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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.

THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

The popular Vegas Style Tribute Show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Saturday September 24th. Usually the show has been held the Friday of Labor Day weekend, but scheduling conflicts for the artists made a change necessary. Under the big top, rain or shine!

For fans young and old, if you have ever

been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espkong.com).with Chris Olson.

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison on Labor Day Weekend, Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and



Dennison Days Parade Color Guard



Left side front to back: Rick Hillard, Ray Ozmun, Mark Carpenter, Douglas Johnson. Right side front to back: Christopher Rietveld, Larry Pralle, Tom Hart, David Downhour, Jerome Sellars (additional pictures on page 5)

show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Saturday, September 24th. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside.

Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with is tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".

It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co-written and co-produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

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Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

Be sure to enter the Messenger drawing for Minnesota Renaissance Festival tickets. You will be able to enter by e-mailing your name and address to hometownmessenger@gmail.com.

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Pit Stop Revelations

Revelation 7: 9-10, 13-17

A pitstop is when the racing car comes in to get serviced during a race. They come in for new tires and fuel- and sometimes other mechanical issues too. If something major is required, the race will be over- the average time for a pitstop is from 7-15 seconds. That's fast! They need to be fast because they need to get the car back on the track and back in position to have a chance of winning the race.

Jesus is taking John aside to show him something entirely different from the 6 seals that have been broken in chapter 6. It's as if God is pausing for effect. To what purpose? To bring hope to those who believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we look at the events of the end of times, you and I can become fearful and wonder, 'will anyone be able to survive?' The answer unfolds during our tire change in chapter 7 of Revelations.

As we read chapter 7 in Revelations, we are seeing a great multitude- many, many people, so many we aren't able to have a number for them. There's so many no one can count, and they are from every 'nation, tribe, people and language.' Jesus doesn't divide by any of these- we are all His creation, valuable and chosen to become a member of His family. This multitude represents all that have received Jesus Christ. This multitude is often considered to be those that survived the great tribulation. They remained faithful during the times of persecution and struggle. This also shows that this refers to Jews and Gentiles because it includes all nations- this is an awe-inspiring sight of people from all times and all places gathered to sing praise to God. John is taking all this in. He's seeing it and probably struggling to understand what it all means. Who are these people and where have they all come from?

This is the church triumphant! They stand before the throne and are wearing white robes. To stand before the throne means they have fellowship with Jesus, that they are in

His presence and are ready and willing to serve Him- The Lamb of God, the Redeemer of the sinner. God has saved His people! They are crying out, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Salvation belongs to our God- not to us. We cannot save ourselves- only through the blood of the Lamb. Only because of Jesus great sacrifice can we receive forgiveness and obtain the salvation that belongs to Jesus. We don't, and we can't save ourselves!

In Revelations 7:11-12, The angels are giving praise to God. They are worshiping Him before the throne- they fall prostrate before Him and sing. Only God is worthy and the angels are giving the praise rightfully to the only one that truly deserves it. By writing this, John is making a statement that these attributes only belong to the one and only true supreme being: God.

This is one of the main reasons I personally like Celebrate Recovery's approach to wholeness for anyone struggling with addictions and hurts and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery's 12 steps are basically the same as AA's, but with one major distinction: Celebrate Recovery teaches and proclaims that the supreme being that each of us really need in our lives is Jesus Christ. Without Him, there is little hope of healing and a future free of hurts, hang-ups and habits. When we make Jesus supreme, we can truly find freedom from our hurts, our hang-ups and our habits/addictions. The first 3 of the CR steps are powerful:

1 We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable. Romans 7:18

2 We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. Philippians 2:13

3 We made a decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God. Romans 12:1

Jesus alone is worthy of all our praise and honor. The angels have the right idea, and we are directed to do the same. When we keep Jesus at the center- our life will change! We are excited to be able to offer a Celebrate Recovery beginning this fall on October 2. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, please get the word out. Also, if you would like to know more or get involved, please contact me or check out the Celebrate Recovery Website.

We can have real hope for the future when we truly worship God. We can lay it all down before Him-offering ourselves as living sacrifices.

Chapter 7 ends with a beautiful picture of our Savior as our Shepherd. "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The lamb will be at the center of the throne! He is the one worshiped, He is the one deserving all our praise and He is the one that will lead us and care for us as a

shepherd care for His flock. (John 10) Jesus is the good shepherd, He cares for his people- and as we enter the great throne in heaven, he will continue to care for us. He is calling you and I by name. He knows you- He loves you! Jesus sacrifice for you prepares the way for you to be with Him forever! That's the good news from chapter 7. That's the message for us today- Who will be saved? Those that have believed on the name of Jesus Christ. He loves you. He wants you to be with Him forever. He is our only hope to survive in the end. When we put our faith in Him now- we are assured of a place with Him forever! There is power in His blood to wash away every sin!

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I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge. . . ."
— Psalm 91:2

It was a scene of great joy when three siblings and their family members were reunited after a long separation. Seeking safety, they had fled their homeland in the midst of a civil war, and for eight long years they had lived in different refugee camps, moving from one place to another and searching for each other. Now, in a crowded airport, they were finally reunited. Our church, responsible for their resettlement, had provided housing, but it would not be "home" until the arrival of their loved ones.

Home is supposed to mean safety, belonging, and welcome. But for millions of people their home region has become dangerous and unwelcoming. War, violence, discrimination, and even natural disasters have forced millions to leave their homes. Some get to start a new life. Others languish, homeless and growing hopeless.

Baby Jesus was a refugee when his family fled to Egypt to escape death (Matthew 2). He later said that he had nowhere to rest his head. He understands the pain and sorrow of a refugee.

God has great concern for refugees. Psalm 68 says that God will give the desolate a home, and in Isaiah 65 we read of a "new" time when people can build houses and stay in them. More than that, God offers the deep shelter of belonging to him—under his wings we find refuge.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our homes. Please care for the homeless. Thank you for being our dwelling place. In Jesus, Amen.

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Rachel Lynn Nesseth

Rachel Lynn Nesseth, 18, of Zumbrota, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.



Rachel was born April 22, 2004 in Rochester, MN to Barney and Laura (Shelton) Nesseth. She was a recent graduate of Kenyon-Wanamingo High School and was planning to leave for Concordia College, where she would major in Biochemistry and compete on Concordia's Track and Field team. In school, Rachel was full of energy and was active in band, choir, chamber choir, and theater. She would often play her flute and sing at church, where she was also involved in the Emmanuel Lutheran youth group. Along with her musical talents, Rachel was a Member of the National Honor Society and was a Board Scholar. Rachel also excelled in track as a sprinter and hurdler. She enjoyed being a member of the volleyball team. Her love of dance brought her to Triton where she was captain of the dance team and met friends that quickly became family. Rachel was also an officer for band and choir and was a school

board representative for student council. She was the first student from Kenyon-Wanamingo to receive the Region 1A TripleA Award. She was also a 4-H member, a 4-H camp counselor, and earned multiple trips to state with her horse, Fortune. Rachel was a radiant light. Her love of Jesus was obvious. She was known for her smile and her genuine heart and was always encouraging to others with her positive spirit. Anyone that knew her knew she was uniquely Rachel.

