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Announcements



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• **Wednesday Wear, Nerstrand United Methodist Church** hours are Wednesdays 1 - 5 and Saturdays 9 - 12. Women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, toys and books. All things are free with donations accepted. Come and see what we have!

• **Dennison Lions Club** meets monthly. During COVID-19, meeting times may vary.

• **Dennison City Council** meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

• **The Nerstrand City Council** meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the Nerstrand City Hall. Office hours are: Monday 8:30-11:00; Tuesday by appointment; Wednesday 8:30-11:00; Thursday 5:00-7:00; Friday by appointment. 507-332-8000.

• **Warsaw Township Meeting** is held the 2nd Monday of each month at the Warsaw Township Hall. Meeting time is 6:00p.m.

• **The Wheeling Township meeting** will be held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00p.m. at the Wheeling Township Hall. Contact Rebecca Vergin, Township Clerk.

Nerstrand Fire Department Adds Dennison Station

Courtesy of Nerstrand Fire & Rescue

We are happy to announce that our second station in Dennison started operation on December 7th 2022. The Dennison station is located at 37531 Goodhue Ave (the Dennison city shop). Dennison station will house our second engine, 7125. This apparatus is equipped with a 750gpm pump and a 1000-gallon tank. It is also equipped with vehicle extrication, first responder gear, a thermal imaging camera, and an AED. We have contacted the Insurance Service Office to update our equipment and add this station to their list. This should improve our insurance rating for all the communities we serve, but especially those in our service area and within 5 miles of a fire station.

We are looking for firefighters and first responders to help staff this station. Those interested can apply at Nerstrand City Hall or email Nerstrand-fire@gmail.com for more information.

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Santa Visits Dennison



The Dennison Lions hosted Santa at Heritage Bank on December 10th.

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A Nerstrand City Volunteer Tradition That's More Like a Family Tradition

**By Todd Evavold,
Nerstrand Mayor**

Around Thanksgiving each year for the last four years two men, Jerry Kuntz and Harold Glende, have been putting up the City of Nerstrand Main Street snowflake lights.

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What's Inside?

Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, of course!

Thank you for being such an important part of our year.

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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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Thursday Bible Study at 9:00a.m.

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The Family Table

"All peoples on earth will be blessed through you." - 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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Merry Christmas

Patricia Jean Gergen

Patricia Jean Gergen passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 08, 2022.



She was born on March 1, 1948, in Northfield, MN to Dorothy Mae and Juel Morris Arne. She grew up in Faribault, MN and was the oldest daughter out of three brothers and four sisters. She is a

graduate of Faribault High School. On April 26th, 1969, Patricia married John Gergen at St. Pius V Catholic Church in Cannon Falls, MN surrounded by their family and friends. Early on, she enjoyed snowmobiling, playing cards, and attending family bonfires with John, family and friends. They raised their three children, Kelly, Kenneth, and Renee on their family farm located in Dennison, MN. Patricia loved to spend time with her family.

As their family grew, she enjoyed helping on the farm, planning camping adventures, fishing, baking, volunteering at the Cannon Falls Elementary School, baking donuts on Sunday at church, babysitting, and visiting with her siblings. A genuinely kind woman loved by all who knew her.

She will be sorely missed by her family. She leaves behind her husband of 53 years, John; children, Kelly (James) Schulz, Kenneth (Patty) Gergen, and Renee Gergen; grandchildren, Jorden (Dustin) Wallentine, Jady

Schulz, Johnathan Gergen, Jacob Gergen, and Isaac Gergen; and great-grandson, Waylon Wallentine; brothers, James Arne, Juel (Patsy) Arne, and Gary (Dallas) Arne; sisters, Peggy (Steve) Schoenbauer, Carol Aldorfer, Sandy (Tom) Komis, and Theresa Arne; and her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Those going before her are her parents, Dorothy and Juel Arne; mother and father-in-law, Lee and Florence Gergen; sisters-in-law, Debbie Gergen, Cele Arne, and Lisa Arne; and brothers-in-law, Charles Aldorfer and Stan Gergen.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00am, with visitation from 10-11am, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Miesville. Following lunch, interment was at St. Pius V Catholic Cemetery.

Active urn bearers were her grandchildren and great-grandson.

Douglas M. Kielmeyer

Douglas M. Kielmeyer, age 91, of Faribault died on Friday, December 9, 2022, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis.



Funeral services were held at Grace Lutheran Church,

Nerstrand on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Michael Ahrens,



officiated. Interment was at Nerstrand Cemetery.

