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## Goodhue Recognized as Best Rural Town in Minnesota

By Beth Brekke

We didn't need anyone to tell us this, but The World According to Briggs, a YouTube channel with 844,000 subscribers, recently named Goodhue as the Best Rural Town in all of Minnesota. *(continued on page 4)*

## Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

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## St. John's Starts School Year With New Staff

By Beth Brekke

For the past 5 years, Albert Karnopp had been the principal and upper grades teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in rural Goodhue but has now handed the reigns to Joel Pankow.

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Pictured to the right:

Sue Zabel (L) enters her 7th year of teaching at St. John's School in rural Goodhue with new staff members, Julie Pasch and Christine Pankow and new principal, Joel Pankow.



## Goodhue Class of 1972 Holds 50th Reunion

By Beth Brekke

Goodhue High School graduated 72 bright, energetic students in 1972.

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Pictured to the left: Front row, l-r - Jim Dahling, Judy(Callstrom) Lodermeier, Diane (Mahoney) Opsahl, Maureen (O'Connor) Lodermeier, Donna (Deden) Roschen, Janelle (Voth) Nordine, Beth (Hopman) Madsen, Linda Schrimpf) Frost

Second: Roxanne (Dahling) Lodermeier, Vickie (Johnson) Mollenhauer, Janet (Huneke) Ryan, Cindy (McNamara) Eppen, Marty Kehren, Donna (Matthees) Glebe, Joyce (Meyer) Schwake, Carol (Hadler) Franta,

Row 3: Gayle (Majerus) Strauss, Teresa (McNamara) Speck, Kay (Vieths) Hainka, Barb (Holm) Lexvold, Donna (Mahoney) Schmitt, Dewey Matthees, Sue (Bremer) Majerus

Row 4: Willie Lodermeier, Dick Lodermeier, Dave Ryan, Bob Roschen, Paul Thomforde, Rich Majerus, Eugene Betcher, Darrel Vieths, Ray Arndt, Kerry Bien



The Goodhue Class of 1972 held their 50th reunion at the Zumbrota VFW on August 20.

## Announcements

• **Belvidere Happy-Go-Luckies 4-H Club** (usually) meets the first Monday of each month at 7p.m. at St. Peter's Church, rural Goodhue. New members are always welcome! Contact club leader Michelle Benrud at 651-923-5247 for more information.

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## Fork in the Road



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

Gary and I were on vacation the last couple of weeks. We traveled on interstate, county roads, state highways, gravel and rock roads. We understand forks in the road literally. Over the years- we've tried to think of each of these forks as an adventure- they don't all turn out quite like we planned. For instance on our honeymoon, we journeyed up a mountain called Rams Horn. We took a road that led to a great view; we could almost touch the top of the pine trees growing far beneath us as we reached looked over the edge at the end of the road. We discovered as looked around that we were in a place that we could not get turned around. Gary had to back up the pick-up almost a mile down the mountain before there was a wide place in the road. It definitely was an adventure and one he said he doesn't want to repeat! We chose the wrong fork...

When we come to a fork in the road, a decision has to be made. Even by not making one- you end up somewhere- offroad where you don't want to be. Decisions are hard. They all require movement. You can't just stay in one place.

In Revelations 14:6-13 you will see that it is decision time; this is a Fork in the Road decision time. John sees three angels with three messages that he shares with his readers.

The first angel is bringing us the good news! God almost always brings the positive message out before the negative one. The angel brought the eternal gospel- to all peo-

ple, every nation, tribe and language. There was no one excluded, he wanted everyone to hear this message- it wasn't only for John and the apostles, or for the Jewish people or only for gentiles, but for every living soul on planet earth. This is the last chance for anyone still sitting on the fence, still looking at the fork in the road and trying to decide which way to go.

The gospel is the Good News that saves everyone who believes! That's the best news ever! God provided the answer for our sin, for our corruption, for our moral failures, for our backsliding... He sent His Son to take our place in the punishment that is rightly ours. Jesus never sinned, yet He was crucified for your sins, and my sins, for all humankind's sin. So, when the angel in Revelation says his message is for everyone- he echoes the truth that John himself wrote down from Jesus words to Nicodemus, "16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

As the angel proclaims this message, He says, fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. The hour of judgement has come- here is the fork in the road decision time. The hour of judgement has come. As the end of time draws to a close- the time for choosing Jesus and life with Him forever is running out. The end is in sight. The followers of Christ choose the heavenly route; even though it has been a

hard rock path- in the end it will be TOTALLY worth it all!

Even in this life- living as believers is way better than living the life of emptiness and despair. Even when the bad guys seem to have the upper edge- they are missing so much love, joy and peace in their lives. They are missing life made new and free from sin and death. They only have this life and then they die- For believers we have the assurance of a life with Jesus now- and life forever with him in eternity! Even when life is tough- Christ is with us and will see us through each and every challenge. During the end times- during even our present difficult times- we must hold fast and stay on that road to heaven and help those that find themselves stuck in the muck and the mire between the forks or have started down the other side

The 2nd angel's message is short: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great," which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries." This angel is bringing good news to those that have been suffering under the evil of the times- the home and reign of the antichrist is finished.

The last angel proclaims a 2 part message- These people have made their "fork in the road decision" choosing the way to hell. They have chosen to follow the beast. They have chosen the road focused on themselves and not on a relationship with Jesus. Jesus said we can't have it both ways- there is no sitting on the fence- there is no third choice.

There is no 'next time.'

We don't know the day or the time that we will face death. Jesus said we need to put Him first, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." All these things will be given to the believer- life forever, the Holy Spirit's power to fill us and make us new in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. We can choose the heaven fork in the road. We can make that choice before it is too late. And when we do- we experience new life in Christ.

