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## Announcements

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

• **The Goodhue Area Historical Society Museum** is open June thru August Thursday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.. For after hours appointment call 651-923-4302 or 651-301-5731.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

## Bellechester Community Center Hosts Two Seasonal Suppers

By Beth Brekke

The Bellechester Community Center Association again hosted two suppers in an effort to raise funds for upkeep and maintenance of their building.

Dubbed "Deer Hunters' Suppers", the fund-raisers were held at the beginning of each season opener, November 4th and 18th, and were well attended.

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**Pictured to the right: The annual Deer Hunters' suppers were well attended on November 4th and 18th and again saw record numbers of take-out meals. The fund-raiser supports the upkeep and maintenance of the Bellechester Community Center building.**



## 2nd Annual Drive-thru Nativity at Grace Lutheran Church

The 2nd annual drive-thru nativity at Grace Lutheran Church on County 4 Blvd, Goodhue was a great way to kick off the holy-days of Christmas! The drive-thru is a joint project of Grace, St. Peter's and St. John's churches.

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**Pictured to the left: Stable scene from the live nativity held at Grace Lutheran Church, rural Goodhue on November 26th.**



## Warmest Wishes at Christmas

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## Advent of Hope

Advent: the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. Hope: a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. We hope and wait for a lot of things. We hope today is better than tomorrow. We hope our favorite team will win the game. We hope we get what we've been hinting at for Christmas- we hope to be noticed by that certain someone - or we hope no one notices us- All sorts of things and events are hoped for. Timex took a survey in September of 2012 on how Americans spend their time- and how much of the time is spent on waiting.

Here are 11 things we hate waiting for - and how long the average person will wait for those things before we take action.

- A car in front of you at a green light - 50 seconds.
- People to stop talking in a movie - 1 minute, 52 seconds
- Parents to quiet down a loud baby - 2 minutes, 41 seconds.
- Late coworkers - 3 minutes, 54 seconds
- Waiting at the doctor's office - 32 minutes
- Waiting at airport security - 28 minutes.
- Waiting for your significant other to get ready - 21 minutes
- Waiting in line at Starbucks - 7 minutes.
- Late blind date - 26 minutes.
- Someone loudly talking on a cellphone to quiet down - 2 minutes, 25 seconds.
- Someone late to an interview - 2 minutes, 6 seconds.

Christmas didn't make the list- but it seems to be a difficult one to wait for. The stores are in such a rush that the Halloween candy was barely put away before the Christmas candy and decorations were out. Thanksgiving is only remembered by sales on Turkey and stuffing in the grocery stores. I do love Christmas- but as you and I get older it seems

like it gets here faster and faster- not slower. How about you? Are you one of those that had your decorations up before Thanksgiving? Be honest... There were several people putting the pictures of their trees on Facebook last week already. I must admit the thought did cross my mind to begin to haul out the Christmas decoration from the basement. (But I waited until yesterday!)

The dynamic of waiting is what set up the first Christmas over 2000 years ago.

• It began with a PROMISE. From the very beginning in Genesis and throughout the Old Testament. Isaiah Prophesied, "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14).

Micah wrote that He would be born in Bethlehem, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2. There are hundreds of prophecies about the Messiah in the Old Testament: "He is coming!"

Between the time in the Old Testament and the New Testament there were 400 silent years before Jesus Christ was born. During this time, many people gave up waiting. Waiting 400 years for the Messiah to arrive on the scene seems like a long time- and losing hope- and forgetting about Him would be easy to do. Maybe you've had times

where God seems quiet and inactive that you've wondered - why am I doing this? Why am I serving, giving, believing? He is taking too long- maybe I misunderstood- maybe he isn't going to come through after all. Been there? I think we all have.

2. The WAITING: In Luke chapter 1, the stage is set. The first 4 verses are an introduction. The writer, Luke- a physician by trade, has decided that there should be a thorough record of the life of Jesus Christ. He wants to present a well-documented and accurate account of the life of Jesus Christ. He is acting as a reporter; he investigates and reports and then writes his findings.

Luke's account begins at the beginning- rather it begins before the beginning of Jesus birth with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. We are introduced to Zachariah and Elizabeth, two righteous believers. They were being faithful even though God hadn't answered their most heartfelt prayer. God seemed silent and distant. They had been praying for a child (verse 13) their entire married life and yet God hadn't answered their prayers.

"For many people, being childless not by choice is a trigger for mental health. . . The women who yearned to be mothers, the men who dreamed of being daddies and watch their kids play football or walk their daughters down the aisle are all experiencing grief. They feel like their prayers aren't heard.

3.The HOPE: Zechariah sees and hears an

angel! Don't miss the significance of this supernatural event! For 400 years, there had been no prophecies, dreams, visions, angels, or heavenly experiences of any kind and now Zechariah sees an angel- an angel with a message! The angel said, "Your prayer is heard." Isn't that awesome? I would like to hear that sometime! What if God just whispered that to you - that would be enough, wouldn't it?

This is how the whole Christmas story begins - before Jesus, there was John the Baptist. John's job was to bring people back to God. To help people regain their hope- to prepare their hearts to believe. Without hope - we won't recognize the answers to our prayers.

God calls us to hope. "He has given us both his promise and his oath, two things we can completely count on, for it is impossible for God to tell a lie. . . This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting- us with God himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven," Hebrews 6:18-19. We have the certain hope that God is for us, He loves us, He has a plan, and He will be with us- we can trust Him- because He never lies!

We may not understand or know the timing of all His promises- but we know Him. When you begin to doubt, when you think God has forgotten- hang on- check the chains on the anchor - they are holding. Trust Him... Wait on Him. You are not forgotten. His promises always come true!

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8:30a.m. Quilting and Bible Study on Wednesday at St Peter's, and 10:30a.m. Midweek Bible Study on Thursday at St Peter's.

### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY The Family Table

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- Genesis 12:3

Many years ago a man received a message from God, and God basically adopted this man. Later God gave him the name Abraham, which means "father of many." And yet Abraham had no children. Then God promised to bless Abraham with many children, and somehow, in some way, through Abraham's family, God would bless all the peoples of the earth.

