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• **The Goodhue Area Historical Society Museum** is open for the season. June thru August Thursday & Sunday 1 to 4pm. For after hours appointments call Marie 651-923-4302 or 651-301-5731.

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Christkindlmarkt This Weekend in Goodhue

Goodhue will again have a Christmas celebration this weekend. It is planned for Saturday December 4th from noon to 6pm and will take place on Second Street in downtown Goodhue. There will be outdoor stalls with vendors selling German foods and beverages, artisans, crafters, gift items and much

more. Horse drawn wagon rides will be offered along with children's activities, music and a nativity scene. All shops and activities will be outdoor so dress appropriate for the weather.



Bellechester Fundraiser Returns



The annual Deer Hunters Suppers supporting the Bellechester Community Center returned in 2021 after not being held in 2020 due to the Corona virus pandemic. The Thanksgiving-type feasts were held at the Community Center November 5th and November 19th. Demand was strong and they ran out of turkey the first evening in spite of preparing a combination of 15 turkeys and hams. They also served 170 take-out meals that night, which was more than ever before. Thanks to all the volunteer workers who made the event possible and all the guests who made it such a success.

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Come to the Manger: Find Hope

By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

There was a young man who constantly quarreled with his father. Finally, he left home without saying goodbye. He continued to keep in touch with his mom but cut connections with his dad.

After a few years, he wanted to come home for Christmas very badly. But he was afraid his dad would not allow it. His mom wrote to him and urged him to come home. Inside, he felt he couldn't do that until he knew his father had forgiven him. They wrote back and forth a few times about it.

Finally, there wasn't time for any more letters. His mother wrote and said she would talk to his dad. If he had forgiven him, she would tie a white rag on the tree right next to the railroad tracks in their back yard. He would be able to see the tree before the train reached the station. If there were no rag, he would go on and not stop.

The young man started for home. As the train got close to his home, he became so nervous he couldn't look out the window. So he said to his friend who was sitting next to him, "I can't bear to look. Would you sit in my place and look out the window for that big tree in my back yard next to the tracks. Tell me if there is a rag on it or not."

So his friend traded places with him and looked out the window. After a while the friend said, "Oh, I see the tree."

The son asked, "Is there a white rag tied to it?"

For a moment, his friend didn't say anything. Then he turned, and in a soft voice said, "There is a white rag tied to every limb

of the tree."

Jesus came to live here on earth, and he made his home, his dwelling, among us. "Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them." John 14:23. Jesus said that he comes to live with those that are His followers! God, Father & Son, with come and make their home with each of us that call on the name of the Lord and are His! The God of heaven, the creator of the universe desires to make His home with every person that believes in Him. He is a personal God- He desires a relationship with each of us and just like our family- it begins in our homes- in our hearts! Jesus said that he came to make a home with us! Making a home is far more than the wood, cement, and paint- it's the people inside. It's the people we do life with, fight with, love on, and celebrate and cry with! Making a home is far more than brick and mortar. It's learning to love unconditionally. Learning to put others ahead of ourselves, learning to go the extra mile within the relationship to make things work! That's family, that's home.

Home is where you feel comfortable, it should be where you feel safe to be yourself. Home is the place where you are real and where you are content. Home brings up many pictures of family, fun and good food. Often home is where we return to for holidays. Going home can feel safe- or for some coming home will stir up other memories

best left buried.

All of our homes come with challenges and problems, which come from the sin in this world. Many homes have become battle grounds, places of fear and insecurity instead of havens for our troubled spirits. Other homes struggle to get bread on the table, or utilities working. Still others lack love and nurturing that every person needs. But that wasn't the way it was supposed to be. As sin entered the world through Adam- so the world entered the 'homes' of humankind.

Jesus came to bring us that hope. He came to be with us and live in us so that we would be ready for our permanent home in heaven with him someday. He came to give us hope for today and forever. The author of Hebrews 11:1, wrote, "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." Sadly, many are without the hope of Jesus today. And they turn to other people and things to give them some hope for the future.

The Christian faith is not a hope-so hope, but a know-so hope. It's not like the hope of the world which disappoints but rather it's a hope anchored in God and in the Word of God and in the God who can do all things. The hope we can have only comes through faith.

Hope is about expectation. You don't look forward to things you already possess. Hope requires that we look forward to something and move toward that thing with the assur-

ance that we will eventually acquire it. For believers in Christ, we can give thanks to the Spirit within us, because we are able to put our hope in God and wait patiently to be united with Him. One day everything will be put to right- one day all things will be made new. Until that day we live in hopeful expectation.

We all need a place to call home. We all need a place to feel love and feel cared for. Jesus came to live with us, to give us hope, to love us and to care for us. He left the comforts of heaven to be born as an infant to a poor Jewish couple and He would be born in a manger in Bethlehem- He came to make his home in our hearts- to be our God so that we would be His people.

This past year may be leaving you feeling broken or isolated. This year may have left you grieving or fearful or hurt. It's ok if to feel sad. You don't have to feel like a downer amid celebration. You can sit at the feet of a Savior who came for you where you are right now. That's how Immanuel works. It's God with us in the dirt giving us hope in the face of despair. "Those who walk in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in spaces of deepest darkness a light has dawned." - Isaiah 9:2

Jesus Christ is our hope for today- and for all our tomorrows. He came to bring hope to our hearts- to our homes and to the darkest pits of our life. He's got tomorrow in His hands- Go to Him- trust Him- Find Hope.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY Thank You, Lord!

Scripture Reading — 2 Samuel 7:18-29
"Do as you promised, so that your name will be great forever." — 2 Samuel 7:25-26

In the book A Grace Revealed Jerry Sittser tells about the tragic deaths of his wife, mother, and daughter in an auto accident. He wondered what could come out of such a horrific ordeal. He settled on redemption as the word that brought him hope: "[God] wants the harsh conditions [of life] to shape us and eventually the whole world into something extraordinarily beautiful. Redemption promises to transform, so completely."

David endured family squabbles, death threats, and many military battles before he experienced a time of rest and peace as Israel's second king. Through it all, he knew "the Lord was with him." And now the Lord had made a promise that his kingdom would endure and his throne would be established forever. The king knew he had to obey God's Word and seek to follow God's will, reminding his people every step of the way. David knew that Israel was "the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself and to make a name for himself." God was working to make something out of David's life and out of this nation for his good purposes all the nations.

Similarly, we are never beyond the redemptive work of David's descendant Jesus in his desire to make something out of us today.

