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Announcements

Christmas Drawing

Enter to win a holiday gift collection including gift cards to local restaurants, an 8 pack of festive cupcakes from Flour Child Creations and a \$25 gift certificate to Country Goods! (see ad on page 9)



• **Nerstrand garbage will be picked up Saturday, November 27 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.** We hope you have a fun safe holiday weekend.

• **Santa is coming to Nerstrand! Saturday, December 18th from 3:00-4:30p.m. at Nerstrand Fire Hall.** All welcome! The Nerstrand Women's Club invites you to come and meet Santa, have some treats and fun! Mom & Dad bring your camera!

• **Wednesday Wear, Nerstrand United Methodist Church hours are Wednesdays 1 - 5 and Saturdays 9 - 12.** Women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, toys and books. All things are free with donations accepted. Come and see what we have!

• **Dennison Lions Club** meets monthly. During COVID-19, meeting times may vary.

• **Dennison City Council** meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

• **The Nerstrand City Council** meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the Nerstrand City Hall. Office hours are: Monday 8:30-11:00; Tuesday by appointment; Wednesday 8:30-11:00; Thursday 5:00-7:00; Friday by appointment. 507-332-8000.

• **Warsaw Township Meeting** is held the 2nd Monday of each month at the Warsaw Township Hall. Meeting time is 6:00p.m.

• **The Wheeling Township meeting** will be held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00p.m. at the Wheeling Township Hall. Contact Rebecca Vergin, Township Clerk.

Santa to Visit Dennison and Nerstrand

Santa will be visiting the Patio at Fireside Saturday morning, December 13th from 9:30 - 11:30.

Hot Cider and treats will be available. There will be treat bags for the kids, and you can bring your camera, Or cell phone camera, and take photos with Santa and the Kids.

This is a location change for the event. In the past it was held in the lobby at the bank,

however business hours have changed at the bank.

Santa will also visit Nerstrand Saturday December 18th. He will be at the Nerstrand Fire Hall from 3-4:30 pm. Hosted by the Nerstrand Womans Club, everyone is reminded to bring your phones or cameras to get your photos!



Nerstrand City Council Seat Vacancy

This term would end with the 2022 election in November.

Please submit in writing your name and phone number no later than December 13th, 5PM to be considered by the council.

Email cityclerknerstrand@gmail.com or in the black mailbox at City Hall.

Thank You

We want to Thank You for your continued support of the Mainstreet Messenger, especially this past year!

In an era of online everything, your monthly newspaper, continues with an unwavering goal to bring hometown news to you.

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Nerstrand Fire & Rescue Receives Grant for Rescue Equipment

Nerstrand Fire and Rescue recently received a \$2,700 grant from Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America for purchase of a Grain Rescue Auger and Automated External Defibrillator.

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Left to right: Jamie White-Titus - Compeer Financial; Eric Hokanson - Compeer Financial; Carmen Bonde - Nerstrand Captain Fire & Rescue; Joe Johnson - Chief Nerstrand Fire & Rescue; Nate Bonde - Assistant Chief Nerstrand Fire & Rescue; Derek Estrem - Firefighter/EMR Nerstrand Fire and Rescue; Rachael Johnson - Compeer Financial; John Bonde - Captain Nerstrand Fire & Rescue



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on Saturday, December 18 from 3:00-4:30pm.

All are welcome!

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It will be fun and there will be some treats to enjoy.

Thanksgiving & Generosity

A woman drove up and paid for her own iced coffee at 7 a.m. Wednesday at a St. Petersburg store, and also asked to pay for a caramel macchiato for the driver behind her, who then did the same for the next customer. After a few people continued the chain, the employees started keeping a tally on a piece of paper by the window. By 1:30 p.m., 260 people had now paid it forward, according to the Tampa Bay Times, ordering their own drinks and paying for one for the stranger behind them. After people ordered their drinks and drove up to the window, barista Vu Nguyen explained that the drink had already been paid for and asked if they'd like to return the favor. In total, 378 people agreed to keep it going! That's amazing!

Have you ever been the recipient of someone paying it forward? Gary and I have had our meal paid for a few times at different restaurants. As a single mom living near Milville- I experienced the generosity of this wonderful community. I had a baby on Thanksgiving Day- Nov. 22 (42 years ago) and when people found out our neighbors responded! We received a gift bag from Milville; and when Jeannie was a little older, we needed a sand box and one morning I looked out on our lawn and there was a large tractor

tire for me to put sand in. When I needed an oil change and couldn't change the oil filter- I called Steve's Standard in Zumbro Falls and he told me to bring it down and he changed it at no charge! People were wonderfully generous and giving to a young single mom here in this community.

I'm still very thankful for the support and help of our South Troy community. Many community members have served at our food shelf, given to the food shelf, and given to the church. We've been the recipient of time and labor from our neighbors- like our snow getting plowed, the extra gravel in our parking lot, the plants in our landscaping. We've discovered that when we are thankful and when we give back- it is often multiplied in return. Thanksgiving and generosity go hand in hand. When we are thankful, we want to pay it forward- to share and be generous with what we have. I think of a couple of examples in scripture.

First, I thought of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was so thankful for Jesus coming to his home and for the salvation he received that he wanted to give back- to return anything he had cheated people of and he decided to give 1/2 of his wealth to the poor! That's a huge character switch. That's thanksgiving for what Jesus had done in his life—and in turn he wanted to be generous with what he had to help someone else. Next, I want to contrast Zacchaeus thankfulness with another rich man, who had the opportunity to receive salvation- but his response was quite different.