Rachel is survived by her parents, Barney and Laura Nesseth of Zumbrota; brother, Alec Nesseth of Zumbrota; paternal grandparents, Darrell and Lovey Nesseth; maternal grandmother, Lenora Shelton; uncles, Leo Nesseth, Micky (Betty) Nesseth, Bruce (Theresa) Shelton; Aunts, Karen (David) VanderKaay, Gianna (Ken) Keating and cousins, Jason Nesseth, Jynnylee Nesseth, Rowdy (Aly) VanderKaay, Jacinda (Brett) Bainum and Shelbi (Nathan) Eggerss. Rachel was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jimmy Shelton.

A funeral service was held 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Holden Lutheran Church, 6949 30th Ave. Blvd, Kenyon, MN 55946. Visitation was held 4:00-8:00 PM Monday, August 15, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home-Larson Chapel, 1475 Jefferson Dr. Zumbrota, MN 55992 and one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Lyle Aadahl officiated and burial was at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Aspelund, MN. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Wayne Kispert

Wayne Kispert, age 94, of Butterfield, died on Monday, August 1, 2022, at the Good Samaritan- The Village in Mountain Lake, MN.



Funeral services were at 2pm, Monday, August 8, 2022, at First Lutheran Church in Butterfield.

Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiated. Military honors were provided by the Butterfield VFW Honor Guard. Visitation was one hour before services at the church. Burial will be at a later date at the Kenyon City Cemetery in Kenyon, MN.

Wayne Darrell Kispert was born June 24, 1928, in Faribault, Minnesota, the son of John and Cora (Hildebrandt) Kispert. Wayne grew up in Holden Township in Goodhue County, Minnesota, where he attended country school #55. He then attended and graduated from Kenyon High School in Kenyon, MN. Wayne then enlisted in the Army serving from 1946-1948, serving in Korea. On August 8, 1948, he was united in marriage to Bernice Kylo in Nerstrand, MN. The couple moved to Iowa City in 1953 where Wayne drove truck. Wayne went to work at Kenyon Security State Bank from 1954 until 1964 when they moved to Butterfield where he worked at the State Bank of Butterfield until 1982. They purchased the Oakwood Golf Course in 1982 until 1992. In 2000, they returned to the Butterfield area.

Wayne was a member of the Butterfield VFW, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, served on the Kenyon Fire Dept. for 10 years and the Butterfield Fire Dept. for 16 years, was one of the original incorporators of the Threshing Bee and served as its president for 11 years.

Wayne enjoyed working with large steam engines, he was a collector of antique steam and gas tractors. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and golf.

Wayne is survived by his brother Lloyd Kispert of Nerstrand, sister Olive Houston of Grantsville, Utah and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Donavon "Don" Delbert Mueller

Donavon "Don" Delbert Mueller, age 90, of Faribault, died on Monday, August 22, 2022, at his home in Faribault.



Funeral services will be held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Wheeling Township, Rice County on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Gary Liker officiating. Interment and military rites provided by Kenyon Veterans Color Guard will be held in the St. John's Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held in the church for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Don was born on August 25, 1931, in Farib-

ault to August and Nora (Bosshart) Mueller. Don loved life on the farm. After graduating from 8th grade country school, Don willingly started his lifelong duties on the family farm. The only time Don left the farm was when he was drafted into the United States Navy. He felt fortunate to serve from 1955-1957. He attended boot camp in Chicago where he received his GED and learned to swim. He often laughed at being in the Navy but stationed his first year at Chase Naval Station in Bellville, Texas. He had many great experiences with his comrades learning the ropes on the destroyer USS Moale DD693. On one occasion, Don was charting navigation of the ship and warned the captain he was heading for an island which was not visible above the water; the island turned out to be a school of blue whales. Don enjoyed boxing and playing outfield on the ship's baseball team against teams from south of the Gulf of Mexico.

Back on the farm, Don enjoyed being active in his community through the sports of softball and bowling. Don enjoyed the horses on the farm and was 5 years old when he drove the team for the first time on the field, while his dad drove another team ahead of him. Don, along with his good buddy, Pete Keller, were among the charter members of the Kenyon Saddle Club. Don and his showy American Saddlebred mare, Peg, pranced through many parades and trail rides at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park.

Don's father was the last to own the land surrounding Hidden Falls at Big Woods State Park; on that land they logged trees to heat their home, use in the cook stove and build items for the home and farm. The hill was so steep they would have to take the load up by thirds in the horse drawn wagons and sleighs, then load all the wood again at the top to take it home. In the old days, the family would dam the creek to flood an area and when it froze, they would saw the ice into large squares, take it into town and stock the ice-house at the creamery building.

Don was a member of a loyal group of guys who met in the back of the Nerstrand Library/City Hall to share lies, laugh and play some euchre, among other card games. Don was always ready to be in on a prank with the neighboring farmers.

Don greatly enjoyed hunting with his neighbors and relatives.

Don was fortunate to have experienced the pride of depending on the strength and heart of farming with horses and to see the evolution to more efficient motorized steel and rubber machines used on the farm during his lifetime.

Don's lifestyle greatly changed the last 10 years living with Ken & Carol's family. He was involved with their noisy grandchildren running around; he would toss the ball, share stories and tease them for hours. Dogs were a big part of his daily life on the farm and later living in town. He was known to sneak treats to each of the three dogs, but he favored the little Chihuahua.

He is survived by his extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Nora Mueller, and his sister, Myrna Mueller.

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Fun for Families - Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

Courtesy of City of Northfield

Families, friends, and neighbors can find Flaherty's Northfield Lanes driving south on Highway 3 on the west side of the highway. Since last fall, the business has been making some noticeable changes — both on the outside and on the inside.

Owner Adam Flaherty's family has been in the bowling business for five generations. The Flaherty business started in Arden Hills and built a name for themselves, being recognized as one of the best bowling alleys and bars with arcade games in Minnesota by WCCO. When Adam Flaherty heard the bowling alley was for sale in Northfield, he saw the space as an opportunity for expansion.

Flaherty drove down to Northfield to check the space out. The previous owner not only showed Flaherty the bowling alley, but also the community. Looking back now, Flaherty says the tour of Northfield sealed the deal.