Prayer

Lord, may I trust your redemptive work of always pruning, encouraging, and molding me to serve your good purposes. In Christ's name, Amen.

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December 19 at 7pm is the day school Christmas program, 6:30pm pre-service music.
Christmas Eve is 5pm; Christmas Day is 9am
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Judith Elaine Wiskow

Judith Elaine Wiskow passed away surrounded by her family on November 16, 2021 at the age of 81 from pancreatic cancer. She was born on August 14, 1940 in Pender, NE to Art and Wilma Jorgensen. She graduated from St. Charles High School and in 1958 married Bernard Wiskow. Together they had four children. She held a variety of jobs until moving to the farm north of Rochester in 1964 where she milked cows, tended the calves, did field work, gardened, baked, and did anything else that was needed. In 1974 they moved to the farm near Bellechester where the farming operation grew. After retiring from farming, she went to work at Treasure Island & Casino for 13 1/2 years. She then moved to Rochester and assisted her brother-in-law with his painting business until six years ago. Judy loved getting together with her family and friends, playing cards, going to all the birthday parties, bowling, doing crossword puzzles, and playing the "buffalo" game during her trips to the casino. She held a special place in her heart for all of her family and her dear friends.

Judy is survived by her children; Jeff Wiskow (Renee), Monica Poncelet (Kent Haugen), and Brenda Reese (Bill Ringeisen), brother Allan Jorgensen, 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, sister-in-law Sandra Jorgensen, brother-in-law Mike Mart, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by Bernard, her parents, daughter Valerie, brothers Larry and Donnie Jorgensen, sisters Peggy Embrey, Bette Mart, and Connie Wheeler, brother-in-law Lee Wheeler, and granddaughter Jamie O'Reilly.

The family would like to thank Jacob Jochum, PA and the Oncology team at Mayo Clinic for the wonderful care mom received and also Mayo Clinic Hospice for their assistance.

Private burial was in the St. Charles cemetery.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Lion's Community Center in Goodhue, MN on Sat-

urday, December 4 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Marvin Philip Zorn

Marvin Philip Zorn, 83, of Red Wing, died peacefully Monday, November 22, 2021 at The Terrace in Cannon Falls.



He was born on August 11, 1938 in Lake City to John and Margaret (Biever) Zorn. He graduated in 1957 from Goodhue High School. On April 30, 1960 he married Gertrude "Trudy" Zorn at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Wing. He worked at Red Wing Shoe for 2 years and then began his career as an ironworker for 41 years with L.H. Sowles Company until he retired in 2001. He also farmed with his three sons. He loved spending time with his family, playing cards, western movies and deer hunting. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Goodhue.

Marvin is survived by three sons: Robert (Lori) Zorn, Michael Zorn and John (Fatima) Zorn, all of Red Wing; four grandsons: Nicholas (Alicia), Philip (Brittney), of Goodhue, Matthew (Bethany) Eau Claire, WI and Johan Zorn of Red Wing; five great grandchildren: Jaylen, Isaiah, Zahra, Caleb and Koa Zorn, all of Goodhue. Sisters: Betty Johnson of Milpitas, CA, Alice Mae Frie of Fountain City, WI, and Mardella Zorn-Arnold of Red Wing. Brother-in-laws: Robert (Rosa) Frazier of Westerly, RI, Walter (Judy Dressen) and Frank (Gwen) Frazier of Red Wing; Sister-in-laws: Sheila Murphy of Diamond Bluff, WI, Maureen (Paul) Winberg and Janice Frazier of Red Wing, Agnes Zorn of Rochester and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sisters: Justine Perrotte and Beulah Wahlin; Brothers: Clarence, John and Lawrence; Brother-in-laws: Anthony Perrotte, Glen Wahlin, Gaylord Frie, Larry Frazier, Richard "Dick" Murphy and Roland Arnold.

The funeral service were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 29, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Goodhue. Father Thomas McCabe officiated. Burial was at

St. Columbkil Catholic Cemetery in Goodhue. Friends and family visited from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 28, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel in Red Wing, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Wearing masks were optional.

Memorials are preferred to donor's choice.

Frederick Dickson Mohn

Frederick Dickson Mohn, 68, died suddenly, on Friday, November 26, 2021, after a morning spent in the woods, hunting with his friends. He was born Sept. 17, 1953, in Wells Creek Township, to John and Joyce (Anderson) Mohn and graduated from Red Wing Central High School, class of 1972. He attended the University of MN, where he studied animal science and agronomy, as well as Red Wing Technical School for farm equipment mechanics. He began farming with Delmer Hinck and ran a farm on Grosse Point farm for several years until he returned to live at home to care for his father. He worked as a mechanical engineer at DB Industries and most recently, in his "retirement" was farming with Alan Brinkman and Bruce Benrud.

On May 22, 2010, he married the love of his life, Cheryl (Westphal) Smith, and they spent the past 11 years together in a harmony that complimented each other perfectly. Together, they loved entertaining at their home and he enjoyed meeting new friends and traveling with her. Often a perfect night was just spent at their home, with their dog and a glass of wine, discussing and digesting their day. He was an easy-going, steady man, a rock and great listener, who took things "one day at time". To Fred, the glass was never half full, but always over-flowing--he saw the best in life. He was gentle-giant of a man and had a heart of gold. He wouldn't miss a morning breakfast with his friends and neighbors at the Whistle Stop, and if you were lucky, maybe you'd get to hear one of his "Fredisms" that he'd come up with and throw into your conversation. He had an old

soul, and if he could pick an era, he'd probably choose to live in the Frontier Era of the Wild West, but living in current day times, he settled for the next best-- watching an old western movie or show to transport him back in time.

For years, he has dabbled in wine-making, and has taken care of his own vineyard, harvested the grapes and vinified the wine. He also worked part-time at Falconer's Vineyard. In addition to his grapes, he enjoyed tending to his vegetable and flower gardens, a skill he inherited from his mother, who was a master gardener. Fred also found time for fishing and hunting, two pastimes he always enjoyed.

Fred was also involved with several organizations locally, including 4-H, FFA, the Goodhue Fair Board, Hay Creek Township Clerk, Goodhue Loins Club and was an usher at First Lutheran Church in Lake City.

