSINESS – No old business brought before Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS Resolution 2021-26 A Resolution Approving 2022 Proposed Economic Development Authority Property Tax Levy

Administrator Teppen stated Council reviewed EDA's proposed 2022 budget at work

sessions and meetings. Motion by Fowler, second by LaCroix, to approve Resolution 2021-26. MCU

(Mayor Switzer arrived at 7:07 p.m.)

Resolution 2021-27 A Resolution Adopting a Proposed 2021 Tax Levy, Payable in 2022

Blake Torbeck of AEM stated the proposed 2021 Tax Levy, Payable in 2022 is a result of several Council work sessions to review the various components of the proposed levy of 12.41%. He reminded the Council the levy can go down before final approval in December but cannot be increased. Motion by LaCroix, second by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2021-27. MCU Resolution 2021-28 A Resolution Adopting a Business Subsidy Policy and Criteria Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2021-28 with noted changes in the Business Subsidy Policy on pages 7 and 8. MCU

NEW BUSINESS – No new business brought before Council.

REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – Dustin Tipp

New City Engineer Consultant Dustin Tipp was introduced. Tipp indicated he is reviewing with staff current issues of the City and will give a report at next Council meeting.

City Administrator

Teppen stated the parking letter previously sent to all resident did produce some phones calls but noted some residents are still not complying with the regulations. She stated since sufficient time has lapsed to correct, police officers will be going out to make contact to those residents not in compliance. She will provide future progress reports.

ADJOURN

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. MCU

Submitted by:

Jenelle Teppen, City Administrator

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 27, 2021 7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors: Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Luke LaCroix, Luke Swartwood

Staff Present: City Engineer Dustin Tipp, Administrator Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

**CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM - No public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to approve agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Modory, to approve the consent agenda as follows: Reg-

ular Minutes of September 13, 2021; Resolution 2021-29 A Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Dundas on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department; Disbursements - \$127,044.91. MCU

OLD BUSINESS - No old business brought before Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - No ordinance or Resolution brought before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Appointing Doug Johnson to Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Motion by Fowler, second by Swartwood, to appoint Doug Johnson to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board to complete an open term through December 31, 2022. MCU

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – Dustin Tipp

Tipp reported on updates from his report stating Hester Street and Mill overlay final payment is still on hold as contractor needs to address final few issues; the Trail improvement project will be done as one project and moved to early spring of 2022; and on the TSS issue staff continues to sample various locations to identify potential sources to focus on. Tipp stated a meeting with Northfield is scheduled for October 5th to present findings with a follow up on October 11th.

City Administrator

Teppen thought the open house was a successful;

Planning Commission will meet in October to review the final Comprehensive Plan along with review of areas of zoning code in need of updating; Bridgewater Township supervisors are working on a Draft Joint Road Policy; and Rice County Engineer Dennis Luebke will attend an October staff meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. MCU

Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen,

City Administrator

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayo

County proposes Roundabout at Hwy 19/I-35 Interchange

(continued from page 1)

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

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

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

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

DON'T LET HEARING PROBLEMS SLOW YOU DOWN!



FREE	FREE	FREE	HUGE	BLUETOOTH
Hearing Exam	Consultation	2 Week Trial	Selection (In-Ear & Behind Ear)	Models available (Phone & TV)

Call today for your FREE, No Pressure, No Obligation Consultation



Advantage Care Hearing Center

Jayne Bongers Owner/MN Certified

507-412-9813 • advantagehearingcenter.com

ZUMBROTA: 1605 Main St, Suite 200 • CANNON FALLS: 100 South 4th St.
FARIBAULT: 1575 NW 20th St

Do You Have a Story Idea?

Contact Rebecca at Rebecca.Nisbur@gmail.com or homelownmessenger@gmail.com



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 Owa-

tonna. 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.

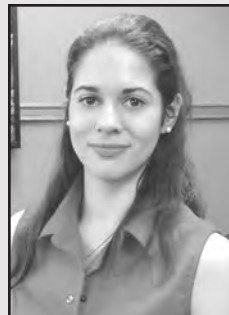
**Share Your Good News
with the Community!**

**Submit your engagement,
wedding or birth announcement**

Email:

hometownmessenger@gmail.com

A Minnesotan: Bundled Up



By RosaLin Alcoser

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

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

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

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

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



Part Time WRITER WANTED

Duties include covering feature and human interest stories and upcoming events in the Messenger coverage area.

Will also work with content production for future on-line distribution.

Pay negotiable and based on experience.

