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Dennison Lions Spring Breakfast



The Dennison Lions Club will host their spring breakfast Sunday, April 2, 2023 at the Dennison Lutheran Church from 8 AM to 12:30 pm.

Eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, coffee, juice and milk will be served. Adults are \$10, kids \$5 and under 3 are free. Funds raised will support the Lions Club Activities and the church building maintenance.

2023 Goodhue County Dairy Princess Candidates Introduced



Natalie Clemenson



Emma Eggenberger



Kelsey Holst



Caryn Miklas



Evelyn Scheffler

Five young women from across Goodhue County have applied to be candidates in the 2023 Goodhue County Dairy Princess program. The crowning of the new Goodhue County Dairy Princesses will be held at a family banquet on Saturday, April 1.

The Dairy Princess competition is sponsored by the American Dairy Association of

Goodhue County, which helps promote and educate the public on dairy products and their production.

Princess candidates are as follows:

Natalie Clemenson, daughter of Brian & Tiffany Clemenson of Zumbrota

Emma Eggenberger, daughter of Robert Eggenberger & Erica Cordes of Red Wing

Kelsey Holst, daughter of Shane & Casey Holst of Zumbrota

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Announcements

• **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.

Former MarLeas Location Has New Ownership



The new sign was installed recently on the former MarLeas Bar in Dennison. The 625 Bar & Grill will open in early April.

After closing in November of 2022, The former Mar Leas Bar in Dennison has new owners.

Sean & Marie Kylo of Rural Nerstrand purchased the property in March, and have renamed the establishment the 625 Bar & Grill. At press time, Sean told the Messenger that he hopes to be open with the bar around the first of the month with the kitchen following as soon as they can after that. Updates will also be made on social media. A full story will run in a future issue of the Messenger.

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**City of Dennison
Spring Clean Up Day
May 13, 2023
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Love Your Enemies

I don't know about you but that seems impossible. How in the world can you love someone who doesn't love you? How in the world can you love someone who wants to do you harm and tear you down? It's much easier for me to love people who already love me; like my husband, my children and my friends.

We have had times, and still do that we get on each other's nerves. There are times when we have disagreements and differing points of view. But at the end of the day we still love each other. But in today's passage, Jesus comes along and tosses in this monkey wrench of saying that not only are we to love those who love us but we're even to love those who don't love us! Many of us read that and think, "Are you kidding me?" Our more natural reaction is like a certain truck driver:

Late one summer evening in Broken Bow, Nebraska, a weary truck driver pulled his rig into an all-night truck stop. The waitress had just served him when three tough looking, leather jacketed motorcyclists - of the Hell's Angels type - decided to give him a hard time. Not only did they verbally abuse him, one grabbed the hamburger off his plate, another took a handful of his French fries, and the third picked up his coffee and began to drink it.

How would you respond? Well, this trucker did not respond as one might expect. Instead, he calmly rose, picked up his check, walked to the front of the room, put the check and his money on the cash register, and went out the door. The waitress followed him to put the money in the till and stood watching out the door as the big truck drove away into the night.

When she returned, one of the bikers said to her, "Well, he's not much of a man, is he?" She replied, "I don't know about that, but he

sure ain't much of a truck driver. He just ran over three motorcycles on his way out of the parking lot."

That seems fair right? That would be justice. We totally get that. When someone wrongs us our first instinct is to get them back! Our first instinct is to make them hurt as much as they hurt us. That is the world's answer to being wronged. But Jesus gives His followers a different response they're to have. He tells us we're to love our enemies. Luke 6:27-31.

"27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

First, He tells us that you're to do good to those who hate you. It isn't enough to just say it- we've got to live it out! That may mean shoveling the walk of a cantankerous neighbor. It may mean volunteering to help a co-worker that you don't get a long with or speaking graciously to an ex-spouse on the phone.