The 2nd part of the last angel's message is a message of assurance to the faithful during the end times. It is a message to each believer even now. When a believer dies, they die in the Lord. Their spirit will be immediately with Jesus- we have that assurance- as we choose the heaven fork in the road- and continue down that path- we can know victory.

Jesus is returning to take care of all the evil and injustice in this world. He will conquer and He will win. When we are Jesus followers we have that assurance- we can rest from our labors and know that we made the right choice- there's no turning back- no regrets!

There are only 2 options- heaven or hell. It's time to make a decision. Get past your fear—take the fork that leads to heaven and discover what is just around the corner!

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*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. — James 1:2-4*

When James writes that we should face trials with joy, he is talking about challenges to our faith that can help us learn and grow. He is talking about hardships we may face as believers in Christ, and how those can strengthen our faith and help us discern God's will.

For example, the first followers of Jesus were often persecuted. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the good news of Jesus and even to heal people in Jesus' name (Acts 2-3). And they were thrown in jail by the ruling authorities who did not believe in Jesus and his resurrection. The apostles were put on trial and asked where they got the authority to do such things. But they did not back down. Filled with the Spirit, they said, "There is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved," and, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" And even though they were punished and brutally whipped for their faith and their actions, they had joy "because they had been counted worthy of disgrace for the Name" of Christ (see Acts 4-5).

Another example can be that we are always "prepared to give an answer . . . with gentleness and respect" to explain the hope that we have in Christ. "For it is better . . . to suffer for doing good than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:15-17).

*Lord, give us the courage we need to serve you and to face trials when they come, that we may grow mature in you, Amen.*

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## John D. Holland

John D. Holland, age 81, of Owatonna died peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

John David Holland, the son of John G. and Mary (Lowe) Holland, was born on July 28, 1941, in Slayton, Minnesota. He spent time growing up with his sisters and brother in Slayton, Farmington, Canby and New Ulm. John is a 1959 graduate of New Ulm High School, attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from Mankato State University with an education degree in instrumental music. He was married to Audrey (Miller) Holland on June 27, 1964, to whom he spent 58-years in partnership and had three boys, Eric, Dave, and Matt. John's teaching career began in 1965 at Goodhue, Minnesota and continued in Owatonna Public Schools from 1969-1998. During his tenure in Owatonna, he enjoyed teaching students of all levels, he was active playing in



the Steele Brass Quintet and directed the Owatonna Community Band. He was honored to be inducted in 2022 to the Owatonna Music Hall of Fame. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sons of Norway, Steele County Historical Society and Habitat for Humanity.

John's passion for the outdoors was exemplified by his love of fishing and hunting. Hunting ducks at Omsrud Lake was an annual ritual as was squirrel hunting along the Minnesota River. He enjoyed hunting and fishing trips to Alaska, Nebraska and North Dakota with family and friends. Each summer, the Holland family would load up the station wagon and go on camping adventures, often with his sisters' families and parents.

John enjoyed harvesting wild foods, exhibited by his skill as an asparagus & mushroom hunter and vintner, often picking wild fruit to make wine. He loved playing cards including bridge with friends and 500 with family. John and Audrey enjoyed traveling, including multiple trips to Alaska and Scandinavia, as well as trips to Israel and other European countries. John enjoyed playing music and sports in his youth and enjoyed following and attending concerts and watching sporting events, especially when his kids and grandkids were playing.

He is survived by his wife Audrey Holland of Owatonna, sons Eric Holland of Fairbanks, Alaska, Matthew (Cherrish) Holland of New London, grandchildren Allan Holland, Wolzen Holland and Miller Holland, great-grandchild Ethan Tawyea (Pam Tawyea). He is also survived by his sisters, Linda (Larry) Lyon of Mankato and Sue Wieland of Coon Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents, son David Holland, brother Robert Holland and brother-in-law Robert Wieland. Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, Steele County Historical Society or Owatonna Music Boosters are preferred.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Visitation was from 4:00 until 6:00 PM on Saturday, August 6th, at Michaelson Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Live stream of the service was available at <https://www.tlcowatonna.org/funerals>

## Larry Anthony Lodermeier

Larry Anthony Lodermeier, 68, of Red Wing, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 6, 2022, in his sleep, of natural causes. He was born on April 17, 1954, in Red Wing to Edwin and Frances (Gadient) Lodermeier. He graduated in 1972, from Goodhue High School. He began his lifetime career at age 15, working for Lodermeier, Inc., retiring in 2021, after 52 years. On June 23, 1979, he was united in marriage to Vicky Miller at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Goodhue. They were blessed with three children, Carrie, Kristy and Nick. Larry was loved by his family, co-workers and many friends. Enjoying life to the fullest and spending a lot of time with his children, grandchildren and siblings, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time in his shop with his dogs, gardening, golfing, watching and attending Twins games and most recently riding his motorcycle.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Vicky of Red Wing; three children, Carrie (Jeff) Marn of Wyoming, MN, Kristy (Andrew) Prihoda-Doehling of Pine Island, Nick (Jessie) Lodermeier of Red Wing; six grandsons, Jayce and Jax Marn, Kobe, Blake and Taite Prihoda and Bentley Olson; one granddaughter, Brayden Olson and one great granddaughter, Kyla Voth; three brothers, Lee (Barb) Lodermeier, Willie (Carlene) Lodermeier and Andy (Sue) Lodermeier; three sisters, Rosalie (Pat) Benson, Carolyn (Jeff) Ryan and Julie (John) Bianchini; father-in-law, Leland Miller and many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents; one nephew, Luke Lodermeier and one sister-in-law, Kathy Lodermeier.

A celebration of life for Larry was at 11 a.m. Friday, August 12, 2022, at St. Columbkil Catholic Church in Belle Creek. Father Thomas McCabe presided. Visitation was from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022 and for one hour prior to the service all at the St. Columbkil Catholic Church. Burial was at the church cemetery. Arrangements are by the Mahn Family Funeral



Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel in Red Wing.