He will be dearly missed by wife, Cheryl Mohn of Lake City; uncle and aunt, Ken & Edie Hoffman of Lake City; mother & father-in-law, Gene & Dorothy Westphal of Red Wing; sister-in-law, Lisa (Jim) Banks of Oronoco; nephews & nieces-in-law, Cam (Jennifer) Banks of St. Cloud and Matthew (Alexis) Banks of St. Cloud and Jesse and Carly Banks of Rochester; ex-sister-in law, Linda (Dave) Buysee of Frontenac and her daughters, Sarah, Julia, Laura and Elise; cousins, Wayne, Jerry, Doug (Karen), Bruce (Wendy), Torseth, Greg (Deb) Anderson; 2 estranged brothers and 2 other nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved dogs Max and Shadow.

A Celebration of Fred's Life Service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at First Lutheran Church in Lake City. Rev. Tim Ehling officiated. Inurnment will be at the church columbarium. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel, Red Wing and for one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon followed the service at the Goodhue Lion's Club in Goodhue served by "The Ladies Tea" of Red Wing. If you are not vaccinated, a mask was asked to be worn to all events. Memorials are preferred to The Goodhue Lion's Club or First Lutheran Church of Lake City. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Charles (Charlie) Henry Vangness

Charles (Charlie) Henry Vangness Passed away peacefully at Mayo Clinic Hospital-St. Marys Campus in Rochester, MN on November 27, 2021 at the age of 89 after a very recent diagnosis of stage four cancer.

Born April 26th 1932 to Henry and Myrtle (Pearson) in Rosegen Township, North Dakota. The family moved to Goodhue County, Belle Creek township around 1935 to the family farm which was settled by Charlie's Grandfather in 1879. Charlie purchased the farm from his parents in the mid 1960's, he lived on and farmed this land and resided there with his wife Janice until his last days. Charlie was a devout Christian and life-long member of Minneola Lutheran Church, he was confirmed there in 1946 and later was a Sunday School Teacher for several years and served on many committees. Charlie attended Husevold country school and graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1950.

In 1954 he spent one year on the Great Lakes as a Merchant Seaman aboard the Joshua A. Hatfield. Around this time he also worked odd jobs in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. Later he returned to the family farm where he farmed with his younger brother Vernie for many years. Charlie also milked dairy cows until 1993. He never truly retired, as he worked many years working for Peterson Turkey Farm in Cannon Falls and fi-

nally "retired" about three years ago. Hardest working man you'd ever meet but claimed to have hardly worked a day in his life because he always enjoyed what he did.

Around 1966 he met Janice Norgren at the Schlieff's Little City Ballroom in Inver Grove Heights. They were married in St. Johns Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, MN on March 31st 1967. They had twin girls, Kim and Kelly on March 19th 1968 and another girl, Karen on February 3rd 1973. His girls helped on the farm in most everyway and looked forward to all the trips to town in the purple Chevy pick-up.

Charlie was a busy man and hardly ever sat still except to read the newspaper and to visit with friends and family while sitting on the deck. He loved to fish, trips to deer camp and family road trip vacations and driving his 4-wheeler. Charlie was an avid beekeeper for over 40 years and had a large "customer" base. He spent a lot of time in his woodshop. He liked old time country and western music as well as a good polka band and dancing with his wife. He was a big Minnesota sports fan of the Vikings, Gophers and Twins. He read the newspaper and watched the news daily. He always kept an eye on the weather daily. He drank milk and coffee every day and ate horseradish, honey and butterscotch pudding and like any good Norwegian he ate a lot of lutefisk and lefse (maybe a secret to his longevity).

Charlie had an uncanny gift for remembering people and names without hardly a moment's hesitation even if 50 years had passed since he had seen or spoken to them

Truly what bought Charlie the most joy were his grandkids. They were each treated

very special, and he lived to see them compete or participate in their activities. He would amaze them with his ability to wiggle his ears, one at a time or both at the same time

Survived by his wife Janice of 54 years; three daughters, Kelly (Kyle) Wallaker, Kim (Ronny) Thompson and Karen (Mike) Allen; five grandchildren, Luke and Ava Wallaker, Ivan Thompson and Easton and Hailey Blissenbach; brothers, Arvid (Barb) Vangness and Vernon (Linda) Vangness; many nieces and nephews.

Proceeded in death by his parents Henry and Myrtle Vangness, Sisters Arlene Struck, Clarice Cardinal and Doris Kylo. Brother-in-Laws Norm Struck, Eli Cardinal and Mau-

rice Kylo.

Memorials are suggested to Minneola Lutheran Church or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, December 4, at Minneola Lutheran Church (13628 County 50 Blvd, Goodhue, MN) with Pastor Hannah Bergstrom de Leon officiating. Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, December 3 at Mahn Family Funeral Home-Larson Chapel in Zumbrota, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to Minneola Lutheran Church or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The full obituary may be viewed at mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

This month I would like to brainstorm ways to get in more steps throughout the day. The colder it gets, the harder it is to get in more steps. I think I can sneak in more steps without trying too hard.

First on my list to up my weekly steps is to walk with my friend Jenny 3 days a week instead of 2. When her greenhouse starts back up, I know she will be too busy, but for now, it is easy getting a 10K day full of steps when we go for a morning walk. I started taking an online Zoom Zumba class on Tuesday nights, and I can get about 6K steps in 45 minutes.

I get home from work at night, and I really don't want to do much but plant my butt in front of the TV after being on my feet most of the day. I have to remember, while the steps don't add up when I'm on my feet, but I should get extra credit for standing. When the snow flies around here, I am walking around constantly at MotoProz. I tell Mike, Monty, and Sam at the store to boss me around. I can run out to shut the fence when they have to open it, get their parts, whatever they need so I am getting paid to get more steps! After work, Mike tries to "help me get steps" by asking me to get him a beer.

Some new ideas for me to try, is to spend ten minutes straightening up at night and putting stuff away, hopping on my treadmill for 10 minutes, or have a dance party. I used to crank up the tunes and have a dance party when I was a kid when I was the only one home. Why did I stop doing this? You're never too old! Keep moving!!

Memo from MotoProz...

MotoPhest at MotoProz is Friday, November 26 through Saturday, December 4. Our 7 days of sales always starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through the following Saturday! Sung like the 12 days of Christmas....During the 7 days of MotoPhest, MotoProz gave to me, 7 days of sales, 6 bucks off oil, 5 dollar MotoProz Ts, for Christmas gifts, three free pens, to get some MotoMunchies, and a discount on all instore clothing!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

WISHING YOU

Happy Holidays

May this season bring you many happy moments, safe and joyful reunions, and enough cheer to last all year!

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Meagan Jaeger

Happy Holidays!