As we read God's word, we see many examples of people being filled with joy as they are filled with thanksgiving- a thankful heart. There was the Samaritan leper that was healed and returned to thank Jesus while the other 9 kept going. Mary, Lazarus sister expressed her love and thankful heart by pouring oil over Jesus feet, David was thankful that God had brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, that he celebrated with a parade and gave food to every person that attended the celebration. The new believers after Pentecost (you can find the story in Acts 4) were so thankful for their salvation that they shared everything they had with everyone.

There wasn't welfare or any other social services during the Roman Empire- if you were poor, or lost your job, or a widow, or an orphan- you were on your own. As people became believers, they were so thankful- so filled with the love of Jesus that they wanted to share what they had to provide for those in need. Many sold their homes and land to help provide for the ministry of the early church! They were willing to sacrifice their own possessions to provide for others. That's a high calling. They recognized that God had given them everything.

James wrote in 1:17, "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all" CEB. A few verses (first verse fades out) later in the same chapter James describes what pure religion

really is, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." We are called to care for widows and orphans and for the poor.

This is the heart of the matter. We love because He first loved us and gave himself for us.

Here's one thing I can promise you: Giving is the most fun you'll ever have with money. It's addictive—in the best way possible. So, go out and give a little until you can give a lot. I promise you it will be worth it. Thanksgiving and Generosity go Hand in Hand. When we are thankful for what we have generosity flows naturally from our hearts. Begin each day with a thankful heart.

Proposals to Purchase City Owned Land

City council is currently accepting proposals to purchase the land at 318 1st St S, Nerstrand MN 55053.

If you are interested in being considered for this purchase please submit a written proposal with:

1. Offer amount
2. Use of property
3. How it benefits Nerstrand.

Must submit proposal via email before 12/10/21 by 5PM to cityclerknerstrand@gmail.com

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Worship Updates

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Martin Horn, Pastor

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Family Connections

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 accidentally 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

Lord and God, thank you for your faithfulness and for calling me into a relationship with you as part of your story of life for us all. Amen.

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Nerstrand United Methodist

Lora Sturm, Pastor

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Heather Culuris, Pastor

Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship at Holden;

11:00 a.m. worship at Dale

Email your church announcements, schedule, etc.

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Robert Leroy Vesledahl

Robert Leroy Vesledahl was born on September 6, 1944, to Orville and Doris (Smith) Vesledahl in Northfield. Bob grew up in Northfield and attended school in town. He served in the Navy and after returning in 1966, married Katherine "Toots"



Winter at the Church of St. Dominic.

They moved out to Waterford Township and Bob worked as an electrician at Carleton College and Dakota County Technical College. After "retiring" Bob went back to work at Northwest Airlines for a short time. Bob and

Toots were the proprietors of Northside Apple, an Orchard that they created on the 10-acre parcel surrounding their home in Waterford. The apple orchard was a passion of Bob's and he taught himself everything to operate and be successful and then completely retired after that endeavor. He was a mechanically inclined man who could fix anything. It wasn't uncommon for him to take 6 lawn mowers and make one that runs from all the parts. Among all these things, it should be known that Bob loved dogs and enjoyed their company. He was always happy to meet someone's dog and give attention to them.

Bob and Toots purchased a small cabin on Lawrence Lake in Bovey, MN in 1981 where they spent many vacations and long weekends. They tore down the cabin and built their dream home on the lake and enjoyed their retirement fishing and listening to the loons.

Bob and Toots spent the winter months in Mesa, AZ. to be close to their son Todd and his family. Truth be said, they were snowbirds and were there for the sunshine. They enjoyed nothing more than sitting and visiting with folks. Eventually the two moved to Apple Valley in 2016 to be close to Tammy, their daughter, and her husband and finally a move to Monticello in 2019, to be closer to their son, Tony, and his family. After Toots died earlier this year, Bob moved to the Veteran's Home in Silver Bay.

Bob is survived by his children, Todd (Ruth) of Cave Creek, AZ, Tony (Judee) of Becker, MN, and Tammy (Brian) Bauer of Douglasville, GA; grandchildren, Zachary, Aaron, Kadee, and Casey (Aby); and sister, Karen (Bruce) Blom of Northfield. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine "Toots" and parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Church of St. Dominic, 104 Linden Street, Northfield. Visitation was held from 9 AM-10:20 AM, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the church prior to the service. Interment was in Valley Grove Cemetery, Nerstrand.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory, Northfield.
www.biermanfuneralhome.com

Helen Radtke

Helen Radtke, 100, of Hastings, formerly of Northfield, passed away Friday morning, October 29, 2021, at Benedictine Senior Living, Hastings.



Helen Evelyn Kasa was born on March 8, 1921, in rural Dennison on the family farm to Austin and Ida

(Remme) Kasa. She went to a country school near Dennison. Helen spent the first part of her adult life living by Dennison, then Faribault, and moved to Northfield in 1957. She spent most of her time in Northfield living by the First National Bank in downtown Northfield and working on the production line at Malt O Meal. Helen lived at the Benedictine Senior Living Community in Hastings for the last 10 years.

In her free time, Helen enjoyed baking, especially Lefse and angel food cakes. She spent time traveling, going to the casino, and playing cards. Helen loved her family and valued the time spent with her grandchildren. She was a generous, kind, sweet, accepting woman, who was loved by those that knew her and will be dearly missed.

Helen is survived by her son, Dean of Prescott, WI; daughter-in-law, Mary Holien of Vermillion; grandchildren, Chad (Kelsi) Holien, Vicki (Ben Rother) Englin, John Holien; seven great-grandchildren, Ainsley, Dru, Adam, Kalli & Jordan Holien and Abigail and Kaelynn Englin; sister, Avis Reed of Northfield; sisters-in-law, Joanne Kasa and Janice Kasa; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Inez Munkton, Gladys Koester, Donna Mathre, Joanne Kucera, Don Kasa, Gene Kasa, Austin Kasa, and Helge Kasa; and good friend, Owen Roberts.

