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"Carlson Good?"

By Cheri Roshon

Bobby Carlson was a Wanamingo icon, according to the people who filled his life for the past 85 years. He was born April 25, 1937 to Clarence and Anna (Tongen) Carlson, and was their 3rd child. There was something different about Bobby since birth. Some say it was the fact that Clarence was RH- blood, and Anna was RH+. Some say it was a fever that almost took his life shortly after he was born that made him the way he was. He had tendencies based on the Autism Spectrum, but in reality, we will never know what made Bobby "Bobby". He was never officially diagnosed.

Bright as could be, he had a penchant for numbers, and was a mathematical savant. You could rattle off any number multiplied by any other number, and Bobby, without pen and paper, could tell you the correct answer every time.

He had a kind heart, and lived a life of service to others. He mowed 50 lawns a week with his push lawnmower, or shoveled walks for people who couldn't. He put license plates on cars for most drivers in Wanamingo, and could tell you the license plate number of every car in town. He



had a photographic memory that helped out in several occasions.

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Serving Others

By Cheri Roshon

One of the oldest ways to come together in fellowship with each other is to "break bread". We can all recall learning about the Pilgrims and Native Americans sharing food with each other to build a bond that led to learning about their different lifestyles. The wayfaring English had come to America to live in freedom from their oppressors.

Combining knowledge to be able to live peacefully in the New World was essential to survival. The first Thanksgiving was all about learning to live together in peace. Since then, Americans celebrate with Fall Festivals in honor of that first Thanksgiving.

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New Massage Therapist in Wanamingo

*Due to a misdirection in the newspaper delivery, some of the P.O. boxes in Wanamingo were shorted last month's Wanamingo Messenger. We are re-running some of the articles again this month. If you know of anyone with a Wanamingo P.O. box who hasn't received their copy, please let us know.

Cheri Roshon is now working out of All the Buzz in Wanamingo.

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We want to Thank You for your continued support of the Wanamingo Messenger again this past year!

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Have a Grateful Heart



By Pastor Colin Rueter,
New Life Church
(colin@nlcwanamingo.org)

I am taking this month's article to step away from our journey through God's word to speak about gratefulness. Yes, this coincides with the month of Thanksgiving, the day coming on Thursday November 24th.

Back in the year 1621, 401 years ago, the first Pilgrims set aside a day of feasting and prayer to show their gratitude to God in His gracious hand of providence. Also called Saints, and known as Separatists for their desire to separate themselves completely from the established church in England that would not allow them to freely worship. These Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom

and opportunity in the New World, gave thanks to God for His provision in helping them find 20 acres of cleared land, that there were no hostile Native Americans in that area, for their newfound religious freedom, and for God's provision of an interpreter to the Native Americans in Squanto. Along with the feasting and games involving the colonists and more than 80 Native Americans (who added to the feast by bringing wild turkeys and venison), prayers, sermons, and songs of praise were important in the celebration. Three days were spent in feasting and prayer. This was a time when people of different backgrounds collectively came together to rejoice in the Creator and give thanks. From that time forward, Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for His gracious and sufficient provision. President Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." In 1941, Congress ruled that the fourth Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and be a legal holiday.

Now, here we are in 2022, and I have found myself asking, "Do we slow down enough to give thanks to God who has provided for all of our needs - physically, but more importantly, spiritually?" I understand that we can reflect on loss, trials, and need, bringing those requests to God to ask for His help. Yet, we are called, like the Pilgrims, to see through the hardship of this broken world to the glorious hand of a Loving Father. Our prayers should be fervent in requests, but joyous in thanksgiving. Charles Spurgeon said it well,

"We ought not to leap in prayer, and limp in praise." So, this month may we recognize the gracious hand of God in our lives, let us give thanks! Let us recite to our weary and fickle hearts the words of Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Amen.

There is never a day in the year, or a moment in the day—in which the Christian ought not to be grateful. Of all of God's gifts, the greatest one He has given is the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus paid our sin debt, so a holy and just Judge could forgive us our sins and give us eternal life as a free gift. This gift is available to those who will call on Christ to save them from their sin in simple but sincere faith (Romans 3:19-26; Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8-10). For this gift of His Son, the gift which meets our greatest need, the Apostle Paul says, "Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be those things that we can complain about. The Pilgrims had lost many loved ones, left their homes, and possessions, but there will also be much to be thankful for. As our country continues to shift towards ungratefulness and hopelessness, the people of God must rise up with the shouts of giving of

thanks to God, during our annual Thanksgiving holiday and throughout the year. May God stir in our hearts to be grateful every day for all His gifts, spiritual and material. God is good, and every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). For those who know Christ, God also works everything together for good, even events we would not necessarily consider good (Romans 8:28-30). Hug your spouse, put your arm around your children or grandchildren and tell them you love them, pray with a coworker, encourage the weary friend to look to God through Jesus Christ, smile at the person stocking shelves at the grocery store. May He find us to be His grateful children. May God continue to graciously give you your daily bread as you give thanks with a grateful heart. Happy Thanksgiving, friends!

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Love . . . always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

— 1 Corinthians 13:7

Our passage tells us that "love . . . always trusts." Other translations say that "love trusts all things." The original Greek text says, more simply, "trusts all"—always and all things. When I first noticed that, it seemed impossible to me.

Have you ever been let down by someone only to find that it was because they never trusted you? You might want to scream about who turned out not to be trustworthy! I learned early in life not to trust people that I sensed didn't trust me. But that can lead to a destructive cycle in which people begin to trust each other less and less.

Love offers a different approach. Love says, "I'll give you trust." Period.

An unrelenting effort to "trust all" moves us to dig as deep as we need to in order to find what is trustworthy. And that always brings us to God.

The world will let you down, and you should feel free to move yourself to safety when you need to. But God's perfect love can drive us to look constantly for new ways to trust.