## 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.




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## Goodhue Recognized as Best Rural Town in Minnesota

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According to the clip, which has been viewed nearly 69,000 times so far, Goodhue is a picturesque town, surrounded by some of the best farmland in the U.S.

Information provided about this YouTube channel states that Briggs has traveled to all 50 states and lived in several. Having been a fan of David Letterman's Top 10 lists on late night TV, he thought it would be fun to create such lists. He currently has nearly 300 list and travel videos posted.

In order to find the Best Rural Towns in the Land of Ten Thousand Lakes, The World According to Briggs looked at four key factors, including distance from major metropolitan areas, crime rate, above-average internet speeds, and access to good healthcare. He describes Goodhue as nestled between Rochester and the Twin Cities but also having enough amenities to cover most of the residents' basic needs. It also has a crime rate that is 86 percent lower than the average, quality internet, and a number of health care facilities in the area to choose from.

The Goodhue video includes familiar scenes and you might even be able to spot your own



house. The list also includes Bagley, Granite Falls and Crookston. To see the full list,

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## Goodhue Class of 1972 Holds 50th Reunion

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In 2022, 33 of them gathered at the Zumbrota VFW Saturday evening, August 20th for their 50th class reunion.

Much has changed in 50 years, not the least of which is the Goodhue School itself. Superintendent, Evan Gough took the class on a tour of the recently renovated building. The group then enjoyed happy hour and a catered meal at the VFW.

One thing that hasn't changed is the classmates fondness for each other. They anxiously wait for reunions which offer them a chance to visit and catch up, staying until closing time. Paul Thomforde traveled the most miles, coming from Phoenix, Arizona to attend the event.

Their fondness is evident in the fact that the class produced six married couples. Dick and Rox Lodermeier, Rich and Sue Majerus, Neil and Corrine Stehr, Bob and Donna Roschen, Al and Maureen Lodermeier, and Todd and Joann Schulz were all 1972 graduates. All of these couples married young and remained married. Unfortunately, Al and Neil were not



Al and Maureen Lodermeier

able to attend the reunion due to medical issues and Todd passed away in 2021. Seven other classmates, Dean Banitt, Mark Burfeind, Jim Gorman, Randy Peper, Gary Farrell, John Ryan, and Larry Lodermeier, have also passed away.



12 members of the Goodhue class of 1972 married each other. Those present at their 50th reunion were: Front row, Maureen (O'Connor) Lodermeier, Donna (Deden) and Bob Roschen. Back row Sue (Bremer) and Rich Majerus, Rox (Dahling) and Dick Lodermeier. Not present were Al Lodermeier, Neil and Corrine (Majerus) Stehr, Todd (deceased) and Joann (Quade) Schulz.



Neil and Corrine Stehr



Todd and Joann Schulz

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## St. John's Starts School Year With New Staff

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After a long wait and many attempts to fill the recent pastoral vacancy, the congregation was relieved when Pankow accepted the first call they issued. Joel's wife, Christine will be teaching Preschool and taking on secretarial duties left open with the departure of Sandy Karnopp and Jessie Holst. Also new to the staff is Julie Pasch who will teach Kindergarten through second grades. They join Sue Zabel who has taught at St. John's the past six years.

### Al and Sandy Karnopp

Al and his wife, Sandy who taught Kindergarten, first and second grades at the school, headed to Albuquerque New Mexico shortly after a farewell program held at St. John's on June 26th. This will not be a great change as the couple will be moving back into the house they still own there and lived in when Al previously taught at Shepherd Lutheran. This time, Al will assume the principal's position at the same school. Although Albuquerque is a much larger city and it is 400 miles to the next closest Wisconsin Synod school, the congregation size and school enrollment is similar to

St. John's Goodhue.

They say they have missed the warmer, drier weather and authentic Mexican food and are excited to return to the area where their two grown daughters still live. This is not to say that they did not feel at home in Goodhue. Sandy grew up in Arizona where her school principal was Goodhue area native, Willis Hadler. In 1991, she was assigned to student teach at St. John's and found herself teaching the children of those students upon her return to the school. She recently celebrated her 25th year of teaching and says she enjoys watching children learn to read and comprehend.

Sandy met Al, who grew up in Wisconsin, when they were both students at Dr. Martin Luther College (DMLC) in New Ulm, Minnesota. In addition to Minnesota and New Mexico, the Karnopps have lived and taught in Colorado and Wisconsin. They expanded the music programs at St. John's and loved to see the students' enthusiasm for new experiences such as the chime choir they started. They say they especially enjoy watching children grow and change whether it is physically, emotionally or spiritually.

### Joel and Christine Pankow

The son of a minister, Joel was born in Seattle, WA but considers Wisconsin home. He attended DMLC in pursuit of a teaching career and like Al Karnopp, it was where he met his future wife. Christine was raised in Delano, MN where her parents made sure she and her siblings received a strong Christian education. The Pankows spent 33 years in Lansing, Michigan with Joel serving as the school principal for the past few years. The



Al and Sandy Karnopp served St. John's School for the past 5 years. They are now residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico where Al is the principal at Shepard Lutheran.

Michigan congregation was large and offered childcare and preschool but economic hardships have reduced the grade school enrollment to around 60 students.

While Lansing was making a slow recovery, Christine lost her father, and her mother's

health was failing. She had flown from Michigan to Minnesota five times in a short period and felt that Joel taking the position in Goodhue might be just what they needed, saying, "It was God's doing to bring us here".

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Like Sandy Karnopp, Christine was not unfamiliar with the area, having taught at St. John's school in Red Wing from 1989 to 1991. She taught two more years, then became a stay-at-home mom to their three children, now grown and living in Texas, Georgia and Michigan. She later worked at a chiropractic office and although she taught Sunday School in Michigan, she says returning to teaching feels like a whole new venture.