A funeral service for Helen was held at 2 PM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery, Northfield.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory, Northfield. www.biermanfuneralhome.com

(obituaries continued on page 4)



Pastor Paul A. Graham

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Taize Evening Prayer

On the third Wednesday of the month (December 15) at 7:00 PM, come spend some peaceful moments with God. Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of music and worship, calling us to open to Christ's presence around and within us. It is an evening prayer practiced by millions of people all over the world.

Come re-imagine what church can be at Dennison Lutheran Community Church, and help us to "Sing to the Lord a new song!"



Songs of My Life

"Songs of my Life" connects people through music, readings, and sharing experiences. It is a different way to worship, and we've had great feedback on this service so far.

Come check it out the third Sunday of the month –

December 19 at 9:00 AM at Dennison.

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Beatrice Adeline Tollefson

Beatrice Adeline Tollefson, 89, formerly of Kenyon, MN, died Oct. 26, 2021, in Burnsville, MN.



Beatrice "Bea" Holte was born November 22, 1931, and grew up in Blair, WI. After graduation, she met widower Lynn Tollefson, and his daughter, Diane. They married March

8, 1952, and welcomed two more daughters, Susan and Vicki, to their family. After settling in Kenyon, Bea enjoyed selling Avon and Christmas Around the World, but was especially proud of her work as a buyer at Foldcraft Co. In 1989, Dahlen Jewelry and Mr. T's Beahive, Lynn and Bea's dream business, became reality in downtown Kenyon. "Retirement" consisted of traveling to auctions in search of treasures and running the store. Bea loved making connections with local and "passing-through" customers, and antique enthusiasts. After Lynn's death, she maintained the store for five years before moving

to the Northfield Retirement Community, in Northfield, MN, which she lovingly called home for four years. Bea loved her husband of 60 years, their family, and the life they built, together. She loved playing Bridge, sewing, dancing, auctions, antiques, bargains, coincidences and telling stories.

Survived by daughters Diane (Roger) Randall, Susan Tollefson and Vicki (David) Lind; granddaughters Kimberly (Joel) Boulanger and Koni (Jason) Hudak; great-grandchildren Jackson, Maddy, Jake, Katie, Jenna, Megan, and Tabitha; brother Douglas (Marlene)

Holte; sister-in-law Elsie (Jerry) Narveson; and nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by husband Lynn Tollefson; granddaughter Becky Randall; sister and husband Anita and Ron Wemple; brother-in-law and wife David and Peggy Tollefson.

Family memorial service was at 2:30 PM, Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Castle Rock Valley Cemetery, Farmington, MN.

Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. biermanfuneralhome.com.

Local Christmas events this season

Thursday, December 2nd will be Christmas in Wanamingo. The activities will take place from 4 to 5pm in the Industrial Park and from 5 to 7pm on Main Street businesses. This year the theme is "Season of Giving" and you can bring a canned food item or cash to get a punch card to be eligible for prize drawings. The high point of the night will be a visit with Santa Claus at the Wanamingo Mutual Insurance office.

On Saturday, December 4th Christmas in Kenyon will be held. Santa will be at S.I.F.T. from 1 to 3pm. K-W Choir students will be caroling around town. A vendor fair will be held from 9am to 3pm at the All-Seasons Community Center. The annual tree lighting will take place at the Veteran's Park at 5pm. There are many more activities scheduled during the day and you can see them on the Christmas in Kenyon schedule on page 4.



On Saturday, December 4th there will be a Christkindlmarkt, or German Christmas Market held in Goodhue from noon to 6pm. There will be German food and beverages, crafters, vendors, artisans and horse drawn wagon rides.

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Kenyon Restaurant to Open this Week

Lacey's Kitchen and Cocktails will be opening for business November 26th. They are currently renovating the Schweich's Hotel Bar and Restaurant, building remod-

eled by Lawrence Schweich in 2013. Business partners Steve Lacey, the experienced chef, and Heather Thram will be managing the business. They had considered working together on another project, which didn't materialize because of the Covid shutdown. The two started looking into this opportunity a year ago.

Steve Lacey has been involved in the food service industry since he was fourteen years old, when he worked at the Happy Chef restaurant. He was a Happy Chef manager at the age of eighteen, and went to college at Mankato. Steve is a graduate of one of the top culinary schools in Vermont and worked in French and Italian restaurants in San Antonio, Texas before moving back to Minnesota thirty-years ago with his wife to raise their family. He worked at numerous fine restaurants in the twin cities including Legends at Prior Lake, where they catered events for up to 5,000 guests at a time. He is looking forward to bringing something special to the community with his new restaurant. He has the knowledge and skill to make food a

little better and puts his expertise into every meal he puts on a plate.

Heather Thram brings her business experience to run the daily operations. She has worked as a realtor and property management consultant for the last ten years. Her husband Rick is a business partner who owns the building.

Their plans are to be a full-service restaurant and bar. Starting out they will be open five days each week, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am to 9pm, Friday and Saturday from 11am to 11pm and Sundays 11am to 8pm. The meals will offer traditional classics as well as modern recipes all created in a homemade style from scratch in their kitchen. Soups, salads, sandwiches and a commercial plate for lunch as well as entrees for the dinner hours. There will be a special

children's and senior menu as well providing smaller portions. They also have a variety of fun desserts on the menu. The bar will have cocktails and tap beer including local small brewery favorites.