God, in and through your perfect love, help us to find trust that doesn't depend on circumstances but on you. Amen.

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Chester Slininger

A memorial service for Chester Slininger was held Friday October 21st at 8:00 PM at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel in Zumbrota. The Reverend Dustin Haider officiated. The visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home prior to the service. Burial, at a later date, will take place at Meadow Ridge Memorial Park in Faribault. Mr. Slininger, 84, of rural Kenyon, died Wednesday October 5, 2022 at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester.

Chester Elwyn Slininger was born March 2, 1938 in Ada, Minnesota, the son of Elwyn and Ruby (Schultz) Slininger. Raised in Randolph, he was a graduate of the public schools there and was a member of the school's basketball team. On August 25, 1962 he married Bonita Kay Ahrens at the Methodist Church in Faribault. Chester drove semi-truck with Knott's Trucking for many years. He also farmed for over fifty years. He was a member of Dale Lutheran Church near Wanamingo. He enjoyed picnics and spending time with his family, working in his shop, attending tractor pulls, and going to West Concord on Sunday mornings for breakfast. He will also be remembered for taking pride in the care of his lawn.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years Bonita Slininger; a son Scott (Connie) Slininger of Mondovi, Wisconsin; a daughter Susan Slininger of Zumbrota; two step-grandchildren Jack (Melanie) Nieto, and Brian Brulport; and three great-grandchildren Zachary, Courtney, and Victor. Also surviving is his sister Cheryl (Duane) Hermanson of Cannon Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a grandson Josh Slininger.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to the family.

Robert Duane Carlson, "Bobby"

Robert Duane Carlson, "Bobby", 85, of Wanamingo, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, October 17, 2022 at The Terrace of Cannon Falls.

Bobby was born April 25, 1937 in Wanamingo to Clarence and Anna (Tongen) Carlson. He grew up on the Tongen family farm before moving to the Carlson home in 1943, where he stayed until he moved into The Terrace at Cannon Falls in June of 2021. Bobby had the biggest heart and was always helping others in need from helping elderly women get their groceries and mail, putting license plates on for people, to mowing over 50 yards a week with an old push mower. Bobby had an in-

credible knowledge of cars and had over 12,000 baseball caps he collected. He was a proud member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo, where he enjoyed singing in the church choir and handing out bulletins on Sunday morning. He also loved working at Pro Act-IRC, where he spent over 20 years. Bobby loved to ride his 3 wheeler around town and a phrase known by many was "Carlson good".

Bobby is survived by his siblings, Diane (Bob) Lexvold, Carol Johanson, Dale (Carrie) Carlson; sister-in-law, Jackie Schacht; numerous nieces and nephews. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Anna; brothers, James and Wayne, and by his sister-in-law, Phyllis.

A funeral service was held 12:00 PM Friday, October 21, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 2nd Ave., Wanamingo, MN. Visitation was held from 10:00 AM until time of the service. The Rev. Kris Ferkin officiated with burial at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in memory of Bobby. To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Muriel Lavonne (Holien) Duncan

Muriel Lavonne (Holien) Duncan, 89, of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, died on October 17, 2022. Muriel was born on May 30, 1933; the ninth of Tyler and Ingeborg (Ellingson) Holien's ten children. A small farm in Sogn Valley, hedged by a line of trees and the Little Cannon River, was "the home place" to Muriel.

Living on a farm meant going to a small country school, Wagner Hill School, Goodhue Co. District #150, through eighth grade. Reading, spelling, art, and geography were Muriel's favorite subjects. At home, Muriel's chores included pumping water from an outdoor well and carrying water and wood into the house. A wood stove was used for cooking. Muriel was nine years old when her mother became a widow with five children yet to raise. In her teen years, Muriel helped her oldest brother Bud milk cows by hand. The milk was the family's main source of income. At night, Muriel would help call the gentle cows in from the pasture and lead them into the barn.

Muriel loved her mother immensely. The first thing her mom taught her was The Golden Rule. Muriel helped her mother with baking and cooking. The family enjoyed music. As a child, Muriel taught herself how to play her brother's accordion. Muriel was baptized and confirmed (1947) at Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church. When she turned sixteen, she worked as a waitress in Cannon Falls.

On April 2, 1951, Muriel wed Ward Dun-

can in St. Paul, MN; LeRoy and Jeanne Holien were their attendants. Ward and Muriel raised their two children, Doug and Sandy, in Cannon Falls. In addition to being a thrifty and prudent homemaker, Muriel was a caregiver for children of relatives and others. She loved children. Warm and comfortable, Muriel was an "extra" mom to some of Doug and Sandy's friends and she was a favorite aunt.

Muriel was a kindhearted person who endured trials with minimal complaint. She liked spending time with family. She was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. When reminiscing, she could recall details of special quips or traits of people. She was a keeper of keepsakes. Muriel was thoughtful about corresponding with family and friends. Muriel was interested in current events and subscribed to many newspapers and magazines. She was always trying to get "caught up" with reading. Muriel enjoyed tending flowers, watching birds, and walking in the country. Muriel appreciated attractive colors and pretty things. Her most essential delights were "fresh air and quiet."

Muriel worked food service jobs at different medical facilities. In 1993, when Ward retired, Muriel did too. Ward and Muriel enjoyed folk, country western, gospel, and bluegrass music. They attended many concerts and music shows. They took trips to Branson, Missouri and spent a few winters in Mission and McAllen, Texas. They liked going to Lanesboro and Harmony, MN. Muriel was intrigued by the Amish people and their way of life.

During their almost 66 years of marriage,

Ward and Muriel lived in other Minnesota towns, notably: Cambridge, Isanti, Red Wing, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota.