Visitation was held at the church for one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Arrangements are being completed by the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault.

Douglas M., the son of Melvin and Gladys (Davis) Kielmeyer was born on February 13, 1931, in Faribault. He graduated from Faribault High School and Hamline University. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He married the love of his life Geraldine "Gerry" Kielmeyer on April 14, 1956, and she preceded him in death on May 27, 2017. Douglas was president of Kielmeyer Construction, Inc., Nerstrand.

He is survived by his son, Jack (and Trudy) Kielmeyer of Cannon City; four grandchildren, Emily (and Dustin) Amundson, Corey (and Karissa) Kielmeyer and Danielle Pepin; four great grandchildren, Kailey Amundson, Evan Kielmeyer, Brynn Kielmeyer and Landon Amundson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Gerry.

Steven Edward Kunde



Steven Edward Kunde, 54, of Kenyon, died unexpectedly on Sunday, December 11th, 2022.

Steve was born on July 29th, 1968 in Zumbrota, the

youngest child of Lloyd and Evelyn Kunde. He was baptized and confirmed at Holden Lutheran Church. Steve graduated from Kenyon High School in 1986 and after high school he attended refrigeration school at Red Wing Vo-Tech and worked for Althoff Hardware and Medivators in Cannon Falls. He spent the last 25 years working for Malt-O-Meal in Northfield.

He was united in marriage to Francine Rogers on July 9th, 2018 and they made their home in Kenyon.

Steve enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time with family, friends and his beloved dog, Billy.

Steve is survived by his wife, Francine; stepsons, Maxwell and Calvin; parents, Lloyd and Evelyn Kunde; brothers, David (Darcy) and Mark, and sister, Kathy Kunde, all of Kenyon; nephew, Brian Bartel; nieces, Jennifer Kunde of Rochester and Sage Kunde of Kenyon; great-niece, Shontell Murdock of Austin; great-nephews, Joe Murdock and Jaxson Smidt of Rochester.

Steve was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Edward and Hilda Kunde and maternal grandparents Henry and Helen Nelson.

A celebration of life visitation was held on Monday, December 19th, 2022, from 10AM-12PM. A time of sharing immediately followed at the Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon. Interment was at Holden Lutheran Cemetery following the remembrance ceremony.

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Mildred M. Tatge

Mildred M. Tatge, age 100, of Faribault passed away peacefully Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis surrounded by her family.



Funeral services were held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Wheeling township, Rice

County on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Gary Liker officiated. Interment was the St. John's Church Cemetery.

Visitation was held at the Boldt Funeral Home Tuesday, December 20, 2022, from 4 to 8 p.m. and also at the church for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Mildred Marie, the daughter of Harry and Edna (Bosshart) Meyer was born on August

19, 1922 in Faribault. On September 25, 1940, she married Earl W. Tatge. Together they farmed in Richland township where they raised their 12 children. Mildred was a lifelong member of St. John's and an active member of the Women's Guild. She helped found and was a leader of the Richlanders 4-H Club. Mildred enjoyed quilting, baking and decorating wedding cakes, gardening and canning food items. Mildred and Earl enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and drove their horses in many parades. They retired from farming in 1980 and moved to town. After 64 years of marriage, the love of her life died on January 27, 2005. In 2006 Mildred moved to an apartment. In 2013, she moved to Faribault Senior Living, where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her children Diane Donkers Olson (and Jerry), Audrey Temple, Luverne (and Judy) Tatge, Barb (and Jim) Zahn, Mike (and Debbie) Tatge, Bruce Tatge (and Sue Kuehne), Marvin (and Mary) Tatge, Roxie (and Steve) Deike, Rebecca Tatge (and Doug Spike) and Randy (and Leann) Tatge; 34 grandchildren; 76 great grandchildren; 21 great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl; a son, Ronald; a daughter, Carol Tousignant; sons-in-law, Cy Donkers, David Tousignant, Steve Temple and Dennis Tousignant; grandchildren Paul and Amy Zahn; one brother, Darrell (and Doris) Meyer; one sister Dorothy (and Orville) Tatge.

Visit boldtfuneralhome.com for information and guest book

Nerstrand Fire Department Adds Dennison Station

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We would like to thank the Dennison and Nerstrand City Councils as well as the Dennison Public Works Department for your support of this project and our department!

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A Nerstrand City Volunteer Tradition That's More Like a Family Tradition

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With the Lull Lift donated by the Bonde Family Farms, the two long time Nerstrand residents make the city brighter and more festive for us all at Christmas.