Moving to Goodhue will bring Joel closer to his sister in Eden Prairie and allow Christine to more easily help care for her mother who currently lives in Brainerd. Between the Karnopps departure and the Pankow's arrival there was little time to make improvements to the principal's residence located across Highway 4 from the church and school. Christine says, "It was like one of those TV shows"

where a whole crew comes in and updates the floors and bathrooms and landscaping. They love the home's large kitchen and look forward to having plenty of space for her mother to stay with them as needed and to welcome visits from their children and one-year-old granddaughter. Christine enjoys photography and using her photos to create greeting cards. She has taken some stunning photos of the sun rising behind the church and school and enjoys walks and living in the country. Joel enjoys watching soccer and being included in the church's family nights. The couple enjoys meeting new people and say they already feel welcome in their new community.

### Julie Pasch

Tom Pasch moved to the Red Wing area when his job relocated him to the Red Wing branch of Merchants Bank as market president. Tom moved from Watertown, WI to the Red Wing area in December, 2021 while his wife, Julie and their four daughters stayed behind until June, 2022 to finish the school year. Julie thought the move would allow her to take a break from teaching and be a stay-at-home mom. That plan changed when the call came to teach Kindergarten, first and second grades at St. John's. As she considered the offer she thought, "I'm here and I have the ability. I love teaching; it was hard to say no." She consulted her daughters before making the final decision. Did the girls, who range in age from 5 to 13 and will be attending St. John's, want Mom to be home or at school with them? They all agreed on school and now Julie is busy preparing her classroom for the first day on September 6th.

The Pasch family enjoys downhill skiing and water sports, tennis, volleyball and traveling. Julie considers Watertown home but says she is excited to be here. Like the Pankows, she feels welcome saying, "People are reaching out and taking us in. We are invited to something at least once a week."

The three new staff members will be leaning on veteran teacher, Sue Zabel while they settle into their new rolls and classrooms at St. John's. Zabel and her husband have four grown sons and live in the Lake City area where he is the principal at the Lutheran

school.

St. John's is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) but welcomes all children in grades pre-K-8. There are currently three non-member families with four children attending the school. The total enrollment is 43 plus four preschool children. They have a working relationship with Goodhue Public School on busing, school calendar, hot lunch and participation in sports and music. For more information, go to their website [www.stjohnsgoodhue.com](http://www.stjohnsgoodhue.com) or call 651-923-4773.

## Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

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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

*Courtesy of AgWeek*

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.

"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."

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 kitten-



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*

ball. 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.

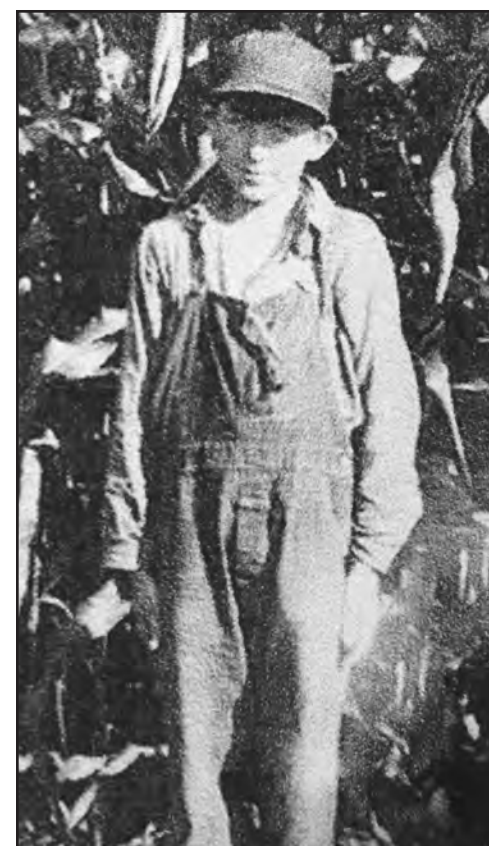
The following year, Peter retired from farming. In 1938, Earl and his brothers began farming together. Mallinger married his wife Julia in 1946, and the couple farmed together for over 30 years.

"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.

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SEC 28 & 33 IN HARTLAND TWP  
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## At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

(continued from page 8)

"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. "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 technology.

"All of Earl's fields are tilled. 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



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



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

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 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."



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

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## Broccoli Prevents Cancer



By Shauna Burslem, D.C.

Cruciferous vegetables have been known to have many health benefits. Cruciferous vegetables include but are not limited to broccoli, cabbage, collards, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kale and bok choy. These vegetables contain several plant compounds that are important for optimal health, including powerful chemoprotective compounds that have been shown to reduce the risk of certain cancers. Cruciferous vegetables are low in calories and high in fiber. One cup of broccoli even has as much vitamin C as an orange. When one bites into a raw cruciferous vegetable like broccoli, there is a slight bitter taste. This bitter taste comes from a chemical ingredient called sulforaphane. Sulforaphane is what gives cruciferous vegetables their cancer preventing reputation. These types of vegetables are also good for the bones, digestive system, immune system, heart health, reducing inflammation in the body and helping with blood sugar lev-

els. A new study shares exciting news about the major benefit to eating cruciferous vegetables like broccoli. Researchers have found that sulforaphane can help with antibiotic resistance. The chemical compound breaks down an organic layer in bacteria that allows bacteria to grow resistant to antibiotics. This is major news. It would behoove everyone for their total health to eat several servings of cruciferous vegetables every day. The best way to eat these vegetables is eating raw or lightly steamed to preserve the nutritional content.