Muriel was preceded in death by husband Ward Duncan; her parents; brothers Kenneth ("Bud"), LeRoy, Vernon, Roger, and sisters Gladys (Skogman), Evelyn (Stream), Clarice (Knowlton), Caryl (Tri); and son-in-law Gary Rust.

Muriel is survived by her son, Doug Duncan of Cannon Falls; daughter, Sandy Wing and her husband Ken of Isanti; grandchildren, Melissa (Tom) Halgrimson of Byron; Matthew Rust (Christy Tattling) of Isanti; Miranda (Andrew) McLean of New Richmond, WI; and Kyle Wing (Steph Arana) of St. Paul; great-grandchildren, Tate and Ray Halgrimson; Emerald Cramsie; Margaret, Handel, Lucy, Edmund and Iris McLean; and Adelaide and Emmett Wing; sister Jan O'Brien; brother-in-law Bruce (Margaret) Duncan; many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

A celebration of life service, followed by a lunch, will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church, 34289 County 24 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN. There will be a visitation on Friday, November 18, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 PM at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN. Muriel chose to donate her body to Mayo Clinic Rochester for medical education. Memorials are preferred to The Salvation Army or Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church.

Serving Others

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The members of Dale Church had their Fall Festival on October 23rd from 11 am to 1 pm. Sharing a meal and catching up with neighbors while enjoying a home cooked meal together is a bonding experience. Serving others and being served is what Jesus taught us to do so many years ago. Sharing what we have to lift up those who have less than we do is not a sacrifice, but a loving way to express His teachings. And who doesn't love a home cooked meal?

At the fall festival, a meal of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pie, coffee and milk was served. There were baked goods, crafts, produce and flower bulbs for sale. A beautiful quilt made and donated by Sharon Geyer was raffled off. All the proceeds from the festival will be used to benefit the Dale Church Ministry. Members of the church, young and old, volunteered to make this a great event.

Dale Church was founded in 1857 in Norwegian Lutheran tradition. Many Norwegian immigrants came to America in search of a better life for their families, just like the English came over long before them. The congregation met in a log cabin by the



river back then. The cornerstone for the first framed church was laid in 1877. In 1947, a fire destroyed the existing church, and the only thing that was saved from the flames was the organ. In 1949 the existing church was built and has been serving our community ever since. It is a friendly and welcoming place to visit and worship. Services are at 9 am and 11 am, and rotate early and late services with Holden Church.

"Carlson Good?"

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Gretchen Benson told of a time that her parents were driving to Florida when her grandmother passed away. Not knowing how to find them on the road, they called the police department, and was asked for the license plate number. They called Bobby, and sure enough, he gave them the number, and her parents were found and notified. Another time, a car was stolen from a resident's driveway. Same scenario..... they needed the license plate to track down the thief. Again, Bobby came to the rescue, gave authorities the correct number, and the thief was caught before he even got out of town!

One of Bobby's favorite activities was attending Trinity Lutheran Church. On any given Sunday, you could find Bobby handing out pamphlets to parishioners, singing in the choir, or attending Bible study.

Being a man dedicated to serving others, Bobby liked to hang out at the fire department with the volunteer fire fighters. They gave him the title of Honorary Firefighter, and were kind enough to let him sit in on their meetings and even play cards with them. They treated him like "one of the guys", and they always watched out for him. Todd Greseth told a story about one night, the boys were playing cards, and Bobby was watching. Brian Johnson had just picked up his hand, and Bobby was standing right behind him. As Brian was looking at his hand and deciding what to play, Bobby said matter of factly, "Still no trump". That ended that hand, but they all laughed, and nobody was upset!

Another favorite activity he enjoyed was going to JB's Tavern. Now, Bobby wasn't a drinker, but he liked to socialize with his friends. He would go to JB's and empty ashtrays, clean tables and get his pop for free. Everyone liked to talk to Bobby and ask him questions, because he had a memory like a steel trap. He knew the answers to most any question you could ask about the people in Wanamingo, and the history and events of the town.

Bobby also loved cars. I would ask him to draw a picture of any car I could think of, and he would not only do a very artistic rendition of the car, but also any details that made it stand out from other cars. He knew when they were made, and what year the changes were made to the body styles, etc. Oh, to have a

mind like that!

But the most amazing thing that Bobby had was his baseball cap collection! Bobby LOVED hats! People began to hear about his collection, and would give him their cast offs, and sometimes buy him a new one from places they had visited, and he not only loved getting them, but always remembered who had given it to him, and when. I remember on his 80th birthday at JB's, I gave him my pink Zumbrota Ford hat. He opened the box that held the hat, and looked at it, then looked at me without saying a word. I knew he wasn't particularly fond of "lady colors" like pink and lavender, so I thought this hat would be unique to his collection. As he stared at me, saying nothing, I asked him if he already had one like that, and he replied, quite vehemently, "Not THIS color!" And I laughed and told him I wanted him to remember me when he looked at that hat. His collection grew as time went by, and last count, Bobby had over 12,000 hats! I called Guinness World Book of Records to see if I could get him in it, but apparently there are other baseball hat collectors that beat him out. Imagine that!

Bobby Carlson lived a full life. His passion was to serve others, and he never stopped until his body no longer allowed it. This small town was a blessing to my uncle, and I can't imagine how he could ever have lived anywhere other than Wanamingo. You all who knew him and cared about him were his family. You accepted him for who he was, and never let his disability keep him from living amongst you. You cared for him, protected him, and allowed him to live a full and memorable life. My family and I want to personally thank each and every one of you who were there for him, no matter what. His favorite saying was "Carlson Good", and you can bet that he was. We'll all miss him, but Bobby Carlson will live on in our memories forever.



Jake's Hometown Liquor



Hometown Liquor has a new owner. Jake Grant purchased the business from Barney Nesselth on September 28th. His son Emmett will be overseeing the day to day operations of the retail store. The Grants are Wanamingo natives and own a three-generation trucking business with a maintenance building beside the liquor store and have rented the office space for the last three years. The trucking business has twenty semi-trucks and five owner operators which haul ice cream in refrigerated trailers for local as well as long haul deliveries.

