



DENNISON and
NERSTRAND

Mainstreet Messenger™

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

Postal Customer
ECRWSS

JUNE, 2022

Volume 19 • Issue 9

Announcements

• **Dennison Community Market, Wednesdays, 6 pm in the city's park.** New vendors welcome, no fees.

• **Meals on Wheels** is available to anyone age 60 and over who are wanting a prepared hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. Meals are available Sunday through Friday, including holidays. The meals are prepared at Kenyon Senior Living and volunteers deliver them right to your home. Delivery is available to anyone living in Kenyon city limits. The cost per meal is \$7.25. Volunteers provide you with a meal card to use as payment for your meals. Each meal card contains 12 meals, totaling a cost of \$87.00. You pick which days you would like to receive meals and can change it at any time. Meals are typically delivered between 11:15 and 12:15.

For more information about the program contact Barb St. John at 507-789-5553.

• **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.

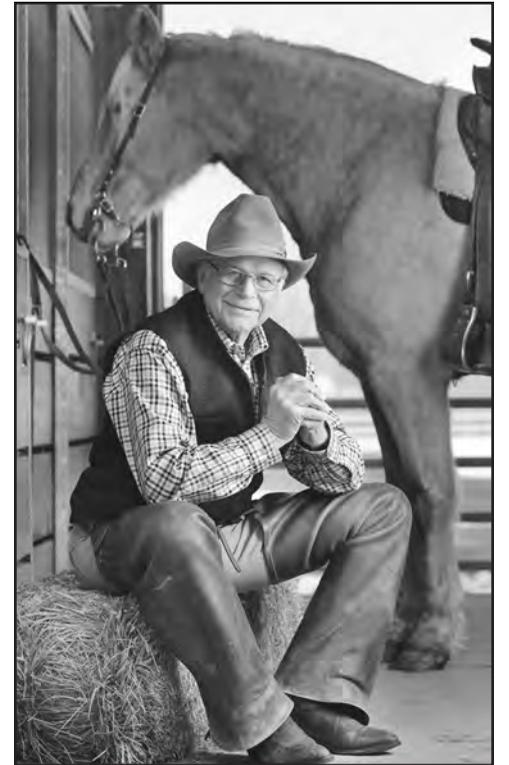
Dennison Native is Oldest Living Congressman in U.S.

Albert Quie, former Minnesota governor and congressman is now the oldest living former governor of any U. S. state as well as the oldest living former member of the United States House of Representatives.

Albert Harold Quie was born on the family farm near Dennison on September 18, 1923. The farm had been in the family of Norwegian immigrants since his soldier grandfather purchased the property after returning from the Civil War. Al grew up on the dairy farm and learned to ride horse there, a love that stayed with him all his life. For many years the Al Quie Trail Ride was a multi-day equestrian adventure enjoyed by many horse lovers in southeast Minnesota.

Al joined the United States Navy and

served as a fighter pilot in active combat during World War Two. Albert Quie married Gretchen in 1948, a union which lasted until she passed away in 2015. After the war he enrolled in St. Olaf College in Northfield where he graduated with a political science degree in 1950. He first followed in the family business as a dairy farmer. Quie embarked on his political career with winning his first election to the Minnesota State Senate in 1955. Three years later he was elected to the United States House of Representatives and served eleven terms before retiring to run for the Governor position in Minnesota in 1978. He was elected and served as the state's Governor from 1979 to 1983. One of his accomplishments was to straighten up the state's



Albert Quie

fiscal problems with spending cuts, leaving the state with a surplus when he left office. During his twenty-eight-year career in public office Quie never lost an election. After leaving public office he did not enter business or lobbying to capitalize on his political connections.

(continued on page 4)

From a Hobby to Business

CannonBelles begin making cheese in new plant

Courtesy of Dairy Star



CANNON FALLS, Minn. – After 11 years of making cheese at a pilot test plant and in turkey roasters, the ladies of CannonBelles have finally moved into their new cheese plant in Cannon Falls.

“I walk into our make room and it’s just this bright light and red floors,” Kathy Hupf said. “It’s awesome and a fun feeling of something new and exciting.”

Friends Hupf, Deeann Lufkin and Jackie Ohmann first started making cheese in 2011 as a hobby but quickly found they all needed a career change. Now, more than a decade later, they are making cheese at their own cheese plant which became operational May 6.

(continued on page 6)

**TRUST US TO BE
THERE WHEN YOU
NEED US**

During National Dairy Month - and every month - we thank dairy farmers for the hard work you put in every day. Trust in Tomorrow.®



“Trust in Tomorrow.” and the “A Grinnell Mutual Member” mark are property of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. ©Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, 2020.



KELLER INSURANCE AGENCY

Your FarMutual Agent

305 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053
507-334-6550

**Your Hometown Locally Owned
Convenience Store**

**Dennison
DEPOT** 

12989 Dennison Blvd. S, Dennison • 507-645-2890

24 Hour Pay at Pump

STORE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs. 6AM-8PM; Fri. 6AM-9PM; Sat. 7AM-9PM; Sun. 7AM-8PM

One Way

I like having options and variety. I like finding different ways to drive somewhere. Sometimes I need to go to Wabasha- there are 3 different major routes to get there- one is scenic and full of s curves, another goes north before it goes to Wabasha, and the other goes south before it goes to the County seat. Even though Highway 60 is the shortest mile wise- it is actually is the longest, time wise, path to Wabasha. In a lot of things, it just depends on what your goal is how you determine the path you end up taking.

In these kinds of choices there isn't a right or wrong path- they will all get you to where you are going. We all like choices, we all like to choose our houses, our cars, our foods, the stores we shop in- We like options to be available. Maybe that's why we have such a difficult time with Jesus words in John 14. Jesus is only giving us one way to get to heaven- "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." He leaves no other option. If you put heaven into your GPS the only route would be JESUS!

So, who is Jesus- who is he claiming to be? He tells Philip- "Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father?" Jesus claim is that He is one with the Father- God- thus claiming that He is God. Is that difficult for you to accept- for some there may be questions and a struggle with this truth. Let's investigate who Jesus is. Jesus Christ was God wrapped in human flesh- we call that 'incarnation.' Jesus is the 2nd person of the Trinity- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit- three in one. We can read the clues about this characteristic of God in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make mankind in our own image." When Jesus arrived on the scene, he introduced himself as the Son of God- not just a good man and teacher. His Fa-

ther was God-. Jesus was equal with God from the very beginning of time. Jesus came to live fully man and fully God, sent to rescue us from the sin that holds us captive and leads to the horrors of hell. He came to bring us freedom from sin and death. He said to those that believed in Him, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32. Jesus said a number of things about himself- leaving no doubt on who he is.

1. Jesus said He was the Messiah. He declared it in Luke 4:16-21, Jesus read a prophecy about the Messiah from the book of Isaiah- and then at the end he said- you are witnessing history- this prophecy has come true! In that moment- people didn't recognize him, but many would begin to follow and believe. This was only one prophecy that was fulfilled through the life of Jesus. Others that I could mention are from Micah 5:2, that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin. The prophet Zechariah wrote that Jesus would be sold for 30 pieces of silver and the money thrown to the potter's field- (500) years before it happened! These are all- Isaiah 53:7 said, "He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open His mouth." On trial before Pilot, Jesus didn't respond and Pilot was amazed. Mark 15:5. David even prophesied about Him in Psalm 22:17-18- that he would be stared at and gloated over

while they gambled over his clothing. This is only 5 prophesies and there were many more- Scholars recognize at least 60 prophesies that Jesus fulfilled.

Back in the 1960's a couple of mathematic professors wanted to figure out the odds that one person could fulfill only 8 of the prophesies was an astronomically large number, 1017. That's 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. They wrote about their findings in a book titled Science Speaks.

2. Jesus said he was God. One of the times Jesus claimed this is in John 8:58 "58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" By stating He was before Abraham and using the phrase- I AM he was declaring himself to be God.

3. Jesus said He was the Only Way to God. "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 Can't be much more clear can it?

Jesus is the Messiah. He said it and the evidence supports it as well. God did all of this because He loves us. He loves His creation. Jesus came to earth because of LOVE. God loved human beings enough that He made a way for them to get back to Him. He allowed His only Son Jesus to be sacrificed for us. But, God lets us choose. He gave us free will to choose our own way. We can choose to remain separated from God or we can choose to live in a relationship with Him.