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Family Fun for All at Dakota City December 4 & 5 and 11 & 12

Dakota City, located on the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, will once again host its annual CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE event December 4 and 5, and December 11 & 12. Last year, due to covid restrictions, a drive through event was held, hosting over 6000 people. This year the event is live once again, with many of the buildings open to once again enjoy in person.

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 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

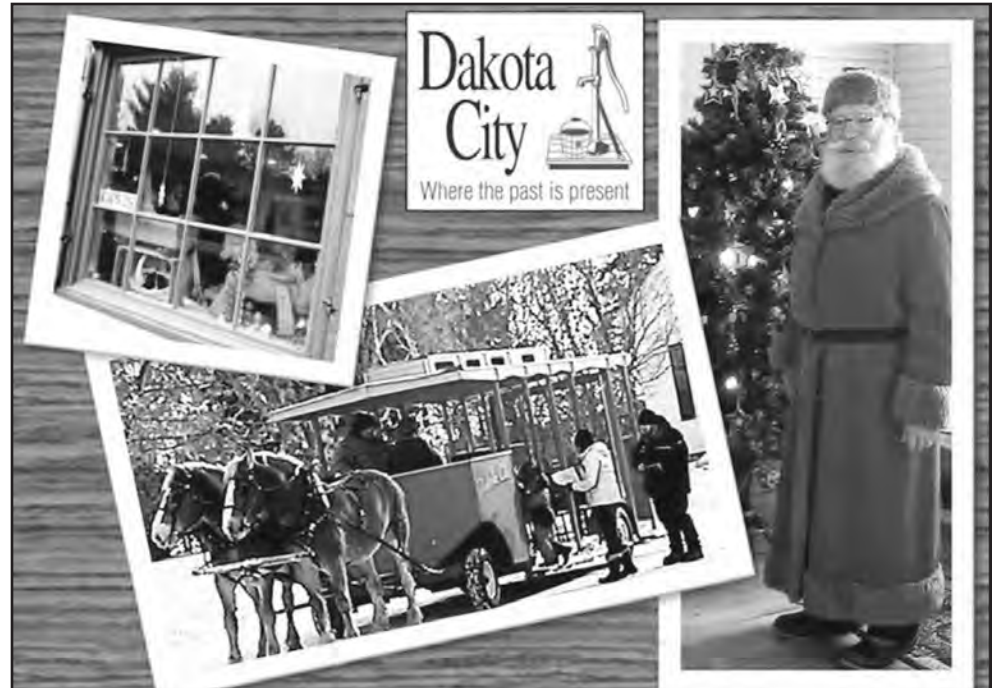


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501(c)3 non-profit organization that strives to preserve rural heritage and connects, through education and interpretation, current generations to life and agricultural heritage of the early twentieth century. Updated schedules and information are 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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They do have a Toys for Tots event planned for Saturday December 11th Tubers can bring a toy to donate to the Marine Corps Reserves Toys or Tots collection this Christmas season.

The hill is 750' long and specially made snow tubes imported from Canada are provided to the tubers. You are not allowed to bring tubes, snow boards, sleds or skis to the hill. Prices are \$13 for a one hour pass and \$20 for a two hour pass. There is a warm up tent at the bottom of the hill and bathroom facilities in the event center building. There are no food or beverages for sale on site so feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Hours are Fridays 5 to 10pm, Saturdays 10am to 10pm and Sundays 11am to 5pm. Reservations are not needed and the hill can accommodate up to 120 tubers at a time. Stee-



plechase is located just outside Mazeppa at 59468 423rd Ave, Mazeppa. For more information check out the website www.steeplechaseevents.com/snow-tubing or Facebook at Steeplechase snow tubing or call 507-261-8033.

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DNR: Caution Vital as Open Water Begins to Freeze

With a deadly open-water season nearly in the rearview mirror, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that lakes and ponds throughout the state have started to freeze – and that where ice hasn't formed, the water is dangerously cold. It's up to all people to choose to stay safe around the water or ice, according to the DNR.

Where there is ice, its thickness this time of year is highly variable and subject to the whims of Mother Nature. And where ice hasn't formed – or where it freezes at night and opens during the day – the water temperature is so low that an unexpected fall in can be deadly.

"There's nothing worse than when a time of year that should be festive turns tragic," said Lt. Adam Block, boating law administrator for the DNR Enforcement Division. "Teaching your kids to be vigilant around the water this time of year – and doing the same yourself – isn't just a good idea. It's an absolute necessity."

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. Anytime people are on the ice, they should check its thickness every 150 feet. Block urges people to check ice thickness for themselves rather than deciding to walk on the ice based on what they've heard or read.

Each year, unexpected falls into cold water lead to serious injury and death. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. Carrying a good set of ice picks can help a person get out if they fall through the ice, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they will be able to call for help.

General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice,"

but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).

Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.

Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.

Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.

Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

The minimum ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice are:

4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.

5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.

8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.