Right now they are focusing keeping up with the inventory and looking for new products and ways to attract new customers. The hours are 8am to 10pm Monday through Saturday and 11am to 6pm on Sundays.

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New Massage Therapist in Wanamingo

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Cheri is a Wanamingo native, having grown up here and now has returned to live and work in her hometown. After doing daycare for many years, Cheri went to school to become a massage therapist in 1989. The name of her business is Golden Touch Therapeutic Massage.

She practiced in Rochester for a time and moved to Idaho, before coming back to Wanamingo.

Cheri has four daughters and nine grandchildren. Another one of her projects was to write a children's book in 2017, which she titled The Happy Place. She describes this book being designed to help children understand spiritual values and differences between the personalities of their peers. Tolerance comes through understanding each other. "The longer we wait to tie into a new conscious awareness, a universal source, the greater becomes the distance between the warmth of the original God connection, and the coldness of solitary human existence. This is where we lose ourselves, and our children.

If only we can show our children this special connection early in life, hopefully the confusion of purpose in adolescence can be avoided. It is to them, our children, that I dedicate this book," Cheri states.

Cheri is a proponent of alternative medicine and believes in the practice of homeopathy. She feels that the benefits of massage therapy include reducing stress, promoting relaxation, reducing pain, muscle soreness and tension as well as improving circulation, lowers heart rate and blood pressure and increases energy and mental clarity while improving immune function.

She sees clients on Mondays and Thursdays and charges \$75 per hour for her deep tissue massage. She also offers a chair "mini" massage for those who only have a short time to spare. You can call to book a session at 507-279-9484.

I have attached a recent review from client who describes her experience.

I have seen Cheri, the massage therapist at All The Buzz in Wanamingo, twice. Initial impression was of a nice, private studio, relaxing music, and smelled good.

Occasionally when a therapist uses Salon space you can get the smell of hair chemicals wafting into the therapy rooms or chatter from the front, but I did not experience any of that.

Therapist was friendly, enthusiastic, energetic and prompt.

Cheri had me fill out some forms asking about any pre-existing medical conditions, al-



Cheri Roshon

lergies and so forth. She listened closely to explanations offered about chronic pain and end goals for the treatment.

Massage was excellent quality. Cheri used a combination of modalities such as Deep Tissue, Swedish, Reflexology and even some Reiki, I think. She seems to be very in tune with her patients and in addition to a high value massage, guests can expect to be educated during their sessions. She is well-informed on Nutrition and Lifestyle and will offer input to improve your experience.

If you are on a tight schedule, let her know ahead of time, because she's dialed into your problem areas and not the clock, so you could end up going over. This is not a massage

where you're escorted to the checkout counter before the timer dings.

She served me at my convenience, including booking me on short notice, doing additional work on problem areas, as well as educating me about things I could do to improve my situation going forward. She took every precaution to protect my modesty and privacy, including having a back exit into the parking area and being at the shop after normal business hours to accommodate me.

Price was very reasonable at \$75 but she does not accept credit cards for massage, so be prepared for that. She does accept Venmo. Highly Recommended, Good experience!

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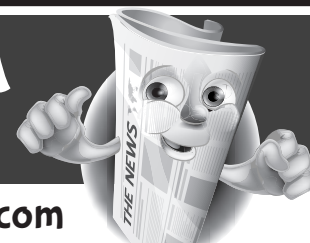


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Thanks to local advertisers and your voluntary subscriptions, we are in your mailbox each month. Enclosed in this month's issue is a subscription envelope. We hope you will consider renewing your voluntary subscription. It insures the paper will continue here in your hometown.

Without this support, we would not be here. We hope you continue to see value in the Messenger. While there are plenty of social media sources and on line sites out there, most don't deliver the hometown news and message

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Every year, many newspapers have consolidated or gone out of business.

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With our small staff of 2.5, we understand this challenge first hand here at the Messenger, which is why we publish the Messenger in its monthly format.

Our goal with the Messenger is to help insure our home towns, still have a community voice of its own, direct mailing to all residents in the zip code. This format allows your hometown to maintain a local monthly paper, and better connect local residents, businesses and the community. We also understand the need for more timely information within the month, so check out the web site for important news that happens between print issues. We continue to expand our digital and online offerings while still maintaining our dedication to our hometowns!

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Halloween in Wanamingo

The streets were crawling with vampires, dinosaurs and zombies. Witches and warlocks were everywhere! Where? Main Street in Wanamingo!

Hordes of people, young and old, large and small, turned out to have hotdogs and apple cider served by the folks at Reckitt. Candy was in abundance all up and down the street. Halloween was upon us....

Smiling faces, children laughing and adults visiting..... where do you find this but in small town America?

Beth the Bat was stretching her wings outside of Wanamingo Mutual Insurance. Area 57 had a Ghost Watch going on, as they do every year. You can follow the ghost videos on Area 57 instagram or facebook page to see where they went and where they were found. I thought I saw Jared Allen amongst the ghosts! A decidedly motley looking crew was seen outside of GMI Insurance company. I think it was Captain Hook, Peter Pan and Tin-



kerbell with a pet alligator, but I could be wrong! All the Buzz had a dog all dressed up with its owners, and they were handing out fruit snacks for the kids, and full sized candy bars for the big kids. Many businesses participated in the event, and it was a great turn out for a safe and Happy Halloween!