Jesus is the WAY, the Truth and the Life! One Way only. Does it bother you that there

is only one way to God? Think of it like a doctor who's delivering to you the news of terminal cancer. Wouldn't you want the doctor to tell you this news with compassion- not just science and terminology we don't understand. We'd also want to know if there is a cure-. If he told you there was only one cure- and it was 100% effective- wouldn't you want it? Of course, you would- We have the truth- we have the answer for everyone's sin problem. We can offer them the solution. But it is their choice if they are going to take it. Don't shy away from sharing the truth- but always do it with compassion and kindness! There is only ONE WAY- and His name is Jesus!

Traxler Law PLLC

traxlerlaw.com

Ann Traxler
Attorney

PRACTICE AREAS

- Wills, Trusts, & Estates
- Farm and Business Transition Planning
- General Practice
- Probate

4359 Cty. 11 Blvd.
Kenyon, MN 55945
507-405-0420
ann@traxlerlaw.com



LUTHERAN

Dennison/Vang Lutheran Parish
P.O. Box 117, Dennison, MN • 507-645-6042
Website: www.dennisonvang.org
Email: dennisonvangoffice@gmail.com
Pastor Paul A. Graham
Summer Worship Times
In July, services will be at Dennison Lutheran Community Church at 9:00 AM.
The doors are open, and all are welcome.

Gol Lutheran Marv Kormann, Pastor
Marv Kormann, Pastor • 507-789-6311
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran, Nerstrand
Mike Ahrens S.A.M.
Service 9 a.m.; Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran
9:00a.m. Sunday School
10:00a.m. Coffee Time 10:30a.m. Worship Service

Hegre Lutheran
Pastor Chris Brekke
Sunday School 9:15a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.

Moland Lutheran
Nancy Edwardson, Pastor • 10:30 a.m. worship

First Ev. Lutheran
Luther Mathsen, Pastor
Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church LCMC
Shamon Bauer, Pastor
24289 Cty. 24 Blvd., Cannon Falls
Sunday Worship at 9:00a.m. followed by fellowship.
Thursday Bible Study at 9:00a.m.

Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the Mainstreet Messenger at: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Universal Church

There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

— Revelation 7:9

The Christian faith is deeply personal. At the same time, it is also deeply communal. When we say, with the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in . . . the holy catholic church," we are declaring that the church, the body of Christ, includes all who belong to the people of God throughout history.

Let's be clear, though, that this statement does not single out or promote a particular church within the body of all who believe in Christ. The word "catholic" here means "universal," indicating that the church of Christ includes all of God's people from all times in history. The breathtaking vision in Revelation captures the scope of Christ's church gathered "from every nation, tribe, people and language." Can you imagine a more awe-inspiring sight?

And what unites this astonishing multitude of people from every time and place? Since the early centuries of the church, the teaching of statements like the Apostles' Creed has played a central role in uniting Christians around the true faith anchored in Scripture and inspired by the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May the truth and witness of the universal church comfort, encourage, and challenge you to love and serve the God whom countless believers have served through the ages.

Lord, we are humbled and grateful to belong to your church, and we look forward to praising and serving you forever. Amen.

METHODIST

Nerstrand United Methodist
Gary Liker, Pastor
507-330-0025
Worship 9:00a.m.

Stanton United Methodist
Rev. Gary Liker
Worship 10:15a.m.
Church Phone 507-263-4063

ST. JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Wheeling Township) 19086 Jacobs Ave., Faribault
Gary Liker, Pastor • 507-330-0025
www.stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info
Sunday School 9:30a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

Patrick McBride, Pastor
525 Beverly St., Wanamingo
9:00a.m. Sunday School for all ages;
10:00a.m. Worship Service
7:00p.m. Small Group Bible Studies - Sun.

HOLDEN-DALE PARISH

Heather Culuris, Pastor
Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship at Holden;
11:00 a.m. worship at Dale



Mainstreet Messenger

Mainstreet Publishing
P.O. Box 125, Dennison, MN 55018
Phone 507-645-9877 • Fax 507-645-9878
www.dennisonmn.com
www.nerstrandmn.com

Published in cooperation with Mainstreet Publishing.
© 2022, Mainstreet Messenger. All rights reserved.

For advertising information email:
hometownmessenger@gmail.com
or call Terry at 507-951-7471



Maxine Dohmen

Maxine Mary Dohmen, age 80 of Cannon Falls and formerly of Dennison, died peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, June 1, 2022 at Cannon Rivers Senior Living, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren.

Maxine and her twin sister, Kathleen were born on May 9, 1942 in Vermillion, MN, the daughters of Aloys and Catherine (Kaiser) Girgen. Maxine graduated from Hastings High School in 1960 and married Ronald J. Dohmen on April 28, 1962 in Vermillion, MN.

Maxine worked for Fire and Marine Insurance Co. in St. Paul, Northrup King in Stanton, Kid Duds in Cannon Falls, and Ger-Bes Enterprises in Vermillion, where she retired as office manager.

Along with being active at St. Michael's Church, Maxine always supported those going through cancer treatment. She would often make homemade turbins for them, or simply be a caring presence. As a two-time survivor of breast cancer herself, she made many friends with patients and doctors along the way.

Maxine was very social and loved spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed playing cards. She will be remembered by her family and friends as a dedicated wife, mom, grandma, and great-grandma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband of 59 years, Ron; sister, Rita (Girgen) Kaiser; and brother-in-law, Hank Goers.

She is survived by children, Martin Dohmen of Northfield, Norma (Scott) Wickum of Wanamingo, Renee (Mike) Bauernfeind of Kenyon, and Leonard (Leona) Dohmen of Dennison; 5 grandchildren, Jeremy (Colbe) Bauernfeind, Samantha (Andy) Meyer, Jesse (Erin) Bauernfeind, Shelby Wickum, and Luke (Trisha) Bauernfeind; 6 great-grandchildren, Luella, Lydia, Lincoln, Wilder, Bodhi, and Mason; siblings, Norbert (Dorothy) Girgen, Clarice (Steve) Sobania, Mary (Chuck) Johnson, and Kathleen Goers; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Kenyon on Wednesday, June 8 at 3:00 pm, with visitation from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Interment followed at the church cemetery. A dinner was at church.

Active pallbearers were nephews, Andy Smith and Ted Dohmen, and friends, Dean Larsen, Wayne Lexvold, Paul Beskau, and Curt Haler. Honorary pallbearers were St Catherine's Circle.

Memorials are preferred to breast cancer research.

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

Kathryn "Kate" M. Jackson

Kathryn "Kate" M. Jackson of Pine Island passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the age of 95.

Kathryn Marie (Flicek) Jackson was born on February 10, 1927, in Erin Township, Rice County, MN. Her family lived near Nerstrand, Killenny, Shieldsville and Concord.

On February 21, 1945, she was united in marriage to Lloyd Jackson in Pine Island. They lived in Texas and Kansas while Lloyd served in the Army Air Force, then moved to the Rochester area and began farming. In 1948 they bought their farm near Pine Island and raised their two children, Dennis and Bonita. Kate often worked alongside Lloyd on their three farms and took great pride in her flock of sheep. She turned her passion for baking and decorating cakes into a source of income. In 1976 she rode horseback from St. Paul, MN to Valley Forge, PA with the Bi-centennial Wagon Train. A woman with a style all her own, she was outrageously artistic and loved to decorate her home, paint, garden, quilt, make stain glass windows, sew, and do wood-working. Kate loved to bake, cook, and entertain a house full of people and was often referred to as "the pie lady". Kate and Lloyd enjoyed music and loved to dance; she lost her best partner after 64 years of marriage. She was most proud of her children, grandchildren and, when her great-grandchildren called her "Grandma Great", she found her

greatest joy.

Kate is survived by her daughter Bonni Zelazny of Brooklyn Park, two grandchildren Amy (John) Whitehead of Cross Plains, WI and Meghan (Ben) Baumann of Geneva, MN; three great-grandchildren Calli Whitehead and Fynn and Khia Baumann; sister Bess Quimby of Pine Island; daughter-in-law Jean Jackson and dear friend Sharon Gustine of Rochester. She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd Jackson; son Denny Jackson; son-in-law Jerry Zelazny; fathers James Flicek and Melvin Ray, Sr.; mother Florence (Svobada) Ray; siblings William, Emma and George Flicek, Mayme Schuler, Robert Ray, Melvin Ray, Jr., and Deloris Knutson.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Pine Island United Methodist Church. Visitation was from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Monday, May 30, 2022, at Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord and also one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in the Concord Cemetery.