The 2nd response you're to have toward your enemies is to bless those who curse you. It certainly goes against our initial re-

sponse to someone that curses us. Words and actions bring us a lot of pain- so turning around and blessing them instead of cursing them back is very difficult.

When we have held onto the hurt and pain for a long time- it's difficult to let go. Jesus is our example- He didn't dish it out when he was cursed or ridiculed- he walked away. He will give us the strength to do the same. When we have Jesus' love and forgiveness in our life and the freedom, He has given us- even when those feelings of pain and bitterness rise up within us- we can claim Jesus and His power to break the power of sin and darkness in our lives. Over and over again He will remind you and me; "greater is He that is in me and he that is in this world!" Our example, and our strength come only from Jesus.

Third, we must pray for those that mistreat us. That doesn't mean a prayer to get even, or a prayer for vengeance- it's a sincere prayer for that person to find healing, to know Jesus, to experience God's healing for whatever may be going on in their life. Praying for our enemy is not easy. But when we pray for our enemies it can actually serve as a tool to keep us from being destroyed by bitterness and anger.

St. Patrick- the patron Saint of Ireland lived out this principle in his life. Patrick was kidnapped when he was 16 and taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They

transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd. Lonely and afraid, he turned to God for solace, becoming a devout Christian. He also had a vision of converting the Irish people to a faith in Jesus Christ.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he returned to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

Patrick understood Jesus' message of loving his enemies. He was willing to return to those that had held him captive and share the message of the gospel with them. Patrick practiced his faith by not just putting up with his enemies- but by loving them enough to share the truth of Jesus and the hope of eternity with them.

If you have someone that you are struggling to love, struggling to forgive- I want to encourage you to bring that hurt, that pain to Jesus and begin today to love them as Jesus loves you. We are called to live above 'pay back and hatred' and take the higher road in loving our enemy. Let Jesus give you His strength to love your enemy. "When He tells us to love our enemies He gives, along with the command, the love itself." Corrie Ten Boom

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From a humble beginning, this church-led movement spread through Western Europe, surviving in some form for about 200 years. Today it is considered one of the first mass peace movements.

Nearly a thousand years before Pax Dei, Jesus preached "Blessed are the peacemakers" to the shock and disbelief of his listeners. In those days many of his fellow Jews dreamed of rebelling against the ruthless occupation of the Roman Empire.

The call to make peace was difficult in Jesus' day and in the Middle Ages, and it is still difficult today. Yet Jesus inspires his faithful followers to seek peace, for that is God's way of restoring us to himself and making us his children.

Heavenly Father, thank you for making us your sons and daughters. Inspire us to become your peacemakers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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2023 Goodhue County Dairy Princess Candidates Introduced (continued from page 1)

Caryn Miklas, daughter of Amy Bear-bower & Mike Chamberlain

Evelyn Scheffler, daughter of Tony & Maizie Scheffler of Zumbrota

Judged by local and regional judges who are familiar with the dairy industry and dairy promotion, candidates are judged on their communication skills, enthusiasm for dairy promotion, and general knowledge of the

dairy industry. Once crowned, the princesses will become good-will ambassadors for Goodhue County's dairy industry and its farmers. Each princess will also be encouraged to attend the Minnesota May Dairy Promotion and Leadership Event where they will have the opportunity to continue towards competing for the title Minnesota's Princess Kay of the Milky Way in August.

Holy Week at Dennison Lutheran and Vang

Come join Jesus in his Passover from death to life, and be renewed in the Spirit.

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3rd Annual Baby Supply Drive

Back in 2020 during COVID-19 the Big Giants 4-Hers were looking for a way to help out the Northfield Community so they reached out to the Northfield Community Action Center to see what they could do.