"They took the time to point out where the city was growing and highlighted some of the areas," Flaherty said. "After the tour, that is actually what sold it — the tour of the town."

Flaherty bought the business September 1, 2021. Changes soon followed, including bowling alley renovations and arcade game

upgrades. One element that did not change, however, was the staff. While some employees were added, Flaherty promised to keep the original Jesse James Lanes employees.

Current manager Adam Tulkki appreciates the consistency and admires the improvements. When asked what his favorite part of his job is, he used one word — everything.

"I love the bowling side. I love the bar side, the game side, doing business with kids, and coaching," Tulkki said. "I love everything about the business."

Flaherty shares Tulkki's love. A father of eight, Flaherty focuses on family fun. Over the past year, he has seen Flaherty's Northfield Lanes benefit local families.

"We've been in the business since 1938, and the sole purpose is family entertainment," Flaherty said. "That's what we're built around."

Flaherty hopes recent improvements enhance families' experiences. One of those improvements is Flaherty's Pub and Grill.

The restaurant will feature a family-friendly menu, a full bar and an outdoor patio, complete with seating, sand volleyball and turf for bags/cornhole. Like Flaherty, Tulkki hopes the community stops out and enjoys the fun.

"I hope everybody comes out and enjoys the volleyball, and the bags, and the patio and the new menu," Tulkki said.

Flaherty's Pub and Grill opened Friday, August 12.

For more information on Flaherty's, head to their website.



Flaherty's Northfield Lanes' Manager Adam Tulkki and Owner Adam Flaherty says Flaherty's provides family fun for all ages.

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THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

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You can see both of these great artists in Dennison Saturday, September 24th. Advance Tickets are just \$25.00. \$30.00 Day of Show. Call Fireside at 507-645-9992 during normal business hours, or e-mail them at firesideloungedennison@gmail.com to order tickets. You can also make dinner reservations that evening ahead of the show. Space is limited, so make your reservations early.

Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

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Winners will be drawn for a 4 pack of tickets on August 26th and you may be one of the lucky ones to enjoy the Renaissance Festival on us.

The Minnesota RenFest is the country's largest Renaissance-themed festival, this rousing event will delightfully engage and entertain you as the festival grounds are transformed into a 16th century village, complete with hundreds of unique characters. You're encouraged to dress the part, too!

The authentic village is filled with costumed characters such as peasants, nobles and royal courtiers. On 16 lively stages you'll find magicians, musicians, comedians, jugglers, mimes and more who entertain the kid in all of us. Plus, cheer on the jousting knights who mount their horses to do battle. And, as mentioned, festival goers are encouraged to dress the part as well. So plan your costume now.

The festival marketplace features 250 artisans who display and sell their handcrafted treasures. Demonstrations are given daily by

masters of historic skills such as armor making, bronze casting, glass blowing and calligraphy. Additionally, visitors have more than 150 food choices including the famous roasted turkey drumstick, scotch eggs, soup in a bread bowl and apple dumplings.

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 51st season August 20 through October 2, 2022. The Festival is open weekends plus Labor Day September 5 and Festival Friday, September 30, 2022, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors for endless shopping, 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king or queen!



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At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

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OSLO, Minn. — On Aug. 14, 2022, the American Crystal Sugar Company's oldest shareholder celebrated his 105th birthday with over 200 guests.

Earl Mallinger, also the longest resident of Oslo, Minnesota, has been involved in more than 100 harvests during his lifetime. He has farmed with both horses and modern farm equipment, and witnessed firsthand the birth of the American Crystal Sugar Company cooperative. Mallinger's family were among the first sugarbeet farmers in the Red River Valley region. His farming career and the American sugarbeet industry grew and developed together, and Mallinger still actively farms today. He grows sugarbeets, soybeans and wheat on 1,000 acres in the Oslo area.

"I guess what keeps a guy alive at 105 is to keep busy," he said.

Mallinger's father Peter was born in Luxembourg. After working as a butcher in France, he came to America in 1895 at the age of 20. He went to Minnesota because he

had a sister living in Barnesville. Shortly after his arrival, he worked at a meat market in East Grand Forks.

"Dad didn't know any English and only spoke German," Mallinger said. "He went to night school to learn English and get an education."

Immigrants started coming to the Oslo area in 1878 because of the fertile soil and abundant timber. They built homes along the river, where steamboats carried cargo and mail from Grand Forks to Oslo. Peter Mallinger arrived in 1905, the year Oslo officially became a town. It is believed that the population at that time was 150, and the population of Oslo today is 347 people.

Peter built a butcher shop called the "Oslo Meat Market." He married a local girl named Hjerda, and the family lived on the top floor of the shop. Earl was born there in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda's seven children.

"There were four boys and three girls," he said. "One of my sisters passed away from flu in 1918 and one of my brothers died in the service."

That same year, Peter sold the butcher shop and moved the family to a house he had built on a farm in rural Oslo.

"Dad took one look at me and said I was going to be a farmer," Mallinger said with a laugh. "I'm glad he did that. I really enjoy farming and I always knew I wanted to be a farmer."

The family's new house had running water and electricity, which was unusual for houses in rural areas at that time, according to Mallinger.



Earl Mallinger sits with his sister, Ina Dahlum at his 105th birthday party. She is 101 and lives in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota. Contributed / Earl Mallinger

"Dad was very progressive," he said. "He began farming in 1918 on land he cleared from timber and he started out with wheat, alfalfa and cattle."

Mallinger attended school in a one-room schoolhouse that had 28 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"I walked two miles to and from school each day. As I walked past people's houses, more kids would join me. Quite a group had accumulated by the time we got to school," he said. "I went to school until eighth grade. I did awful good in arithmetic, but history and geography were my favorite subjects. I wasn't good at spelling."

Mallinger began farming with his father after his eighth grade graduation in 1932.

"Dad was a real hard worker and taught me how to work," he said. "He was willing to try new things, and he first planted potatoes in 1926. That was also the year the East Grand Forks sugarbeet factory started. Before that factory was started, beets were sent to Chaska, Minnesota."

Mallinger has an incredible memory for dates and events throughout his farming career, and vividly recalls his father's decision to start growing sugarbeets.

"In 1927, field men from the new factory visited all the farmers and talked to them about growing this unique new crop called sugarbeets."

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Earl Mallinger was born in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda Mallinger's seven children.

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They told us beets would help control weeds like wild oats and pigeon grass," he said. "We had to hire people to hoe the weeds out of the beets. It was \$6 a ton for beets then. They were not a high paying crop, but they would clean up the land and help the rotation."

Peter was excited to try sugarbeets and was one of the first farmers in the area to grow the new crop in 1927.