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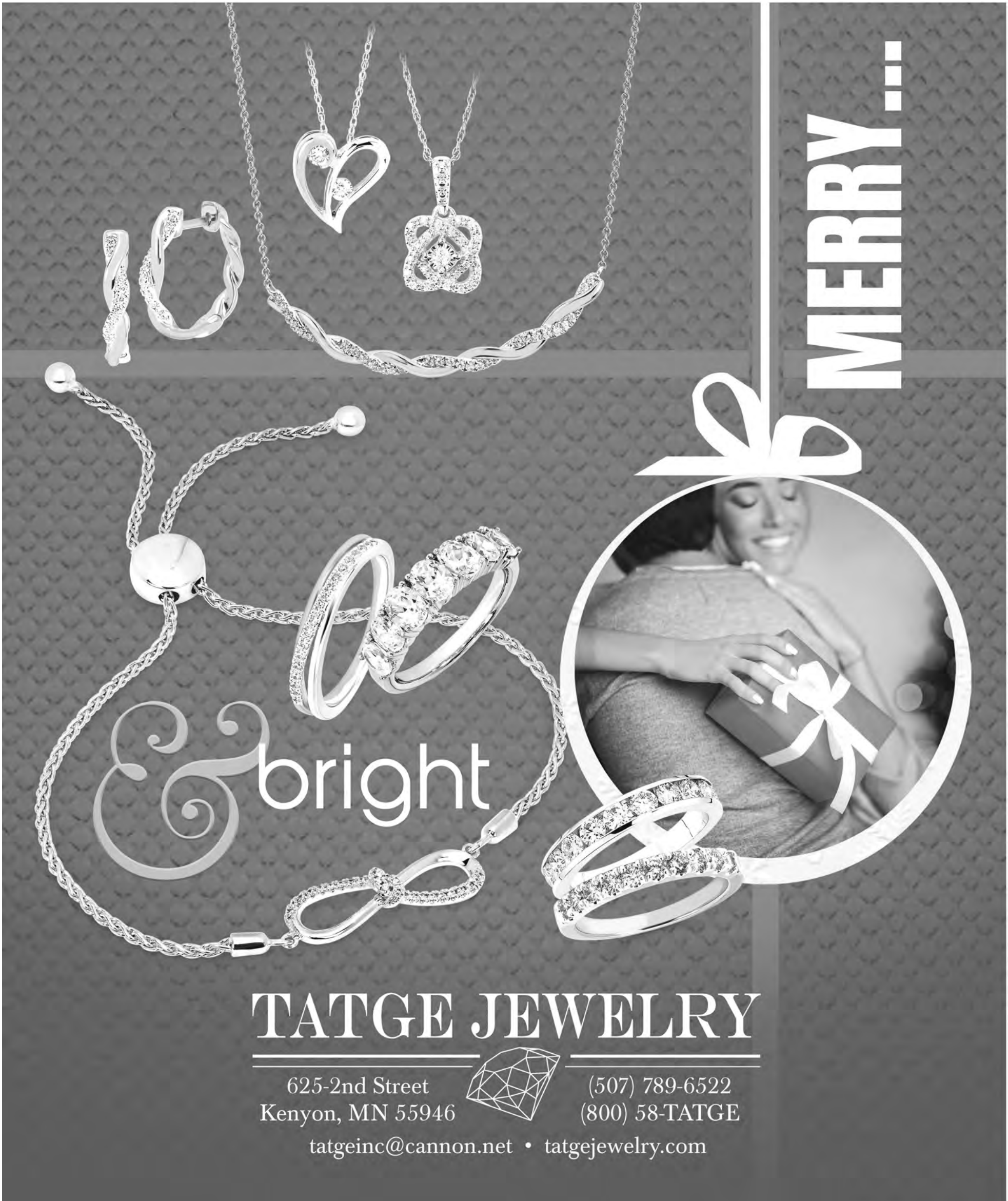
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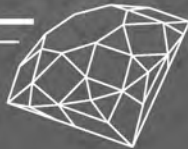


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\$2.4 Million Available in Local Grants for Emerald Ash Borer Management

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages local and tribal governments to apply for grants to help manage and reduce the impacts of emerald ash borer on their community forests. The DNR will be accepting grant applications from Monday, Nov. 29 through Monday, Jan. 24, 2022.

Tribal and local units of government in Minnesota, including cities, counties, regional authorities, joint powers boards, towns and parks and recreation boards in cities of the first class (more than 100,000 residents), are eligible to apply.

"Ash tree management is an important tool

to reduce the impact of EAB on community forests," said Emma Schultz, DNR community forest project specialist. "Even for communities that EAB has yet not reached now is the time to take advantage of grant funds to prepare for its arrival."

Grant-eligible activities include treating and removing ash trees, planting a diversity of trees, conducting public tree inventories, developing EAB management plans, hiring technical assistance, and engaging and educating citizens. Priority will be given to projects that remove and replace ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns or benefit underserved populations or areas of concern for environmental justice.

This grant provides funding to cover the cost of chemically treating ash tree on public or tribal land within 10 miles of a known EAB infestation. According to Schultz, "Treating some ash allows communities to maintain their urban tree canopy and extend the stormwater and shade benefits of priority trees, while working to remove and replace other ash trees."

With \$2.4 million available, applicants can request a maximum of \$150,000 (there is no minimum). No match is required for this grant. All work must be done on public or tribal land.

A full list of eligible activities, application

materials and a list of frequently asked questions are available online. Completed applications can be submitted to ucf.dnr@state.mn.us by Monday, Jan. 24, 2022.

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

By Missy Papenfus

You never know what will happen at MotoProz from day to day, hour to hour...

This past month, our hearts all skipped a beat. It truly takes a village, and God placed us all in just the right place at the right time on the morning of Wednesday, November 3rd at about 8:30 AM. Jenny Schumacher, one of my best friends and our part-time fall/winter employee, was headed to Rochester when she came upon a terrible accident. She didn't even realize it was an accident, and thought a big box truck was smoking. The closer she got, she realized there was a car under it. She stopped to see if there was anything she could do to help. She heard the pregnant woman trapped inside the car and recognized her voice, Cassie Tiedemann who worked here at MotoProz (with Jenny) a couple years ago. Jenny said, "Cassie, I'm calling your dad right now!" Jenny called Mike at MotoProz to call Cassie's dad, Rob. Jenny's phone went dead. Mike had our son Monty call Jenny to find out where the accident was, and Rob heard Monty yell in the background, "Reinke's Corner"! Rob was able to be there in minutes; before they got Cassie out. They spent a night in the hospital for observation, and miraculously, they are fine.

Celebrating MotoPhest with Mike, Missy, and Monty Papenfus



Missy Papenfus of MotoProz

It was a beautiful 80-degree day on October 21, 2000, our wedding day. Not only special because it was our wedding day, but my grandparents (mom's parents) were married the exact day at the same church in 1950.

I grew up in a house that my mom had her chores and my dad had his chores. No one fought about who did what, it was just a given. My mom did all the laundry and cleaned the house. My dad made supper every night because he got home first at 4 p.m. Mom cooked on the weekends. Dad mowed the lawn (a BIG lawn) and he shoveled the snow in the winter. He cut wood for our wood burning stove to supplement heating our house. Dad cleaned the garage, our patio, and shed when he thought it needed it.

Kind of like MotoProz, I have my jobs handling the financial stuff, like paying the bills, balancing the checkbook, getting the taxes ready each year, and I answer the phone. Mike does everything, and we help him where we can. He is a lead technician, IT guy (when we get a new computer or a problem with a computer), our main parts

person, salesman, service writer. You name it, he does it.

When Monty was a kid, he always told us when he grew up he was going to tell people what they need (as in what they need to buy). Monty has turned into our best asset here at MotoProz and does an excellent job, but his most important job is to keep mom and dad from arguing.



After Monty was born, I changed my working status from full-time to part-time at Mayo Clinic as a medical secretary. I got to stay home with Monty two extra days a week until we bought MotoProz in 2007. When Monty was three, we built a new house in Zumbro Falls and rather than working fulltime at Mayo Clinic and sending Monty to daycare more, I got a second job bartending a couple nights a week.