Chiropractic Thought for the Week: Childhood ear infections. It's all about the fluid. When fluid builds up in the ear tube due to improper drainage, bacteria develops in the fluid and this causes an infection which then leads to painful, swollen ears. What research has taught chiropractors over the years is that tight neck muscles can exert pressure on the ear tubes, actually forcing the tubes into a more horizontal position, preventing ear fluid drainage. This is the reason why many children have recurrent ear infections after antibiotic treatments seemingly resolve the infection. The antibiotic kills the bacteria which resolves the painful, swollen ears. But because the neck muscles are still tight and the tube is still in a horizontal like position the fluid remains in the ear and an infection occurs again. When chiropractors loosen the child's neck muscles with very gentle soft tissue work and extremely light spinal adjustments, the tube slants slightly downward in the position nature intended and the fluid drains out of the tube. This prevents the reoccurring ear infections and the merry-go-round of antibiotic treatments.

## Goodhue County WIC Provides One-on-One Support Before and During a Parent's Breast/Chestfeeding Journey

By Goodhue County Public Health

Breastfeeding is important for babies, mothers, other birthing parents, and families. Many families start breast/chestfeeding but are often not able to meet their goals due to lack of support. Goodhue County Women, Infants & Children (WIC) supports families before and during their infant feeding journey by talking about the importance of human milk, providing extra foods to support a lactating parent's nutrition needs, and providing resources to help families reach their infant feeding goals.

A support system can be key to successful breastfeeding, especially when the journey is challenging. WIC is here for families every step of the way, beginning with pregnancy. We provide additional food benefits for pregnant and lactating parents, but our support goes beyond food. Whether it's working with a WIC breastfeeding specialist, connecting with a WIC breastfeeding peer counselor, or getting connected to other resources in your community, WIC can help in so many ways.

### WIC Supports Families

Goodhue County WIC supports breastfeeding in any amount and is here for families feeding their babies with a combination of human milk and formula and families exclusively using formula. The nationwide formula recall and shortage is stressful for parents and soon-to-be parents.

- Reach out to a WIC breastfeeding specialist or peer counselor at Goodhue County WIC for breastfeeding information and support.

Creating a plan before birth and reaching out for help as soon as possible after birth can lead to successful breastfeeding.

- WIC can help as parents return to work. Minnesota strengthened its law to protect pregnant and lactating parents in the workplace.

- WIC provides formula benefits to supplement breastfeeding when needed and can provide tips to increase milk supply for parents using a combination of human milk and formula.

### Peer Breastfeeding Program

The Peer Breastfeeding Support Program is available to serve 15% more WIC families statewide this year with four new programs. Some existing peer programs expanded capacity this year as well. The program features parents with personal experience breast/chestfeeding their own children, who are recruited from the communities they serve, and trained to help WIC participants with common breastfeeding issues.

### National Breastfeeding Month

Goodhue County WIC and the Minnesota WIC Program is celebrating National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week by asking eligible families to apply for WIC early in pregnancy and ask for advice and support early and often during their infant feeding journey for the best possible outcomes.

For more information, contact Goodhue County WIC at 651-385-6120.

## MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPENFUS

I like to exercise first thing in the morning, so I cannot come up with an excuse not to do it later. My walking schedule has been lacking the past few weeks, because my walking partner and my schedules were not jiving. I was sleeping in, and forgoing exercise altogether. It takes longer to make a new habit than break a habit. Three days in a row this week, I got long walks in with my walking partner, so I feel like I am back on track now. Sometimes, when you try to do too much, it can be overwhelming and you get nothing done. So, break your plan into small, manageable tasks. My goal was to simply go for a long walk 3 days in a row, which in turn I got in 11,000 steps per day and to drink more water.

When I worked at Mayo Clinic, I loved taking different classes at the Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center gym. My favorites were cycle, water aerobics, and Zumba. This summer, I had the opportunity to attend Aqua Zumba at the Zumbrota Pool on Tuesday mornings at 8AM. I asked my mom if she wanted to sign up with me. It was a lot of fun! It is so much more enjoyable being outside in a pool! We enjoyed it so much, it didn't feel like exercise. The four weeks flew by fast, and now it's over (along with summer). We look forward to Aqua Zumba at the Zumbrota Pool next year!

### Memo from MotoProz...

Arctic Cat Snowmobiles announced July 14th they will be launching all new 2024 snowmobile platform at Hay Days! Haydays in Lindstrom, Minnesota is always the weekend after Labor Day (September 10-11, 2022). MotoProz, formerly Kellys Sales and Service, is the second oldest Arctic Cat Dealer since 1962. Check out our limited number of used snowmobile inventory this year online at [www.MotoProz.com](http://www.MotoProz.com). Stay tuned for the latest on the ALL-NEW Arctic Cat snowmobile platform! The place to go is MotoProz!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

## Goodhue County Child and Family Collaborative Awards Funding For Mental Health Prevention and Intervention

The Goodhue County Child and Family Collaborative (GCCFC) is pleased to announce that \$100,000 a year for three years will be awarded to five organizations throughout Goodhue County as a result of the Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Grant Program. GCCFC was allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Goodhue County to support the mental health recovery of youth, families, and caregivers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and made these funds available to community or-

ganizations through a competitive grant process.

Mental health was already identified as a top health concern in Goodhue County and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the issue, which makes investing in the mental health and well-being of the community critical. A survey conducted for the Mental Health Coalition of Goodhue County found that youth, parents, and those who work with youth were among the most likely to report a decline in their mental health since March 2020.

"We are excited to leverage ARPA funds to enhance mental health services throughout the county through both evidence-based and innovative programs for our kids and our caregivers," said Maggie Cichosz, GCCFC Coordinator. The following projects were selected for funding:

- C.A.R.E Clinic- Bilingual Mental Health Program
  - Fernbrook Family Center- Adolescent Day Treatment
  - Goodhue County Education District- Care Solace and Mental Health Skills Workshops
  - Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center- Circles of Security
  - Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools- Road to Regulation and Mental Health Speakers
- GCCFC believes that these grant awards will have a significant impact on the mental health outcomes for youth, families, and caregivers in Goodhue County.