"We had 30 acres of sugarbeets when we started, and Mexican folks helped us by hoeing the weeds," Mallinger said. "We got the beet seed from the factory, and they got it from Germany. It came from Germany in great big burlap bags."

At that time, the factory had a drill that farmers could borrow for planting sugarbeets.

"It was a four row horse-drawn planter. We had a lifter that loosened the beets and the Mexican workers put them in rows," Mallinger recalled. "Then they topped them with beet knives and shoveled them into a

truck."

In their early years of farming sugarbeets, the Mallingers hauled their beets to Oslo.

"We loaded the beets into open railroad cars which took them to Grand Forks. After a while, we had a piling site in Oslo. Then, sometime in the late 1930s, we hauled them to Grand Forks in a truck," he said. "I didn't really like that because it was a tough job. Harvest depended on the weather, just like it does now. In 1931, we were still hauling beets on Thanksgiving Day. Later on, when we got pilers in Oslo and Alvarado, it made everything so much easier because we had land in both places."

The 1930s were a trying time for the Mallingers and their fellow farm families in the Red River Valley.

"We didn't have much money then. Nobody did and everyone was in the same boat," Mallinger said. "We all played kittenball. It was like softball but with a larger ball, a smaller diamond, and an underhand pitch. Everyone formed teams and played together, and we had a lot of teams. Those are some of my favorite childhood memories."

The family farmed with horses until 1936, when Peter bought a combine.

"I was 19 years old. In Warren, Minnesota, the dealership there would take used horses in trade for tractors and other equipment. We traded horses for a combine," said Mallinger. "I ran the combine, but I missed those horses. They were extremely well trained."

A black and white photo of a man in a cowboy hat. The man has his arms crossed. He has a slight smile on his face, which has a substantial moustache.



Earl Mallinger has experienced the history of sugarbeet farming, from using horse-drawn implements to today's modern methods. Contributed / Earl Mallinger

The following year, Peter retired from farming. In 1938, Earl and his brothers began farming together. Mallinger married his wife Julia in 1946, and the couple farmed together for over 30 years.

"She was a schoolteacher in Oslo and that's how I met her," he said. "She helped me on the farm and loved everything about farming. She drove a big tandem truck and hauled sugarbeets to the factory."

In addition to farming together, Earl and Julia were passionate about 4-H. They both served as club leaders, and he coached 4-H potato judging teams for many years. The couple had three daughters who live in North Dakota and Minnesota.

"Their names are Barbara, Sharon and Krista. Krista was born on Columbus Day and that's how she got her name," Mallinger said.

Peter Mallinger, a pioneer of the region's sugarbeet industry, passed away in 1952. He was a great supporter of agriculture and his community and was a member of the Oslo Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1970, Earl bought out his brother Felix, with whom he had farmed for 32 years.

"American Crystal used to be called the American Beet Sugar Company. It became American Crystal in 1934," Mallinger said.

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Saturday, August 27, 2022 9 am

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Location: From Highway 19 take Dent Ave north or from Webster take Dent Ave south, farm on East side of road
Estate of Joe Horejsi: Owner Bernice Horejsi

Auctioneer's Note: Joe was a good neighbor, mechanic, crop farmer, due to his unfortunate early death, Bernice has decided to sell all his machinery at auction. No small items, be on time, nice clean machinery, loading available Saturday and Sunday.

SEMI-TRACTOR & TRAILERS

- 94 Ford 9000 Commin L10 Day cab w/wet kit 237,000 miles
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FARM EQUIPMENT

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Alisa Chalmers 175 & 185 Tractors
1996 Chevy Pickup
Antiques - Guns - Boat

Sunday, August 28, 2022 • 9:30AM

Location: 6746 Lemond Rd. Owatonna, MN 55060
Directions from Owatonna: Take Hwy 14 West 2.5 miles to east 39th Ave. & Cty. 7, then go South 5 miles to Auction Site. Watch for Jensen Auction Signs