God stayed true to his promises to bless the world's peoples through Abraham, even though Abraham's descendants were quite dysfunctional. And God surprised everyone by keeping his promises through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, a descendant of Abraham. It turns out that Jesus was the Savior not only for God's adopted people but also for all other peoples as well. And by faith, by trusting in Jesus, people from all nations, tribes, and languages can be adopted into God's family.

So when we come to the Lord's table, it is a family table. Just as we do not get to choose our families and all our relatives, there may well be people in our church family whom we might not have chosen. But God chose them - and us - to be a part of his family together. So we belong to God but also to each other. And at this family table there is grace.

*Father, thank you for accepting us into your family. Just as you have received us in grace, help us do the same for one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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## Carroll L. Bartholome

Carroll L. Bartholome, 85, of Bellechester, passed away peacefully at Zumbrota Care Center on Friday, November 4, 2022.



Carroll was born May 31, 1937 in Red Wing to Leonard and Lorretta (Strauss) Bartholome. He attended school at St. Mary's Catholic school in Bellechester until 8th grade and was a 1955 graduate of Goodhue High School. After graduation, Carroll went to work on the family dairy farm, as the 4th generation farmer. On October 18, 1971, Carroll was united in marriage to Mary Ann Sipple at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Rochester. They shared 37 years of marriage before Mary Ann passed away February 8, 2008. He was named the Conservation Farmer of the Year in Wabasha County in 1991 and received many awards for milk production and genetics on the farm throughout the years. Carroll loved John Deere tractors, going to the local feed store to catch up on the latest news, and riding around the farm on his ATV. Carroll also loved all animals and going for Sunday drives. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Carroll was hardworking, strong willed with a laidback personality. He was a great dad, grandpa, and had such a big heart. There are so many stories and memories we have been told and yet we wish we could hear more. He always kept

us informed with news about his friends and things that he did, always with a great sense of humor and a big smile. A hard part of losing someone and letting them go, is knowing there won't be any more new stories to be told.

Carroll is survived by his children, Paula (Shawn) Powers, Debra Bartholome, Jim (Lisa) Bartholome all of Bellechester; grandchildren, Ashley Warnke, Samantha, Madison, Austin and Dominic Bartholome, Megan Powers and Ben and Aaron Powers, Carroll is also survived by his brother, Leon (Agnes) Bartholome; sister, Mary (Dave) Thimmesch; sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Bartholome and Marlene Sipple; special friend, Marlys Hinirichs and several nieces and nephews. Carroll was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann; brother, Lyle; sister-in-law, Katherine Haberman; brothers-in-law, Richard Sipple and Tom Haberman and by his parents, Leonard and Lorretta.

A Mass of Christian burial was held 11:00 AM Saturday, November 12, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 221 Chester Ave., Bellechester, MN 55027. The Rev. Thomas McCabe was celebrant. Visitation was held 4:00-8:00 PM Friday, November 11, 2022 at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, 1475 Jefferson Dr., Zumbrota, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Madonna Arendt-Thomforde

A Funeral Mass for Madonna Arendt-Thomforde was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bellechester, MN. Father Thomas McCabe officiated. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Belvidere.



Madonna Arendt-Thomforde, 68, of Goodhue, died on Friday, November 25, 2022, at Deer Crest Memory Care Center in Red Wing surrounded by her family, following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Madonna was born on May 19, 1954, in Red Wing to Leonard and Bertha (Bertschinger) Arendt. She attended St. Mary's in Bellechester and Goodhue High School where she graduated in 1972. She went on to attend RCTC in Rochester as well as Moorhead State earning her degree in Marketing. She worked at Hunt's and at JCPenney in Rochester. On August 25, 1979, she married Kevin Thomforde at St. Mary's Catholic church in Bellechester. They farmed and raised a family in Belvidere Township. She later returned to work at Hunt's managing the gift department before retiring. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's and enjoyed leading songs in worship. She cherished annual summer family fishing trips up north and fall trips with Kevin and friends to the north shore. At home, she enjoyed quilting, gardening, baking and spending time

with her family and friends. Her family remembers her kindness toward everyone she encountered, all the time spent baking cookies and pies, hosting many family gatherings, always lending a helping hand to others, her ability to send the perfect card for every occasion, and being so proud when cheering on her children at sporting events.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin; four children, Roslyn (Dan) Huneke of Tomah WI, Lauren (Justin) Banitt of Lakeville MN, Andy (Krystal) Thomforde and Matt (Britta) Thomforde all of Goodhue; 10 grandchildren, Aidan and Liam Huneke, Reid and Cameron Banitt, Kipton, Jazlyn and Paxton Thomforde, Graysen, Kennedy and Theodore Thomforde; 5 brothers, James (Dorothy) Arendt of Lake City MN, Richard (Rebecca) Arendt of Bellechester MN, Paul Arendt of Hampton MN, Dennis (Dyann Baumann) Arendt of Albert Lea MN; 4 sisters, Mary Jean (Bob) Quirk of Minneapolis MN, Bonnie Mayo of Dudley MA, Roberta (Tom) Benedict of Lake City MN, Teresa (John) Allers of Rochester MN; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Nadine, sister-in-law Cindy, 3 nieces.

Friends and family visited from 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Schleicher Funeral Homes, Lake City Chapel and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Arrangements by Schleicher Funeral Homes, Lake City Chapel. Guest register may be signed at [www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com)



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## Bellechester Community Center Hosts Two Seasonal Suppers

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The all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving style meal consisted of turkey, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and gravy. The post-Covid surge in attendance in 2021 continued in 2022 and although the committee felt they had ordered enough food, they did run short of turkey due to the available supply of turkeys being lightweight. They also ran out of to-go containers as that option remains extremely popular. 65 Amish-made pies capped off the meals. Any food remaining is donated to Our Savior's Church in

Zumbrota to feed those in need.

It takes many volunteers to prepare and serve the delicious food. It also takes a great deal of money to keep the building in top shape. The Community Center originally opened as a dance hall in 1907. It has had a few different owners and served many purposes over the years. The association says they are starting to see wedding receptions and dances return as the cost of other venues is rising. For more information or to reserve the hall, call 651-923-4416.