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All Seasons, A Vision Lives On

By Cheri Roshon

All Seasons started as a 3rd world service organization by Howard and Louise Nielsen, founders of Fold Craft Furniture. As their business became a successful venture, they felt that they would like to bless others as they had been blessed. The greatest need they found was in the poorest countries in the world, so they chose the name Third World Thrift Store. They began collecting clothing, small appliances and other necessities that could be easily shipped around the world. Their business plan was to take donations from their community, sell some of the donated merchandise to raise money for shipping costs to places like Nicaragua, Venezuela and Uzbekistan, to name a few. As time went on, Howard found out that his shipments were being detained at customs, and that most of it was being opened, sifted through by border patrols, and sold for their own profit. Once this was discovered, he decided to switch to helping the people in his own community. About 30 or so years ago, the name was changed to All Seasons, and now serves the communities of Kenyon, Wanamingo, West Concord, Nerstrand and Dennison primarily, but people also come from other surrounding towns as well.

Donations consist of gently used clothing, small appliances, beauty products, housewares of all types, pictures, craft supplies and even monetary donations. If money is the gift, it can be designated as to where it is spent, too. Donations are gratefully accepted Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Thrift store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Many people who come to donate also stop into the store to browse through the ever changing inventory, and maybe pick up a good deal for themselves.

The volunteers take in the items, making sure everything works, price them affordably, and get them on the shelves and racks. The income is used to pay the maintenance and utilities on their buildings, and purchase food from Channel One in Rochester to help supply the food shelf in town. Over the years, they have added a Community Center where seniors in the surrounding areas come to play cards, drink coffee and have treats. It has become a gathering place for fellowship and conversation, movies and other activities. It is open daily from 10 am to 1pm. It can even be rented out for \$15 an hour for birthday parties, baby showers and other events. Everyone is welcome to visit and enjoy some small town hospitality and make new friends.

I spoke with Mary, the CEO of All Seasons, and she said how amazing this community is. Mary says, "This is one of the most benevolent and non-judgmental places I have ever served. People are kind and generous. The food shelf needs are constantly being met by cash and food donations, and we rarely see a depletion. We delight in our community's de-



sire to support their friends and neighbors. We are very grateful."

The food shelf supports people who need temporary help, it offsets the rising food costs for people raising families, and helps seniors on a fixed income have healthy choices in the food they need. She told a story about a family who was down on their luck because both parents lost their jobs within 3 weeks of each other. They had children to support, and were worried about how they would feed their family. They were referred to the food shelf, and for a few months were coming regularly. Then, they stopped coming. About 2 months after they stopped coming, a large box full of donated food items appeared with a note thanking the food shelf for getting them through the dark times. What a wonderful way to say Thank You!!

As you can imagine all three programs are always in need of volunteers, donations of household items and non-perishable food items, as well as fresh produce and cash. They also sponsor events and fund raisers to help stock the food shelf. As the holidays are drawing near and the cold weather is sneaking up on us, the need for more donations and volunteers increase. Please stop in and see if we have anything you might need, or drop off things that may become someone else's treasures. We look forward to meeting you!

All Seasons Community Services is located at 530 2nd street in Kenyon.



Developing a Plan for Growth



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

SMIF helps entrepreneurs, early childhood professionals and communities identify the best solutions to many of the challenges they may be facing. We are also fortunate to have a broad network of partners and resources at our fingertips that we can tap into and help people get on a path for growth. Our Foundation's motto is "collaborating for regional vitality" – and we can help direct you to the resource needed if it is not something SMIF provides.

We encourage any entrepreneur in our region who wants to grow their business to reach out to SMIF. You do not need to be a loan client or plugged into our programming in any way. We can help you determine what your next steps for growth could be and which resources or partners we can direct you to for support. For entrepreneurs who might eventually need a loan, SMIF offers an array of options, including a Small Enterprise Loan which comes with the added benefit of having access to resources like free technical assistance from a wide range of experts.

For those who are in the child care field, SMIF offers consultation services to help providers create a more sustainable business model that also aligns with their personal goals. Sometimes child care business owners need help with developing a business plan or marketing plan. Child care centers can also utilize this support. They might have staffing issues or other challenges that can be addressed by working with our staff.

Outside of one-on-one technical assistance,

Over the years of serving as president of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), I have noticed that foundations, of which there are many in our state, are often touted as organizations that do grantmaking. However, I know that grantmaking is often just the tip of the iceberg of what foundations can offer the communities they serve. At SMIF, while we do invest in our 20-county region through grants, we also invest long-term in our communities and people through a variety of targeted support services.



SMIF also provides customized support to communities seeking solutions to child care challenges. Some of this takes the form of doing an assessment to determine what assets exist in town, and what partnerships could be formed to develop solutions. Currently, our Early Childhood Business Consultant is reminding counties that the funding they were allocated through the American Recovery Plan Act can be utilized for child care infrastructure – an important tool for growth. Significant strides in addressing child care shortages have been made in communities like Northfield and Blooming Prairie with the support of SMIF's services.

The examples listed above are just some of the ways that SMIF provides technical assistance

for the region. For those people and communities that are already engaged with us through our programming – like our Community Foundations, Early Childhood Initiatives or Rural Entrepreneurial Venture programs, they have been receiving consistent targeted support services over many years.

Is your community or business in need of support? Now is the time to reach out to SMIF. The best place to start is by emailing inquiry@smifoundation.org and we will connect you with the right person to help you on your growth journey.

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

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DNR Grants Help Children Get Outside, Begin a Lifetime of Outdoor Experiences

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is pleased to announce another phase of the No Child Left Inside grants. These grants help more children cast a line, study animal tracks, hike or bike, or simply learn more about nature.

“This successful outreach grant program continues to send resources to schools and organizations to help get children outdoors,” said Jeff Ledermann, DNR education and skills team supervisor. “These grants help boost outdoor programs and initiatives all around the state and especially in communities with limited opportunities to connect with nature.”

Public entities and nonprofit organizations serving youth younger than 18 can apply for No Child Left Inside grants.