Reservations are recommended and they will be expanding their meal offerings as time goes on. Plans are to utilize the event facilities for entertaining and offer Sunday brunches and breakfasts in the future. Eventually being open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. Be sure to stop in and enjoy the great food and fun experience when the doors open November 26th. The restaurant phone number is 507-623-1173.



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Nerstrand Fire & Rescue Receives Grant for Rescue Equipment

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The funds provided by this grant will help us in two critical life safety incidents: Grain Entrapment and Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The

grain rescue auger will be utilized in conjunction with our recently donated rescue tube to evacuate grain from within the tube; relieving the pressure surrounding the victim allowing rescue personnel to remove the individual. Sudden Cardiac Arrest caused by certain heart rhythms can only be treated with an automated external defibrillator or "AED". This new AED is compatible with our local ambulance service's cardiac monitor saving time which is imperative during these incidents. Thank you to Compeer Financial for providing grant opportunities for local Fire and Rescue services.

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Visitors of all ages can take a step back in time to the early 1900's era rural Dakota

County Village, and experience the sights and sounds of living history and Christmas past. The Village buildings will be illuminated inside and out throughout the village. Activities planned for this years event include the horse drawn trolley, taking guests thru the streets of the village. Visitors can walk thru the village, with many of the buildings open and heated with real wood-fired burning stoves to help take the chill off. Kids are encouraged to write a letter to Santa at home, and bring it to mail box at the Village Post office. If they include a self addressed stamped envelope, St. Nick will even get them a reply! Santa will be in the Depot greeting the kids so Parents and Grandparents can come take pictures with Santa for those that want to. There will be some cooking in the Harris House. Caroling and music will fill the air inside and outside the church.

The Minnesota Fire Engine Club will have several fire trucks on display near the fire barn. The Drug Store will be open with treats and food for sale, including hot dogs, soda, hot cocoa, and Old Fashioned 1919 Root Beer. (Credit Cards are not accepted, so bring some good old fashioned CASH!) There will be the PUTZ house display at the bank building, and parents can help the kids make old fashioned craft ornaments and decorations in the old school house. Everyone can experience a more simple life and this bygone holiday era. At press time, Dakota City reminds everyone there are volunteer opportunities available during this event, and year 'round at the village. Check the website at www.dakotacity.org for more information
Dakota City was established at The Dakota

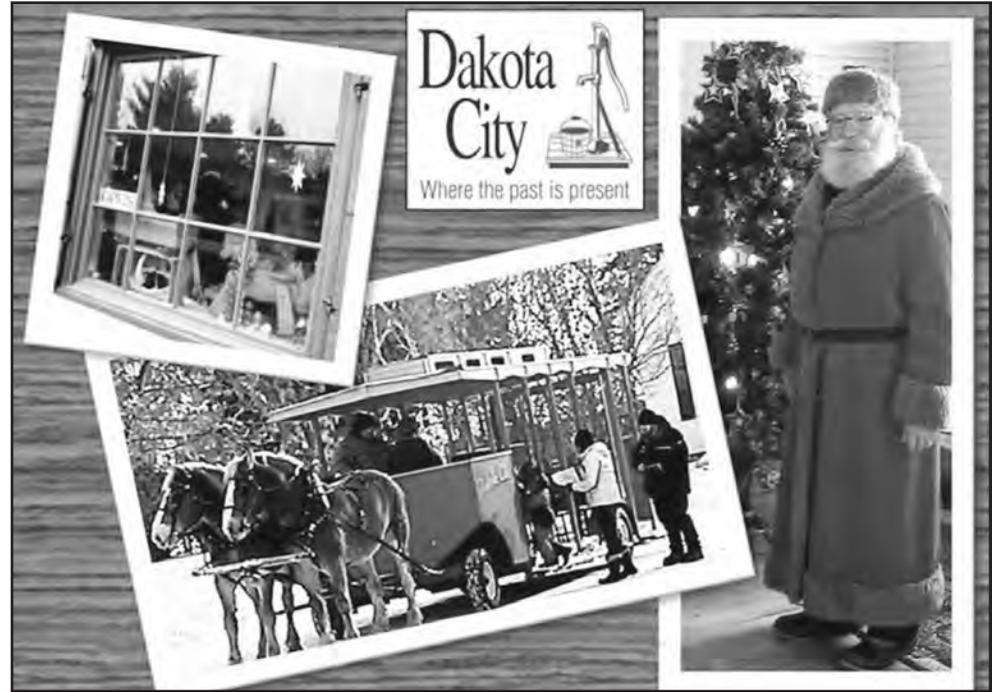


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County Fairgrounds in 1978, and is a 1900's era agricultural village and museum. 22 buildings, including an operational blacksmith shop, newspaper office, train depot , barber shop, family home and more represent the business and rural social life of a rural early 1900's community. Dakota City is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that strives to preserve rural heritage and connects, through education and interpretation , current genera-

tions to life and agricultural heritage of the early twentieth century. Updated schedules and information are available at www.dakotacity.org, and on their facebook page. The Cost is just \$5.00 per person and children under age 5 are Free. Start your own Christmas Tradition this year at Christmas in The Village December 4th and 5th and December 11th and 12th at Dakota City in Farmington , located at the Fairgrounds.

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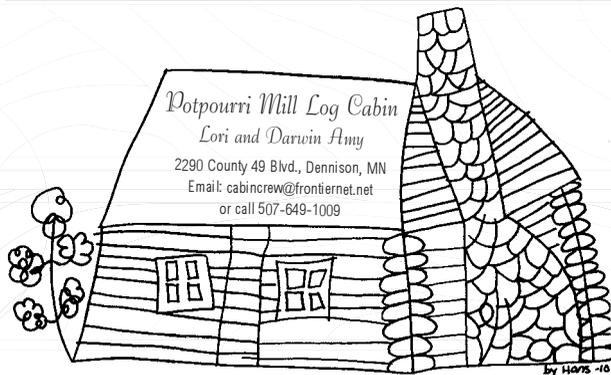
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MN Craft Brewers Cup professional blind taste-test selects top true-to-style beers in the state

On November 18, 2021, Chapel Brewing took home a first-place trophy from the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild's MN Brewers Cup Competition, the state-wide, blind taste-test competition for Minnesota breweries and brewpubs.