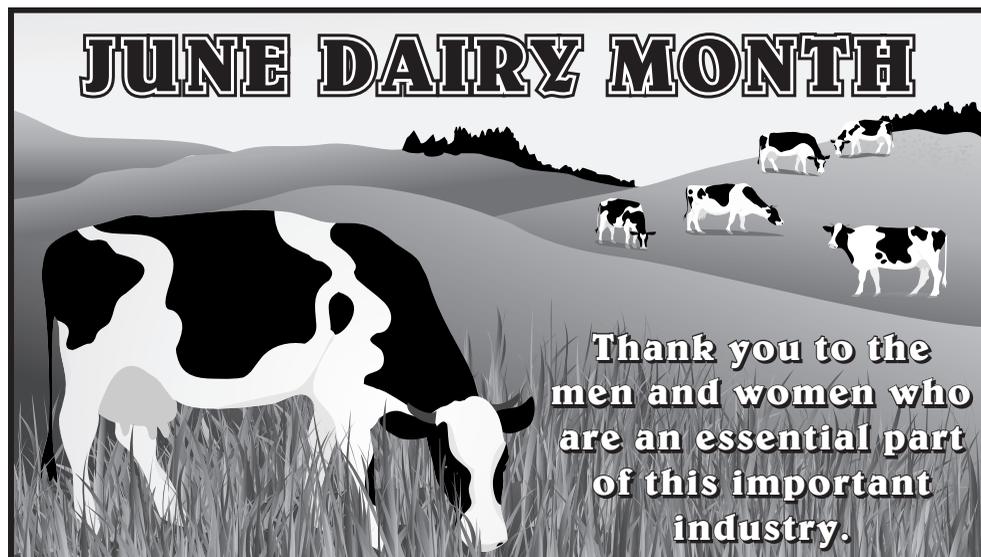
Frankie Flom

Frankie Flom, age 84, of Dennison died Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Northfield Hospital.

Frankie Pearl Flom was born on March 8, 1938, in Guadalupe County Texas, the daughter of Walter and Frankie (Bible) Rust. She grew up and went to school in the Hastings area. Frankie attended Dakota County Vo-tech after high school. She worked various jobs as a health care aide and was a homemaker. On November 26, 1960, she was united in marriage to Eldridge Flom. She was a member of Urland Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her son Clarence Flom and several siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Eldridge.

Private family interment will be held at a later date.



JUNE DAIRY MONTH

Thank you to the men and women who are an essential part of this important industry.



AUCTION CALENDAR

Saturday, July 16, 2022 9 am
Tim Pommerening, Hampton, MN
Tractor Collection, Farm Machinery, Tools

Saturday, July 30, 2022 9 am
Duane & Jean Valek, Faribault, MN
Hobby Farm Equipment

Saturday, August 6, 2022 9 am
Riley Estate, South Lakeville
Hobby Farm Equipment, Motor Home - Trailer -, Tools

Valek Auctions
Northfield, MN
612-978-6901
www.valekauctions.com



Keeping your name in front of your potential customers is an essential part of marketing your business in today's competitive market.

Call Terry at 507-951-7417 or email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com to place your ad in the next Messenger



Nerstrand Cannon Falls-Randolph-Byron

Feelys **PIONEER** **Big Gain**

www.nerstrandag.com • 1-866-622-0790

Nerstrand Agri Center
415 Main St, Nerstrand
507-645-7972

Cannon Falls Agri Center
216 Dakota, Cannon Falls
507-263-2140

Byron Agri Center
302 Byron Ave N, Byron
800-944-2297



Serving Up
THANKS
to Our Dairy Producers

THANK YOU, DAIRY PRODUCERS!

Office:
651-775-3873
Randolph, MN
otteexcavating@yahoo.com
www.otteexcavating.com

OTTE EXCAVATING INC.
Excavating • Septic Installs • Septic Pumping • Grading • Basements • Driveways • Demolition

Dennison Native is Oldest Living Congressman in U.S.

(continued from page 1)

He considered public office to be a stewardship of the citizens he represented and that a public servant was just that, a servant.

Al Quie always held a strong faith in God and a deep spiritual conviction. He recalls growing up in the depression years and often hoboes would show up at the family dairy farm, where his parents would invite them in and share a meal. This gave him a lasting belief to respect the dignity of every person.

At the time that Richard Nixon resigned, Albert Quie was one of the persons Gerald Ford considered for the position of vice president. Another incident that came out of the Nixon and Watergate scandal involved Special Counsel to the president Chuck Colson. Colson was one of the Watergate Five, eventually charged with obstructing justice and faced prison for his part in the coverup. Col-

son, a hardnosed political hack who was described as someone who “would walk over his own grandmother”, had once instigated some union leaders into organizing an attack by 200 construction workers on 1,000 college kids demonstrating against the Viet Nam war. Indicted and facing arrest and an eventual one to three- year prison sentence, Colson was given a C.S. Lewis book, “Mere Christianity” by a friend. Colson became a born again Christian and joined a Bible Study group with some congressmen, including Al Quie. Many claimed Colson’s conversion was a ploy to avoid sentencing but Quie sensed that Colson was a changed man. Seven months into Colson’s prison sentence some family problems surfaced and Al Quie went to then president Ford and asked if he could finish out Colson’s prison term for him to allow Chuck to go free to be with his family. Although the offer never came to fruition, Chuck Colson was overwhelmed with the willingness of Al Quie, in an act of Christian service, to pay his penalty. Colson went on to become an influential evangelical Christian writer and speaker who authored over thirty books and formed the Prison Fellowship foundation, which has ministered to thousands of incarcerated individuals. After retiring from political life Al Quie, joined the Prison Fellowship and has devoted much of his time since helping prisoners turn their lives around through belief in Jesus Christ.

In 2008 Quie was awarded the William Wilberforce Award given each year to a person who is an exemplary witness for Jesus Christ and advancing Christian values. A programming facility at Lino Lakes State Prison has been named after Albert Quie, the only current or former elected official to receive that honor. When he counsels prisoners, Al asks for the most difficult convict available. “It makes it interesting” he says.

Al Quie has been respected by members of both parties especially his opponents on the other side of the aisle, who are won over by his honesty, character and unswerving dedication to the truth. Roger Moe, Minnesota Senate majority leader and political foe, stated that Al Quie is “one of the most decent people I’ve ever met.” He has even made it in Minnesota folklore, being mentioned in Garrison Keillor’s Lake Wobegon Days, where he is said to be the first governor to visit the mythical community of Lake Wobegon where he dedicated a plaque to the Statue of the Unknown Norwegian.

Quie’s love of horses has always been a priority in his life and in 2003 he published a book about his adventures with a number of his friends who spent eight summers riding a route from Canada to Mexico through the

Rocky Mountains. The book was named “Riding the Great Divide”, and followed their experiences riding and camping out in the western United States as they made their way through the wilderness much a explorers would have two centuries ago. Quite an undertaking for a man in his seventies.

On December 5, 2021, with the passing of Bob Dole, Albert Quie became the oldest living former governor and former United States Congressman.



DENNISON SELF-STORAGE

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Secure
- ✓ Affordable

507-403-0033

dennisonstorage@gmail.com

Nerstrand City Library Presents...

Summertime Story Hour

Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m.

JUNE 8/15/22/29	JULY 13/20/27	AUG 3/10/17
---------------------------	-------------------------	-----------------------

Please join us for books, stories, literature, crafts, songs and perhaps some science magic!

Check out books to read at home.

Children ages 2 through Grade 5 are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

FREE FOR ALL.

Supplies funded by the Nerstrand City Council.