The CAC said that Baby Supplies are in high demand and they have limited supplies, so the 4-Hers organized a Baby Supply Drive called "Big Giants 4-H Rattles Up Baby Sup-

plies" in Northfield/Dundas to help young families in the community. The Baby Supply Drive was so successful that they wanted to do it again! This will now be the 3rd Baby Supply Drive they have held! There are 8 drop boxes set up around the community to collect donations through April 15, 2023. Donation boxes are located in Northfield at Cub Foods, Family Fare, Northfield Montessori, Church of St. Dominic, St. John's Lutheran Church, Little Village Early Learning Center in Dundas as well as in Dennison at the Dennison & Vang Lutheran Churches.

The supplies that are needed the most include: baby food, formula (all types), diapers (size 6/7 or pull-ups), wipes, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, and feminine hygiene products. Please help out



this great cause if you are able. Thank You for your support!

The Big Giants 4-H Club is a 4-H club in Rice County located in Northfield. 4-H is a youth organization for youth ages kindergarten through one year past high school. It is

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Celebrating Women Who Make Southern Minnesota Thrive



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

March is Women's History Month, which is both a time to look back at the incredible accomplishments of women in the history of our country, but also a time to celebrate women who are doing amazing things today. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we know that there are countless women who make our region thrive. I'd like to take a moment to highlight several of these women today.

At SMIF, we work with female entrepreneurs every day through our training programs and business financing options. One of our more recent loan clients is CannonBelles Cheese based in Cannon Falls. In 2012 Deann

Lufkin and her friend Jackie Ohmann started experimenting with making cheese which eventually gained enough momentum to turn into a business once their friend Kathy Hupf, a dairy expert, became involved. Their cheese has won awards and they even opened up a coffee and ice cream shop several years ago in downtown Cannon Falls. SMIF provided a Small Enterprise Loan to help pay for marketing for the cheese company which they were able to use to expand their markets.

Through SMIF's Early Childhood work we have partnered with many women leaders in the field, many of whom are either educators or child care providers. Stacy Boysen, a child care provider from Pine Island, has worked with SMIF many times to provide trainings to other providers in our region. It is clear from these trainings that Stacy is both a positive role model and a mentor to many others in the profession. She has a wealth of information to share, which ranges from standard health and safety education, to more nuanced information about the importance of self care, and ways to incorporate healthy snacks into a child care business.

SMIF also works with many women who are leaders in their communities, especially through our 31 Community Foundations. Liz Krocak, and her daughter Maggie Grimm, are two women who come to mind who have been very active in Montgomery through their Community Foundation. Liz was instrumental in making the Community Foundation a vehicle to help people when the pandemic began. She applied for the matching grants that SMIF offered during that time to support local businesses and the local food

shelf. The Montgomery Community Foundation also received a Small Town Grant to support the local farmers' market which Maggie and Liz are both very involved in.

This small list of women leaders in our region just barely grazes the surface of the vast number of women we know who are making a difference in the lives of southern Minnesotans. Their innovation, their knowledge and their leadership are truly incredible. We are proud to know, and partner with, the many women who make this region thrive.

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



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Abounding Hope Counseling is here to Help

By Cheri Roshon



Heidi Smith

Tucked away in the back office of Olmsted Medical Group on Main Street in Wanamingo, I met a very special lady, Heidi Smith. She is a licensed professional clinical counselor, specializing in Christian based grief counseling, and her business name is Abounding Hope. She opened her Wanamingo location last April, and has been working here ever since.

Heidi has been married to her husband Dirk for 36 years, and they have 3 children and 3 grandchildren, and have lived in the Pine Island area for the past 18 years. Originally a city girl, she says she loves being in a rural setting now, and loves walking her dogs, water-skiing and being with friends.

Heidi grew up in Iowa knowing she wanted to be able to help people in crisis. This became very apparent when her brother in law died in his sleep at age 37, leaving behind a wife and 5 children. As she worked through the grief of losing a loved one, she began to think about grief counseling to help people in crisis deal with the pain of loss.

As she was working in both inner-city and rural church youth groups, she started hearing kids talking about struggles with suicide, self-harm and depression, and wanted to equip herself to come alongside youth and help them out of the dark places they seemed to be going into. She started taking classes at Liberty University in Virginia on line and completed her counseling degree in 2014.