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## Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes

**July 20, 2022 @ 6:00PM**

Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jody Gordon at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Rich Majerus, Kyle Blattner, Jered Buxengard as well as Engineer Matt Mohs and Treasurer Kyle McKeown were present. City Clerk Lisa Redepenning was absent.

Minutes of June 15, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and a motion by Rich Majerus with a second by Kyle Blattner to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Sewer Project Update – Matt spoke about updates including the need for more sewer televising needed to clear a blockage as well as gather information on the condition of pipes before we proceed with lining. It will be covered by the grant. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jered Buxengard to approve the additional sewer televising. Motion carried.

### New business:

- Water Meter Discussion – Badger Water Meters representative met with us. Several options were discussed. There are 2 types of water meters that were discussed. Mechanical and ultrasonic. Mechanical meters have been used and around for several years.

This meter seemed to be a better fit for us. How the meters are read was discussed. Manual reading with entry, hand held reader and electrical pole auto reading was looked at. Cellular reading of meters is a cloud-based and would cost \$1.00/month for each connection. This comes with a 20 year warranty. Residents can see their information, it is continually updated and runs on a cellular connection for getting readings and connects similar to ATM machines to your account. Readings are updated every 15 minutes. No action needs to be taken, this was just preliminary information.

Engineer Report – See above - Also discussed was not doing this sewer pipe lining in 1 large project, but instead doing problem areas on a schedule and possibly do this on our own. Council directed Matt to come back with costs to fix INI issues on our own.

Clerk Report – Reminder – filling for office: the 1st day for filing Affidavits of Candidacy for Election will be at 8:00 a.m. on

Tuesday the 2nd day of August, 2022 and the last day for filing Affidavits of Candidacy for Election will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 16th day of August, 2022. Candidates interested in filing may do so with me. Candidates have until 5:00 on August 18th to withdraw. OFFICES TO BE FILLED: Council Member (2 positions). Each position is a four year term. Mayor (1 position) – position is a 2 year term. Cell phone for City Line – FYI I can get a new flip phone for \$140 + tax and the monthly will be \$50 + tax. The existing number can be moved and I will have the capability to text from this also. It would be with Verizon. 2023 Budget: We have to have a preliminary budget to county by September 30. I have the past year (July – June) enclosed. There is no action on this, just FYI so we can discuss in August.

Treasurer Report – a few shut off letters will be sent.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – state will be doing water sampling. Ponds are fine, just trying to kill some weeds.

Mayor Concerns: trap inquiry. The resident contact information list was discussed to see who is remaining.

Council Concerns: Junk cleanup around town was discussed. If residents have concerns, please come to the council meeting to discuss.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kyle Blatter with a second by Mark Gerken to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Next meeting is August 17 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

## Letter to the Editor

*\*Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are not necessarily those of The Messenger*

This letter is to endorse Roger Kittelson for the Minnesota House of Representatives for Minnesota House 20A, which includes parts of Goodhue, Wabasha counties, and Douglas Township in Dakota County.

My husband and I met Roger in 2014, when I needed to increase my physical space for my business in Zumbrota. I had the opportunity to work with Roger, who was my landlord, for my business. Roger trusted my vision of my business and gave me a chance. The partnership was built on trust and succeeded. We sold the real estate in 2021 and my business continues to grow at another larger location. He stuck with us through the very slow covid time and knew we would be back on track sooner or later. He has patience.

Roger not only trusted my vision, he gave me the opportunity to grow my business in helping others with their goals. Roger is honest, trustworthy, giving, understanding and open to everyone's personal beliefs, goals and dreams. I believe he is the right person for the job.

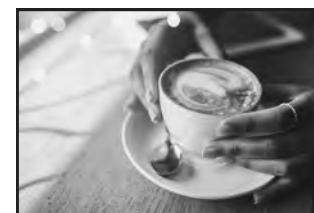
Furthermore, we can trust Roger to represent us as he has the business sense to help grow our businesses, because he has had global and national business experience. He helped me increase my business activities and gave me some useful encouragement along my business journey. Our business relationship was built on trust and I know we can trust him to do the best for our rural communities.

Thank you for your time,

Trisha Miller  
Ah-Sirt Owner  
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**City of Goodhue  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2022**

Present were Mayor Bien, Council persons Brunkhorst, Hahn, O'Reilly and Thuman. Also present were Officer Brecht, Chief Smith, Duane Aland, Joe Benda, Mary Ramboldt, Terry Anderson-Buck, Cailin Richard, Mitch Massman, Trevor Stenlund, and Tom Tonsager.

Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Hahn and seconded Brunkhorst and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the July 13, 2022, city council minutes with updates. Motion carried

Old Business-Old Burts Farm Store meeting was held, and Phase 1 history study will be done. Water Tower Antenna use- we are still waiting for additional information on the signed contract with Verizon Wireless. Street Project Bonding- the city is working with Northland Securities for financing the 4th St and Broadway Street projects.

Motion by Thuman and second by Brunkhorst to approve the deadline to have items added agenda by the Friday at 2 pm before the Wednesday, City Council Meeting. Remember the council meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. This would include all papers that you would like the council to review and discuss at the council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Thuman and second by Brunkhorst to add additional stop signs at 11th St. and 3rd Ave. motion carried.

Motion made by Brunkhorst and seconded by O'Reilly to have Public Works work with Webber Recreational Design, Inc in getting mulch for the playgrounds. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Reilly and seconded by Brunkhorst to have Public Works work with Midstates Equipment & Supply with rental of Mastic Melter and Sealant supplies for street crack maintenance. Motion carried

Police Dept. update- The Police Dept. will

be working on a Policy for THC in the city, additional information on the radar speed control system. The Noise ordinance was briefly brought up to possibly looking into adding Jack Breaking information. Resolution #6 was motioned by Brunkhorst and seconded by O'Reilly which states Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Goodhue on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. Motion carried

Motion made by Hahn and seconded by Brunkhorst to have City Clerk Jill Buxengard to attend the Clerks Academy Training in Sept. Motion carried.