Nerstrand City Hall Library • 221 Main Street

NERSTRAND FIRE RESCUE

FIREMAN'S DANCE

JULY 9TH	DINNER	DANCE
Dinner 5-7 PM	Nerstrand Meats Hog Roast	\$10 At The Door 21+ \$5 At The Door 12-20
Dance 8 PM-Midnight	\$15 Adult \$5 Child	

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NERSTRAND FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

DEED Announces Historic Funding for Broadband Expansion

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) launched a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will award \$95 million in broadband grants across the state, applications must be submitted by August 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Building on appropriations from both the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions, this grant round contains the highest-ever amount of funding for the Border-to-Border Broadband Infrastructure grant program. Funding from two sources – state and federal – can be used to reimburse for up to half the cost of the broadband infrastructure deployed. Funding for a single project is capped at \$5 million.

“This historic level of broadband funding will increase opportunities for Minnesotans across the state, said Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, “Now, more than ever, broadband is what connects Minnesotans to their education, jobs and the rest of the world.”

On the state funding side, in May 2022 Governor Tim Walz signed legislation appropriating \$50 million -- \$25M in FY23 and \$25M in FY24 – from the state’s general fund for broadband. This bolsters the state’s practice since 2014 of providing state funds to build

out broadband service in areas of the state where it is challenging to do so.

For federal broadband funding, the remaining \$70 million available for grant awards in this round is federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Projects Fund, administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury).

“High-speed, high-quality broadband is central to modern life – from schools to business to healthcare and beyond,” said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. “This historic round of funding will go a long way towards connecting the over 240,000 homes & businesses that remain without access to the “modern plumbing” of today’s economy.”

Requirements and application materials for this competitive grant program are available on DEED’s website.

DEED is the state’s principal economic development agency, promoting business recruitment, expansion and retention, workforce development, international trade and community development. For more details about the agency and its services, visit the DEED website, the JoinUsMn.com website, or follow us on Twitter.

Our advertisers appreciate your business!

Tell them you saw their ad in the

Mainstreet Messenger



We recognize our area’s devoted dairy producers for playing an important role in keeping our economy and our bodies healthy and strong.

HOLDEN farms

Family Farming Since 1876



Northfield • 507-663-0003

www.holdenfarms.com

We Salute America's Dairy Farmers

During Dairy Month, we'd like to thank the men and women of our dairy industry for their hard work and commitment to quality and sustainability.

We appreciate all that you bring to the table!



2022 Rice County Dairy Princesses
Karlie DeGroot & Brooke Johnson

Cash Machine Available at Parkside General Store

Lake Country Community Bank
Banking on Relationships

www.lcbbank.com

Nerstrand Lobby Hours: 9am-2pm M-F
313 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN • (507) 333-2500
111 Division Street, Morristown, MN • (507) 685-2300

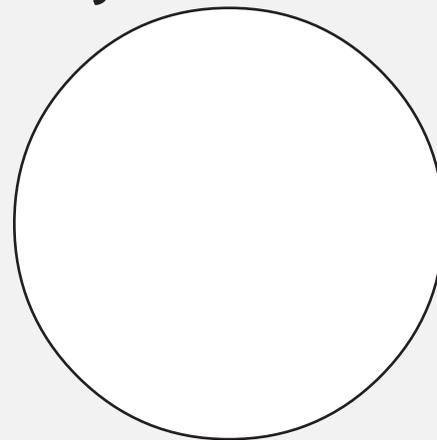


2022 DENNISON DAYS

Design A Button for Dennison Days
August 5 & 6, 2022

1st
PRIZE:
\$50.00

2nd
PRIZE:
\$25.00



Create a design in this circle and return your entry to:
HERITAGE BANK in DENNISON. DEADLINE: JUNE 30

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

From a Hobby to Business

CannonBelles begin making cheese in new plant

(continued from page 1)

“This is our fourth cheese make in the new plant so we’re still trying to dial in all of the little tiny differences with equipment and ingredients; making sure that our product is very similar or the same as what we made before,” said Lufkin, the head cheesemaker. “But, it’s a great feeling because this plant is ours.”

All of the equipment in the plant is new.

The plant is 5,800 square feet and includes a pasteurizer, two vats, cheese compress, curd mill, tanks for cleaning equipment, packaging sealer, large walk-in coolers for fresh and aged cheese, bulk tank for milk storage, testing and lab equipment, and a sub-zero freezer for cultures.

“We do want to get a new vacuum sealer and adjust some equipment on the cheese vat,” Ohmann said. “Even though the equipment has only been in use for three weeks, we’re already seeing what we need to change and do to grow.”

Hupf agreed.

“This equipment is slightly different from what we have been using for the last six years

so it’s a real learning curve for us too,” she said. “It’s similar but yet different.”

They get their milk from Blake and Chicky Otte’s farm, Square Deal Dairy, near Randolph.

“They are our choice for several reasons,” Hupf said. “One, they are only 5 miles away from our plant; and two, they do a great job managing their herd of cows. They produce a high-quality product for us where we can get more cheese yield out of their milk, and they have three grown sons who have come back to the farm so we see longevity in them being able to supply our milk for the long term.”

Before moving into the plant this spring, they were making cheese at the University of Minnesota’s pilot plant for over six years and in Ohmann’s kitchen with turkey roasters prior.

“They have a pilot cheesemaker’s program so we were able to tap into that and get trained by master cheesemaker Ray Miller,” Hupf said.

Lufkin agreed.

“We were able to use a lot of different pieces of equipment and figure out what we wanted,” she said. “For example, we have chosen to use a high-temperature, short-time pasteurizer because we can grow into it, and it takes less time to pasteurize.”

They also toured other facilities, asked questions and received advice from other cheesemakers before making cheese in their new plant.

One thing they learned from other cheesemakers was to leave room for expansion.

“We heard from a lot of cheesemakers not to make our make room too small so we can



Friends and owners of CannonBelles – (from left) Jackie Ohmann, Kathy Hupf and Deeann Lufkin – stand in front of their new cheese plant near Cannon Falls, Minnesota. The new cheese plant became operational May 6.

photo courtesy of Kate Rechtzigel, Dairy Star

expand if needed,” Lufkin said. “Thus, limiting our downtime so we can just add on rather than having to stop production if we expand. We really kept those in mind as we built this.”

Ohmann agreed.

“The coolers are also pretty empty so we have room for growth,” she said.

Lufkin went to the cheesemaker short course at the University of Wisconsin-River

Falls in 2014 where she heard about someone who could write grants for them.

“We knew we needed money so we got lined up with him,” Lufkin said. “It slowed us way down, and it was painful. But, the best thing that happened for us. I really think we would’ve been closed by now if we were still at the pace we originally wanted to be at.”

Before deciding where to build, they looked

(continued on page 7)

Congratulations to Tawni King and All Area Graduates!

We wish you all the best!



Tawni King

The Fireside
LOUNGE AND SUPPER CLUB

37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN

June Kitchen Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 4:00-8:30 PM (Bar Open Later)

Friday 4:00-9:30 PM (Bar Open Later); Saturday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM (Bar Open Later)

Sunday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM (Bar Open Later)

- WE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 2-12 FOR STAFF MAINTENANCE -

www.firesidelounge.net

From a Hobby to Business

CannonBelles begin making cheese in new plant

(continued from page 6)

at several options of either remodeling an existing building or building new.

"We learned that it was going to be safer to build our own building," Hupf said.

Lufkin agreed.

"The amount of regulations for dairy plants are pretty intense so it would have cost us more to fit into an existing building than it would to build new," she said.

This summer, the creamery plans to start tours. Consumers will be able to see cows on the farm where the milk is produced, tour the plant and go to the nearby coffee shop to eat the cheese.

The women enjoy being able to make cheese when they want and expand and grow their markets.

"At the University of Minnesota, we were only able to make cheese once a month and not at all during COVID-19," Lufkin said. "Now, we can also play and have the freedom to make new cheese flavors."

Before they only processed 1,000 pounds of cheese a month at the pilot plant and have now been able to process 400 to 500 pounds

of cheese within a week.

They currently make cheese once a week on Tuesdays and make queso fresco, four aged cheddars, gouda, Colby and eight flavors of cheese curds including bacon, dill, ranch, jalapeno and grim reaper which is Carolina reaper, habanero, serrano and jalapeno peppers.

"We are also able to add our horseradish and garlic flavors back," Lufkin said. "We can now also allow Jackie to come up with new flavors."

Hupf agreed.