After graduating she did an internship Gerard Residential Treatment Center in Austin, MN, which is a residential home for kids aged 6 to 18 who are in transition due to various scenarios and behavioral issues. She had previously completed a practicum at Seasons Hospice in the Center for Grief Education and Support, and after her time at Gerard, interviewed to be the director of the Season's Grief Center, at the encouragement of her mentor and supervisor. She accepted the position and worked there for over 6 years.

At that point, Heidi was ready to open her own practice and chose Wanamingo as her place to be. She now works in Wanamingo on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and also sees clients on-line and in a Rochester office. You can check out information about Heidi on her website, www.Aboundinghopecc.com, or online at Psychology Today for Christian based grief counseling. Heidi was quick to point out that grief counseling is not all she does in her work. Depression and anxiety have risen over the past few years, and she feels like she wants to provide a listening ear for her clients to air their issues in a safe place and work through positive next steps. Judgement has no place in Heidi's practice, and even though she believes in a Christian approach, she welcomes all with open arms in her space.

When she's not working in her office in Wanamingo, you will find her volunteering at Next Chapter Ministries in Rochester. This program supports people who have been incarcerated in starting a new life, and helps families impacted by crime find hope for the future. It is a non denominational ministry and currently has a men's home, along with programs for women and children, and they have plans to expand their services in the near future.

In building her practice, she is offering an initial 30 minute consultation at no cost, to meet new prospective clients and see if they both feel like Abounding Hope is the right fit. And when the fit doesn't seem quite right, Heidi can refer clients to a number of other

qualified counsellors in the area. Her undergraduate degree was in communication, so she is well equipped to deal with many issues that surface in her work.

When I asked her why she chose counseling as a career, she said, "I went into counseling not because I think I can fix things, but because people need to know that they are being heard. Their stories need to be heard, and they need to know that they are not alone. I am on their journey with them, and I offer them hope and support through knowing Jesus and His love."

If you or someone you know is struggling with what life has thrown at them, you can contact Heidi at (507) 626-2410. I think you'll be glad you did!

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County Sets Property Tax Appeals Meetings

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

Rice County property owners recently received a Notice of Valuation and Classification for Taxes Payable for 2024. This form provides notification of the market value and classification of a property for assessment for 2023. The property taxes paid in 2024 will be based on that classification.

Listed on the notice are the dates and times of the local Board of Appeal and Equalization, and alternative meetings for 2023. If you believe that your valuation and classification are correct, it is not necessary to contact your assessor and/or attend any of the listed meetings.

If the property information is incorrect, if there is disagreement with the value/classification or if there are questions about the notice, contact the Assessor's Office first at 507-332-6102 to discuss any questions or concerns.

All property owners are invited to attend the Open Book meeting in Faribault to have a one-on-one discussion with the assessor. Often issues can be resolved at this level. The assessor will advise of further appeal rights, if needed.

The County asks that everyone please read the notice carefully for all appeal options. Those who live in a jurisdiction with a Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting (Forest and Wells townships), must start with that Local board before advancing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

For more information on county meetings, visit the Rice County website.

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

Open Book Meeting • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Rice County Government Services Building, 302 Third St. NW, Faribault

Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization

9 a.m. Thursday, April 13 in the Forest Township Hall, April 13 at Forest Township Hall, 3625 Millersburg Boulevard, Faribault.

9 a.m. Friday, April 14 in the Wells Township Hall, 18400 Roberds Lake Boulevard, Faribault Rice County Board of Appeal and Equalization

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at the Rice County Government Services Building, 302 Third St. NW, Faribault

Rice County Taxes Helping with Road Construction, May Not Be Enough

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

With road construction costs rising sharply over the last 24 months, the Rice County Board of Commissioners has reiterated its support for a tax that has helped ensure a smoother ride for motorists in Rice County for nearly a decade.