Council Concerns- Hahn attended that Zumbrota Area Ambulance Association meeting on Tuesday evening. He was able to share the strong encouragement of donations that are needed to help maintain and improve the radio equipment.

Brunkhorst reported on the need for the water tower to be painted that will be needed in the near future.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Thuman to approve the bills. Motion carried

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Hahn to adjourn the meeting. motion carried  
Respectfully submitted  
Jill Buxengard- City Clerk

**City of Goodhue  
EDA Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2022**

Mitch Massman-CEDA shared with the city council that there will be Regional Development Tour Sept. 28 time is TBD.

Cranson Heights Park update-The city was not approved for the grant that may have been used for a potential dog park. No further discussion on having a dog park. There was a short discussion on how Cranson Heights Park could be updated, based off the dog park survey that showed interest.

Don's Food was approved by Thuman and seconded by Hahn for his Façade project-Door Replacement.

Motion carried.

Caitlin Richard was introduced as the new EDA person for the City of Goodhue. Mitch Massman will work with Cailin in the transition time.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Hahn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried  
Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Buxengard  
City Clerk

**City of Goodhue  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Aug. 10, 2022**

Present were Mayor Bien, Council persons Hahn, O'Reilly and Thuman, Brunkhorst via zoom. Also present were Officer Brecht, Mary Ramboldt, Dave Kylo, Jason Mandelkew, and Dick Gorman.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Hahn to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Hahn and seconded O'Reilly to approve the July 27, 2022, city council minutes. Motion carried

Old Business- Water Tower rental space for antenna use. Council agreed to have Chris Heath have direct contact with Verizon to ensure service will not be interrupted.

Engineer Report- Street projects Broadway and 4th Street update and project is moving forward.

Motion by Brunkhorst and second by O'Reilly for a building permit for an addition to Seed Plus. Motion carried.

Dave Kylo addressed the city council with a concern of his water shut off location. Council agreed to be in contact with the city engineer for further information.

Northland Security is working with the city on the Bond that will be needed for the Broadway and 4th St. project. Council will invite them to attend the next council meeting.

Fence Ordinance- Will be updated to state: All fence construction will be approved at a city council meeting. You will need to have the building permit application and drawing approved. You will need to know your property lines and setbacks and have them written on your drawings before the project will be approved. This may need a survey done prior to the beginning your project. After city approval the application will be sent to Goodhue County for final approval. Motion made by Hahn and second by O'Reilly. Motion carried.

Approval by Thuman and second by Hahn to hire Virginia Budensiek as the cleaning

person for city hall. Motion carried.

Notice of the General Election: Nov. 8, 2022, 7 am-8pm at the Lions Building. 1 Mayor seat and 2 council seats are up for candidacy.

Public works update- Street projects are on track to start in the coming weeks. Rosie Park is needing a new picnic table that is broken.

City Council Declared an Emergency for Manor Ave. The street is in very poor driving condition. The city is taking actions to move forward with getting Manor Ave. to a drivable condition for emergency vehicles as well as all citizens. Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Hahn to approve the work and to bill Countryside Manor owners of the cost of short-term repair. Motion carried.

Public Concerns- City Attorney Dick Gorman has stepped down from his position from the city. We thank Dick Gorman for his more than 33 years of service to the City of Goodhue. He will greatly be missed.

Motion made by Thuman and second by Hahn to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Hahn and second by Thuman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Jill Buxengard- City Clerk

**City of Goodhue  
Special City Council Meeting Minutes  
Aug. 17, 2022**

Present were Mayor Kerry Bien, Council persons Wayne Hahn, Patrice O'Reilly, Jason Thuman, and

Michael Brunkhorst. Also present were Officer Nick Sievers, Terry Buck and Chris Schmit.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Brunkhorst to approve the agenda. Motion carried

The special meeting was called to hire a new city attorney and address communication.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Hahn to hire Kennedy & Graven Law firm, Attorney Robert Vose, as

the new city attorney. Motion carried.

The city council was able to ask questions of Attorney Vose regarding assisting as the city admin, closing

city lots that are sold, bond work, council meetings, general city duties to name some of the items with

the hourly rate of \$180.

Dick Gorman will be handling the current cases that are open for the City of Goodhue. A brief discussion was held in regard to how to handle situations at council meeting and within city hall.

Motion by Brunkhorst and second by O'Reilly to move to a closed meeting to discuss security issues.

Motion carried.

Motion by O'Reilly and second by Brunkhorst to adjourn the closed meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brunkhorst to reopen the Special Council Meeting, second by Hahn. Motion carried.

Motion by Thuman and second by Brunkhorst to adjourn the special council meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Jill Buxengard- City Clerk

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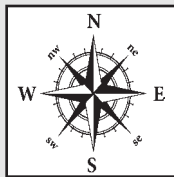


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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Frogs, Friends and Fourth Grade



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.*

It was September of 1966 and I was in Miss Wick's fourth grade at West Concord Elementary School. We were in the 4E room and it was the week for the Iowa Basic Skills Testing. That was a standardized test that was developed in 1935 to assess the student's skills in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. It was boring for a bunch of nine-year old kids.

So, during the recess after lunch break my friend, Lance, and I discovered a frog in the ditch along the play field where all the children went to burn off excess energy. Finding a frog is normal, catching the frog is common, but putting him in a paper cup we found in the ditch and bringing him back to the classroom is a whole new level of crazy.

I, being the consummate risk taker, carried Kermit, our new green captive back from re-

cess, up to the second floor of the school building and right into the classroom. There I sat, hiding the frog under my desk as class resumed. Our principal, Mrs. Wilson, came around the room, aisle by aisle, handing out the test forms to each one of us. Mrs. Wilson was an older lady, rather short, but kind of intimidating to us students.