Tractors	Farm Machinery
<p>Auction Order: -Rucks First -12PM Guns -12:30PM Online & Second Ring (Household) Begins</p> <p>Allis-Chalmers 175 gas tractor 2 wd, 3829hrs, WF, homemade cab enclosure, 2 hyd. outlets, 3pt, 540 pto, 18-4-28 rear rubber 80%, 7.50-16 new tires, (excellent shape) SN: 2378</p> <p>Allis-Chalmers 185 Diesel tractor, 2wd, 4410hrs, WF, cozy cab, 2 hyd. outlets, 3pt, 540 pto, 18-4-30 rear rubber 85%, 9.5L 15 front (new), (excellent shape) SN: 4939</p>	<p>Case 1818 gas mid loader, 1086hrs, w/ 44" material bucket, hand controls, 18 hp., Rops cab, (excellent shape) SN: GC0018610</p> <p>White 508 3x18" semi mounted plow w/poly mold board covers - (looks great) SN: 45722</p> <p>John Deere 7000 pull type planter, 4 row, 38" spacing, no fertilizer, bean & corn meters, SN: 104423A, JD monitor (very clean stored inside)</p> <p>International Vibra Shank Field Cultivator wheel-digger 18", with two manual wings</p> <p>DMI 10' pull type chisel plow 7 shanks SN: 8266</p> <p>Homemade flex drag cart</p> <p>Oliver 14" wheel disk</p> <p>John Deere 623 2 bottom plow</p>
Trucks & Misc. Equipment	Guns
<p>1978 Chevrolet C20 (Brown) 2wd, Flat Bed Truck 7x8' bed, 350 AT, air not working, 129,000 miles (Nice)</p> <p>1995 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 271 Regular Cab (Red) 4x4, 8ft Box w/ Topper, V6, AT, Air, Cruise, Alum. Wheels (High Miles & Some Rust)</p> <p>1948 Chevrolet Grain Truck (Red), w/ 12' box & hoist, like new rubber 8-25-20, 12volt system, cab solid (Always shedded)</p> <p>Grain bin approx. 2000 bu. (to be removed by buyer)</p> <p>Chicken Coop 10x17 (to be removed by buyer)</p> <p>Yamaha YFM 200 DX 4-wheeler, 2wd (1 owner)</p> <p>Homemade Dune Buggy w/ Kawasaki 400 engine</p> <p>John Deere 316L Lawn Tractor w/50" deck</p> <p>Allis Chalmers B10 lawn tractor w/ deck</p>	<p>Ruger MK II Mag Pistol 22LR 10 rd. Magazine</p> <p>Mossberg Model 190 16ga. Bolt Action Shotgun</p> <p>Savage Coast-to-Coast Model B43, 30830 w/ Weaver Scope 1 1/2-5</p> <p>Vintage Daisy Model 1894 BB Gun</p> <p>Stroeger Condor Over/Under 12ga Shot Gun</p> <p>Browning 22 Auto (like new)</p> <p>Harrington & Richards Topper M48 410 Single Shot Gun</p> <p>Sears Model 101-1380 410 Bolt Action Shot Gun</p> <p>Wards Westernfield Model 368, 22SL-4R Single Shot Bolt Action</p>
Household & Antiques	Shop & Misc.
<p>Antique Oak Veneer 2 Pedestal Dining Room Table w/ 4 Leaves & Pads - (4) Oak Chairs - Antique Oak Veneer Library Table 2 Pedestals - Red Wing Crocks 15gal, 10 gal, 5gal - Angel Collection - Small Wood Writing Desk & Chair - Singer Sewing Machine & Cabinet - Microwave - Nice Kitchen Items - Rooster & Hen Collection - Spice Rack - Like New Center Pieces - Pots & Pans - Blankets - Side Tables - Lamps - Idea Vintage VPP Posie Doll - Ginny Baby Doll - Vintage 2-door China Hutch (55"x38"x15") - Oil Lamps - Board Games - Hurricane Lamps - Holiday Items - Pro Form 833 Treadmill - Schwinn Exercise Bike - Flatware & Box - Kids Table w/ 2 chairs - Box Fans - Tonka Dump Truck & Loaders - 60 years of stuff!</p>	<p>Delta 10" miter & table saw - Industrial plus 5 hp gas power washer - (3) yard trailers - Lots of fishing tackle, rods and reels - Craftsman 6.5 shop vac (new) - Steel Corn Planter plates - (2) New 56" ceiling fans - Forks & shovels - Rolling metal picnic table - Metal yard cart - Miller 255 mg welder - Lincoln 225 stick welder - step jack - large hvo stage air compressor - (2) Reddy heaters - Johnson model J metal band saw - Lots of new flat metal & tubing - Metal jack - B/D 14" deep saw - Hossfeld metal bender - Welding table - Many hand tools - Torch set w/ cart - Bench vises - (2) chain hoist - Powermate belt sander & disc - Duacraft 6 spd floor drill press - Dekalb metal sign - Fram Filter dock - Sears 3 ton floor jack - (3) stock tanks - T post - (2) 300 gal fuel tank on stand - Many steel wheels - Old out house - Box corn shells - Dump rack on steel - 9 horse digger on steel - Buach 2 row rotary hoe - Cement block, tile & brick - Chicken water & feeders - Nail kegs - (2) 36" wood wagon wheels - Milk cans - Box Corn Shelter - Many egg pails - (2) lightning rods & balls - (2) wood porch poles - cheese boxes - Zip wood pop crate - Armstrong bottling Co wood crate - Punia clothes pin bag - Wood block pulleys - (2) Homelite gas chain saws - 24" stone wheel - Land Measuring Wheel-Treadle Sewing Machine Bases - Stamped Tractor Wrenches - (2) Wheel Barrows - Kids Sleds & 2 Wheel Scooter - B/S Model L 2200 Electric Power Washer - House Casement Windows (1- 8'x6" 2- 7'0"x40" 2- 5'2" x40") - American Gas Lamp - Cabela's 25 Snow Shoes - Fish House on Sled - Large Dog House - Homemade Steel Feeder on skids - Live Traps - Cattle Gates - Cattle Water - Werner 6' Step Ladder - 20' Alum. Ext. Ladder - 32' Wood Ext. Ladder - Murray Single Stage 21" 4.5hp Electric Start Snowblower - 2 Building full of used lumber</p>

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At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

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"Felix was part of transforming American Crystal into a grower-owned cooperative in 1973, and there was a lot of excitement among the farmers when that happened. I bought beet stock shares that year for \$107 per share."

In 1978, Julia passed away and Mallinger remarried in 1980.

"Phyllis and I were both widowers and she had three kids. We were kind of like the Brady Bunch. Phyllis passed away in 1992," he said.

In addition to sugarbeets, Mallinger also grew certified seed potatoes for over 50 years.

"I did about 500 acres that I stored in Oslo. I had eight to 10 varieties and sold seed potatoes all over the United States and Canada," he said. "In 1993, I was the Seed Potato Grower of the Year for the North American continent. I received the award in Portland, Oregon, and it really meant a lot to me."

Mallinger credits much of his success to the people who worked with him on the farm, and

still keeps in touch with the families of migrant employees.

"I had some awfully good people working for me, like the Martinez family. They worked with me for over 20 years," he said. "Eugene Dauksavage started working for me in high school. He worked for me all his life. He could run the whole show if I was gone and probably did it better than me."

Today Mallinger hires others to do field work for him but owns some of his own equipment and makes all the decisions for his 1,000 acre farm.

"I never quit farming because it is so much fun," he said.

Mallinger is assisted by his friend and neighbor, Debbie Hanson, a semi-retired Lutheran pastor. The two have known each other for over 20 years, and she calls herself his "enabler."

"I drive him around so he can farm and do the things he loves to do. His day starts around 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at Kitty's Café in Oslo and wraps up around 9:30 in the evening," Hanson said. "We've done a lot of off-roading and I've gotten stuck helping him scout fields, but I've learned a lot about farming from Earl."

Hanson is amazed by Mallinger's incredible memory and life experiences.

"You could go to the Sugarbeet Museum in Crookston to learn about the history of sugarbeets in the Red River Valley or you can talk to Earl," she said. "He has seen the whole industry develop. He remembers it all."

Like his father, Mallinger is progressive and interested in the latest agricultural tech-



The 1930s were a trying time for the Mallingers, as it was for most farm families, but Earl Mallinger recalls fun times as well. This photo of a skating party was taken in 1934. Contributed / Earl Mallinger

nology.

"All of Earl's fields are tiled. He has seen what tiling can do because he has dealt with flooding before," Hanson said. "One year he had a field that was flooded. He took the sump pump from his house and put it on a raft he made. He pumped out all the water on 10 acres and sent it down the river."

In addition to tiling, Mallinger has seen many changes in the sugarbeet industry in his lifetime.

"Some of the biggest advances were going from workers topping sugarbeets with knives to 12-row lifters and new beet drills that could space seed 5 1/2 inches," he said. "And, of course, Roundup Ready sugarbeets. That was an amazing advancement."

The sustainability of sugarbeets has remained the same throughout the years, according to Mallinger.

"Sugarbeets are a special crop. They are good for the land and have been helping the environment since the 1920s," he said. "They keep weeds from going to seed and are a very good rotation."

Mallinger said he feels blessed to have spent his life farming and with his large extended family that includes 60 grandchildren and great-children. His sister, Ina Dahlum, is 101 and still resides in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota.