"As of now, we don't have a definite pattern of what cheeses we will make when," she said. "We will make cheese curds more often now for summer sales, but we will also start making our aged cheeses to build up our supply and get ready for our Christmas sales, giving them time to age."

They are thankful for the family and friends who have been there to support them either through volunteering or sharing their story.

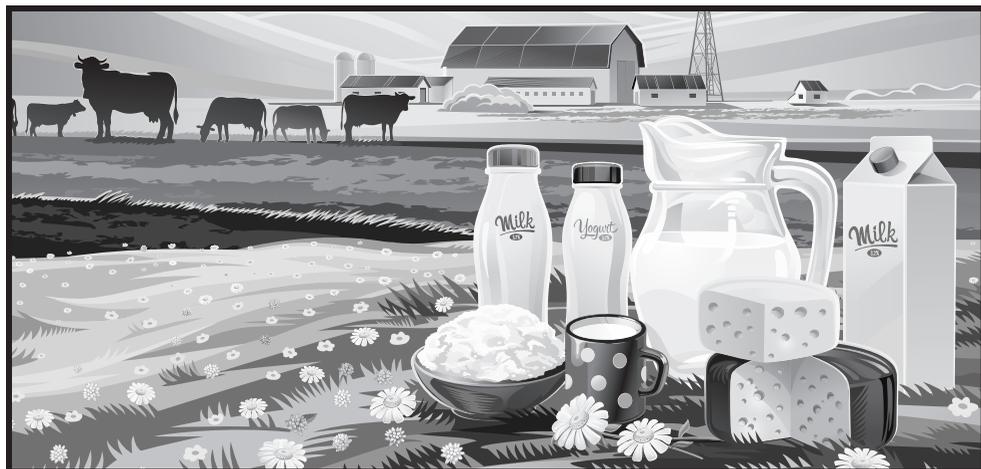
"For me being an outsider, the Minnesota dairy community has been amazing," Lufkin said. "It's more of a family. Everybody is happy to answer questions, help us find answers and be there with us. I've never seen this in any other job or career I've had. It's unbelievable to me, and I am honored to be a part of it."

CannonBelles is planning a grand opening July 15 where customers can see the new plant.

"There's not a day that goes by that we don't get 10 to 20 inquiries about it," Hupf said. "Now we can finally say, 'We're in.' It's exciting and terrifying all at the same time."



Deeann Lufkin stirs a vat of cheese on May 17 at CannonBelles cheese plant near Cannon Falls, Minnesota. The new plant is 5,800 square feet and features one 5,000 and one 1,000 pound vat. photo courtesy of Dairy Star



WE SALUTE DAIRY FARMERS!

Thanks, dairy farmers, for all of your hard work in the field each and every day.



CANNON FALLS TRAILER SALES

COMPARE BEFORE YOU BUY

www.CannonFallsTrailers.com

Phone: 888.263.7212

Fax: 507.263.9131

28730 Rochester Blvd., PO Box 7, Cannon Falls

Nerstrand Meats & Catering

Specialty Meats & Food

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

231 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN

507-334-5396

www.nerstrandmeats.com

e-mail us at: goodfood@nerstrandmeats.com

YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR AUTO AND LIGHT TRUCK NEEDS



DENNISON TIRE & REPAIR

Friendly, Personal Service

Dennison, MN

507-645-0278

www.dennisontireandrepair.com



Friday & Saturday JULY 8 & 9

Tickets & Information at
www.iconicfest.com

Friday, July 8



Night Moves



BlackHawk

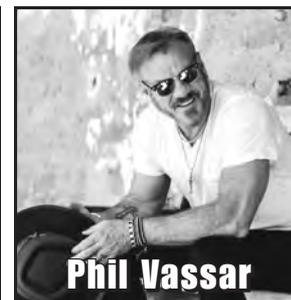
- 4pm Gates Open
- 5pm Weekend Rockstar
- 7pm Night Moves (Tribute to Bob Seger)
- 9pm BlackHawk

Saturday, July 9

- 2pm Gates Open
- 3pm Whiskey Trail
- 5pm Stone Daisy Band
- 7pm Doug Stone
- 9pm Phil Vassar



Doug Stone



Phil Vassar

2 DAY OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL!
Held at the Green Lantern 9 miles East of Brainerd on Hwy. 18



GRAND PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCED JUNE 25!
Check Online for Entry Details!

Must be 18 years or older. No purchase necessary. May not be combined with other offers.

SPONSORS:

Email:
messengerdrawing@gmail.com
for Your Chance to Win!
Details available exclusively at
www.dennisonmn.com or
www.nerstrandmn.com

**Win Dining Certificates and a
GRAND PRIZE of
ICONIC FEST SUMMER FUN
WEEKEND PACKAGE!**

Includes 2 Nights
Hotel Stay at Grand
Casino Mille Lacs

And a 4 Pack of
Iconic Fest Event
Tickets!

'Quite a Renaissance': Faribault Mill Invests in New Equipment to Meet Demand

Courtesy of KARE 11

FARIBAULT, Minnesota — Faribault Mill is in the midst of its largest single investment at the Mill, getting new equipment that will allow the company to scale up.

"The demand we've been seeing over the last couple of years has been unprecedented," said Ross Widmoyer, president and CEO of Faribault Mill.

Faribault Mill's iconic wool blankets have kept people warm since 1865.

"The company has obviously been through a number of ups and downs during that time frame. During World War I, we supplied 10,000 blankets to soldiers going overseas and serving our country; we did the same thing during World War II. The business was booming until the tidal wave of offshoring that impacted a number of textile mills across this entire country hit in the late '80s and early '90s," Widmoyer explained.

The company shut its doors in 2009, reopening two years later. Now, the oldest manufacturer in Minnesota is seeing new growth.

"The demand we've been seeing over the last couple of years has been unprecedented," Widmoyer said. "This whole trend of indoor nesting, outdoor living and people thinking

about decorating their homes, that's obviously been a big benefit to what we've been doing."

In response, Faribault Mill is making a multimillion dollar investment into new equipment. They're currently installing an industrial dryer from Italy.

"This will enable us to run fabric through at least 50% faster than what we were in the past," said Joyce Raesner, vice president of production.

The company will also be introducing a new fleet of looms, along with other equipment.

"The challenge we've been faced with is how do we produce to meet that demand. So this new equipment allows us to scale up. It allows us to increase capacity and to meet the demand we're seeing and really capitalize on the opportunity for this brand which we think is really, really big," Widmoyer said.

During the pandemic, they introduced more than 100 new products.

In March, they acquired Maine-based Brahm's Mount — a cotton throw and blanket company. The move led to the company removing the word "woolen" from its name.

Faribault Mill also finds ways to repurpose scraps, turning them into coffee sleeves, bags and pillows. They also take scraps of wool that hit the cutting room floor and recycle them back into the machines.

"We're not quite a zero-waste facility, but we're very cognizant about how we use the byproducts of the blankets and throws that we make," Widmoyer said. "We also grind up old wool that we're not using, old yarn, and actu-



A new industrial dryer is currently being installed inside the Mill.

photos courtesy of KARE 11

ally create products to take to the marketplace that are 100% recycled."

Faribault Mill is now one of only two vertically integrated mills left in the United States.

Widmoyer said, "Some people may think that might be a challenge; I would argue it's actually a badge of honor."

The Mill

1500 NW 2nd Ave. Faribault, MN



Milo Peterson Ford Co.