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## 2nd Annual Drive-thru Nativity at Grace Lutheran Church

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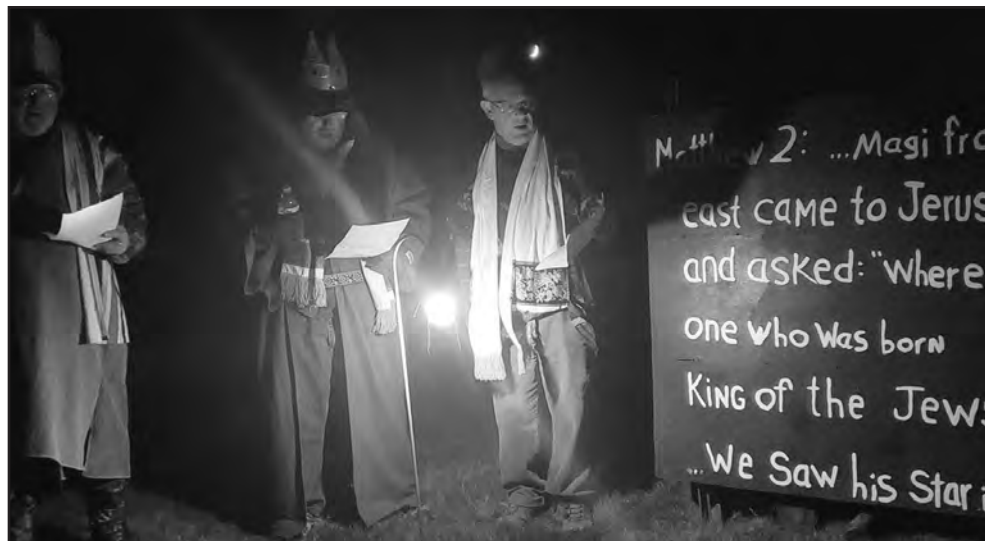
It was held Saturday, November 26th from 5:30-7:30 pm and collected donations for the area food shelf.

Well over 100 cars drove around the church and saw the various boards proclaiming the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ. They heard the angels, shepherds, carolers, and wisemen singing familiar Christmas carols. There were also real farm animals including a donkey, calf, and sheep.

Thank you to all who took time to come and see and now, like the shepherds, can go and tell all who will listen that Jesus Christ is born. Thank you to all who made this event possible. It was the result of much planning and hard work, especially from Darwin & Mary Tri, members of Grace. Grace Lutheran Church will be having a candlelight service at 7:00pm Christmas Eve and a Christmas Day service at 9:00am.



Angels sang Christmas carols to those driving through the live nativity sponsored by the area Wisconsin Synod Lutheran churches.



Sign boards and members in costume shared the message of Christ's birth with those that drove through the live nativity event.



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With gratitude in our hearts, we wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season.



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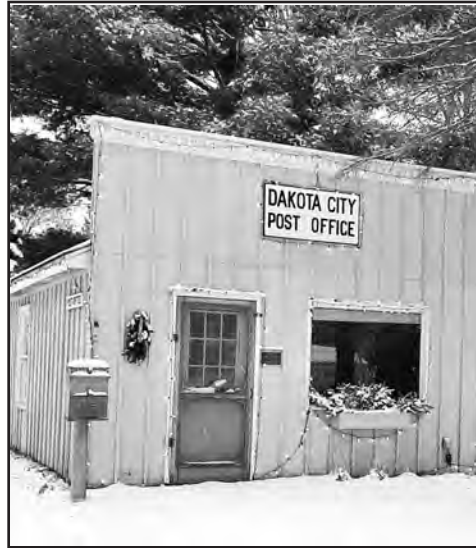
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## Christmas in the Village Returns to Dakota City

Dakota City Heritage Village at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington is preparing to return to an in person, spirited and welcoming holiday event on Saturday and Sunday, December 3, 4, 10, and 11 from 3-8 pm. The past 2 years were drive-through holiday displays due to the pandemic.

Village Volunteers are busy decorating the buildings inside and outside with holiday lights and decorations. Visitors will experience the sights, scents, and sounds of the season through the village's dazzling lights, Christmas music in the church, the smell of wood burning stoves and the sound of horses and their jingle bells as they pull trolleys through the village. Old fashioned chores will be demonstrated in the Millinery Shop and the Harris House. There will also be old-fashioned candy and goods for sale at the Gift Shop and General Store. Refreshments like hot chocolate, cider and warm soups will be



available in the Drug Store.

Children are invited to bring a letter to Santa and leave it at the Dakota City Post office, in a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Envelopes should not be sealed as Santa's helpers will read the letters and share them with Santa. Children will receive a letter back from the North Pole and Santa in December. Santa will be also visiting with children in the Depot. New this year is a model railroad display with holiday themed trains running around a festive winter scene in the village library, courtesy of the Minnesota Garden Railway Society.



Admission is \$5 with children under 5 FREE.

Tickets are available at the gate, online at [www.dakotacity.org](http://www.dakotacity.org) or by calling (651) 460-8050 x 1.

Dakota City was established at The Dakota County Fairgrounds in 1978, and is a 1900's era agricultural village and museum. 22 buildings, including an operational blacksmith shop, newspaper office, train depot, barber shop, family home and more represent

the business and rural social life of a rural early 1900's community. Dakota City is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that strives to preserve rural heritage and connects, through education and interpretation, current generations to life and agricultural heritage of the early twentieth century. Updated schedules and information are available at [www.dakotacity.org](http://www.dakotacity.org), and on their Facebook page.

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## And the President's Award goes to.....

By Cheri Roshon

Milo Peterson Ford! If you are driving north out of Kenyon on 56, it's not long before you will see rows and rows of cars and trucks. A big blue Ford sign tells you that you've arrived at the well-loved Milo Peterson Ford dealership that won the President's award and the One Ford Elite Award in 2021.

What's the President's Award? It is an award given by the Ford Motor Company for outstanding sales and service. Only a few dealerships are lucky enough to have received this award, and it is through adherence to a strict standard of criteria that is met by polling the customers of the Ford dealerships everywhere. After a vehicle has been sold or serviced, the customers are asked to rate their experience, and in order to win, you need score nearly 100% satisfaction. Now that is saying a lot!

Milo Peterson started his dealership in 1961, and ran it until his son, Jerry took over. Now, Paul, the third generation is running the show. Paul Peterson started working at the dealership under his father at age 12, washing cars. As he continued to work there, he learned the business from the ground up.