Chapel's Dukes Pilsner was the winning beer in the Czech Lager category.

This Czech style pilsner is brewed annually in collaboration with the local amateur baseball team, the Dundas Dukes. It is a clear, golden, malt forward beer that is on tap at the brewery and sold at the Dundas ballpark during baseball season.

This year, the Brewers Cup Competition had 450 beers entered from 85 breweries and brewpubs in the state. Beers were submitted to 26 categories based on beer style. The sub-

missions were judged

blind by 20 beer judges based on how well each submission represented the standards of its style. The top three in each style category, along with the top three overall, were announced at an industry-only awards ceremony on Thursday night.

"Hats off to our brewer, David Frost, for hitting a homerun with his Pilsner recipe. Customers in the taproom and fans at the ballpark have been enjoying this beer since the spring, and we are thrilled the judges appreciated it as well" said co-founder/owner Tracie Vranich.

Chapel Brewing opened for business in 2017 in an actual chapel dating back to 1880. It's scenic location on the Cannon River, high-quality craft beer, and the fact that it's open seven days a week, make it a favorite gathering spot for locals and a destination for beer lovers from all over the state. Head brewer, David Frost, joined the Chapel team in January 2019 and hit the ground running brewing beer that has been enthusiastically enjoyed by many. Chapel was originally built as a place to gather for worship and it is still a place to gather today, but for a different purpose.

To see all competition winners, visit



Chapel Co-owner, Tracie Vranich; Chapel co-owner, Steve Schmidt

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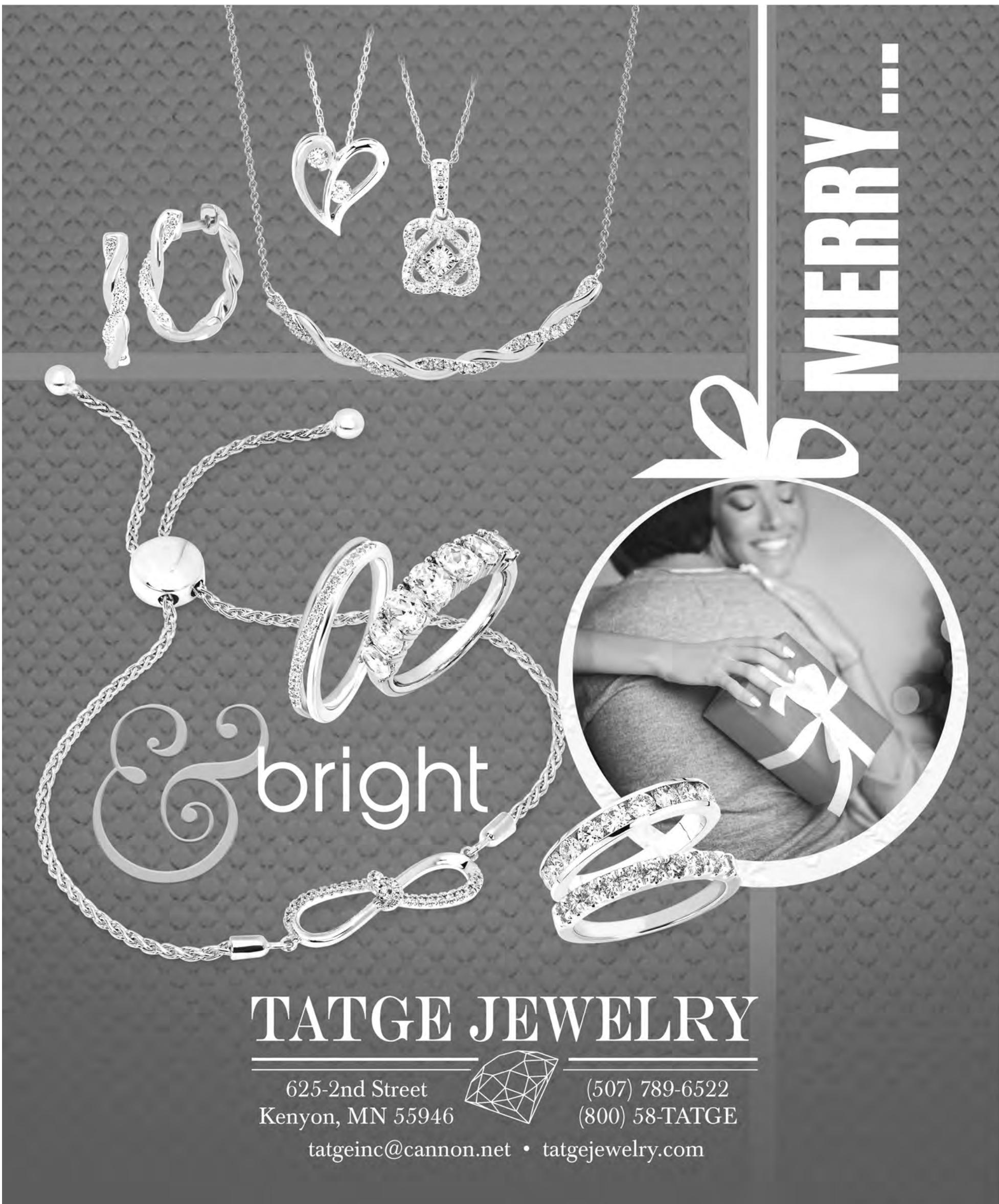
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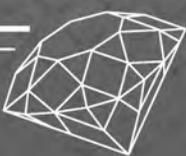


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Anhydrous Safety Should be Top Concern This Fall

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 harvest. 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.