HOT SUMMER FORD DEALS AT PETERSON FORD

	<p>2018 FORD ESCAPE SE</p>		<p>2015 FORD EXPLORER XLT</p>		<p>2020 FORD EDGE SEL</p>		<p>2016 FORD MUSTANG</p>
<p>Blue metallic, eco boost 1.5L turbocharged, 37,615 miles #22032U</p>	<p>SALE \$24,999</p>	<p>4WD, magnetic metallic, 3.5L 6 cylinder, 59,838 miles #22068U</p>	<p>SALE \$24,333</p>	<p>Blue metallic, 21,107 miles, 2L ecoboost turbocharged #22057U</p>	<p>SALE \$35,999</p>	<p>Fastback, premium, shadow black, 39,424 miles #22010D</p>	<p>SALE \$23,959</p>
	<p>2019 FORD F150 XLT</p>		<p>2021 FORD RANGER LARIAT 4WD</p>	<p>GET READY FOR SUMMER DRIVING!</p>			
<p>Super crew cab, blue metallic, 35,981 miles, 3.5L V-6 #22072U</p>	<p>SALE \$42,999</p>	<p>Super crew, 5' box, eco boost 2.3L turbocharged, 4,768 miles, black #22076U</p>	<p>SALE \$45,999</p>	<p>At Milo Peterson Ford Co., our highly qualified technicians are here to provide exceptional service in a timely manner.</p>			
<p>From oil changes to transmission replacements, we are dedicated to maintaining top tier customer service, for both new and pre-owned car buyers! Allow our staff to demonstrate our commitment to excellence. Call our service department to schedule your maintenance needs. Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5pm.</p>							

COME SEE OUR COMPLETE INVENTORY AT WWW.MILOPETERSONFORD.NET

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

Keeping Your Farmland in Production



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

As any farming family can attest, every farm has its own special history. The small farm that I was raised on outside of Kiester is no exception. Our lives were rooted in the connection between land and community. Because of these important ties to the land, it concerns me that the average farmer is close to retirement age, and that not everyone has an heir to transfer the land to when the time comes. Fortunately, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has a program that can help farmers safeguard the legacy of their land while simultaneously giving back to their communities.

In southwest Minnesota, Neil and Jenna Kruse wanted to make sure that their family

farm will be maintained as farmland after retirement. With help from their estate planning attorney they created a plan that will keep the family's 145 acres in production after they're gone. Rental income from the farmland will support nonprofits that have been important in their lives, including a program that supports agriculture education in Minnesota public schools.

Neil and Jenna's story is just one example of how a farmland donation has benefited the landowner and positively impacted their surrounding community for years to come. SMIF's Acres for Good program allows farm families like Neil and Jenna to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF retains the land and keeps it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed. The landowner receives a tax deduction and bypasses capital gains tax while still being able to maintain a stable revenue source for life.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The income stream from the land is used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. With more than \$7 billion of wealth in SMIF's region expected to transfer by 2030, this program can help retain that wealth locally while creating a unique opportunity for farmers to make a long-lasting impact on rural Minnesota.

Farmers will choose how they want to allocate their gift of land through this program. It



can go toward one of SMIF's 30 Community Foundations which invest in their communities through grants and programs. For a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their land toward SMIF's general endowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth and entrepreneurs in the region. Farmers can even set up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to their specific interests and values such as their place of worship, alma mater or local charity. We will work with farmers to make the process as simple as possible.

If you know a farmer who is thinking about retirement or estate planning, please let them know that there is a way their land can remain active farmland and provide them with a steady revenue stream, while in the long-term also benefitting the communities and causes they care about most. This is gifting with a purpose at its best – and SMIF is here to help.

To learn more about the Acres for Good program visit smifoundation.org/acresforgood or contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Philanthropy Officer, at 507-214-7023 or alissao@smifoundation.org.

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

the one
KYMN 95.1 FM 1080 AM

For something different

**Keeping You Informed
During this Difficult Time**

www.kymnradio.net

DENNISON MEAT LOCKER
Owned and Operated by Dori Gregory Since 2001

Dennison Meat Locker Provides Quality Custom Meat Processing Services to the Community

WE ALSO OFFER RETAIL SAUSAGE, STEAKS, HAMBURGER AND OTHER MEAT PRODUCTS

- Pork • Beef • Poultry • Lamb • Venison
- Whole Roasted Hogs • Elk • Homemade Smoked Sausage

109 Farm Road, Dennison, MN • Monday-Friday 8a.m.-5p.m.; Saturday 8a.m.-2p.m.
www.dennisonmeatlocker.com • dennisonmeats@gmail.com • 507-645-8734

HELP WANTED

Full Time Carpenter and Summer Carpenters Assistant.

Competitive Wages!

From start to finish, we do the entire project.



- Kitchens • Living Rooms • Fireplaces • Floors • Closets • Bathrooms
- New Projects • Remodels • Barns • Roofs • Siding • Garages • Pole Sheds

Wood Doc Construction

Emery and John Maher
507-271-4200
www.wooddocconstruction.com
Dennison, MN
Lic. #BC628191

Toro 75755 TimeCutter MyRIDE Zero Turn Mower

- 24.5hp commercial V-twin 708cc engine
- 50" cutting width
- Iron forged deck
- MyRIDE suspension system
- Easy height of cut adjustment
- Tool less oil change

\$4499.00

TRAXLER POWER & EQUIPMENT

502 Huseth St., Kenyon
507-789-6321

Authorized Toro® Dealer

TORO

Farm Equipment Repair
DOT Inspections/Welding

HOPE CREAMERY BUTTER AVAILABLE AT PARKSIDE!

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

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



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

Parkside General Store

~ Gas & Groceries ~

"The Little Store with More!"

ATM AVAILABLE
Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm; Sat.-Sun. 7am-7pm
SUMMER HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm
Sat.-Sun. 7am-8pm
230 Main St, Nerstrand
507-332-8626
parksidenerstrand@gmail.com

Rice County looking for affordable housing developer

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

Rice County is now accepting proposals from developers interested in building up to six four-bedroom homes to be designated as affordable housing.

Last week, the County Board of Commissioners authorized the use of about an acre-and-a-half just north of the planned Public Safety Center for the project.

When county officials announced they'd purchased 109 acres off of Highway 3 for the Safety Center in late 2021, they suggested part of the land could be used for housing. While several new apartment buildings have sprung up in Northfield and Faribault in the last couple of years, both cities have had trouble attracting owner-occupied residential development. Developers are generally seeing a higher profit in the metro, making few willing to invest in Rice County where housing prices are typically lower.

Housing Director Joy Watson suggested townhomes will likely be proposed in the county's application for state financing assistance, both she and Commissioner Steve Underdahl said they would like single-family homes as part of the development.

Once the HRA selects a developer, Director Watson will work with human services organization Three Rivers Community Action in Zumbrota to put together a proposal to request funding from the state's housing finance agency. A decision from the agency won't come until December.

The finished homes will be sold to individuals making up to 115% of the median Rice County income, or about \$100,000 per year for a family of four. County Administrator Sara Folsted said covenants will ensure the homes remain affordable for the average Rice County worker even when they're sold.

Rice County still offering Covid vaccine clinics

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

With the recent spike in Covid-19 cases, Rice County Public Health is reminding everyone that the department continues to host vaccination clinics at the Rice County Government Services Building in Faribault, as well as at other community locations.

Vaccines are available at local clinics, pharmacies and through Rice County Public Health. Anyone wishing to receive a vaccination from the county, should pre-register on the Rice County Public Health website. Walk-ins are welcome as well.

Those needing help registering for a clinic or with questions about the vaccine should call 507-332-5928 or 507-384-6450. Vaccination clinics are for first or second doses, additional doses for those with immunocompromising conditions and booster doses. Please bring your vaccination card if you have received previous vaccines, so it can be updated.

June Is Dairy Month

Thank you, dairy farmers, for all of your hard work each and every day!



Phone: 507-263-4276
Fax: 507-263-4207
www.freebergins.com

Laura Freeberg
(laura@freebergins.com)
Geri Geiken (geri@freebergins.com)



JUNE DAIRY MONTH

A Salute to Our Dairy Farmers

June is Dairy Month, so let's raise a glass of refreshing and nutritious milk to the hardworking dairy farmers who produce an abundance of delicious dairy products for us to enjoy.

Dairy products are an important part of a healthy, balanced diet, providing vitamins, minerals and essential nutrients - not to mention incredible taste!

Thanks, dairy farmers, for producing wholesome milk and dairy food that help keep our local economy and our bodies healthy and strong.



syngenta
SEEDS

THE
SEEDCARE
INSTITUTE™

www.syngenta.com • Stanton, MN

Rice County Law Enforcement Departments May Give Drug Offenders a Different Path

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



Rice County Attorney John Fossum

Rice County Attorney John Fossum said he is looking into a program, that would combine the resources of his office, the County Community Services Office, the Faribault and Northfield Police Departments and Healthy Community Initiative to keep low level drug offenders

from facing jail time and prosecution and instead receive the treatment and help that they need.