With all the hands-on training, he knows every aspect of the business and what it takes to keep it running, even through the hard times. He says he bleeds Ford blue!

Peterson Ford not only sells the vehicles, but does full service in the mechanics and body work aspects as well. This makes it easy for the customers to keep their vehicles in top shape, which is very important, especially to the agriculture and livestock businesses out there. After all, an Ford truck is the workhorse of the operations in and out of the field. "Our customers need to know that when maintenance is needed, we are here for them, and get those trucks back out there as quickly as possible." says Peterson. "We have repeat cus-

tomers who come back time and time again. In the holiday season when families get together to celebrate, I love seeing children, who have moved away, come in for their oil changes, new tires, or whatever service they need while they are here visiting their families, so we can catch up."

Peterson has 17 employees who live in and near Kenyon. Many of them have been with him for over 30 years. It is important for them to know they have security in this ever-evolving economy. They are like a tight knit family, and Paul counts on each one to help keep his business moving in the right direction. He gives credit to the men and women who keep the dealership running, and would like to thank them for their loyalty to the dealership.

I asked him how the pandemic has affected the business. He says it is still really hard to get new vehicles because of the supply and demand for parts, but that he is always willing to take orders for new vehicles, and get them to the customer as soon as they are available. He notes that he is buying used vehicles from people all the time, at higher than average prices. If you have a vehicle you want to get rid of, Paul will give you a price that may surprise you. Since many people are working from home these days, a lot of families are able to sell one vehicle and get by comfortably with just one.

I asked him why he thinks his business is so successful. He says it is the old fashioned way he does business. There are no gimmicks, no games played, just honest and fair pricing. He knows the recipe for success is in



Paul Peterson

honesty and integrity, and that word of mouth advertising is crucial to success. People he works with know that he stands behind his word, and will do everything in his power to keep his customers happy. If a customer needs their vehicle serviced, he will even have the vehicle picked up and delivered back home after the maintenance is completed.

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## Let It Go



By Harvey Mackay

Joe paced back and forth in his sister's kitchen one Sunday before dinner. His sister Carol recognized the worried look on his face and called him over to where she stood next to the sink.

"Hey Joe, can you hold on to this for me?" She handed him a can of vegetable scraps. Joe took the can and walked outside where

he threw the scraps in the compost bin before returning to the kitchen.

"Why did you toss my scraps? I asked you to hold on to them."

"Why would you ask me to hold onto garbage?" Joe asked.

"I thought you liked holding on to useless things," she replied.

"What do you mean?"

"You've been wearing a path on my kitchen floor, preoccupied with whatever is on your mind. I doubt if you heard anything I said to you before now, yet you instinctively tossed the compost scraps without giving them a second thought."

He had to admit that Carol was right. "But is there a point to this?" he asked.

Carol offered him a simple suggestion: "Why don't you apply that same logic to whatever is bothering you? If it's something you can change, change it. If it's something you can't change, let it go."

Holding on to things that are eating at you is not just unproductive; it's a recipe for disaster. In other words, throw out those scraps

before they start to smell.

Carol's advice is golden. Her words are especially appropriate for managers who have so little confidence in their staffs that it affects their job performance.

Are you a micromanager? A second-guesser? If you are, you need to stop. This is not a healthy way to manage people – for yourself or other employees.

As a manager, you need to look at your need to control. Are you trying to get your employees to do things the way you do them because you think your way is superior? This is a dangerous mindset for a manager because you are not looking ahead to the outcome but are getting caught up in controlling the process, according to Johanna Rothman on the Rothman Consulting website. Is that what you really want to do? Is it productive?

Many managers micromanage as a form of quality control. These managers often find themselves working unbelievably long hours in order to redo the work of others. If you're always swamped with work and you just can't seem to let others take a piece of the responsibility pie – then you've got a problem.

Not trusting your staff is essentially the same as not trusting yourself to manage them effectively.

Learning to trust your staff and allowing them to make mistakes is part of being a mature manager. Many managers believe that it is a virtue to make every decision along the way – to control every detail of, well, everything. But the truth is, a good manager helps make sure that her direct reports keep the flow of work going. A good manager is more interested in the growth of his direct reports

and the eventual positive and freeing workplace that can be developed when they are operating as autonomously as possible.

To improve your ability to manage, you will need to let go of your need to control quality at every stop. This does not mean you sacrifice quality. It simply means you are not the quality control traffic cop. You are a manager, and that means you assist people in being able to do their jobs. You don't block their ability to do it by second guessing, re-doing work and spending long hours in the office. You give them the tools to do their jobs correctly and with the best possible results.

Letting go is not always simple. But don't let worrying about what you might lose when you let go change your resolve. Consider the lesson this little fellow learned.

A little boy was playing one day with a very valuable vase. When he put his hand inside it and couldn't pull it back out, he called for his mother. His mother tried gently to slide his hand free, but it remained stuck.

She was ready to break the vase when she said, "Ok, let's try one more time. Open your hand and hold your fingers straight out and then pull."

"Oh, no, mommy!" the boy cried. "If I do that I'll drop my quarter!"


**Mackay's Moral:** Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.

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## Rewire Your Brain



By Shauna Burslem, D.C.

It was once believed that the brain was incapable of generating new cells. Therefore, the conclusion was that the brain was incapable of healing once it had been damaged, either by injury or by disease. Brain injuries caused by concussions and blows to the head as well as the cognitive degeneration caused by Alzheimer's, strokes, or tumors, were considered irreversible diseases that were unrepairable by treatment. Currently, much research has been done in the area of brain health. Researchers have conclusive evidence that the brain's cells do heal and repair themselves. The brain's ability to heal is called neuroplasticity.

Neuroplasticity (also called "brain plasticity") can be defined as the brain's ability to change, remodel and reorganize for the purpose of adapting to new situations. Despite the fact that the concept of neuroplasticity is relatively new, it is one of the most important

discoveries in neuroscience. In short, neuroplasticity is the brain's ability to rewire itself. The neural pathways in the brain are continually altered and fine-tuned, especially in response to new information generated by learning, life experiences, practicing a skill, exercising, and environmental changes.

Neuroscience now views the brain and its neural circuits as flexible and capable of changing throughout the course of a lifetime.