Grant funds will help implement the vision of the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights’ (link is external) for each and every Minnesota child to experience outdoor recreational activities and discover the natural environment regardless of where they live,

learn, or play

The DNR is accepting applications for both mini grants (less than \$5,000) or larger grants (\$5,000-\$25,000). The request for proposals will be available on the DNR website. Applications will be accepted through 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Mini grant awards will be chosen by lottery, while larger grant awards will be selected using a competitive review process. Funding can be used for outdoor recreation equipment, transportation, and related natural resource education expenses.

The 2021 Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$900,000 from the state’s General Fund and the Heritage Enhancement Account of the Game and Fish Fund to continue the work of the No Child Left Inside grants program. Half of those funds were awarded to 44 mini grants and 16 larger grants in 2022, and this current application process will distribute the remaining funds available under this appropriation. For more information about the grant program, instructions for how to apply, and a link to the application or informational webinar registration, visit the No Child Left Inside grants page of the DNR website. Questions about these grants or the application process should be emailed to outreach-grants.dnr@state.mn.us (link sends email) with “Grant Questions” in the subject line. People may also call 888-646-6367.

The DNR extends its thanks to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for the use of the “No Child Left Inside” name.



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**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2022 7:00 P.M.
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes.
PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Stuart Ohr, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Eric Dierks
City Administrator: Michael Boulton
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Melissa Meyers – News Record, and Rebecca Haugen.

ADOPT AGENDA: VanDeWalker motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ohr motioned, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

- A) Brad Kennedy reported on:
- 1) Clay sanitary sewer lines jetted with cutting head. All sanitary sewer lines will be jetted in Spring 2023
 - 2) Hauled and land applied biosolids from the WWTP
 - 3) Swept Streets and removed leaves from the street with the leaf vacuum
 - 4) Replaced no parking signs and posts on 2nd Street E by School
 - 5) 3rd /Nelson and Prairie Ridge red dot end of the road signs installed at the dead ends of each of the roads. When frost comes out of the ground in the spring a color chain will be installed with road closed signs. This is so that vehicles do not get stuck driving through in the undeveloped subdivision.
 - 6) 9th Street/Prairie Ridge Lane needs a yield or stop sign installed in the future. The post was installed for the street sign, but yield or stop signs require council approval after a public hearing.
 - 7) Water Tower project – waiting on Xcel Energy to install transformer and power at the site. The interior tower is ready for power. The water main looping project is moving forward. R.A.W. completed the work along Nelson Drive/MN T.H. 60 and the north side of Prairie Ridge Estates. R.A.W. is working on the loop on the South side of Prairie Ridge Estates to the water tower.
 - 8) Mowed at the WWTP, community garden, undeveloped lot boulevards, and other various areas around town.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:
22-064 = Certifying Mowing Service Charges to the Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer for the Collection with Real Estate Taxes in 2023: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Mayor Holmes asked if there were any challenges to the certifications. No challenges were made. Passed 5-0-0.

22-065 = Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Services to the Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer for the Collection with Real Estate Taxes in 2023: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Mayor Holmes asked if there were any challenges to the certifications. No challenges were made. Passed 5-0-0.

22-066 = Approving Updates to Wanamingo Clothing Purchasing Policy: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that there are concerns with the prices of work clothing and work boots increasing that the buying power is decreasing. The personnel committee is recommending the separation of the maintenance clothing and work boot purchases. Further the committee is recommending that adding up to \$250 every other year for steel toe work boots for maintenance/public works staff. If cost of boots is over \$250, the remainder can be paid out of regular clothing allowance for maintenance/public works staff. Lastly, the personnel committee is recommending increasing the City Administrator/Deputy City Clerk clothing allowance from \$100 to \$150 per year. Passed 5-0-0.

22-067 = Approving Pay Request No. 5 to Caldwell Tanks Inc. for the Cenex Water Tower Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that the pay request is for \$75,240.00. Ohr asked if Caldwell would be present for filling of the tower. Kennedy stated that the contract requires Caldwell to fill the tower and conduct all the necessary testing. Ohr asked if there was a punch list for the project started. Boulton stated that there is a lot of work remaining, including roughly \$140,000 worth of outstanding contract work remaining before the project is complete. Passed 5-0-0.

In an email the City Engineer, Brandon Theobald, stated that The Joseph Company has not received some of the equipment and controls needed for the Well House portion of the project. The current estimated delivery date is February. After the equipment is se-

cured, it will need to be installed in the well house before the well house is delivered to the site. Expected delivery of the well house is late winter. Due to this delay staff have directed the contractor to wait until next spring to take the existing well out of service and construct the project. This is due to the duration that the well would be out of service, if we continued on the current project schedule. This delay will not affect the tower or watermain looping work. We expect the tower and watermain loops to be operational this fall. The existing towers are also expected to be removed this fall.

Boulton stated that staff have been concerned with the watermain looping contractor, R.A.W. The contractor was in a hurry to find the water line in MN T.H. 60 that they only dug a small hole with where the plans showed the stub line. Instead of excavating further as the plans showed they rushed to the alternative of digging up Nelson Drive. The stub water line was later found less than ten feet from where the plans showed. Staff are concerned with the extra cost being placed onto the City. Staff also relayed safety concerns of R.A.W. not waiting for Xcel Energy to remove a guide wire and secure the transmission line pole before work occurred in the MN T.H. 60 ditch. The contractor removed the guide wire and worked to close of a distance from the transmission lines without supervision or approval from Xcel Energy. R.A.W. was notified of these unsafe and unprofessional actions and were told to remedy the situation with Xcel Energy.