The tradition goes back a lot further for Jerry Kuntz. Jerry and another long time Nerstrand resident, Mike Stenbakken, took over putting

up the original first set of lighted Christmas bell decorations back in the late 1980s.

At that time Isaacson implement let the city use their forklift until the implement dealer closed their doors in the summer of 2018. Jerry and Mike faithfully volunteered their time together for almost 30 years.

You can go see the original bell street lights (see if you can find them) at the Keller farm Christmas lights display two miles south west of Nerstrand (at night just look for the brightly colored lights on your left as you go south on County Road 24).

The city donated the old Bell lights to the Keller family when the Nerstrand booster club folded and had monies to use up. They bought and donated the current lighted snowflakes we enjoy today.

After one year of no street snowflakes put up following Isaacson Implement closure,



Harold asked Jerry if he could check all the many lightbulbs on the snowflakes and then help him put them up. The rest is sparkling history.

Again, we think Jerry, Harold, Mike, and the Bonde Family Farms for bringing us all some Christmas cheer!

Merry Christmas everyone!





Nerstrand Elementary School had their annual Winter Concert. It was held on Friday, December 9th at 6:30. The theme was Winter Wonderland. The concert opened with our Guitar Ensemble led by one of our paras, Laurie Hougen-Eitzman. Our Prairie students sang three songs. Savannah students sang two songs and the Woodlands sang two songs as well. The entire school came together for a rendition of Jingle Bells. We were accompanied all night long by Terri Neumann, a board member, on piano. We had a wonderful night of community gathering and sharing. It brought us tremendous joy to see everyone.

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Grand Prize \$500.00 Cash!
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Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade

Saturday, February 4, 2023

SAVE THE DATE! WATCH FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES!

9:00 AM	Eucre at Fireside on the Patio, 100% Payout <small>Bring partner if possible, not required. \$20 team entry. Questions contact Jen at 507-649-0602</small>
FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST	
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11:00 AM	Bring entry to City Hall (Chili)
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Tasting/Voting
1:00 PM	Cookoff Winner Announced (1st & 2nd Place Payout)
1:30 PM	Keg Toss on the Grassy Knoll - \$2 per throw or 3 throws for \$5 <small>Cash prizes for farthest throws</small>
3:00 PM	Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall <small>\$30/packet, 10 games, designer purses and \$150 gift cards</small>
6:30 PM	9th Annual Denni Dazzle Parade \$150.00 Prize for Best Float! <small>Hosted by the Dennison Lions. Call or text Diane at 612-532-0268</small>
8:00 PM	LIVE MUSIC AT THE FIRESIDE
9:00 PM	Raffle Winners Announced at Fireside

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Memories of Old Time Christmas

Each year we interview a few of our seasoned citizens who recall the Christmas memories of their childhood. Here are three stories to enjoy this holiday.

Marjorie was born near Eyota, Minnesota and moved to Illinois when she was four years old, where her father worked as a carpenter. They later moved back to Eyota and her dad built many pole barns in the area. She remembers school pageants as a child and was especially fond of singing in these Christmas musicals. Some of the songs she recalls singing are the Lord's Prayer and the Indian Love Call.

They would spend Christmas at her grandmother's farm and the years that she lived in Illinois, they would receive a package by mail with gifts from her grandma. A kewpie doll was one present that she remembered getting for Christmas.

Christmas Day was always a time for good food at her grandma's farm. Both her grandmother and her mother were very good cooks. They raised cattle, hogs, turkeys and chickens on the farm and had a great supply of canned vegetables from the garden. Her grandma canned sausage and beef and her basement was well stocked with preserved

foods. Many years later when they cleaned out the old farmhouse they found a jar of food that had been canned in 1921.

Christmas Day was a time when family gathered to be together and she would play outside with her brother and sister in the snow during the day.

Marjorie was born during the depression, and even though there was always plenty of food, some years the Christmas presents were quite sparse. Her brother would often receive cowboy things while Marjorie and her sister would get dolls and homemade clothing items.

The tree would magically appear and she surmised her father cut it from the woods nearby. It would be decorated with antique ornaments and holiday adornments they made in school. One she remembers was made out of construction paper with her picture in the middle of it.

Summer and winter the kids helped out with chores on the farm. The girls helped mom in the kitchen and Marjorie could prepare a meal by herself by the age of twelve. They walked two miles each way to the country schoolhouse and she recalls one day she didn't want to go to school. Marjorie walked into the ditch on the way and got her clothes all wet and went back home. Her grandma was not fooled by her shenanigans and dressed her in dry clothes and sent her back to school.