The science of neuroplasticity is huge. The brain's ability to adapt and rewire can have an effect on many conditions. Not only brain injuries from head trauma like sports concussions, but also cognitive diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia. In addition, how the brain works and functions within its neural pathways is directly related to and influences depression and anxiety, sensory issues, OCD, autism and addiction.

At present, the most commonly used therapies to repair the brain are: medications, injections, hyperbaric oxygen treatment (this is a game changer), cognitive therapy, and physical therapy to relearn motor and language skills. But new treatment options are also proving effective.

For instance, With the link between the spine and brain evident (the brain sends neural impulses through the spine), researchers have begun to look at how chiropractic may be used as a tool to help preserve positive neuroplasticity. Clinical studies have already begun, monitoring the effects of chiropractic on patients' abilities to solve puzzles, multi-task, and recall memories.

Some studies are already producing exciting findings, including a 3-year study comprised of 100 volunteers, presented at the

International Research Symposium held at Sherman College held in South Carolina. The study monitored the mental activity of participants using electroencephalograms (EEG), comparing readings before and after chiropractic adjustments. In an overwhelming majority of readings, brain function showed improvements across the board.

In 2016, a study was published in the journal Neural Plasticity. The study revealed that chiropractic spinal adjustments changes brain function. Not only did the study take a documented look at brain function post-adjustment, it was studied and confirmed by an independent medical researcher. The researchers explained that this is solid scientific evidence that adjusting the spine changes the way the prefrontal cortex of the brain is processing information. It demonstrates that chiropractic care can change the way the brain works and shows that spinal function impacts brain function. One of the most interesting things about the changes observed was that the prefrontal cortex is responsible for behaviors, goal directed tasks, decision making, memory and attention, intelligence, processing of pain and emotional response to it, autonomic function, motor control, eye movements and spatial awareness. The study showed a change in brain function by almost 20% on average. This included significant

changes in the prefrontal cortex.

More research in this area is being performed every day. It is exciting to know that chiropractic will have a role to play in the brain's ability to rewire itself and help people with brain disorders, depression, anxiety, sensory issues and autism. Chiropractic's positive effect on neuroplasticity will add another benefit to the list of reasons why preventative, maintenance chiropractic care is worthwhile for overall health.

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It's those late nights out, or when you wake up in the middle of the night and can't get back to sleep that get you. That's when a nap is called for. I try to get "caught up" on sleep when that happens.

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The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes. Your safety is your responsibility. Learn about the different ways to check ice thickness before heading out.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away.

Our recommendations are based on average equipment weight and assume solid, clear ice. You are responsible for knowing the weight of your vehicle, equipment, and bodies.

Many factors other than thickness affect ice strength, including air temperature, wind, snow, streams, narrow areas or bottlenecks, sun, shade, fish communities, plant decay, and more. When a layer of snow melts and refreezes on top of lake ice, it creates white ice, which is only about half as strong as new, clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

White ice occurs when snow melts on top of a sheet of ice and refreezes. This type of ice is only about half as strong as new, clear ice because it is full of air bubbles and made up of smaller crystals. As a result, the standard ice thickness guidelines should be doubled when traveling on white ice.



The strongest and safest ice is clear ice—sometimes called blue ice—which typically forms at the start of the ice season on top of calm water. The ice is clear but can appear blue or black when looking down into the water. This ice is formed with large crystals and few or no oxygen bubbles, creating very solid, strong ice.

Honeycomb ice is one of the most dangerous types of ice and associated with many fall-throughs during the late-ice season. When ice begins to thaw in the spring from the heat of the sun, the water on the surface of the ice seeps through thin cracks and pores in the ice. These cracks form in a honeycomb

**Ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice only.**

Ice Thickness	Activity
UNDER 4"	Stay off
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" - 7"	Snowmobile or small ATV
7" - 8"	Side-by-side ATV
9" - 10"	Small car or SUV
11" - 12"	Medium SUV or small truck
13"	Medium truck
16" - 17"	Heavy duty truck
20"+	Heavy duty truck with wheelhouse shelter

**Minimum ice thickness for stationary/parked loads up to 11,000 lbs\***

Load/Situation	Minimum Effective Thickness (inches)
Person standing	6
Snowmobiles	
(maximum weight machine + rider <1,100 lbs)	10
Loaded vehicle >1,100 lbs but <2,200 lbs	13
Loaded vehicle >2,200 lbs but <4,400 lbs	16
Vehicle >4,400lbs but <6,600 lbs	18
¾ ton 4x4 vehicles (maximum GVW of 11,000 lbs)	22

pattern due to the hexagonal structure of the ice crystals. If you observe a block of honeycomb ice, you will notice the ice has formed into columns perpendicular to the surface. It takes little or no effort to shatter it and break it into pieces.

Ice thickness guidelines do not apply to honeycomb ice. If ice is honeycombed, stay off.

**What are gas holes?**

Decaying vegetation that releases gas bubbles causes gas holes. When the bubbles rise to the surface, they bring warmer water from the bottom of the lake, which slowly melts a bell-shaped hole into the ice. These holes can be several feet in diameter at their widest and only a few inches across at the surface. They are often hidden by a thin layer of ice or snow.

Gas holes tend to form in the same areas each year, often near stream inlets where vegetation and debris collect or in shallow water with heavy aquatic vegetation. If you are not familiar with the area, talk to the local experts to learn if there are any known gas holes on the lake.

**Frozen lakes are not parking lots**

Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking. Stationary loads (longer than two hours) require thicker ice than the standard guidelines. See the table below for stationary loads of more than two hours but less than seven days.

Tip: Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole, the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.

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The Nature Store doesn't do online sales, but

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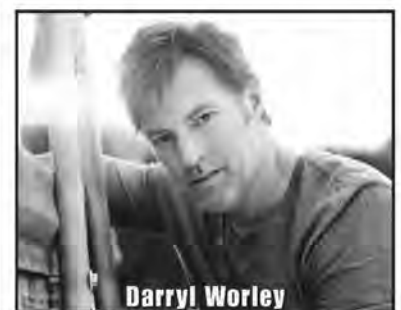
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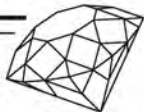






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## IRS Tax Tips

The IRS and the Security Summit partners warn everyone to be on the lookout for scams and schemes that could put sensitive tax data at risk, especially IRS-themed texting scams aimed at stealing personal and financial information.