When she got to my desk, she noticed something amiss. Both of my hands were not on top of my desk, as directed, and she ordered me to do so. I produced a second-hand paper cup, with my right hand over the top. That didn't satisfy her query and I was told to show her what was in the cup.

When I removed my hand, the frog took one great leap for freedom. Right out of the cup and into Mrs. Wilson's face. To my astonishment, she didn't even flinch. She demanded to know why I had brought a frog into the class and before I could think up a good reason, she told me to catch it quickly. As I crawled across the floor, chasing the hopping reptile, there was laughing and shrieking from my classmates. I believe the boys were all quite amused and the girls exhibiting a much more frightened emotion.

Once the frog was secured, I was instructed to return him to the wild, from whence he came, and as I trudged back to class, I contemplated my fate. This was still during the century where corporal punishment was quite common and expected for an infraction such as this. No amount of soul searching could come up with a logical reason for my latest foolishness.

When I got back to the classroom, I took my seat and started the test, with the certainty of impending doom when I was finished. Much to my amazement, the incident was never mentioned again. I gained a good deal of respect for Principal Wilson after that day.

## 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.espkng.com](http://www.espkng.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 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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## A Minnesotan: If You Give a Belizean a Ladder



By RosaLin Alcoser

If you give a Belizean a ladder he will use that ladder in an extremely unsafe way, but somehow always be ok.

My father, the Belizean, is extremely comfortable on ladders and going up steep inclines; my mother says it's because Belize is basically a steep incline.

He is so comfortable with them that I have seen him many, many times throughout my life walk across ladders that he's balanced over things as a gangplank and climb up them while they're tittering on

uneven ground.

The amazing thing is that he's never fallen off of one of these ladders or gotten hurt doing this.

To my knowledge the ladder has only fallen once, while he was not currently on it, trapping him on the roof for a while until my mother found him.

In addition to being extremely comfortable with ladders my father can become easily obsessed with things; like squirrels.

Back in the summer of 2018 he became particularly obsessed with a squirrel that was jumping from the trees onto the roof and running across the roof. The squirrel running across the roof drove him crazy to the point that he decided that it was using a particular branch from the tree next to the house to do this.

So without any help or the right equipment he took his chainsaw and ladder to go up into the tree, climb into the nook where the base of the limb started and cut off the limb. So that he could stop the squirrel from using the limb to jump onto the roof and run across it.

Now I wasn't there to witness this event, because I was away at college, but my mother was and she sent pictures.

The best part about the whole squirrel on the roof chainsaw incident is that after he did all this the squirrel promptly used a different tree to jump onto the roof so it could run across it.



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1. Radiant light
  5. Ceiling prop
  8. Sweatshirt attachment
  12. Auricular
  13. Lightly colored
  14. Like a certain lass
  15. Rotterdam or Singapore, e.g.
  16. Greek god of love
  17. Event host
  18. \*1960 Golden-Globe winner with Kirk Douglas
  20. The Bee \_\_\_\_\_
  21. Rowed
  22. Costa del \_\_\_\_\_
  23. \*1922 Pulitzer-winning "Long Day's Journey into Night" author
  26. \*James Cameron's 1997 Oscar-winner
  30. Steal
  31. "Killers of the Flower Moon" tribal members
  34. All's opposite
  35. \*2021 "royal" Emmy winner
  37. "One Fish Two Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Fish..."
  38. More eccentric
  39. Assistant
  40. Expels
  42. Before, old-fashioned
  43. Consummate professional, in music
  45. Mid-body narrowing, pl.
  47. Feather glue
  48. Library offerings
  50. Cry like a baby
  52. "The \_\_\_\_\_", 1972 mafia Oscar winner
  56. Jeopardy, not the game
  57. Type of molding
  58. This location
  59. Full of blood vessels
  60. Christian of haute-couture
  61. Suite cleaner
  62. Mountain goat terrain
  63. D.C. bigwig
  64. Middle of March

- DOWN
1. Brewer's perennials
  2. Perching place
  3. Italian money
  4. Type of local tax
  5. Travesty
  6. Not silently
  7. Loch \_\_\_\_\_
  8. \*2012 Emmy-winning espionage thriller
  9. Fairy tale opener
  10. Half of binary code, pl.
  11. Yellow #5, e.g.
  13. Bits of wisdom
  14. Fathered
  19. Bird of prey's weapon
  22. Female sib
  23. \_\_\_\_\_'s razor
  24. Waterwheel
  25. Horace's poem
  26. Danson and Kennedy
  27. Lymph "containers"
  28. Lacking vigor
  29. Roman counterpart of Greek Demeter
  32. \*Ben Affleck's 2012 Golden Globe best drama winner
  33. Wow
  36. \*2000-2003 White House Emmy winner, with The
  38. Port city in Japan
  40. Get it wrong
  41. BOGO offer
  44. Total amount
  46. Isthmus, pl.
  48. Railroad car undercarriage
  49. Theater, to Socrates
  50. Samuel Adams, e.g.
  51. Operatic solo
  52. Hermes and Apollo
  53. Cabbage amount
  54. Great Lake
  55. \*Best Director Oscar-winner Warren Beatty's 1981 film
  56. Rubber substitute, acr.

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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. Thus 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?**

Our experience with SMIF has been exceptional! We LOVE everyone at SMIF. They truly feel like a partner and not just a lender. They truly care about each of the small businesses they help. SMIF has been a godsend to our company. Without their help and guidance, we would not be in the great position that we are today.

*SMIF's Small Enterprise Loan program provides micro loans through a partnership with the Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans support small business owners or start-up entrepreneurs who create service, retail, local foods, and manufacturing businesses. Small Enterprise Loan recipients are eligible for free technical assistance.*

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