Fossum said he was contacted by Faribault Police Chief John Sherwin and Northfield Police Chief Mark Elliott with the idea. "This would be for those 3rd, 4th or 5th degree offenses that can really linger in the court system for some time," he said. If they are able to successfully complete treatment, then they might not be charged with an offense. Fossum said this sort of program is not a common

thing, and as long as all the departments agree, then he thinks this is worth trying out. "I think it's a really creative initiative, and as long as the police are in support of it, I'm in support of it. I'm willing to take a look at it and see if there's a way for us to correct our corrections response, reduce our incarceration response, and out prosecution response to drug crimes."

The difference between this new "Deflection and Diversion" program and Drug Court is in both the timing and the participants. Fossum pointed out that Drug Court is more for people who are at high risk of going to prison, after repeated offenses. This program would be intended to keep people out of the court system and keep the small-time offense off of their record.

"It could save those people a lot," he said, "and it could save society a lot."

HCI is currently working on a grant proposal that would come through the federal government in order to fund the treatment portion of the program. Fossum said a grant like this is highly competitive, and there might be a way to do this even if they do not receive the federal funding.

Keeping your name in front of your potential customers is an essential part of marketing your business in today's competitive market.

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

Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes May 10, 2022

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Council Members Monica Gernandt, Dan Pflieger, Jennifer Schwab, and Mayor Todd Evavold. Other people in attendance were Public Works Director, Steve McDowell, City Clerk, Dana Jans, 1 resident, and a representative from Restore Masters, Mike Schuckmann. Council member John Harris, absent.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

-Motion to accept the agenda by Councilor Schwab with the addition of roof discussion, second by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

New Business

- No damage to the roof from storms, nothing needs to be done at this time.
- Budget dates are set for June 21st and 22nd starting at 6:30.
- Late fee of \$10.00 for unpaid utility bills will be assessed at the time of the second billing.

Old Business

- Things continue to move forward with the new signage on Highway 246.
- Planning and zoning have not yet responded to the permit submitted for City Hall.

Reports from Officers

-Public Works Director McDowell things are still in motion with Verizon and Source Inc. Still waiting on quotes for road repairs. Hydrant flushing went as well as expected. Waiting on Farm Street to be surveyed. Widseth will be able to get this done if we want to use them. McDowell or Jans will reach out to them.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilor Gernandt second by Councilor Pflieger to adjourn the meeting, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by;

Dana Jans

Nerstrand City Clerk

Serving Up
THANKS
to Our Dairy Producers

Thanks to their hard work and innovation, we are able to enjoy an abundance of affordable, wholesome nutrition from great-tasting milk, yogurt, cheese and other delicious dairy foods.



Thank you, dairy producers!
RIVER COUNTRY COOPERATIVE
Elements for life

Fertilizer • Seed • Soil Sampling • Chemicals • Custom Application • Field Scouting
 Bulk, LP, Gas and Diesel Fuel

Kenyon 507-789-6201	Hastings 800-349-5743	Randolph 800-657-3285	Hampton 800-225-4316
------------------------	--------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------

Capital
CONSTRUCTION
 Residential & Multi-Family Contractor
 Roofing | Siding | Gutters | Windows



952.222.4004
www.CapitalMN.com



**City of Dennison
Regular Council Meeting
May 12th, 2022**

The May Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Heidi Cooke, Diane Ruddle, Nichole Schloesser and Ann Anders and Clerk Jessica Page.

Councilor Anders moved to accept the minutes for the April meeting. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0. Councilor Schloesser moved to approve the treasurer's report, Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 5:0.

Building Permits: None
Administrative Issues:

Water study update, recommendations from Wisdeth. Final report was presented by Vanessa. She went through the 2016 and 2017 minutes to see if there were any possible reasons for increases in influent amounts. Post office got a new service, sinkhole in the alleyway. Sunken manhole. (Catch basin) The items she mentioned would not have contributed to the additional flows. The conclusion of the report is that the City is already at capacity. She will send an electronic version of the report. City will need to televise the lines, and as we do, the City should update Vanessa, as she may have some insight for the City.

Metronet/LTD Broadband agreement. No representative present to answer questions. It was noted that the proposed contract doesn't address rent, damages, other issues. Previous contract is 5-6 pages. It was felt that lots of things are missing from the proposed contract. Council asked that the Jaguar contract be sent to LTD Broadband so that more items are covered.

Ehlers proposal for sewer and water rates. The Council agreed that it doesn't make financial sense to do this at this time. Maybe can plan for it in the future as it would be a significant cost.

PFAS and SIU discussion. Cost to the City could be up to \$4,000 to 6,000 in testing costs. Would rather have the City be mandated vs volunteering for it. Since it will be a financial hardship for the City, that needs to be made known to the MPCA. Locker is considered a significant industrial user. Will need to revisit it. Talk to Mark Vahlsing in Kenyon

about what they do for Kenyon meat locker. Or Dan Thomas, the owner of the meat locker in Kenyon.

Sidewalk replacement next to the old Ford Building. County informed the City that it would need to fill out a utility permit with the County because part of the work will be in the right-of-way. \$30 registration fee and \$110 utility permit fee. Drawings and specifications required. The County wants the City to pass a resolution to accept liability if the building collapses in the County right-of-way. Council agreed that the City will not take any acceptance of liability for the building collapsing. It was agreed that the City will not be moving ahead with this. If the building owner wants something done, then we can look at it.

Dennison Phosphorus Reduction System. Approve Pay Apps. Councilor Schloesser move to pay pay apps 4 and 5. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 5:0. There was discussion on an incident that occurred at the new building. In the future, there should be additional communication with all Council members, along with who to direct any information requests to.

Approve resolutions to publish the two Annexation Ordinances (86 and 87) passed in December and January. Councilor Anders move to approve Resolutions 5-2022-1 and 5-2022-2. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0.

Replace the population sign east of town on County Road 9 and install a new sign and post for Holton Street. Toney Cornell from Safety Signs would order and install the signs. \$450 would include everything. Councilor Anders move to change population signs and street signs for \$450. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0.

City wide clean-up day. Ready to go? Date would be June 4th. Diane can help. Joe volunteered to print up flyers and pay for postage to be distributed to everyone in town.

Conduit bond request. Clerk was informed that this has been put on hold until rates are more stable.

Christy Whipple, little pantry. Not present.

Nancy Shannon, Farmers Market in the Park. Councilor Schloesser move to approve the Dennison Farmer's and Community Market and provide a portable toilet in the park. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed

5:0. They will be changing the name to Dennison Community Market. Wed June 1 will be the first day. August 31 will be the end. If a responsible person were found to help with set up and running of the market, it might be possible to continue after August 31.

Warsaw Township wants to add \$150 to \$850 agreement for road maintenance due to rising fuel costs. Councilor Anders move to approve the \$150 increase. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 5:0.

Need a representative to attend a meeting at the Nerstrand Fire Hall on June 6th at 7:00 pm. Request made by the Fire Chief so that the representative can bring back information to the Council. Jeff will go.

Chloride for N and S Goodhue Ave. 12 feet wide by 600 feet long is \$264.00. Need two swaths. Northfield Township pays for half. \$396 total. Councilor Anders move to pay the \$396 for dust control Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0.

Citizens Issues: Sidewalks not level, in front of Brekken's lot and in front of Joe's building. Is a tripping hazard. Joe wants to know if he can grind it off to level the sidewalk to reduce the tripping hazard. City will pay for it. Council recommended that it be spray painted yellow. Joe will do that until it is ground down.

Joe brought up Main Street parking. He noted that an MPG trucking sits on the main street "all the time". He felt it is can be dangerous as it is hard to see around it at times. Sheriff has agreed it is an issue. Joe is asking that it be moved off of the street during busy times at the eating establishments. He asked if it could be moved up to a different spot on main street so it's out of the way. Guests bring it up at the restaurant. Joe feels that it would be a common courtesy to move during the busy times. Look at meeting minutes from last time it was discussed. Talk about it next meeting.

Pot hole by Nick Almens. City will fill it again. Nate and Jeff will fix.

Mayors Issues: Send a letter to Kelly to inform her shingles are falling off her building on Main Street.