According to a statement issued by Rice County, the proceeds from the one-half-cent sales tax that was first approved in 2014 help pay for needed county transportation projects. In all, the tax has brought in more than \$32.5 million, according to county figures. In 2022 alone, the county collected \$4.9 million.

A wheelage tax, which was approved in June 2013, has also helped the country maintain its transportation system. The \$20 annual

fee for each vehicle registered in the county has raised nearly \$8.1 million since it was approved.

The tax will remain in place for the foreseeable future, if for no other reason than the rising costs that continue to hamper efforts to make headway on county transportation projects.

County engineer Dennis Luebbe said in the statement that the cost of reconstructing one mile of rural road, without utilities or streetlights, is just over \$2 million.

In 2021, Minnesota counties saw transportation project costs increase by 25% over the prior year. Luebbe expects he will again see prices significantly higher when bids are opened in the weeks to come. Counties that have already opened bids on this year's projects are finding costs are 15% over projections.

Luebbe said the cost increases are hindering management of the county's 10-year plan for road construction. While the sales tax has been a great benefit to supplement county resources, he said the development of a plan that fully meets the county's needs is becoming increasingly difficult.

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Nerstrand Man Arrested for Running Psychedelic Lab in Basement

Courtesy of KTTC

NERSTRAND, Minn. (KTTC) – Over the past several months Agents with the Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force (CRDVOTF) conducted a narcotics investigation regarding large amounts of metham-

phetamine being sold in the Nerstrand area.

According to CRDVOTF, it learned that 46-year-old Victor Wang was residing in the City of Nerstrand and Agents obtained a controlled substance related search warrant for the residence.

On March 21, Agents executed the search warrant and observed Wang leaving the residence. Wang was searched and Agents located approximately 28 grams of methamphetamine in his pocket.

Agents then searched the house and came across two slow cookers in the basement that contained a red colored liquid/sludge substance. Precursor chemicals were also found in the area of the crockpots along with rags often used as filters, a glass pipette and another jar containing a brown liquid.

Agents eventually located tree bark/roots in the garbage with additional lye containers around the basement. The slow cookers emitted a very strong chemical odor and Agents suspected it to be a lab for making controlled substance.

Agents made contact with Drug Enforcement Agents that were clandestine lab certified.

Agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) arrived on scene and identified it as a suspected dimethyltryptamine (DMT) lab.

CRDVOTF explained DMT as a strong psychedelic found in a number of plants and animals. DEA Agents advised that the contents in the basement are often used to make the DMT. The lab involves extracting DMT from the bark/plants and then processes into a Hallucinogenic Drug similar to the effects of LSD.

The Agents located substances in advancing stages of production in the home. The weight of the substance appeared to be well over 100 grams.

In Wang's bedroom, Agents also located packaging materials, scales, a small amount of marijuana and approximately 2 grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms. Two shotguns and a rifle were also located in a bedroom in the home. Wang has prior convictions and is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Wang was arrested and charged by the Rice County Attorney's Office for multiple controlled substance related felonies and prohibited persons in possession of firearms.

Agents with the CRDVOTF were assisted by the Rice County Sheriff's Office and K9 Units along with members from the Drug Enforcement Agency.

"Coming across a DMT lab is extremely rare. These labs create major risks to public safety. I'm proud of collaborative effort by all the agencies involved that worked together to remove the lab from the community."

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**City of Dennison
Regular Council Meeting
February 2, 2023**

The February Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Heidi Cooke on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Nichole Schloesser, Diane Ruddle, and Clerk Jessica Page. Councilor Kaylyn Nygaard and Mayor Jeff Flaten were unable to attend.

Councilor Ruddle move to approve the regular meeting minutes for January. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0. Councilor Schloesser move to approve the Treasurer's report. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 3:0.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Building Permits:

Request from Ryan Olson. He is looking at purchasing a property on 3rd Ave., he wants to insulate and install sewer and water in the large shed on the back of the property. He is wondering if there would be a cost, and can

he install it himself? There was discussion regarding the project, including some input from those in attendance who were familiar with the situation. It will not be an issue if running it through the house, and not a new hookup. Ryan will need to follow all current building standards and inspections if he does the work himself.