So far in 2022, the IRS has identified and reported thousands of fraudulent domains tied to multiple text scams, known as smishing, targeting taxpayers. Recently, IRS-themed smishing has increased significantly.

Smishing campaigns target mobile phone users, and the scam messages often look like they're coming from the IRS, with fake messages, known as "lures," offering COVID relief, tax credits or help setting up an IRS

online account. Recipients of these IRS-related scams can report them to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

In the latest smishing activity, the scam texts ask taxpayers to click a link or call a telephone number where criminals will collect their personal or financial information. The IRS does not send emails or text messages asking for personal, financial information or account numbers.

Taxpayers should continue reporting these scams to the IRS. Their reporting allows the agency to report the scams to the appropriate service providers for action, protecting other taxpayers who might receive a variant of the same scam.

### How to report IRS-related smishing

The IRS maintains [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) to process complaints tied to IRS, Treasury and tax-related online scams. Taxpayers should not report smishing involving other agencies or brands to this email address.

Reporting IRS-themed texts to the agency allows security professionals to track and



disrupt these scams.

Here's how people can capture and report the details of IRS related smishing:

Create a new email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

Copy the caller ID number, or email address.

Paste the number, or email address into the email.

Press and hold the SMS/text message and select "copy."

Paste the message into the email; screenshots can be sent if necessary.

If possible, include the exact date, time, time zone and telephone number that received the message.

Send the email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

Recipients can also copy and forward scam SMS/text messages to wireless providers and send the text to 7726 (SPAM). This helps the provider spot and block similar messages in the future.

Taxpayers and tax pros can also report IRS-related smishing to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration using their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting form and the Federal Trade Commission through their Complaint Assistant to make the information available to investigators.

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## City of Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes Oct. 12, 2022

Present were Mayor Bien, Council persons O'Reilly, Thuman, Hahn and Brunkhorst.

Also present were Reese Sudtelgte, Terri and Dana Ryan, Jason Mandelkow, Chris Schmit, Pete Grimsrud, Chris Heath, Terri Buck, Joe Benda, Pam Altendorf, and Michael with KLM.

Motion by Hahn and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda, with the Amendment of adding 13.1 new building permit. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Thuman to approve the minutes from the Sept. 28, 2022, meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Hahn to approve the minutes from the Sept. 27, 2022, special council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded

O'Reilly to allow Chris Heath with MN WI Radio Group create a contract to be approved at a future council meeting, for the purpose of renting an antenna space on the water tower. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Brunkhorst to approve the building permit variance for Dana and Terri Ryan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded by Hahn to approve the setbacks being update on the drawings for Josh Lexvold's building permit application. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hahn and seconded by Thuman to approve the variance of 1 ft. on Howard Hinrichs building permit application. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael with KLM attended the council meeting to review the findings of the inspection of the water tower cleaning. Michael gave recommendations for future repairs and maintenance that should be done. Council

tabled any maintenance to be done at this time and will be talked about at a future meeting. Overall, the water tower is said to be in great shape. City Engineer Reese Sudtelgte gave an update on 4th and Broadway Street projects. Change order for Broadway Street Watermain Extension motion by Hahn and seconded by Brunkhorst. Motion carried 5-0.

Pay application was approved by Hahn and seconded by Brunkhorst total paid. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works update- Hydrants will be flushed Oct. 17, 18, and 19, 2022. Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded by Hahn to approve Empire Pipe Services to clean and camera sewer line problem areas. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hahn and seconded by Brunkhorst to approve a \$400 contract agreement with Goodhue County for seal coating. Motion carried 5-0.

Public works will report back to council which streets will be addressed at a future meeting. Snow quote request have been advertised. All Quotes are due to city hall by Oct. 26, 2022 at 4pm.

Building Permit for Roerto Garcia Hernandez has been table, waiting for additional information.

City Council was notified for the resignation of Treasurer Beth Poncelet, Thank you for your services to the City of Goodhue of 17 years.

Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the bills. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hahn and seconded by Thuman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Buxengard-City Clerk

## City of Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes Oct. 26, 2022

Present were Mayor Bien, Council persons O'Reilly, Thuman, Hahn and Brunkhorst. Also present were Jason Mandelkow, Chris Schmit, Pete Grimsrud, Trevor Stenlund, Tony Brecht, Joe Benda, and Cailin Richard. Zoom Attorney Robert Vose.

Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hahn and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the Oct. 12, 2022, city minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business-

Motion by Hah and seconded by Brunkhorst to approve Hernandez building permit for a new garage. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Brunkhorst and seconded by Thuman to table the Water Tower mixer purchase at this time. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business-

Engineer update 4th Street and Broadway Street Improvements are on track have Bituminous pavement and concrete flatwork later this week. The Sanitary District meeting review-Lobbying proposals were discussed and the costs for each city's payments. More information will be coning at the November meeting.

Motion by Hahn and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the German Christmas Market for Dec. 3, 2022. Closing 2nd St from 3rd Ave to 2nd Ave temporarily. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hahn and seconded Thuman to approve a temporary Liquor license for the Jaycees on Dec. 3 for the German Christmas Market. Motion carried 5-0.

Council agrees to table the purchase of additional microphones for the council room currently. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussion on filling the treasure position. Job has been posted and will open until filled. Motion by Hahn and seconded by Thuman to approve the winter snowplow quotes to Thomforde Enterprises and Lodermeier's for the 2022-2023 season. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works update-Some hydrants were flushed as scheduled, the booster pump for the chlorine needs to be repaired. The rest of the hydrants were flushed later in the week. Pool bathrooms are closed for the winter months. Xcel Energy has been contacted on the sidewalks that need to be repaired during their pole project.

Police Dept. Update-

Two interviews have been conducted, and one more is being scheduled. Canceling of the Nov. 23 and Dec. 28 city council meetings was agreed upon. 5-0.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Brunkhorst to approve the bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by O'Reilly to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted  
Jill Buxengard- City Clerk

## Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022 @ 6:00PM

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

**Roll call was taken:** The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council people Rich Majerus, Jered Buxengard as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepening, Treasurer Kyle McKeown, and City Engineer Matt Mohs were also present. Also present was Keith Blattner, John Crosby, Paul Reding and Goodhue County Sherriff Deputy Lawler. Council member Kyle Blattner was absent.