I continued to bartend once a week for a few more months

until we got going at MotoProz. I continued worked part-time at Mayo Clinic and part-time at MotoProz. Fast-forward to May of 2020 when I was furloughed from my job at Mayo all summer. It was a good test for the three of us working together and being together every day of the week.

When I was in college, I used to work with my mom as a receptionist at a mortgage loan company. Her old boss was worried we wouldn't get a long at work. Contrary, we proved him wrong in a hurry. I admit, my mom was a mother hen. There was a gal at work that took advantage of me and pushed a lot of her work on to me. I did what I could and did not complain. But I didn't have to worry, mom could see what was going on, and she put a stop to it in a hurry. Mike used to work with his dad selling steel at their family business R & M Steel. When he was real young, their whole family (Mom, Dad and his two sisters) farmed.

My last day of work "at my real job" as I used to call it, Mayo Clinic was February 3rd. Looking back, we have been gearing up our whole life for February 4th, the first day we began working together and spending literally 24/7 with each other. Some days it can be a bit much, but we just take a deep breath and keep working away. There is nothing better than family teamwork! It all started on a beautiful 80-degree day on October 21, 2000.

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DNR Seeks Input on License System

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is looking for input on how Minnesotans currently access the electronic license system, and what they want in the future as systems are modernized.

Feedback from current and potential users — including anglers, boaters, hunters and recreational vehicle operators — is critically

important. States throughout the nation are updating their license systems to take advantage of new technology and to improve customer experience.

“We hope people take a minute to provide feedback and share their experiences,” said Jenifer Wical, marketing coordinator with the Fish and Wildlife Division outreach section. “The more people we hear from, across all types of recreation and all users, the better we’ll be able to create a system that meets the diverse needs of people who recreate in Minnesota.”

To access the survey, visit the DNR’s engagement page at mndnr.gov/ELS. The survey is open through Monday, Jan. 31, 2022.



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--Searching Son

Dear Searching,

Lost or forgotten life insurance policies are very common in the U.S. According to a study by Consumer Reports, 1 out of every 600 people is the beneficiary of an unclaimed life insurance policy with an average benefit of \$2,000. It could be like finding out you have a secret savings account.

While unfortunately, there isn't a national database for tracking down these policies, there are a number of strategies and a few new resources that can help your search. Here are several to get you started.

Search his records: Check your dad's financial records or areas where he kept his important papers for a policy, records of premium payments, or bills from an insurer. Also contact his employer or former employer benefits administrator, insurance agents, financial planner, accountant, attorney or other adviser and ask if they know about a life insurance policy. Also check safe-deposit boxes, monitor the mail for premium invoices or whole-life dividend notices, and review old income-tax returns, looking for interest income from, and interest expenses paid, to life insurance companies.

Get help: The National Association of Insurance Commissioners offers a policy locator service (see NAIC.org and click on "Consumer" then on "Life Insurance Policy Locator") that lets you run a nationwide search for insurance policies or annuities in the names of people who have died. There are also six state insurance departments (Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Oregon) that have free policy locator service programs that can help you search. To find direct access to these state resources visit the American Council of Life Insurers website at ACLI.com — click on "Missing Policy Tips."

Contact the insurer: If you suspect that a particular insurer underwrote the policy, contact that carrier's claim office and ask. The more information you have, like your dad's date of birth and death, Social Security number and address, the easier it will be to track down. Contact information for some big insurers include: Prudential 800-778-2255; MetLife MetLife.com/policyfinder; AIG 800-888-2452; Nationwide 800-848-6331; John Hancock JohnHancock.com — click on "Lost or unclaimed policy form" at the bottom of the page under "Quick Links."

Search unclaimed property: If your dad died more than a few years ago, benefits may have already been turned over to the unclaimed property office of the state where the policy was purchased. Go to MissingMoney.com, a website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, to search records from 39 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Or, to find links to each state's unclaimed-property division use Unclaimed.org.

If your dad's name or a potential benefactor's name produces a hit, you'll need to prove your claim. Required documentation, which can vary by state, is detailed in claim forms, and a death certificate might be necessary.

Search fee-based services: There are several businesses that offer policy locator services for a fee. The MIB Group, for example, which is a data-sharing service for life and health insurance companies, offers a policy locator service at MIB.com for \$75. But it only tracks applications for individual policies made since 1996.

You can also get assistance at Policy Inspector (PolicyInspector.com) for \$99, and L-LIFE (LostLifeIns.com) for \$108.50, who will do the searching for you.

Sportsmanship is Winning As One



By Harvey Mackay

An anthropologist proposed a game to some children in Africa. He placed a basket of fruit near a tree and told them that whoever got to the tree first could have all the fruit.

When he gave the signal to go, all the children held each other's hands and ran to the tree together. Then they sat in a circle enjoying the fruit.

When the anthropologists asked why they'd run as a group when the winner could have had more fruit on his own, one child said, "How can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?"

For years I've maintained that nice guys can finish first. Leo Durocher may have been a great Major League Baseball manager, but he was a misguided cynic when he remarked that

"Nice guys finish last." Many of the most successful people I know are also among the nicest. There's just too much evidence out there to deny it.

More than just a warm, fuzzy feeling, being nice and being a good sport are not mutually exclusive. No one wants to play with a jerk – or a cheater, a showoff, or a braggart. One of the best commercials currently running features athletes of all ages stopping in the midst of competition to help other people up.

Another excellent example of sportsmanship occurred at the 1969 Ryder Cup, a biennial men's golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States. The team competition was tied at 15.5 in the final match between Britain's Tony Jacklin and American Jack Nicklaus, who reached the 18th hole tied. Nicklaus made his par putt, and Jacklin faced a three-foot putt to earn the first ever tie in the competition. Instead of forcing his rival to make the putt, Nicklaus picked up Jacklin's ball marker and conceded the tie.

Nicklaus said, "I don't think you would have missed that, Tony, but I didn't want to give you the chance."

The annals of sports are filled with inspiring stories of that sort. Successful businesses should have the same chapters in their histories. But if your business doesn't, examine the deficiencies in the culture and make some improvements.

In business, being nice doesn't mean being ineffective. My mother taught me, "It's nice to be important but more important to be nice." My father always said, "You get more



in life with sugar than with vinegar."

Frightened and mistreated people underperform. Talent doesn't flourish in a culture of doom and gloom, intimidation and insecurity. A bullying executive is an executive unsure of himself or herself. The people they supervise realize how damaging this is. Morale sags, performance suffers and profits decline.