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Endurance Wins The Day



By Harvey Mackay

I stumbled across a quote recently by psychologist Angela Duckworth that really caught my eye. She said "Enthusiasm is common. Endurance is rare."

I've written a number of columns about the importance of enthusiasm, and I don't believe it is common or easy. Getting enthusiastic about something and staying enthusiastic are not always the same.

Endurance, on the other hand, requires enthusiasm first and staying power after. It's often extremely difficult to soldier on when an idea or project is faced with obstacles and resistance. But if it's worth doing, endurance is the key.

That's why I strongly believe in the motto

"Those who endure, conquer."

Zig Ziglar, a master motivator and one of the most enthusiastic people I have known, told the story of a woman in his organization that was the top salesperson – out of 1,200 people! When she broke all the sales records, Zig asked her how she did it. She replied, "God didn't make me with an off-switch."

Dale Carnegie, one of the most successful inspirational writers of all time, said: "Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success."

The world is full of examples of people who endured. Michelangelo endured seven years lying on his back on a scaffold to paint the Sistine Chapel. NASA experienced 20 failures in its first 28 attempts to send rockets into space.

Sarah Jessica Parker was born in a poor coal-mining town in Ohio, the fourth of eight children. Her stepfather was often out of work so he danced and sang to help support the family. At age 11, she was cast in a Broadway play with her brother. Many years later she landed one of the lead characters in the TV blockbuster "Sex and the City." She's still thriving today.

Another star of a TV smash hit is Jerry Seinfeld who was booted off a comedy-club-stage after only three minutes. That rejection didn't deter him, as he kept perfecting his stand-up act at clubs all over New York until he landed a role in the 1980s sitcom "Benson" and then his own self-titled sit-com and

rocked him to fame.

Rapper Jay-Z couldn't get a record deal and sold his first CD out of his car. He ended up founding his own record label, Roc-A-Fella Records, and is regarded as one of the most influential hip-hop artists in history.

Howard Schultz of Starbucks fame knows the power of endurance firsthand. He contacted more than 200 investors looking for his first original loan in acquiring the firm. After a year of rejections, he was able to secure the \$400,000 needed from a doctor and two other individual investors. Today, Starbucks is one of the most recognizable brands with more than 32,000 stores in 83 countries and nearly 350,000 employees.

Surfer Bethany Hamilton was only 13 years old when a shark bit off her left arm. Less than a month later she was back on a surfboard and is one of the top women surfers in the world, winning several competitions.

Motivational speakers Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen pitched the original "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book to more than 130 publishers before they found a small publisher in Florida who said yes. Their endurance was rewarded, as nearly 300 "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books have now been published and more than 500 million copies sold worldwide.

Religious leader Gautama Buddha advised, "Don't pray for lighter burdens, but for

stronger backs."

Philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau said, "Endurance and to be able to endure is the first lesson a child should learn because it's the one they will most need to know."

Heard enough? In all walks of life, endurance is often the difference between success and regret. Stick-to-itiveness is never a sticking point for determined people.

I love the story of the high school basketball coach who was attempting to motivate his players to endure through a difficult season. Halfway through the season he stood before his team and said, "Did Michael Jordan ever quit?"

The team responded, "No!"

He yelled, "What about Tom Brady. Did he ever give up?"

"No!" the team responded.

"Did Wayne Gretzky ever quit?"

Again, the team yelled "No!"

"Did Elmer McAllister ever quit?"

There was a long silence. Finally, one player was bold enough to ask, "Who's Elmer McAllister? We've never heard of him."

The coach snapped back, "Of course you never heard of him. He quit!"

Mackay's Moral: Getting the job started is simple compared to getting the job done.

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After your sugar has been infused, you can either sift out the herb or spice or leave it in. I like the way it looks left in the jar. Add suggestions on the use of the infused sugar and be sure to add that they should sift the sugar if there are large pieces.

- Sprinkle on sugar cookies
- Sweeten coffee or tea
- Sprinkle on fresh fruit
- Fold into cookie, muffin, cupcake or bread batter
- Rim a cocktail glass

Inching out of a pandemic, we're gathering again. That means host/hostess gifts! Rather than last minute, consider something a little different that's easy and just takes a couple of weeks.

Start with organic sugar, be it cane, beet or coconut; and a dried herb or spice. Or a mix! Make sure your container remains dry. Combine the sugar and herb or spice into an airtight container in a 4 to 1 ratio of sugar to spice. You can play around with that ratio.

If you used a "wet" ingredient, mix it with the sugar and let it air dry. It's going to clump but you can unclump it after it dries.

After about 2 weeks, the sugar will be infused and it will keep well for at least 3 months.

- Vanilla, use vanilla bean
- Mint, dried any kind
- Orange or lemon peel
- Dried rosehips (although I've heard people using the petals



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.





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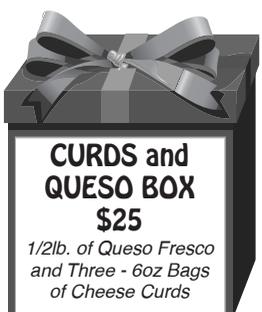
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Building a Foundation for Southern Minnesota's Future



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For me, autumn always signals a natural time to slow down and contemplate the past year as we bundle up and move indoors. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we use this time each year to reflect on the partnerships that have resulted in a brighter future for southern Minnesota. We do this by celebrating a handful of these partnerships in our annual Impact Report.