Minutes of September 21, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Rich Majerus to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Public Hearing –**

Public Hearing at 6:04. 1st reading of Engine Braking Ordinance. Mayor Gordon read the proposed ordinance and asked for public input. Questions were asked about when it was going to be in effect. There are no hours indicated, it is enforceable all the time. Public hearing was closed at 6:06.

City council meeting was reopened at 6:06.

**Old Business:**

**Update on Noise Issue –** Current ordinance was discussed. The resident was talked to about this and it appears to have gotten better since last month. Council will continue to discuss and make modification as needed. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to table this to discuss if needed until further notice. Motion carried.

**Update on Property Issue –** council discussed property issues. No further discussion will be done on this.

**Sewer Project Update –** Matt discussed that we are getting down to the end of finalizing the property owners contacts for water meter project so we can move forward with getting a plumber bid for this project. January timeframe was discussed to be able to move forward with the plumbing portion of the project. Council needs to discuss a policy for people who opt out now and want to connect later or sell their property that have no meters installed.

**New business:**

**Huncke Building Permit –** Motion was made Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Mark Gerken to approve the building permit as submitted. Motion carried.

**Engineer Report –** none

**Clerk Report –** MMS Invoices – there are more this month due to not receiving the invoices initially to pay. Filings – quarterly building permit, federal and state withholding, unemployment and sales tax reports are paid. Special Assessment consideration letters – will be sent this week.

**Treasurer Report –** past due list was discussed

**Water/Wastewater/Facility Report –** hydrant flushing will occur Friday, October 21st.

**Mayor Concerns:** None

**Council Concerns:** Snow plowing was discussed for this season. Some inquiries to council have been made recently.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Jered Buxengard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm. Next meeting is November 16 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Bellechester Community Center.

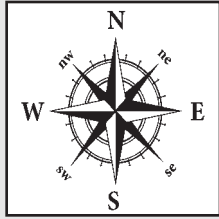
Submitted by Lisa Redepening –

City Clerk





*Changes in Latitudes,  
Changes in Attitudes*  
**Steve Keel,  
the mystery**



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 met Steve Keel when I was looking for an electrician to wire the meter box and the main service panel in my new house. I had been building the house for two years using a portable generator to run the power tools. But as the time approached to connect to the grid, I needed an electrician to do the required install. I asked at the local Hardware store and the owner Andy gave me Steve's number. Steve was a quiet and very likable guy and we became friends quickly.

As I was running behind schedule for my completion date, I ended up hiring Steve to help finish the interior wiring. I set boxes, pulled wire and located where all the switches, outlets, ceiling boxes and appliance hook-ups went. I had designed the house from the ground up and the blueprint was mostly in my head. We would work all morning and then drive up to Esha's Country Restaurant for lunch. It was enjoyable to discuss many topics as we worked together. We wrapped up the project by the end of July and

I headed back to Minnesota while Steve had a caribou hunt in Alaska planned for August.

Steve and his hunting partner flew in to Fairbanks, Alaska on August 20th and then drove five hundred miles north to Deadhorse where they planned to hunt. On August 27th, Steve left the campsite to retrieve some supplies where they stored the caribou meat. It was less than a mile hike, although the rough terrain took about an hour to cover the distance. He never returned, and a missing persons report was made. The two hunters had been in daily contact with their wives with a special satellite phone since there is no cell phone signal in the Alaskan wilderness. Steve was a lifelong outdoorsman with survival skills military experience and had no medical conditions that were known.

Steve's two adult sons, immediately flew up to the area to search for their father but with no luck. Four friends from Tennessee also formed a rescue team and flew up to Alaska to help look. They had military special forces and search and rescue experience, but after two weeks not a sign had been found. The family had requested that North Slope Search and Rescue unit deploy their RECCO device which is placed in a helicopter and can ping off a cell phone even if its battery is dead. Air support for two additional groups was requested because the terrain of the arctic steppe is a spongy one to four foot thick mat on top of the permafrost. Still not a sign of Steve anywhere was found.

During the short summer the Arctic tundra slopes are lush with vegetation supporting some of the largest herds of wild animals in the world. The caribou migrate there to bear their calves. Migratory fowl travel from Florida and Mexico for the summer as well. Wolves, polar bear and grizzly bear also hunt the land. But winter sets in by November and high winds with six or more feet of snow and temperatures down to 70 degrees below zero will be the norm until the end of March.



**A Minnesotan:  
Christmas**



By RosaLin Alcoser

Not all but many holidays over the course of my childhood are marked with some kind of minor disaster. Like the Thanksgiving table fire, or the Christmas Eve were my sister and I accidentally did a 360 on the highway in between the fifth and sixth Christmas Eve service of the night. No one ever gets hurt in these minor disasters but they make the holiday memorable and make for a good story. One that came to me this year was the Christmas that the dishwasher shorted out. It was the Christmas of 2004, I was eight-years-old that year. Honestly, I cannot for the life of me remember what I got for Christmas that year. What I can remember is the events of the day. It was a typical Christmas of my childhood. We got up had breakfast and did stockings before Dad went off to work to do Christmas day services at the Medical Center in Rochester. The family would be coming over that evening for dinner and

presents; in the meantime, we watched Christmas movies and worked on Christmas dinner.

I think it was a pretty normal Christmas that year... or at least it was until the dishwasher shorted out before dinner causing it to fill up with water. It was all going to be OK though because Grandpa, who had been a Navy Electrician, was going to fix it. All he needed to do was cut off the power to the dishwasher and take care of the problem.

Now the breaker box was in the garage, and I do not remember exactly how but the wrong breaker got turned off. So instead of turning off the power to the dishwasher the power to the oven got turned off instead. Which not only left Grandpa working on a live dishwasher, where thankfully nothing happened but stopped the oven.

The oven where the Christmas ham, that my mother had rubbed down with brown sugar and poured Coca-Cola over, had been baking. The oven that no one noticed was off until after the dishwasher had been taken care of.

I was eight that year so I don't rightly remember if we even ended up eating the ham that day once the power mixup was noticed. But I will never forget the Christmas dishwasher disaster of 2004.