"We had about 100 people at the family Thanksgiving last year, so I rented the hall in Oslo," he said.

As Mallinger reflects on his farming career, he says his best advice to beginning farmers is to work hard, be frugal and put God first.

"If you didn't inherit land from your parents, start small. Work hard and don't spend



Earl Mallinger still farms, though at 105 he hires people to do the fieldwork for him. Contributed / Earl Mallinger

too much money and you'll be successful," he said. "Remember that God is in control. You have got to have Him with you. Also, don't forget to stop and smell the roses. I didn't work much on Sundays and I still made a good living."

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Loan Client Spotlight: CannonBelles

By Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation



CannonBelles, an award-winning cheese company based in Cannon Falls, received a Small Enterprise Loan from SMIF in 2021.

Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, shared some of the history of how she and her business partners started their business, and how SMIF has supported its growth.

Tell us about your business.

Back in the fall of 2012, my friend Jackie and I decided to try to make cheese for the first time. We had been making beer and wine together for a few years and were ready for a new challenge. Jackie had also married a dairy farmer, so she had a fresh supply of great milk.

The first cheese we made was a quick mozzarella. We thought it was great at first, but an hour later we realized it was a flavorless cross between mozzarella and "the blob." We decided to try again, but this time we used cheddar cheese cultures and a recipe we got from a local beer-making supply store which also sold some simple cheese-making ingredients. This time, it looked, felt, smelled and tasted like cheese! We thought we'd keep trying, and it just got better!

We liked our cheese so much that we thought we could start to sell it. Our friends and family seemed to really like it, so why wouldn't everyone else? We knew we needed the help of a dairy expert, so we asked our friend, Kathy, if she'd like to join our venture. I don't think we got the question out completely before she said yes. She grew up on a dairy farm, used to have her own herd, and has a degree in animal husbandry.

With the three of us ready to go, we really began researching what we needed in order to make this a successful business. We visited numerous cheese plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, asking questions of anyone we could. We joined the American Cheese Society. We took courses to learn as much as possible. We found contractors who helped us develop business plans and write grant proposals. We also joined SMIF's Local Food Peer Network to meet with other artisan food-makers from southern Minnesota.

In the Fall of 2015, Jackie got a message from Dave Maroney, the Director of Economic Development and Planning for Cannon Falls. He had heard we were looking for a home for our business, and asked us to come meet with him. We did, and loved what we heard. This was born our relationship with our new hometown, Cannon Falls.

CannonBelles Cheese is now an award-winning artisan cheese company. While our business is located in Cannon falls, we had been making cheese at the University of Minnesota Pilot Plan since August 2016 because that is one of the only places in Minnesota to rent commercial cheese-making equipment. How-



Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, in their new cheesemaking facility in Cannon Falls.

ever, we just opened our own plant in Cannon Falls where we will be making Gouda, Cheddar, Cheese Curds and our American Cheese Society, First Place winning Queso Fresco! We also own CannonBelles Coffee and Ice Cream Shop which opened in 2019 and doubles as a retail location for our cheese.

How did the loan from SMIF help your business grow?

It helped us pay for marketing, such as social media, website and professional pictures. These items will help take our marketing materials to a more professional level as we begin to reach out to more stores to expand our markets.

Why did you choose SMIF as a lender?

We chose SMIF to help grow our business because they are easy to work with and invited us to be a part of their Food Peer Network. Everyone we've worked with at SMIF has been nothing but wonderful! They are friendly, patient and very understanding of us. We couldn't be where we are today without their help! We also received professional help from SMIF after the loan (like help with Quick Books).

What was your experience like working with SMIF?

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By Mary Closner

Lori Young didn't want me to take her picture. Even though she has been the face of Young's Paint Center in Dundas, MN for 29 years. She's basically been like a bartender listening to her client's stories of why they're painting their homes. She's heard tales of divorce, children moving, lifestyle changes, etc. and she's listened patiently. She's been a trusted creative consultant offering advice and sometimes just lending her ear.

Isabel & Dale Young started the paint store in 1962. Dale was a professional painter by trade and decided to open the store to get discounts on his products. At that time, they had their family home adjacent to the store. Isabel was able to run next door and put in a load of laundry while making lunch. If you needed help, you knew to ring the buzzer on the store's counter.

Lori and her husband, Bruce, took over the business in January 1993 when Bruce's parents (Isabel & Dale) decided to retire. The business had evolved and earned a strong reputation for selling quality products like Benjamin Moore paint and providing outstanding



customer service.

Lori began her career in retail selling children's clothing for 15 years. She was a natural salesperson and learned the paint world along the way. She's extremely shy about discussing her part of the business and kept telling me to use her husband's name and information.

I wasn't able to chat with Bruce, but I know he would agree that she was a huge part of

their shared success.

We discussed all the hard, long hours involved in self-employment. You have to do everything from the cleaning to the book work. Both Lori and Bruce knew that their 30-year anniversary as owners was coming up. So, when opportunity knocked, they deserved to answer the call! The new owners are Bobbi & Josh Horesji who have operated the flooring store right down the road for years. When they take over, they'll bring their expertise in flooring to the business and relaunch it as Dundas Paint Center & Specialized Flooring.

Lori mentioned several times how thankful they were for the massive support their small business received over the years. Selling is quite a process after this amount of time, so the slow remodel of the space as well as the training of the new folks is underway. If any of you knew their dog, Teddy Bear, he's getting acclimated to being a house dog instead of being the greeter at the shop. He's also decided he really likes riding shotgun in Bruce's truck.

When I asked Lori what she was looking forward to in retirement, she said she isn't sure yet. The store has been such a huge part of her life, she's going to have to reprioritize



Teddy Bear

her time a bit. She might even have a chance to read a book or have lunch with her kids (Gwen & Brandon). She also loves being outside and gardening while Bruce is a "car guy." He loves the Back to the 50's Car Show at the St. Paul Fair Grounds as well as a good road trip or long hunting weekend. Suffice to say, they'll both be fine figuring what their next adventures will be. In the meantime, Lori told me to say she hopes folks will continue supporting small businesses that make our community so special!

Josh will take ownership on September 1st and move his flooring business into the building. Lori will stay on during the month of September to help with training for the paint part of the business.

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Don't Give In To Negativity



By Harvey Mackay

One Sunday afternoon, a cranky grandfather was visiting his family. As he lay down to take a nap, his mischievous grandson decided to have a little fun by putting Limburger cheese on Grandpa's mustache. Soon, Grandpa awoke with a snort and charged out of the bedroom saying, "This room stinks." Through the house he went, finding every room smelling the same. Desperately he made his way outside only to find that "The whole world stinks!"