In the first story, Beth Fynbo shares her entrepreneurial journey as the founder and CEO of Busy Baby in Oronoco. When she became a parent, she had an idea for a placemat that suctioned to surfaces and allows caregivers to connect babies' toys to a tether system so they can no longer be dropped and thrown. As she turned this idea into a successful business, SMIF supported her through three loans. She has also participated in SMIF's CEO Peer Network to connect with other entrepreneurs who helped her pivot during the pandemic. Since she first reached out to SMIF three years ago, Beth has grown to a seven-figure business and even made an appearance on ABC's Shark Tank.

Another entrepreneur, Angel Uribe, shares her story about starting Stages of Change Center, a business which empowers individuals to rethink their relationship with alcohol or drugs. Her business, based in Eagle Lake, began in 2011 with no financing or support. In 2016, she joined SMIF's Prosperity Initiative program which provides business coaching to entrepreneurs who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC). This program helped her to develop business competencies and strategies that are still helping her navigate her business with greater confidence today. During the pandemic, she has remained engaged with SMIF through a Prosperity Initiative Peer Network and by participating in business trainings. Angel is currently a SMIF Board of Trustee member.

In the Early Childhood space, we spoke with Jenny Carrier who is the community education director at Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools. As one of SMIF's 25 Early Childhood Initiatives, which are collaboratives that address important needs for children and families in their communities, they have a long



A \$2,000 grant from Montgomery Community Foundation to Tri-City United Elementary School allowed the school to purchase ukuleles, an instrument that is more conducive to COVID restrictions than recorders.

history with SMIF. One month prior to the first shut down brought on by the pandemic, they received a Child Care Expansion Grant from SMIF, which filled a critical need of providing onsite child care for ages six to 12 years. During the past year they received two more SMIF grants to support improvements in their building and expansions in their programming, resulting in 12 new jobs.

Finally, the leaders of one of SMIF's 30 Community Foundations shared their story. Mick McGuire, president of Montgomery Community Foundation (MCF) wanted to start a Community Foundation for people to give back to their hometown. Since beginning in 2018, they have supported many local projects, including the restoration of a mural and an historic log cabin. Liz Krocak, vice president of MCF, shares about MCF's COVID-19 response efforts, which included grants to the food shelf and to the Montgomery Economic Development Authority. SMIF provided matching grants for these efforts, in addition to a Small Town Grant which they used to distribute "Monty Bucks" to people in need to spend at local businesses.

The voices that are highlighted in this year's impact report capture the ongoing growth, community togetherness and innovative spirit of our region that is always there, regardless of what is happening in the world. While SMIF played a significant role in helping individuals and communities throughout the pandemic, one detail that shines through each of these stories is that SMIF was there for these folks long before it began, building a foundation of support and trust over many years.

I invite you to read the stories from our 2021 Impact Report by visiting smifoundation.org/impactreport. It is through partnerships like the ones highlighted in this report that we can make an impact on southern Minnesota's future.

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

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City of Dennison Regular Council Meeting September 2nd, 2021

The September Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors, Nichole Schloesser and Diane Ruddle, and Clerk Jessica Page. Councilors Heidi Cooke and Ann Anders was unable to attend.

Councilor Ruddle move to accept the minutes for the August regular meeting with the removal of the individual's name in Section 4 of Utilities. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0. Councilor Ruddle moved to approve the treasurer's report, Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0.

Building Permits:

Mike Hince would like to put a deck in where he had had a patio for several years. Councilor Ruddle move to approve, Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0

City of Dennison would like to re-roof City Hall. Councilor Ruddle move to approve the permit. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0.

Administrative Issues:

1. Force Main Update: Nothing new. Looks like the end of October for materials to be available, and into Nov for work to start. The Order Change was forwarded to PFA by the Mayor.

2. Phosphorus project: There were 2 bids received for the project by the due date. Both companies checked out according to ISG. Pioneer Power, Inc bid \$179,925 and Winona Mechanical bid \$204,900. Councilor Ruddle moved to accept the Pioneer Power bid. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed

3:0.

For the shed itself, the fence replacement is not completed yet. Insulation in the attic is not blown in because waiting for mechanical work to take place before doing that. LP tank is installed/line to the shed finished. Should probably fill with propane.

Carley had sent an email to the council about the GridBee mixer and the warranty. There's a 2 year standard warranty now, not a 10 year warranty as was before. Discussion about extending the warranty to 10 years? It would cost another \$5,000 to do that. Wait until the special meeting to discuss the warranty. Looks like delivery would be 12 weeks out. Based on what the Mayor was told by the operator in Hayward, they run the mixer 12-18 hours before each discharge. So, we could be running that mixer only 5 or 6 days a year.

Jeff will send an email to Cara regarding the progress of the project after the meeting.

3. Parcel Split for Strese/Rowan, part two. The zoning category needs to be changed on the parcel that is requested to be split off from a parcel owned by Mike Strese to change it from agricultural (A-O) to residential suburban (R-2) so that is can be added to Mike Rowan's current parcel. A public hearing for was scheduled October 7 at 6:45.

4. Terry Haugen would like to make his dwelling a multi unit rentable unit, and drop from 5 acres to 3 acres for the building code (would like to add 16 feet to the back of his shed., as well as annex in the small parcel. After annexation, it would be divided between Kelms and Haugens, then added to each person's parcel. Currently renter in basement is a single person, kids on weekends. Mom, dad, kid planning on moving in

if it's sold. Amend that the Ordinance to have more than one person renting. Council felt that they should get a legal opinion from Jim Burkhardt on this situation. Terry would like to talk with Burkhardt and then for the City to talk to him. City will get Jim's interpretation on the situation. Mayor will talk to Jim. October 15th is the potential sale date according to Terry for his parcel.