Kennedy stated that the five asphalt patches around town were marked. In addition, the asphalt parking lot at the WWTP and Nelson Drive asphalt patch are scheduled to be paved the week of October 24th – October 28th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton provided an update for the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District. The Sanitary District Legislative Subcommittee hosted Congressman Brad Finstad in at the Pine Island City Hall on Thursday October 13th. The event included a meet and greet, presentation of the proposed Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbro wastewater treatment plant and collection system, and a business round table discussion. Congressman Finstad was President Trump's Minnesota USDA Director. Finstad was well versed in the Federal and State agencies and programs that would need to be accessed for the proposed wastewater treatment plant and collection system. Finstad stated that he would assist in the process to access these funds. Boulton stated that the Cities would be discussing hiring a lobbyist for the 2023 State Legislative session. Boulton stated that the 2022 Legislative Session Lobbyist was \$4,500/community. Boulton thought that the cost would be slightly higher since the lobbyist was hired later in the legislative process. Boulton asked the Council their thoughts. Dierks asked what we would be getting for this work. Holmes stated that the lobbyist follows the day-to-day process, keeps bring up the project to legislators and their staff, and communicates with the Cities on when to reach out in the process. Holmes stated that lobbyists are necessary to ensure that our request stays on legislators' and staffs' radar. Holmes stated that it would be

best to hire the lobbyist early and get going with their work, including speaking with newly elected legislators after the elections regarding the project. VanDeWalker stated that he is all in for hiring the lobbyist for 2023 Legislative session. Ohr agreed that we need to keep going on the project because the Wanamingo sanitary sewer plant will not last forever. Ohr stated that the joint plant and collection system is our best long-term solution. Ohr stated that we need State and Federal financial help for construction. Boulton stated that once the proposal is put together a formal resolution will be brought to each of the City Councils for approval.

Mayor Holmes asked if there were any updates to the Wanamingo Locker/Blondies Butcher Shop approved mitigation process. Kennedy stated that the maintenance staff have not been notified of any slaughtering in the past month. Kennedy stated that staff had noted a small presence of blood similar to wash downs. This is exactly what the City was hoping to have after the remedy. Kennedy stated that he has seen the rendering truck occasionally come and go from the locker. Flotterud stated that the City should be notified when killing occurs. Kennedy stated that notification would help to prepare at the WWTP. Haugen explained the slaughter process at the Lorentz Meats facility in Cannon Falls where she works. Kennedy and VanDeWalker volunteered to conduct a site visit in the near future.

Boulton stated that he had spoken with executors of the Reuben Berg Estate Executors to clean up nuisances at 504 Hill Circle. The executors have an October 31st eviction date with the tenant. The executors have asked for assistance in the clean-up, including the issuance of a citation. A letter requiring clean-up was sent in early September with an October 3rd deadline. Administrator Boulton requested the Goodhue County Sheriff issue a citation to put pressure with the clean-up. Boulton stated that the citation could be dropped if the clean-up was completed. Boulton stated that the City is also working on enforcement of nuisance ordinance for vehicles not working and lacking proper registration at 2129 Mingo View Drive (John Keller). A letter requiring clean-up was sent in mid-September with an October 18th deadline. The City has been in contact with Keller's neighbor, Kenyon Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, who has volunteered to assist in the clean-up process. Administrator Boulton will be working with the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office and City Attorney to remedy the situation.

The City of Wanamingo and City of Pine Island are hosting a Goodhue County Sheriff forum on Thursday October 20th at 6:00PM. The forum will be held at the Pine Island High School Forum Room. Mayor Holmes will be providing remarks on behalf of the City of Wanamingo. Administrator Boulton has been working with Pine Island staff to formulate questions for the forum. The public can submit additional questions at least 24 hours ahead of the forum.

*Next City Council meeting on 11/14/2022
Adjourn: At 7:47 PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor
Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator

Commissioner Corner

By Todd Greseth, County Commissioner for District 3

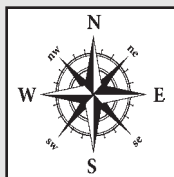
Hello everyone, I haven't posted in a while but I just wanted to give you a quick update on the county. We did set a preliminary 2023 levy of 7.27% and have worked to drop that and we will continue to lower it as much as possible. We are all feeling the effects of our current economy and inflation and we are doing our best to spend our money wisely. The current job market is a real challenge for us and all businesses to recruit and retain employees. Please check our website for current job openings and give the county your consideration in your search for your career. Road construction is coming to an end for the season, thank you to all who live close to the construction zones and are interrupted by the additional traffic. I also want to thank the townships and their maintenance crews, detours are intended to send traffic a certain direction but we all know that alternate routes are always found. I find it hard to believe we are in November already and Thanksgiving is right around the corner, at least all the political signs will be taken down soon. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns, thank you.



**Todd Greseth
Goodhue County
Commissioner
District 3**

*Changes in Latitudes,
Changes in Attitudes*

**Campaign
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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.

I first saw James Hart standing on the street corner across from the courthouse in Dover, when I stopped at the hardware store one day. He was holding up a sign that said, "Bury the Counter Culture, Not Our Children." I was intrigued and went to talk to him. He had a couple different signs he was waving. People drove by and honked and he would give them a thumbs up.

James Hart first ran for Tennessee state representative in 2004. He got 83% of the votes as an Independent. His decision to run was determined after his son became a drug addict and died. James ran on a platform to vote against any legalization of drugs. He blamed the counter culture for creating an environment that proliferates drug use in the youth. In his words the counter culture has taught kids that two plus two equals five and with no absolutes they are a generation of children with no clue as to right or wrong.

James Hart wanted to make a difference and stop more parents from burying their children from drug abuse deaths. After his initial run for the Tennessee house as an Independent in 2004, James was not successful as the party affiliates would not support him as a candidate. But that didn't stop him from campaigning. He is again on the ballot for District 76 in the 2022 general election.