So it is when we fill our minds with negativism. Everything we experience and everyone we encounter will carry the scent we hold in our mind.

Maya Angelou, one of my favorite poets and authors, said: "I am convinced that the

negative has power and if you allow it to perch in your house, in your mind, in your life, it can take you over."

We all have negative thoughts from time to time. But studies show constant negativity can lead to depression, anxiety, personality disorders and even mental illness.

That's why I don't recommend hanging around with negative people because they bring you down. A negative person sees the difficulty in every opportunity, while a positive person sees the opportunity in every difficulty. It's better to surround yourself with positive people who support each other when the urge to be negative threatens.

English mystery writer Dorothy Sayers said this about negative thinking: "Tolerance, apathy, inaction ... the sin that believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing, lives for nothing, and remains alive because there is nothing for which it will die."

According to the "Power of Positivity," there are three leading causes of negative thoughts.

Fear of the future: People often fear the unknown and are unsure what the future might bring. This often leads to predicting failure and disaster. Worrying about the future is a waste of time and energy. Accept there is a limit to what you can change in the future and strive to focus on the present instead.

Anxiety about the present: Anxiety about the present is understandable. Many of us worry about what people think of us, whether

we're doing a good job at work and what the traffic will be like on the way home. Negative thinkers often come up with the worst-case scenario. Organization and routine can help with banishing negative thoughts.

Shame about the past: Have you ever stayed awake worrying about something you did last week, or even last year? Everyone does and says things they feel embarrassed about, but negative thinkers tend to dwell on past mistakes and failures more than others. Just accept that the event happened and consider how you can prevent it from happening again in the future.

Author Emma-Marie Smith suggests asking yourself these five questions when you feel negative thoughts creeping in:

- Is the thought true? Is there a basis for this negative belief?
- Is the thought giving you power, or is it taking your power away?
- What would your life look like if you didn't have these negative beliefs?
- Is the thought glossing over an issue that needs addressing?

The famous inventor Thomas Edison used to say his deafness was his greatest blessing – a blessing because it saved him from having to listen to reasons why things couldn't be done. I love that thought. In fact, I would suggest that practicing "selective hearing" is a positive step toward filtering the negativity that discourages you from trying new things. It's okay to let folks share their opinions, but you are not obligated to let them make decisions for you.

Think about the famous story of David and Goliath. A small boy with only a slingshot

and a few stones was facing a fierce giant who could crush him with one hand. David could have looked at his formidable foe and thought, "He's really big. And mean. And scary. And I am none of those things. I'm outta here."

But he turned his thoughts toward what he could do. Looking at the giant towering over him, he said instead, "That guy is so big. There's no way I can miss him."

Mackay's Moral: Negative thinking will not produce positive results.

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**City of Dennison
Regular Council Meeting
July 7th, 2022**

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

Councilor Ruddle moved to accept the minutes for the June regular meeting with two changes. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0. Councilor Anders moved to approve the treasurer's report, Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

Building Permits: None.

Administrative Issues:

Results of public hearing for Rezoning of land splits for Mike Strese (Jeff Hasse, and Wendy Carrol). The City Council approved the land splits in June. There were no comments at the public hearing held before Council meeting. Councilor Ruddle moved to approve the change in zoning from ag to industrial. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 4:0:

Chris Thomas, Our Tech Co-op, Update: The Coop is looking at applying for some DEED money to install high speed internet. It is a 50% grant They are looking at other grant moiesy available. Looking at the county for additional money. The Coop is asking for the City of Dennison to pass a resolution to

be a Telecommuter Forward Community. The only requirement is to have a single contact person for the City. Jared would be willing to be the contact person. It can be someone from Dennison also. By passing the resolution, it would be beneficial to the funding applications. The resolution does not commit the City financially to anything. Councilor Ruddle moved to adopt Resolution #7-2022-01 if the point of contact is changed to the City Clerk. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 4:0.

City would like to have a copy of the grant application before it is submitted.

Metronet/LTD Broadband agreement. Current offer includes free phone for the city and \$100 rent/month. LTD Broadband absorbed 7 towers of Metronet, which includes the City of Dennison tower. Councilor Ruddle had a question on Part b of indemnity clause, which states if LTD Broadband damages the tower or causes issues with the water, the City cannot sue them. The City Council is not comfortable with that being in there. The City cannot provide 24 hour access to the tower. The City could do 24 hour notification to find someone who can let them in.

Christy Whipple, would like to know where the little pantry will go? The Boy Scouts finished the little free food pantry and are looking for where to install it, as they would like to cement it in next week. There were a couple of recommendations, but the final place

selected was behind the bulletin board. Mayor Flaten will call Gopher 1, and contact John Metcalf. Nate will mark the area.

Dennison Lions is donating \$2000 for the park account. Councilor Anders noted that the ramp going in to the park is getting broken up. She may have some of the old building supplies. It was volunteer labor to be installed, so no business to contact to fix it.

Goodhue County Sheriff's Deputy: He asked if the City had any issues they wanted to bring up? He noted the recent theft of a catalytic convertor attempted to be stolen from a business in town. He said it's happening throughout the county.

County Commissioner Todd Greseth: Asking if the City had any concerns.

Phosphorus building update: New flange will be installed by Thursday. Float switch installed, and the tank has been rehabbed. Hydro test being done on piping. MPCA deadlines are good. Pay app #7 needs to be approved for \$1,228.02. Process of finishing the building is completed. Inspection had lots of lawyers and reps from everyone involved. Opened a couple sections. Didn't see any anchor bolts that looked to be an issue. Might be another meeting with the parties involved in the future. Lawyers are dealing with it. Councilor Anders move to approve payment of Pay App #7 for \$1,228.02. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

Force main update. Work is in progress. Water has been pumped from the primary pond to the secondary, and secondary pond is full. Nate is working with state to do a discharge so there is enough room in the secondary pond to be able to move the remaining water from the primary pond to the secondary pond. JJD not able to find the dams to move the water away so they could complete the work. Council has concerns that ISG is not doing the job that they need to as the engineers for the project. Andy Lewis with JJD says the elevations are not correct, which is hindering the work also. Group emails have been sent out. It was suggested the City call the League of MN Cities to get some help with this.

The Mayor has been keeping the PFA notified due to bonding money being at stake. He will cotact additional folks at ISG to see if we can get the issues resolved.

Election judges need to be approved. Councilor Anders move to approve Jeff Flaten, Katy Gillispie, Charlie Helcl, Heidi Cooke, Christy Dematteo, Rae Rusnak, Jessica Page for election judges for the upcoming primary and general elections. Councilor Ruddle sec-

ond. Motion passed 4:0.