5. Prepay for propane? Current price is \$1.649 per gallon. In the past, we have prepayed approx. 1400 gallons. Need to add more gallons for phosphorus shed? Last couple years have used more than the 1400 gallons Wait on the propane since we won't have chemical's in the shed until next spring. Councilor Ruddle move to prepay the 1400 gallons as usual. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0.

6. Kevin and Paul updates: Paul present at the meeting. He explained that by the end of weekend, the external part of addition will be done, so other stuff can be moved. All tires are loaded up. He has 4 trailers worth of stuff ready to go out. The non running car is being picked up next week. Kevin had texted some information on how he was cleaning up. He had removed the weeds that were growing over the fence. He had pictures of what he had cleaned up. Council was appreciative of both parties working on getting their areas cleaned up. It continues to be a work in progress.

7. Joe Johnson, Nerstrand Fire Dept. sent over some information on the current budget making process for the Fire Department. There will be an increase in the amount for the Fire Contract and they are working on that amount at this time. He's hoping to come in October to answer any questions.

8. Funding gap for the phosphorus system at the ponds. Assuming we approve a bid for the mechanical portion, we will know the gap in funding needed by the City to finance. With the cost to fix the liner, we have \$79,500 left from the bonding bill money. Mayor Flaten will reach out to MRWA with a number to finance. PFA is going to need the City to pass a resolution regarding the final numbers as far as what we will finance on our own. Will have the resolution ready in October for the PFA. It is recommend to use the sewer savings to help reduce the debt/MRWA loan the City owes on the phosphorus shed. Mayor Flaten recommend directing the \$25 monthly fee towards paying off the shed. Council will look at on the 16th at the special meeting.

9. Roofing project was approved by LMCIT. Need to choose a color for the shingles. Weathered wood for the color is the

consensus.

10. Snowplowing, ad is out. Will review on the 16th. Councilor Ruddle shared on Lions page, it is also on the City website, in addition to the paper and being posted.

11. Doug Gysbers installed the catch basin in the back alley behind the old Johnny Angels bar recently. City has been waiting about three years for that to be completed. It appears to be working. There was a question on the Easement work. Mayor Flaten will follow up with that.

12. Dennison Days Any issues? It went well was the overall consensus. City will get billed for the portion of the portable toilets that Council voted on paying for. Games still in City Hall and Lions were hoping they could stay until Halloween for the kids Halloween party. Street dance worked out ok on Friday night.

13. Sump Pump inspections coming along well. 10 left to inspect.

14. Need to approve the annual liability coverage waiver. "The City of Dennison does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn Stat 466.04." Councilor Schloesser move to approve. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 3:0.

Citizens Issues:

Chairs for Joe September 3rd. Bryan Eggum Sept 8th for chairs.

Mayors Issues:

Utilities:

1. Update from Nate:

B and B would do the work to hook up the meter and/or replace the meter on the Koester Property. Council will need an estimate. They will also fix the curb stop in a different area.

Ponds are good 42 and 50 in the secondary. Plenty of storage.

Reader is working on Rowan's house now. Karl's fixed, Taylor's is done also.

2. The testing class was full for the test Nate needed to take. City will be issued a refund for the training costs. Will need to find another time to take the class/test.

Councilor Schloesser move to pay all the bills. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 3:0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Flaten. Second by Councilor Schloesser. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday October 7th, 2021 at 7:00.

Special meeting on September 16th at 7:00 pm to review plow bids, and work on the budget/set the levy, set up amount for the resolution.

Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Council Members Monica Gernandt, Jennifer Schwab, Jennifer Valek, Dan Pflieger, Mayor Todd Evavold. Other people in attendance were 7 residents in person and 0 via ZOOM.

Roll Call

Councilpersons Valek, Gernandt, Schwab, and Pflieger and Evavold present.

Approval of Agenda

-Motion to accept the agenda by Councilperson Schwab, second by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

-Motion to accept all consent items by Councilperson Schwab, second by Councilperson Gernandt, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- Business owner Marty Dettling asked council to consider renting half of the Sheils building from March to November for \$600.00. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to rent the Shiels building, seconded by Councilperson Schwab, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

-Resolution 2021-10 Designating Polling Place. Motion by Councilperson Gernandt to adopt Resolution

2021-10 Designating Polling Place, second by Councilperson Schwab, motion passed unanimously.

-Motion by Councilperson Schwab to accept a \$2,700 grant from Compeer Financial for grain rescue equipment and an AED, second by Councilperson Valek, motion passed unanimously.

-Motion by Councilperson Schwab to start holding meetings on the second story to provide social distancing second by Councilperson Gernandt. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilperson Gernandt seconded by Councilperson Schwab to adjourn the meeting, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by;

Dana Jans

Nerstrand City Clerk

Commissioner Corner

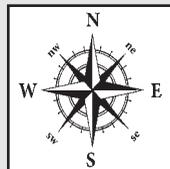
Greetings,

This last few months have been very busy at Goodhue County. Currently we are in the budget process and trying to balance the county needs and the taxes that we are charged is a real challenge. We did receive money from the federal government, ARPA funds. The American Rescue Plan, this money is to be used to help with the pandemic and the uses for this money is ever changing and challenging to make the best use of the dollars. We have also been through the interview process for a new Veterans Service officer, this has been a very frustrating time for our veterans and I hope that this will be resolved with a new VSO. Any Veterans who would like to contact me please do so at 507 319-9550. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels through the holidays.



Todd Greseth
Goodhue County
Commissioner
District 3

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 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.

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.

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