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- ACROSS**
1. Result of too much pressure
  6. Stir-fry pan
  9. Steps to the river, in India
  13. Hindu sage
  14. Attorneys' org.
  15. \*Christmas cookies emanation
  16. The Brady Bunch, e.g.
  17. Mourner's wish
  18. Mature, as in fruit
  19. \*Santa's entryway
  21. \*Holiday plum treat
  23. Foot the bill
  24. Hot alcoholic beverage
  25. Not transgender
  28. \*Frosty's corn cob
  30. Attract
  35. Bad luck prediction
  37. Indian cuisine staple
  39. The whole amount
  40. "Keep this information" button
  41. \*Coveted letter on a dreidel
  43. Dry as dust
  44. Opposite of digest
  46. Inconclusive
  47. Dirty air
  48. Diplomat
  50. Tallest volcano in Europe
  52. Like a fox
  53. Lion output
  55. Beholder's organ
  57. \*Breaking holiday news
  61. \*Not coal on Christmas
  65. Courtroom excuse
  66. Golf coach at a country club
  68. Very, in music
  69. Make a logical connection (2 words)
  70. Promissory letters
  71. Pine or long
  72. Chows down
  73. Hundredweight, acr.
  74. Ooze out

- DOWN**
1. Nile denizen, for short
  2. \*Like Duke brothers in "Trading Places"
  3. \*New Year's Eve option: \_\_\_\_ Spumante
  4. Title-holder
  5. Take for ransom
  6. On one's guard
  7. \_\_\_\_-Wan of "Star Wars"
  8. K, in Greek
  9. \*Rose Bowl field, e.g.
  10. Kachina doll maker
  11. Answer from the flock
  12. Drink for John Glenn
  15. Fervent
  20. Giving the once-over
  22. \*"Mele Kalikimaka" strings
  24. More sordid
  25. Trig function
  26. Insect in adult stage
  27. \*Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
  29. Sacrifice for gain
  31. Eighty-six
  32. List components
  33. \*Holiday song offering
  34. Lament for the dead
  36. Scotland's famous loch
  38. Eagle's aerie
  42. Lid or lip embellishment
  45. Go to bed (2 words)
  49. \*Yule tradition
  51. Pirate's "Yes!"
  54. Savory jelly dish
  56. English county
  57. London art museum
  58. Hipbones
  59. \*It's sometimes ignored in face of holiday treats
  60. Wading bird
  61. Displeasure display
  62. Biblical birthright seller
  63. Backgammon predecessor
  64. Prong of a fork
  67. Column's partner

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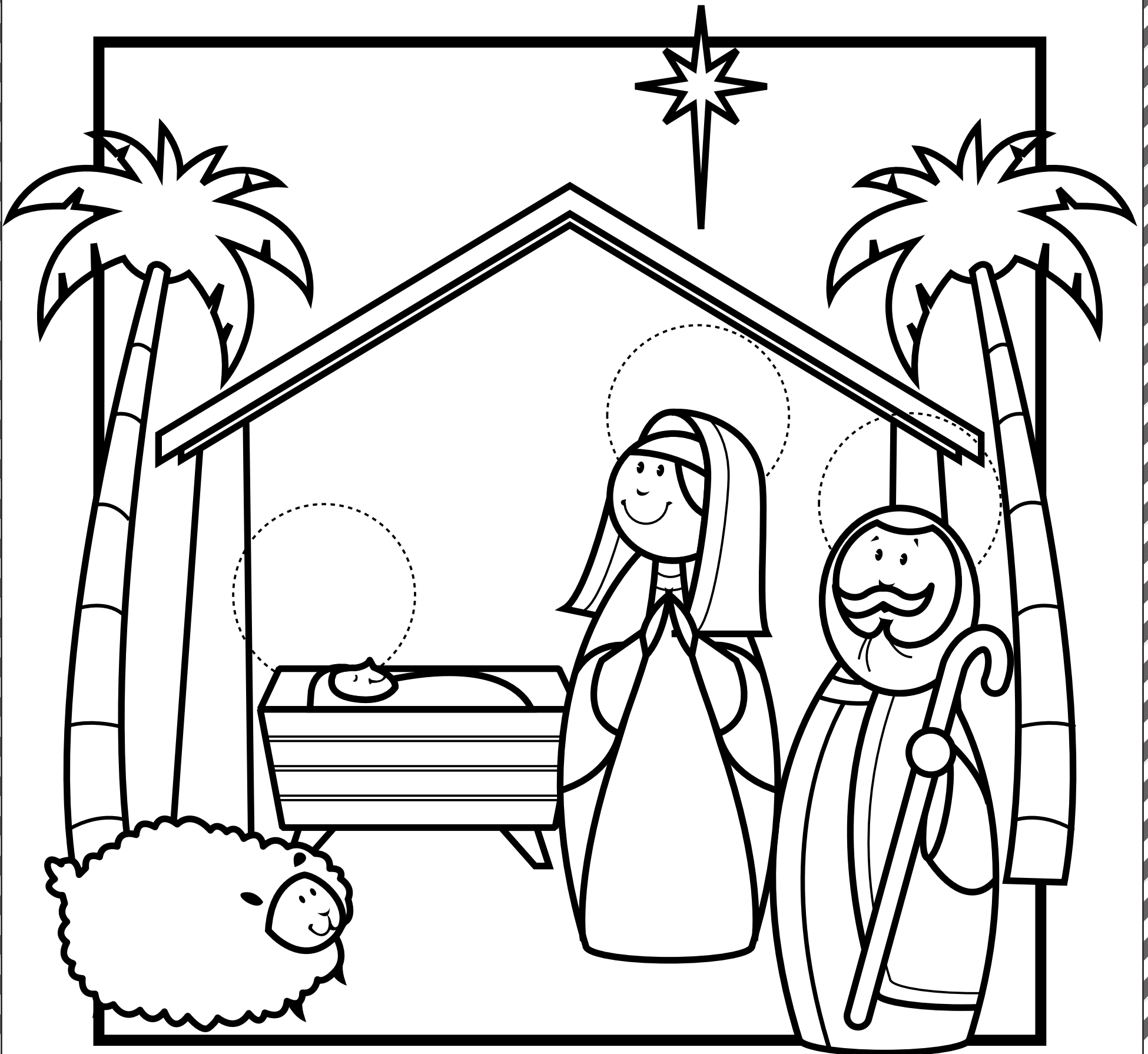
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