Over the years James Hart has taken some opposition for his stands. On February 20th of 2017 a white kid from Memphis attacked James while he was standing on the street



corner in Paris, Tennessee. He was punched repeatedly and knocked down and was saved by pedestrians and motorists who stopped and pulled his assailant off of him. It seems the Caucasian male took offense to his sign "Equal Rights for Whites". This didn't deter the seventy-eight year old James, who now stands on the street corner with a bullet proof vest and a handgun under his coat.

While a few people fumed over his sign about "Equal Rights for Whites" one of the local predominately black Baptist churches in Paris had a solution. They had some signs made up and presented them to James with their best wishes. The signs said "God Bless America" and "Pray for America". And that is how the good people of Tennessee handle differences with each other.

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**A Minnesotan:
Thanksgiving**



By RosaLin Alcoser

The year was 2016. The place was Springfield, MO.

This was the only time in my college years that my older sister drove over from St. Louis to visit me for Thanksgiving instead of me going to her.

The year before that I went to her and the next two years after that I also went to her. But this one year she came to me because I had to work the Black Friday sale the next day at the mall kiosk I worked at that year... which is a story for another time.

My sister drove over the morning of Thanksgiving and I cooked that morning. This was also the only year that anyone has ever trusted me to do this 100% by myself.

It was a fairly traditional Thanksgiving meal for two. I am about 90% sure that I made turkey breast, roasted vegetables, and pumpkin spice cake.

For the record the food turned out pretty well and was not where chaos ensued; that came after dinner.

Now my family has had many odd chaotic things happen on holidays. From the wrong breaker in the fuse box getting thrown and the oven with the Christmas ham getting turned off to the sandwich incident of 2003.

But this one even bluffed us.

After dinner we did the washing up, put all of the dishes into the dishwasher- with the intention to run it later- then got ready to go for a walk in the park.

Right as we were about to walk out of my apartment my sister pointed out that there's smoke coming from my dishwasher that is not turned. So she opened the dishwasher and the coil element at the bottom of it was on fire.

So we threw baking soda on the start of the dishwasher fire and turned off the breaker that went to the dishwasher before we went to the park.

Needless to say, later we had to wash all the dishes by hand and I had to report the whole thing to my university who owned the apartment.

To this day we have no clue how the dishwasher that was not even turned on caught fire but it did. However, to this day it is the one holiday mishap that I will never truly be able to fully explain how it happened.



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3. Minute bit
4. Dionysus' follower
5. Yardbird's jazz style
6. Deflect
7. Original home of the Saxons
8. Pro's opposite
9. Hang around
10. Bit of binary code
12. Festival of Lights
13. Fundamental
14. *Snake or lizard
19. Montana's neighbor
22. Accident
23. Long stories
24. To take in and feed livestock for payment
25. Like Curious George
26. Zig or zag
27. Synagogue scroll
28. Carthage's ancient neighbor
29. *First animal clone
32. *____-blooded, like a snake
33. Prompter's line
36. *Orca and elephant, but not crow or fish
38. Gives off
40. Princess tester?
41. Two dots above a letter
44. Letter-shaped girder
46. Civil War battle
48. Policeman's shocker
49. About to explode
50. Not the life of the party
51. Agitate
52. 100 centavos in Mexico
53. Measuring roll
54. "Happily _____ after"
55. Frugal driver's acronym
58. Put together

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New Research from DEED Takes a Deeper Dive on Labor Force Participation

Minnesota labor force participation surged in 2022, outpacing the U.S. rebound

A new report from the Labor Market Information Office in the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) takes a closer look at the short-term pandemic and long-term demographic impacts on labor force participation.

Increasing labor force participation could help ease hiring challenges resulting from our historically tight labor market, where there are roughly four job openings for every person looking for work. Tight labor markets typically increase labor force participation, and labor force participation has been steadily increasing in Minnesota since its low during the depths of the pandemic.

Labor Market Analyst Anthony Schaffhauser's research takes a closer look at the many factors impacting labor force participation and seeks to answer the question of whether the larger overall trend toward lower

labor force participation set in motion in the early 2000s by demographic changes is likely to continue.

"Minnesota is a hard-working state with labor force participation rates that are consistently far higher than the national average," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "Yet like every state, our participation took a hit during the pandemic. This research helps us better understand these trends - and reveals opportunities for both business and government to grow participation in various sectors of the economy."

Schaffhauser's research could help employers, workforce development specialists, educators and others explore ways that labor force participation could be increased, working within the constraints of an aging population.

Some measures could include increased flexibility to allow more high school age students to enter the workforce, and ensuring enough affordable, high-quality child care for parents of young children. In addition, an expansion of work-based learning opportunities would allow people to earn while they learn, which would help people acquire needed skills while still earning a paycheck. Finally, employers could take steps to urge recent retirees to "unretire."

Minnesota's Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) was 68.2% as of August 2022, the latest period for which data is currently available. Immediately prior to the pandemic, Minnesota's LFPR reached a high of 70.8%. It is important to note that Minnesota's LFPR of 68.2% remains well above the national average of 62.4%. Minnesota's rate has been



higher than the national average since LFPR started being tracked at a state level in 1976.

While an older population usually leads to a lower LFPR, the decline in LFPR is not due entirely to demographic change. COVID-19 has prevented some people from returning to work due to health impacts, such as Long COVID, or due to health concerns among those at higher risk of complications if they contract the virus. In addition, COVID dramatically slowed immigration from other countries, thwarting people who otherwise would have been expected to join the workforce here. Dramatically reduced immigration did have an impact on labor force participation, because foreign-born residents have a higher LFPR than native-born resi-

dents; therefore, more foreign-born residents increase the LFPR. Just over 50% of Minnesota's recent labor force growth has been driven by foreign-born workers.

Read *Will a Record-Setting Hot Labor Market Bring Labor Force Participation Back to Pre-Pandemic Levels?* in the current edition of *Minnesota Economic Trends*.

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

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