Parks donated by Nordis and street donated by family have both been recorded.

There is a large pothole by elevator that is contributing to the asphalt near it to break up. Mayor spoke to elevator about it so they are aware of it being fixed. Councilor Anders move to have Deusch fix the pothole by the elevator for the quoted price of \$700 for rock plus \$150 to grade. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

Nerstrand truck donation request. Council feels they are not able to act on it right now until the current projects are completed.

Mayor submitted fire information regarding City Hall to Joe Johnson. Mayor sent info regarding water supply and hydrant information to Barrask (underwriters.) in hopes that insurance rates can go down in the city for fire insurance.

Citizens Issues:

Dennison Days: Street dance Friday night. Barricades on Saturday for activities. No pedal tractor pull. Kids bingo under the tent. Purse bingo. Truck pull on the hill. Councilor Cooke move to approve closing the street in from of Marlea's on Friday night and then for the two blocks on Saturday for the activities. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 4:0.

Weeds are tall all over in the City, including yards and boulevard. Weed inspector will need to go through and review.

It was brought up the Kevin's place has gotten really bad as far as cars being parked in the right of way and lawn. It appears there is no space left to store vehicles as some are half parked in the street. City will look at how to remedy, including the possibility of sending a legal notice if needed. Mayor will contact Jim on how to proceed.

Nygaards place is getting bad also. Mayor will talk to him also.

Mayors Issues: Population and street sign installed in late May.

Utilities:

Flushed hydrants on June 13.

Hookups completed on 6-14 for Nygaards and Rieland construction.

McKlosky meter replaced on June 15th, and the outside reader has been put in place at old Stenbakkens house.

JB weld put on booster pump until new pump can be installed. City will be reimbursed the amount of the pump minus the deductible. Keep old pump as a backup. Have Cedar Lake complete hook up. Do at the same time as the repairs to the electrical at the park possibly.

New water meters ordered. Composite instead of brass. Supposed to be cheaper and more accurate.

Chlorine injector needed a rebuild kit. Nate will do after the new pump is installed. Can order another repair kit to have on hand.

CFS set the tank and filled it for the pump house. Heaters are installed and ready to go. Have not been checked though.

Mayor Flaten move to pay the bills. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 4:0.

Mayor Flaten move to adjourn. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday August 4th, 2022 at 7:00.

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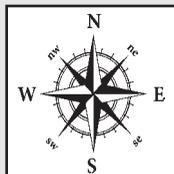


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Unwelcome Road Hazards



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.

One of my concerns with traveling 720 miles in one day across five states is encountering breakdowns on the highway. I am usually pulling a loaded trailer so there are more tires to contend with. I always carry a spare for the trailer along with a jack and wrenches. My first experience was a couple years ago, and the flat was on the trailer. I had just stopped for fuel in New London, Missouri and I noticed a low tire on the trailer. I pulled over to the air hose at the station and pumped up the tire. I could hear it hissing out as fast as I put it in. Since it was 100 degrees and the noon sun bearing down, I decided to pull into town and find a shady spot under a tree to

change the tire. What I found was a repair shop and I pulled up and asked the guy if he would do the job for me. He wheeled his five-ton floor jack over and buzzed the lug nuts off with his air wrench. After changing the tire in about two-minutes he told me he had a tire to replace my spare. Another five minutes and the spare was full of air and good to go. I asked him what I owed him and he said \$20. I handed him \$40 and he looked at me and handed one of the Andrew Jackson's back to me.

Last month I had another road hazard. I was coming home one night and just as I swung into the turn lane I heard a bang from the area of my rear tire. Sounded like a gunshot. This was not good, I thought and sure enough, my low tire pressure light came on within in a couple minutes. I backed onto the concrete in the garage and there in the driver's side rear tire was a shiny, large chunk of metal sticking out of the face of the tire. My first thought was to change the tire, but after removing all six lug nuts I found that even with a fence post pounder, I couldn't knock the rim off the hub.

So, the next attack was to plug the damaged tire. I could not pull the object out so I drove it in. Then I had a hole almost big enough to put my little finger in. I got three repair cords in the shank of the tool at the same time and squeezed the tube of glue liberally over all three. Then I plunged them into the face of the tire and slowly worked the tool back out. I pumped the tire up to 40# of air and went to bed. The next morning there was only 20# of air in the tire. I pumped it back up and drove for the tire

shop.

I had been laying water and electrical line in a two-foot deep trench in the hot Tennessee sun and the wet chirt soil. Chirt soil is the standard ground covering down there and it is gravel and clay mixed together. Add sweat and it will stick to you like mud.

So, when I walked into Barrett's Tire shop in dirty jeans and a ripped sweat soaked-shirt and asked for a 275/65 R18 tire, I might have not looked like a promising customer. The girl looked at me and said, "we have an entry level tire for \$149." I said, "I want the best

tire you have." Her look back at me was one of disbelief and pity. "But that one is a Cooper and it costs \$229.00." I handed her my card and said put it on and I would like to see the object that pierced my tire.

Thirty minutes later the Ford F-150 was sporting a brand-new tire and I had I my hand half a wheel weight that was the culprit expensive delay. I was thankful this had happened a couple miles from my home and not out on the busy Interstate somewhere far from help. Both events occurred at a place where I could easily resolve them.

A Minnesotan: Boats



By RosaLin Alcoser

As a Minnesotan I have been boating many, many times, but this time was different because this time my grandpa taught me how to run the boat's outboard.

Now anyone of you who has ever run an outboard knows that you have to steer right to go left, left to go right and push against the torque to keep the boat straight.

It took me a little while, and a break in the middle, to get a handle on everything. I also went fairly slowly so that I would not lose control of the boat and was fairly nervous the entire time.

Learning to do this was great and also overwhelming at times mostly because I was terrified of docks, people and other boats that were also in the water. So, I would say that I did probably like 75% of the boat running and Grandpa did the rest.

Still 75% is not bad for my first time, in fact I even brought the boat into the dock at the end. So, all in all I think that we can count this experience as a massive success.

I have said it before and I will say it again. Minnesotans live our lives on the lake. We swim in it, we look at it, we fish in it, and we boat on it.

Recently I went home from the Twin Cities, back home to the Zumbro River Valley to the Zumbro Lake. During my visit home I not only spent time looking at the lake but I also went boating on the lake.

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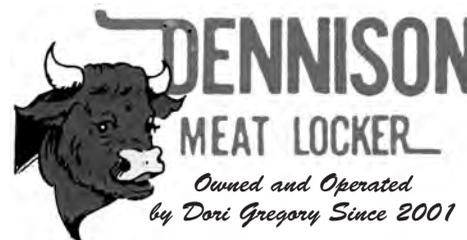
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