The methods for fostering sportsmanship in business are much the same as they are when teaching children. Play fair. Avoid arguing. Follow directions. If you lose, don't make excuses. If you win, don't rub it in. Appreciate what others do well. Be supportive and respectful. Be willing to learn. Have a positive attitude.

Learn from your mistakes and push yourself to do better next time. If someone else makes a mistake, encourage them instead of criticizing them. Try your best, that's all anyone can expect.

We teach our kids to show respect for teammates and officials, and it's the same for co-workers. Realize that through proper sportsmanship, we all win and our company wins.

I am a strong believer in competition. I think it makes all of us better. However, I understand that some leaders try to eliminate

competition at work because it can cause conflict. That's where sportsmanship really comes into play. Encourage everyone to do their best and cheer their success. Then use this success as incentive to achieve greater results. Leaders should want people to stretch themselves and get out of their comfort zones.

Competition isn't all about contests and incentives. It's about people pushing themselves to be better every day. The goal is to be the best you can be and never give up. If you win, be gracious.

Sportsmanship should be a requirement at work. Leaders should set the stage and demonstrate that the team is more important than individuals. We're all in this together. Don't be offended by others' success; cheer them on and learn from them.

Simon Nguyen said, "Victory is remembered for at most two decades; an act of good sportsmanship is remembered for a lifetime."

Mackay's Moral: Sportsmanship: lose with grace, win with class.

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Our board chair, John Peterson, is a great example of a donor who is invested in his community and the region. John is the owner of Ferndale Market, a third-generation turkey farm in Cannon Falls. He is also a vendor at the upcoming FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace on December 11, an event that SMIF has co-hosted since 2014. This is an opportunity to directly support local farmers and food makers this holiday shopping season.

Even in the midst of his busiest time of year, John generously shared some thoughts with me about why he gives to SMIF: "I'm proud to contribute to SMIF and view it as a rein-



vestment in the success of the region I call home. Like so many others, my own community and business have benefited from the Foundation's work, and I'm proud to support the vitality of southern Minnesota and our vibrant local food scene. As a SMIF board member, I have a front row seat to see the impact the Foundation has across our region, as well as the strong stewardship of our resources. I know each dollar I give is put to good use right here in our southern Minnesota communities."

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Pictured: John Peterson, owner of Ferndale Market in Cannon Falls, and chair of SMIF's Board of Trustees.

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Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes October 20 @ 6:00 PM

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

Roll call was taken:

The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people, Rich Majerus, Kyle Blattner, Jered Buxengard, Mark Gerken, as well as Lisa Redepning treasure Kyle McKeown and City Engineer Matt Mohs. Nick Keller and Edith Buck were also present. Minutes of September, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Bills were reviewed and a motion by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Sewer Grant – update progress & survey results. Matt discussed the survey results and the next steps in this process. Our PER report is at the state for review. It may take a few months to hear back from them.

New business:

- **Building Permit – Nick Keller** – storage unit – Shipping container for storage for undetermined about of time for garage items. Needs siding on it to confirm to ordinance and residential area. Otherwise it needs to be a yard barn. Building permit was not approved as submitted.

- **Fence Building Permit – Edith Buck** presented an agreement with neighbor for fence. Shrubs also was discussed. Property line was found and determined that the shrubs were too close to line and discussion on the berm and water run was also discussed. Neighbor agreed to clean out and move items in question. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner for the building permit that was discussed for fence. Motion carried.

- **Old Bar Land Purchase Opportunity** – discuss and decide. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to offer the county \$500 for this property and to have the interested party consult with the city prior to purchase. Motion carried.

- Polling Place Resolution – approve. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the Polling Place Resolution as submitted. Motion carried.

tion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Kyle Blattner to approve the Polling Place Resolution as submitted. Motion carried.

- Private I & I – discussion. With the sewer project started, private infiltration issues need to be taken into consideration as we move forward. It was brought up that there has been some work on this and 2 properties were identified as not compliant, with the rest of the city being verified. A hard copy inventory may need to be done so we can reference in the future. A list will be compiled of properties with a form from Bolten Menk.

- **Brush Pile procedures and penalties** – discuss and approve. Ordinance will need to be drafted for unapproved items in brush pile.

- **Building Permit** - Mary Ellinghuysen – egress windows – awaiting info. Not present.

- **Snow Plowing Procedures for billing.** We will request that we receive our bill by 6/1.

- **Ron Kahl** – building permit for utility shed. Ron presented plans and drawings for requested shed. Motion was made by Jered Buxengard with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the permit as submitted. Motion carried.

Engineering Report –

See Above Clerk Report –

- **Camera System for recycle Bins** – Are installed. If we wanted a 3rd camera to get a better view of the brush pile, it will be at a cost of \$300.

- **Old Bar Land** – I was contacted by Wabasha County Administrator regarding the City's interested in purchasing this land as another party is interested. Here is what I received from them: The vacant value we have on the parcel is \$4,900. However, we recognize that this is a very narrow lot at 30 feet wide and would likely not be built on again as it sits. Making adjustments for those factors in our system we would value the lot at \$1,500 for a sale to the city.

- **Recycle & Brush Pile Signage** – Signs have been received.

- **Census Bureau Count** – there was some question on the vacant housing unit number, so I have contacted the Regional Office in Chicago to try to get clarification on this.

- Survey – our results have been forwarded on to get verification to move forward. Our results has been the highest that Chelsea @ Bolten Menk has seen.

- **Emergency Radio Funding Support** – I did receive the resolution and forwarded

onto the Goodhue County.

- **Quarterly Tax Filings done** – Federal & state withholding; sales tax and MN unemployment tax paid.

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

- **Water/Wastewater/Facility Report** – Discharging now in October, flushing in November.

- **Mayor Concerns** – Lions will be doing holiday light parade at 6:30 on December 11th with a refreshment at the Legion following.

Council Concerns –

Information on 2 signs was distributed. Mower needs to be worked on. Privacy fence concerns was discussed. Culvert movement was also discussed.

Adjourn Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Next meeting is November 17th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center. Submitted by Lisa Redepning – City Clerk

- Reminder - No motor vehicle shall be left parked on any street(s) or public way in the City, from Nov. 1 thru April 1 the hours of 2am until 6am.

- Yard Cleanup – Please take the time to clean up anything stored on your property. Please be mindful that other people may not enjoy your lawn storage – please help to make our city tidy.