There was a pond near the farm and sometimes in the winter she remembers going skating there with her parents. They would bring hot chocolate with marshmallows to the skating party.

Dale grew up on a farm in the Wasioja area. His parents raised crops, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, His two brothers and one sister helped out with chores and he learned to milk cows by hand by the age of ten.

A week before Christmas his dad would cut a tree from the woods on the farm and they would decorate it with ornaments, tinsel and strings of popcorn. They never had lights on the tree. One of his favorite memories was Christmas shopping with his family.

The family always went to church on Christmas eve and then celebrated with a big meal on Christmas Day with lots of family and relatives for company. The meal was usually chicken, potatoes and gravy. For dessert they would hand churn homemade ice cream to enjoy with homemade candy like taffy, fudge and divinity. They would open their gifts on Christmas Day and they received practical gifts like clothes. His favorite was a Farmall toy tractor. The kids always had a small gift to give their parents.

The kids played outside all the time. They would get in snowball fights and go sledding. One year he made a couple pegs with a nail in the end and they would propel the sled along on the ice the frozen river.

They went to the country school in Wasioja with grades 1-4 on the lower level and grades 5-8 upstairs. Dale says they learned more in those eight grades then kids do now in twelve. The teachers were local farm wives. There was always a Christmas program at school and he remembers the kids playing angels and shepherds.

Carole grew up in town, but would spend Christmas at her grandparent's farm. On




Christmas eve they would open presents, usually inexpensive handmade items. The family would have lutefisk and then attend Christmas eve service at church and then have lefse afterwards. She loved being in the Christmas programs at school and at church.

Her father drove the snowplow truck and the seven kids would stay at the grandparent's farm. Sometimes the roads were very bad in the winter. She recalled one year when the roads were so bad that they went into the ditch and they were fortunate that they didn't end up in the river.

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The DNR offers several suggestions to make getting outdoors easy, fun and affordable for Minnesotans:

Get a vehicle permit

Vehicle permits are required to visit state parks and recreation areas. The cost is \$7 per day or \$35 for an annual permit. Permits can be purchased at a park office, or visitors can save time by purchasing online before heading to the park. Park permits can be purchased on the DNR website.

The DNR also offers free park permits through its library program. More than 100 libraries across Minnesota offer seven-day permits that people can check out at no cost.

“The library park pass program is a terrific way to access state parks for free,” Pierce said. “It’s one way we’re removing barriers to getting outdoors and enjoying the beauty of Minnesota’s state parks.”

A list of participating libraries is on the DNR website.

Try winter camping

Winter camping is offered at 25 state parks and recreation areas. For visitors looking for a warmer overnight stay, many state parks offer heated camper cabins with electricity and yurts with wood stoves that are open year-round. Camper cabins accommodate up to six people, while yurts hold three to seven people. Pets are not allowed inside camper cabins or yurts.

Find the winter camping guide on the DNR website, as well as information on staying in camper cabins or yurts.

Look into family-friendly events

Events and programs are scheduled at state parks throughout the winter season, offering a wide range of activities, including escape rooms, interpretive hikes, crafting, education about park wildlife, and more.

“Whether you want to learn, or be physically active, or both, you’re sure to find an event that fits you,” Pierce said. “State parks and trails events are suitable for beginners and all age groups.”

State park events are free, but a vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Find state park events on the DNR events calendar.

Rent snowshoeing or skiing equipment

Snowshoe rentals are available at 30 state parks and recreation areas, and five state parks offer cross-country ski rentals. Rental prices vary by location, and some state parks offer free rentals.

“Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are great activities to be active while beating cabin fever,” Pierce said. “If you need rental equipment, it’s a good idea to check the website for the park you’re planning to visit or



call ahead to get details about the type of rental equipment offered at the park and to check for availability.”

For snowshoe rental information, visit the snowshoeing page of the DNR website and for cross-country ski rentals, visit the ski pass map on the DNR website.

Try ice fishing

It’s free to fish in many Minnesota state parks, and some parks have fishing kits for visitors to borrow.

“Ice fishing is a quintessential winter activity in Minnesota,” said Pierce. “If you’re new to ice fishing, don’t worry, we can help. State parks offer events and hands-on learning programs to teach you how to ice fish.”

Those interested in ice fishing in state parks can read tips, learn about ice safety, find a lake to fish on and more by visiting the state parks ice fishing guide. To find parks that have fishing kits available to borrow, see the DNR’s page about borrowing equipment.