Administrative Issues:

1. Jared Petersen from OurTech CO-OP was present along with Hyon Kim to discuss the broadband proposal emailed to the council last month. He discussed the next steps in the process and submission dates. Final numbers for the broadband are almost done. The plan is to do three cables instead of one. Cost would be very similar. Two input areas coming into town. East and west. 5 possible providers can serve as the backbone of the infrastructure project. Need a 10-by 21 area for a communications building. Need somewhere to build it. This is considered a Low density project. State is looking at 50-75%

of help with costs. Still need 1.5 million in financing to find. Both Rice and Goodhue County's are willing to work with the City and they have ARPA \$ available. Rural areas have been forgotten regarding internet as it isn't as profitable. Looking at the people with a Dennison Address, not just within the City Limits. Jared stressed the need for the City to commit to work with counties in the next week, as well as work with them (Our Tech) for the mini grant. They will send contact info to the clerk and will work with council members to get folks there to meet.

2. Daniel Moore from Core and Main will discuss water meters. \$540 is for a hand held device to read the meters. He spoke about what they have to offer for meters and more automated reading systems. There are radio's for each of the touch pads at each meter site, and an app to use is purchased, then basically a subscription service/annual fee to continue using it. Can phase into the program to reduce upfront costs. Left a price list for reference.

Sheriff's deputy here answering questions and to ask if there were any concerns.

3. Bolstrom property. Recommendations from the city attorney how to proceed. Councilor Ruddle move to send him the second notice of nuisance and let him know he has the right to come to meeting to talk about the issue. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0. A discussion followed as to the date to hold the March meeting, to stick with the 2nd, or move to the 9th. It was decided to move the March meeting to the 9th. Send out letter asap via Sheriff delivery, and post it on his property also.

4. Previously tabled discussion on adding a fee for new driveway entrances. Councilor Ruddle reviewed Northfield's Ordinance and though it was well done. She asked if we need to look at sidewalk info—do we need? General and well written and similar to other cities. Councilor Ruddle will work on a draft of it.

5. Also, previously tabled discussion regarding water usage and other entities outside of the city using our water. A water fee (tier system) was proposed. Tier proposal, less than 5,000 gallons used, \$100. Up to 10,000 gallons used, \$200.00. Up to 20,000 gallons used, \$300.00. (Special Events Usage Fee) was discussed at our previous meeting. It was found that surrounding cities use tiered systems. Councilor Schloesser move to use

the pricing as noted above, and for amounts over 20,000 gallons, will be an \$100 per ten thousand gallons. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 3:0.

6. When it comes to public entities using water, the State of Minnesota was inquiring about securing water sources in case the bird flu (HPAI) became a severe problem in our area. Josh Hanson, Goodhue County Emergency Coordinator, has reached out to city officials asking for potential help. Mayor Flaten asked the Fire Chief if this would pose a problem for the fire department if the state needed to use our water. He had no problems with this. The state would reimburse the city if they ever used our water. Is council alright with the state using our water for a potential crisis/event? Councilor Ruddle move that in event of an emergency, the State of MN can use water from the City of Dennison. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0.

7. Website domain renewal 1 year at \$55 to 5 year at \$220 options. Also, there is the possibility of someone interested in updating the City of Dennison Website for a class she is taking. Would the City be interested? Councilor Schloesser move to approve the 5 year renewal plan. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 3:0. City Council is ok with having F. Boehning to assist with updating the City's website this summer, at no cost to the City.

8. Was contacted by the FCC regarding aviation signal interference that emanated from the City of Dennison water tower. Clerk gave contact information for Northfield WIFI, and LTD Broadband.