Qualified applicants will possess:

- Ability to work with deadlines
- Great people skills
- Knowledge of/access to a computer
- Enjoy small town atmosphere
- The ability to work some night hours as needed for editorial

Email resume and sample of work to: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

or call Terry at 507-951-7417



Nerstrand Meats & Catering

Specialty Meats & Food

*Over 100 Years in Business Providing
Homesmoked Bologna, Wieners, Jerky,
Homemade Beef Sticks, etc.*



231 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN

507-334-5396

www.nerstrandmeats.com

e-mail us at: goodfood@nerstrandmeats.com

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13						14			15		
16						17			18		
19					20			21	22		
			23					24			
25	26	27		28				29		30	31
32			33			34			35		
36					37			38		39	
40					41			42		43	
44				45		46				47	
48					49		50		51		52
			53		54			55		56	
	57	58	59					60		61	62
64					65	66			67		
68					69			70			
71					72			73			

9	8	3	5	1	4	2	6	7
2	1	7	8	9	6	3	5	4
4	6	5	2	7	3	1	8	9
8	7	2	4	3	5	9	1	6
1	5	4	7	6	9	8	2	3
6	3	9	1	2	8	4	7	5
5	9	1	6	4	2	7	3	8
7	4	6	3	8	1	5	9	2
3	2	8	9	5	7	6	4	1

SUDOKU ANSWERS

T	V	P	E								
U	S	U	R	F							
G	O	O	A								
P	S	Y	C	H	O						
D	A	N	G	E							
N	A	S	S	E	R						
E	N	T	E	R							
L	I	N	T	O							
L	A	U	D								
A	M	P									
S	H	I	N	I	N	G					
E	S	T	O	P							
C	A	I	R	O							
R	O	T	E								

BRING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE TOGETHER!

Blazing Fast Internet! **FREE**

2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE

\$64⁹⁹ MO. MSRP

190 CHANNELS

Including Local Channels!

CALL TODAY - For \$100 Gift Card. Price varies by location.

1-888-416-7103

We Want Your News!

Got News?

Help Us Get the Word Out!

News, Photos, Events...

Email your news to:
hometownmessenger@gmail.com

SUDOKU

GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR

12 days, departs May - Sep 2022

1-855-208-9533

FROM ~~\$1,949~~

\$1,699*

3		8			7	6		
				3	8	1		
5	9			4		7		
				2		4		5
8		2		3				
		5		7			8	9
				8	9	6		
		3	5			2		7

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

- THEME: SCARY MOVIES
- ACROSS
1. Shenanigan
 6. "Losing My Religion" band
 9. Kind of learning
 13. Capital of Egypt
 14. Nest egg acronym
 15. Cupid's target
 16. Bar, legally
 17. Indian restaurant staple
 18. Kind of committee, two words
 19. "Hedge maze, dull boy, redrum, with The
 21. *Pretend girlfriend, surgery, body parts
 23. Monkey ____, monkey do
 24. Post-it message
 25. It makes a guitar louder
 28. Royal Indian
 30. Perfumes
 35. Glorify
 37. Freeway exit
 39. Like today's cell phones?
 40. Keen on
 41. Like a confection
 43. At any time
 44. One of the large keys on the right
 46. Greek portico
 47. Common workday start
 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
 70. Exclude or omit
 71. Done on a Smith Corona
 72. Old age, archaic
 73. 6666...

- DOWN
1. Single pip cards
 2. Crosby, Stills, ____ & Young
 3. South American monkey
 4. Actor Jeremy
 5. Xerox machine
 6. *Videotape, stone well, seven days, with The
 7. Paleozoic one
 8. Tropical smoothie flavor
 9. Make over
 10. Hawaiian island
 11. Ragtime turkey dance
 12. And so on, abbr.
 15. Bias crime perpetrators
 20. Closes in on
 22. Pilot's announcement, acr.
 24. ID badge, two words
 25. *Sigourney Weaver, outer space
 26. Old Testament miracle food
 27. Hits while on the green
 29. *Beachgoers, police chief, need for bigger boat
 31. *Boy, shadows in photographs, three sixes, with The
 32. "Transylvania" daughter
 33. Entertainment complex
 34. Scatter
 36. "Nobody ____ It Better"
 38. Low-ranking worker
 42. One who accepts the offer
 45. Porter's head gear
 49. U Rah ____!
 51. Seven daughters of Atlas
 54. Present
 56. Food-borne bacteria
 57. One in a pocketful, according to Mother Goose
 58. Fish a.k.a. porgy
 59. Bygone era
 60. Two of a kind
 61. Type of operating system
 62. Prospector's mother?
 63. God of war, son of Zeus
 64. Director's cry
 66. Be ill



Nail Down a Great Rate

Start building a better future by investing in the comfort and value of your home. *Don't delay; purchase or refinance today with a great rate that will save you money for decades!*

We Offer:

*Consumer Loans • Small Business Loans • Auto, Boat & RV Loans • Real Estate Mortgages
Checking Accounts • Savings Accounts • Money Market Accounts • CDs & IRAs
Online Banking • Online Bill Pay • Mobile Banking • ATM Available 24 Hrs.*



HERITAGE
— B A N K —

NORTHFIELD: 1520 Clinton Lane 507-645-6736

DENNISON: 37470 1st Ave. Ct. 507-645-5929 • WEST CONCORD: 181 Main Street 507-527-2236

www.heritagebankmn.com