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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, redoing 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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Rice County Taxes Are Up

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



The Rice County Board of Commissioners approved a \$33.8 million property tax levy for 2023, an amount 8.89% higher than in 2022.

Most of the increase will go to repay bonds used to finance construction of a new Public Safety Center and to cover higher personnel costs, which commissioners agree is necessary to recruit, train and retain talented employees.

The board hoped to avoid repaying the bonds with a property tax increase, but when the Minnesota Legislature adjourned in May without passing a bill allowing the county to offer voters an alternative, commissioners were left with no other option.

Despite the levy increase, Rice County's tax rate dropped for the third straight year. And property taxes remain among the lowest in the state.

Also included in the \$90.27 million 2023 budget also approved Tuesday is more than \$810,000 in funding for local nonprofits, including the Rice Soil and Water Conservation District, Rice County Historical Society and the three county libraries: Faribault, Lonsdale and Northfield. Each of the libraries, which continue to see increases in patronage, will receive \$6,000 more in 2023 than in 2022.

By function, Roads and Bridges expenditures – at 24% – make up nearly one quarter of the 2023 budget. Human Services follows closely at 23% of the total budget. Public Safety is at 17%; General Government is at 14%.

The board also approved a separate \$225,450 levy for the Housing & Redevelopment Authority, a 13.24% increase over 2022.

Fossum says legal marijuana creates 'vacuum in the law'

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



Rice County Attorney John Fossum

The 2023 Minnesota Legislature will open in less than a month under Democratic control, as the DFL was able to capture control of the

Senate and maintain control of the House of Representatives and the Governor's office.

Among the items on the DFL agenda is legalization of marijuana. While the idea is a popular one with many segments of the state population, law enforcement has consistently opposed the idea, mainly because of the risks it will create due to impaired driving. Many other states, including Washington, Oregon and Colorado have legalized cannabis, and they have all reported higher traffic incidents and higher impaired driving incidents since legalization took hold

Rice County Attorney John Fossum said the questions are how much THC in a person's system is enough to cause impaired driving, and how can law enforcement test for it?

As with alcohol, Fossum said the state legislature would have to establish a legal limit, but he does not know what that percentage would be. Moreover, there is not an easy way to test for the amount of THC in a person's bloodstream. There is no apparatus like a breathalyzer that can measure THC without drawing blood. That, however, is an invasive procedure and a police officer would have to get a warrant if a person does not submit to a blood test voluntarily.

Establishing a legal limit, he said, creates a lot of questions. Alcohol levels have been something that has become easier and easier to deal with because the science of testing for it has been established and refined. He pointed out as we learn more about the effect of alcohol on the brain, the legal limit has been getting smaller and smaller. Not so, however, with THC. The lack of good data, he said, creates a vacuum in the law. And while other states have been wrestling with the same question, there are still no good answers.

"We've now had several years with Washington state and Oregon and now even South Dakota for a couple of years, with legalized marijuana. And there certainly could be approaches that people can follow, but I don't know what they are at the moment."

The 2023 legislative session will begin on January 3rd.

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**City of Dennison
Regular Council Meeting
November 3rd, 2022**

The November Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Nichole Schloesser, Heidi Cooke, Diane Ruddle, and Ann Anders, and Clerk Jessica Page

Councilor Schloesser move to approve the regular meeting minutes for August, September, and October, as well as the September special meeting minutes. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 5:0. Councilor Anders move to approve the Treasurer's report. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 5:0.

Building Permits: Driveway permit application for Hasse/Carroll building projects. Councilor Schloesser move to accept the Cannon Tackle driveway plan as long as it meets Ordinance 69 erosion and drainage protocols. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 5:0.

Administrative Issues:

1. CUP Application for the Verizon Tower on 5th Ave. Way. This is the same CUP that has been approved in prior years, but wasn't able to get buildt before the CUP expired. Councilor Schloesser move to approve the CUP application for the Verizon Tower to be built on 5th Ave. Way. Councilor Anders second. Motion passed 5:0. Councilor Anders move to approve the building permit for the Verizon Tower on 5th Ave Way. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 5:0.

2. Forcemain update: JJD was on-site to work on the punch list items for the force main project. Silt fence and posts were removed from the outfall ditch. Landscaping was completed, except for reseeding. Gate fence addressed and east fence repaired. Need to Approve Change Order #2. It brings down the cost by \$4355.00. (from \$281,615.00 to \$277,260.00.) Councilor Anders move to approve change order #2 for the Force Main Project. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0. Punchlist needs to be sent ahead of time. If it's sent the day of the meeting, it won't get approved.