Citizens Issues:

Mayors Issues:

Utilities:

1. Update from Nate: Fluoride system is running with the loaner pump and compliant. Quarterly samples are done. Generator for the lift station is not operable. Travis is going to talk with some folks to see what to do. Runs for about 30 seconds. Worked fine last summer. New in 1991. Control board. Will ask for help from Louis Wilder from Cedar Lake.

Nate is planning on going to the MRWA training in St. Cloud in early March. He would like to set up a day with a C license operator to see that operation. Councilor Ruddle move to send Nate to the refresher course in St. Cloud to take the C test (Includes the lodging and mileage.) in March. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 3:0.

Things are working well with Travis, he is a good asset to have as he knows both water and sewer. He brought up his spare pump to help with the Fluoride issues until they can be fixed. Nate and Travis are taking pictures to send to companies to see what it would cost to replace everything in the fluoride system.

Upcoming Annual review for Nate in March.

Councilor Schloesser move to pay the bills, including the one to Goodhue County Land Use for permit fees. Acting Mayor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0.

Councilor Ruddle move to adjourn. Councilor Schloesser second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday March 9th, 2023 at 7:00.

Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Council Members Carrie Turi, Dan Pflieger, John Harris, Jennifer Schwab, and Mayor Todd Evavold. Other people in attendance were, City Clerk, Dana Jans, and 3 residents.

Roll Call

Councilpersons, Turi, Pflieger, Harris, Schwab and Mayor Evavold present.

Approval of Agenda

-Motion to accept the agenda with the addition of the pay equity report, snow removal behind Nerstrand Meats, and clerk training, by Councilor Schwab second by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

New Business

-Motion by Councilor Schwab to contract with Service Master who was the lowest bid for cleaning services for one year, second by Councilor Harris, motion passed unanimously.

-Discussion on water meter readings and if McDowell would like assistance in his position. Motion by Councilor Schwab to contract with Howard Quamme for \$75.00 a month if less than 6 inches of snow on the ground, \$100.00 a month if more than 6 inches. Second by Councilor Harris, motion passed unanimously.

-Nerstrand Fire and Rescue requested permission to sell the old pumper truck in the same manner as the brush truck. Motion by Councilor Turi to sell the pumper truck, second by Councilor Harris, motion passed unanimously.

-Pay Equity needs to be submitted every three years. Report was generated and posted. Motion by Councilor Schwab to accept the pay equity report, second by Councilor Harris, motion passed unanimously. Clerk will submit documentation.

-Discussion on snow behind Nerstrand Meats and who is responsible for removal. Mayor Evavold confirmed that in the past it was the city who removed that snow. Motion by Councilor Schwab to clear the snow and parking areas, second by Councilor Harris, motion passed unanimously.

-Motion for Clerk Jans to attend MCFOA training in March by Councilor Harris, second by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

-Discussion on insurance for the City. Motion to add the cemetery property to insurance and to decline the extra umbrella by Councilor Schwab, second by Councilor Turi, motion passed unanimously.

-Motion by Councilor Harris to begin the process of a land trade with Nerstrand Ag in order to get ownership of Farm Street. Proposed trade would be PID 21.1.14 50.004 which the city owns, for a sliver of land along Farm Street PID 21.14.1.00.004. Second by Councilor Turi, motion passed unanimously.

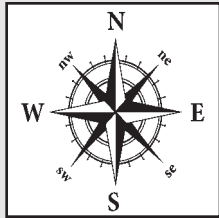
Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by;
Dana Jans
Nerstrand City Clerk



Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Dyers Creek



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.

Dyers Creek. I drive past it quite often near our place in Tennessee. We have went kayaking up and down it numerous times. It is very quiet in the evenings and we enjoy the cranes that hunt for fish at the water's edge and the deer that come to the bank to get a drink as we slip silently by. Fish break the surface of the water around the kayak. I always thought it would be interesting to have one hop in the kayak. Much more manageable than a water snake.