Utilities:

Updates regarding the chemical spill at the phosphorus reduction shed. Jeff reviewed what happened with the spill. The duty officer was contacted, and he called Hawkins to get it cleaned up. City insurance company was contacted. Need a copy of what ISG sent to Hawkins. Not sure what damage was done to the building by the acid. Pat Anderson came out to look at it to give his opinion. ISG wants the City to let them know if they want to keep the leak detection system as it was installed, but not operating. Does the City want to keep the remote dialer system? Would basically measure the chemical levels itself, and give users notifications of the tank levels going down. Simply safe service. There are other services that you could use without having to pay a service. Could look for those, but would still need wifi out there.

Discussion was held asking why are they asking what we want to use? Why is the engineer looking to the City to decide what to replace parts with? The flange needs to be replaced with what will work for the ferric

chemical. The engineering firm was hired to do that, it's not the City Councils job or expertise to do so.

Radar sensor wasn't wired up before the tank was filled. It only detects leaks in between the two tanks. Should have been ready that day. City should not incur any new costs. Why would there be change orders? Everything that was supposed to be there should be there as it was supposed to be. City will look into the pricing of the float. Council members stressed that the system needs to be built for ferric if the alum isn't doing the job.

Forcemain work will begin again the last week in May. Mayor Flaten is requesting \$300 to add gravel up to the discharge manholes to provide for a turn around for vehicles inside the fence. Both ponds are full. One contractor would do the work for \$300. Councilor Schloesser move to add gravel up to the discharge for \$300. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 5:0.

Fluoride pump working now.

Booster pump on the chemical side is leaking. Warranty is done. Estimate of \$3000 to put in a new one. Kyle Hanson suggested a liquid feed chlorine tank and the City could get rid of the booster pump. It is a more simplified system that is currently in place. It could eliminate a lot of plumbing. It is also a safer system. Mayor Flaten is trying to get costs for the switchover.

Submitted a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health to replace the steel door on the chemical side and install a light switch on the outside of the building. Provide copies to the Council of the Sanitary Survey Report. 50% covered by the State. \$2500 for a steel door and \$900 for the electrical work.

Set a date to flush hydrants. Do discharges, then flush hydrants. End of month. Needs to talk to Dan.

Northfield Township graded and put gravel down on Goodhue Ave.

Tar road by the water tower is breaking apart. It was patched a few years ago. Let it go until the new houses are done. Do any crack sealing in town?

Dent in one of the posts for the fence by the water tower. Will get an estimate to replace. Picture provided by Nate. Maybe a construction vehicle that caused the damage, but no one knows for sure. Looks bad, but doesn't need to be fixed now. Get an estimate.

New house being built by Reiland Homes is connected to City water and sewer.

pH and DO meters have been ordered by Nate. Hopefully arrive by Monday.

Propane quotes: new tank to well house, \$400. Trench gas line to well house from City Hall tank. \$865.00. Can't tie it in to the City Hall tank. Councilor Schloesser move to approve the new tank for the well house for \$400. Mayor Flaten second. Motion passed 5:0.

Mayor Flaten move to pay the bills. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0.

Mayor Flaten move to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Cooke second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday June 2, 2022 at 7:00.

FREELANCE WRITERS WANTED

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

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

Pay negotiable and based on experience.

Qualified applicants will possess:

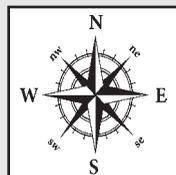
- Ability to work with deadlines
- Great people skills
- Knowledge of/access to a computer
- Enjoy small town atmosphere
- The ability to work some night hours as needed for editorial

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



*Changes in Latitudes,
Changes in Attitudes*

**Kamikaze
Sparrow**



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.

"Whap", it hit the window like a soggy orange thrown by a kid. I was in the living room about 6:30 am. The sun was just peaking over the trees in the east. I was just waking up and heading out for the day. I knew what it was. I am used to it now. I just look on the deck outside the big window and there he lies. A perfectly designed flying machine. Upside down on the deck boards with landing gear fully extended.

This happens quite frequently, almost daily. We have been under assault from the feathered air force for some time. They seem to strike at dawn when the sun is behind them

and they have the element of surprise. I believe the surprise is on them though. I am quite accustomed to it.

I go out and scoop up the destroyed aircraft in the snow shovel and give it one last flight out into the yard. It crash lands into the soft grass, it's final resting place. I thought maybe one of my Labs would pick them up but they seem to only like to retrieve ducks that fall into the water. This small bird is not worth their time.

We feed the birds in colorful bird feeders. We buy 50 pound bags of feed for them. They eat black oil sunflower seeds like a horse. I know because I used to have horses. I planted a row of sunflowers along the fence line one year. The green stalks and bright yellow heads were so pretty when the bloomed. Looked like John Deere plants out there in the yard. Until the day the horses realized what they were. I found my riding friends happily munching down the sunflowers as fast as they could. In a couple days my bright yellow sunshine plants were all gone.

Not sure what possesses these birds to fly into the window. Maybe they think it is a portal to another dimension. It certainly takes them from this world to where ever they go next. I remember God says that a sparrow doesn't fall to the earth, but He notices it. I am preparing for whatever I will do for the day and I know I am in good hands. If He sees the sparrow, I know He will keep an eye on me today.

**A Minnesotan:
Sirens**



By RosaLin Alcoser

A couple of weeks ago I was talking to my sister on the phone when my evening was interrupted by a rather familiar sound; the tornado siren. Which naturally prompted me to tell my sister that I had to go, grabbing my bag and shoes, and running barefoot down the stairs to the basement of my building. As some of you are aware I live on the 11th floor of a high rise in the Twin Cities, which means yes I did run down 11 flights of stairs barefoot.

This event brought back one of my memories from when I was in college back in Southern Missouri; which is not per say in tornado alley but is rather close to it.

It was my final year of my undergrad and I was teaching dance at a studio in the evenings about 20 to 25 minutes away from campus. Naturally the studio had massive floor to ceiling mirrors in the rooms and was also in a shopping center.

I was teaching my final class of the evening, intermediate Broadway Jazz, when suddenly the tornado sirens went off

and the few people that were still there all had to go into the back of the building where the office was, because even though it was not in the middle of the building it was the only room without a window or a massive mirror in it.

After a little bit the siren had stopped in that area, however, the warning was still out and there was a confirmed tornado in the area headed north of town closer to where I lived. Everyone else at the studio lived only a few minutes away and decided to use this opportunity to get home quickly. I choose to take my chances in my car over risking the tornado coming back towards the studio with both me and the massive mirrors in it.

It was one of the longest drives I ever had between my school apartment and that dance studio. There was extremely heavy rain going on while the wind from the storm blew it sideways and I could barely see out of the windshield. Needless to say I immediately regretted my choice to leave the studio.

Just as I was rounding the corner of my street it was starting to let up a bit and I was asking myself why in the world had I decided to do something to stupid and that's when I saw it. The bright shining moment that made me feel a little bit less dumb.

There in the middle of the flooded street was one of my classmates, who was a theater major, who was outside tap dancing in the middle of the street during the storm. Because as he explained the next day when else was he going to be able to do a rendition of Gene Kelly's 1952 dance Singing in the Rain.

**DON'T LET HEARING PROBLEMS
SLOW YOU DOWN!**



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

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



Jayne Bongers Owner/MN Certified

507-412-9813 • advantagehearingcenter.com

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

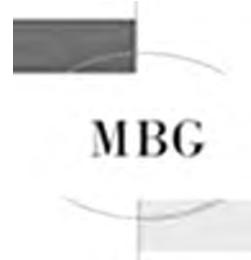
NOW LEASING!

Income Based Housing

*Clean, Safe,
Affordable Housing*

**Golden Meadows
Apartments**

1415 Prairie Avenue SW
Faribault, MN 55021
Phone (507) 332-8181
Fax (507) 334-5672
www.mbgprop.com



MBG Property Management

4725 Excelsior Blvd. Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 465-3584 Phone
(952) 465-3587 Fax





We Recognize the Hardworking Dairy Farmers this Month

Our local dairy farmers work hard every day to nourish our nation with delicious and nutritious dairy products. Over the years, their ongoing dedication and commitment to quality has helped us grow up healthy and strong. But the dairy industry is more than just an important part of our lives and our children's lives, it's an integral part of our local economy too.



2022 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses
L to R: Madison Bartholome, Cassandra Hinsch, Claudia Kennedy, Emme Eggenberger, Chelsey Lexvold



HERITAGE
 — B A N K —

www.heritagebankmn.com