- Fee Change for Utility Bills – Shut off fee was eliminated with a single reconnect fee of \$100, a 10% interest fee after 90 days and returned check fee of \$25.

- Brush Pile – Please remember that burn pile is for brush and leaves only. We can get fined for all other items left here. The burn pile is for Bellechester City residents only. If you witness any dumping of unauthorized items or non city resident use, please call us.

- Recycling - Please recycle whenever you can. There is a recycling bin located on the north end of town by GB Feed and Supply. By recycling, this will keep our garbage rates from rising.

- Power Outages – If you have power outage in your home, please check Xcel's website for an update on current outages and contact them directly as they provide the power for Bellechester.

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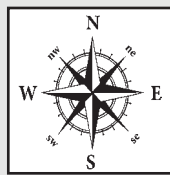
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Breaking Amish



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.

We live near a number of Amish communities. Seeing a family in a horse drawn buggy is a common sight. But what is becoming more common is to see the family in a minivan. The whole family, infants, teenagers, mom, dad and grandparents. Saw a group of them down at the Pit Stop, a local gas station, in a van getting gas. They have a designated driver, someone who is willing to make cash for driving them to town for supplies. I was looking for some manual labor so I walked over and asked the man sitting there with his wife and their toddler. They were waiting for one of their family to finish their appointment at the chiropractor.

So, I broached my query about the job I was

looking for and the father told me his boys would do the job, if I could come and pick them up. My next question was where and when and for that information I suddenly had two teenage boys in the rear seat offering me their cell phone numbers.

We have a neighbor down the road who is farmer by the name of Enoch. He has helped us out with lots of projects and is always willing to work. Enoch and Elizabeth have cell phones but keep them in a small phone booth down the driveway from the farmhouse. I assume that is where the charging station is but we found that if we call their number, we almost always get their teenage daughter. Seems that she spends lots of time down there where the telephone is. Who would have thought that?

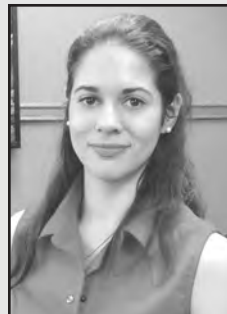
We needed to clear some woodland so we set up a time. Enoch showed up with his two sons in their one-horse buggy, with a wheelbarrow on top and a chainsaw and extra gas and oil in the back. My wife offered the boys a cold drink from the refrigerator in the house. They picked soda pop. The kids are very hard workers and do not engage in

much conversation.

We stopped by the local hardware store up the road for some bags of wood shavings. It is owned by an Amish family and they stock about everything you would expect at a hardware store. The wife was explaining about

another store down the road and part of her directions was that when you turned on a certain road you would lose cell phone signal. Nothing signals progress more than a middle age Amish housewife explaining cell phone coverage on the backroads of Tennessee.

A Minnesotan: Christmas Memories



By RosaLin Alcoser

It's Christmas time again. For most families this is a joyous time full of family time, good memories, mishappes, and traditions.

Now that I am an adult I have found different past Christmases stick in the front of my memory more than other years then others. After all some of them are unforgettable because really who could forget the year that the dishwasher broke and the oven with the ham got turned off instead of the dishwasher while Grandpa and Dad

tried to fix it. Or the year that Mom played six different Christmas Eve services between the hours of noon and midnight.

The year that's really sticking with me this year is my first Christmas in Minnesota; which was also my first Christmas with snow. This Christmas is important to me because it is the year that I got my most important childhood possession Zoey Bear.

That year I had expressed that I wanted a Teddy Bear with dangly limbs so that it wasn't sitting up all the time; because really we all know that it can be hard to sleep with a stuffed toy that sits up all the time when you are little. So my Grandmother and her friends went to a Teddy Bear Shop in the Ozarks- yes that was a thing in the late 90s- and hugged every bear in the store and fretted over if they had picked out the right one.

I can tell you they definitely did pick the right one. I can still vividly remember opening up the box that Christmas and saying "Well there you are Zoey. I've been wondering when you would show up." and off I went with that bear for the next 21 years.

Who knows why some memories stick out more some years over others but the memories that do stick out are usually some of the best.

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 13. Hawaii environs
 14. Toothy fish
 15. Cone-shaped dwelling
 16. White Swan in "Swan Lake" ballerina
 17. ___-Wan Kenobi
 18. *Decorate with wreaths and holly, e.g.
 19. *Either dessert or source of heat (2 words)
 21. * ___ Day, or second day of Christmastide
 23. Land parcel
 24. Strauss of denim fame
 25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
 28. Clarified butter
 30. Acute one and obtuse one
 35. Southeastern Asian country
 37. Jousting's breastplate
 39. Shrewdness
 40. Caspian basin river
 41. *Pasadena's Tournament of ___
 43. Tel ____, Israel
 44. Native American emblem
 46. "Why not?"
 47. Hitchhiker's quest
 48. Omits when speaking
 50. Hard to find
 52. Bear's winter quarters
 53. Hoodwink
 55. Scepter's partner
 57. *Number of days in Christmastide
 60. *"Ugly" holiday party garb?
 64. Prepare a letter
 65. "Bingo!"
 67. Hunger for
 68. Pass-the-baton race
 69. *Cranberry sauce sometimes comes from it
 70. Same as tori
 71. Raise the roof
 72. German river
 73. Stall sound

- DOWN
1. Whiny and miserable
 2. Shade of beige
 3. Finish a ceiling, to a plasterer
 4. Marlboro alternative
 5. Not digital
 6. Bug-eyed
 7. Not Uber
 8. Social group
 9. Ghana monetary unit
 10. Second word of many fairytales
 11. Cause of Titanic's demise
 12. Poetic "even"
 15. Burdensome
 20. Not this or that
 22. Lab eggs
 24. Time off
 25. *Champagne holder
 26. *Wassailing composition
 27. Raccoon's South American cousin
 29. Feeling of superiority, pl.
 31. ___ gum, food additive
 32. Furiously angry
 33. Exclude or omit
 34. *Number of candles in kinara, Kwanzaa
 36. *Troika vehicle
 38. "Will be," according to Doris
 42. Asian goat antelope
 45. Potpourri
 49. Chevy Suburban, e.g.
 51. Builds
 54. *Popular holiday wish
 56. Munchausen's title
 57. *Bedecked arbor
 58. Shakespeare, to his friends?
 59. And others, for short
 60. Minus
 61. Tropical edible root
 62. Anon's partner
 63. Take a load off
 64. Like some humor
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