We use the boat launch there to put the boat into the Cumberland River. The river is shallow and narrow and one must be careful not to run the prop into the mud right where it meets the mighty Cumberland. Like every place in Tennessee it has over two centuries of history to tell if you look and listen.

Stewart County was first settled by pioneers from North Carolina, who arrived around 1795. The military granted up to 1,500 acres to survivors if the Continental War from 1795 to 1805 and many took advantage of the offer. A party of surveyors arrived first to run the lines of land tracts. One night while the eight men were camped along what is now Dyers Creek, they were attacked by Indians and four of the group were killed. One of the surveyors, Thomas French, escaped the ambush but did return later to claim property. The settlers built two story log house-forts to help protect from the Indian attacks since most of the indigenous people there were very hostile. Up until 1812 the militia made patrols up and down the Tennessee River to protect the settlers from Indian raids.

Some of the locals relate that the name was

a result of the surveyors being left to die after the Indian attack. I soon learned that spelling and pronunciation is not a strong point with long-time Tennessee residents. Dyers Creek was named after Robert Henry Dyer who was a cavalry colonel in the War of 1812 and the 1818 Seminole War. He settled in the area and later became a Tennessee state senator.

Wildlife was available to feed the early settlers in the Tennessee woodlands and game of every description could be found in abundance. Judge James Scarborough lived along Dyers Creek and related a story that happened about 1807. The Judge and his sons left the farm to attend court while his wife, Mary remained at home to tend the livestock. The county seat was some distance and it was necessary to remain overnight. During the evening a large black bear was detected prowling around the place and got in amongst the pigs. The dogs were set on it and the bear climbed a tree by the house. By this time it was dark and Mrs. Scarborough could not distinguish the form of the bruin in the tree so she built a large fire under the tree and waited through the night in vigil. When the morning came, she took her husband's rifle and killed the bear and proceeded to skin it.

In the early days of the settlements there were very few stores in the area. Many supplies came from New Orleans and were brought up the river in Keel Boats powered by hand. They would bring dry goods up the rivers and exchange for furs, skins and other produce. It took a full six months to make a round trip.

In 1804 Mason Bennett opened a general merchandise store at his house and also sold whisky. Most of the early 1800 accounts of merchants were of men who opened a tavern at their house. Due to the extremely hilly terrain and plentiful rivers in Tennessee, most travel was by water and most settlements were along the river. As more settlers arrived and started businesses, many small towns sprang up throughout the state. The Dover Hotel was built on the banks of the Cumberland River in the mid 1850's and is still standing, thanks mostly because it was the location of the signing of the surrender between the Union General Grant and Confederate General Buckner after the Battle of Fort Donelson. It served as the General's headquarters and a hospital during the battle. After the war it continued as a hotel until the 1930's.



A Minnesotan: Second Winter



By RosaLin Alcoser

Seasons in Minnesota, and the rest of the Midwest, and wild. You've got Per-Witner, Winter, False Spring, Second Winter, maybe Spring, construction season- also known as Summer, and Fall.

False Spring came early to Minnesota this year, I think. If memory serves me correctly it normally does not get into the mid

40s during February. I feel like that is an early March thing most years.

Honestly having that nice of weather in February was excellent. We did not need our coats and could go outside and enjoy being there without freezing.

I fully realize that there are plenty of Minnesotans that enjoy going outside in the winter when it's cold to do things like ski, snow shoe, and snowmobile. I however am not one of those people. Between late November and early April I take to being an indoor person.

With the exception of false Spring. Then I am outside along with all of the rest of the Minnesotans to enjoy the short window of nice weather while we have it.

But alas like all false Springs it came and went in a matter of a week or two. Now we embark into the second Winter.

After all, we already had our first Winter. It's high time that we had a second Winter before we either get adult Spring or skip over the season completely and go straight to Summer.

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 - 42. Never say what?
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 - 49. Farm call
 - 51. Bewitch
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 - 56. Close call
 - 57. Elliot Page's 2007 role
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 - 59. Unacceptable, to a baby
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