3. Phosphorus shed: Milltown Construction was approved by the LMCIT to repair the building. The cost will be \$87,687.50. The heater, electrical panel and conduits, all outside and inside tin will be replaced. All studs

will be toe-nailed, replacing all anchor bolts with epoxy set anchors. Later this week, the cement floor and doorways will be epoxied.

4. Repairs for the fence around the water tower: Received an estimate from Caron Fence. It came to \$2,955.00. Submitted to the Northfield Insurance Agency, and the claim was denied. Fence is not attached to the water tower itself so it is not considered as part of the water tower. In order to be covered by the insurance, the City would need to purchase additional coverage and schedule the fence as "Property in the Open". City can insure for about \$135 a year. City can apply for the Errors and Omissions Coverage, which pays 90% of the loss. Mayor is recommending not increasing the insurance for the fence. Instead, the City can apply for a Source Water Protection Grant with the Department of Health next spring. The implementation grant should cover 100% of the cost to replace the damaged areas, and could possibly include improved lighting at the water tower too. Wellhead Protection Plan can be utilized to justify the improvements/fixes.

5. The Source Water Protection Grant that was submitted for the door on the wellhouse was approved by the MDH. City is on the waiting list for funding, but they expect money will be available in December. Lead time for a new door is 12-15 weeks out. Northfield construction wants funding in place before they order the door.

6. MPCA and MOU for PFAS. Letter was emailed to the MPCA indicating that the City of Dennison was opting out of the program. Response was forwarded to Council, indicating that there were some dollars available for some of the beginning testing, and that the City could change opt out again if no additional funding was found for the second half of the testing costs.

7. Proposal from People's Service to provide C licensed sewer operator for the City. MPCA wants someone in place by December 8th, if not sooner. Council was emailed recommendations from thee MPCA to be compliant with our Wastewater Permit and new phosphorus system. Also looking at other job share possibilities. Approve the proposal from People's Service? It would be the same person that worked with the City previously, Herb Kruger. At least one hour

per week on site. Council will need clarification on when the hourly rate applies.

8. Old complaint regarding concerns about a fence being built too close to another property owners property line, and the shrubs being trimmed to allow for the fence being built. When last talked about, since no one had a defined property line, they were tentatively going with the location of the power poles as being along the property line, so nothing further was done. The property owner had a survey done recently, and the survey showed that the fence was actually built almost 6 feet over on the complaintant's property. What follow up to the original complaint should there be? LMC was contacted and the City would not get in to land disputes.

He never reduced the fence or got a building permit. The City had previously sent a letter regarding the fence. Clerk will send a letter to let Mr. Bolstrom know his options for the fence since he never did apply for the permit

9. City will need to get a roll off dumpster for cleaning up the City shop. Jeff Contacted Flom's Dosposal to get dumpster pricing. 10 yard to 20 yard dumpster is the same basic cost. With taxes, fuel charge, delivery and pick up, it is \$276, plus \$54 per ton tipping fee. Nerstrand Fire Department is going to clean up the City shop on November 16th, with the truck being moved in to the building by December 1. Nate will need to remove all personal items from the shop before the 16th. Driveway will need to be open and clear at all times starting on December 1.

Mayor Flaten move to approve the dumpster cost. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion was approved 5:0.

10. SEMMCHRA is making changes to the housing improvement program. The program will be open to the entire City of Dennison, and the tier financing is being removed. Part of the process to do the changes is that the City must hold a public Hearing regarding the matter. It will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 6:45 at the Dennison City Hall.

11. Need to pass resolution 11-2022-01, regarding special assessments from unpaid utility bills. "Based upon the discussion of the City Council and it's unanimous vote in favor of the special assessments preliminary list, the Dennison City Council hereby approves the Special assessments for unpaid utility bills for 2022 to be sent to Goodhue/Rice County. Along with the unpaid balance, a 10% fee will be added to the total." Councilor Anders move to approve Resolution 11-2022-01. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0.


12. Approve Turkey Bingo for the Lions Club to be held at the City Hall. Councilor Anders move to approve Turkey Bingo for November 19th. Councilor Cooke second 4:0. Councilor Ruddle recused herself from voting as she is a Lions Club member.

13. Councilor Anders move to approve the annual agreement with Goodhue County Building Administration for Building Permit and Inspection Services for 2023. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 5:0.

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Citizens Issues:

Britt Olson brought to City Councils attention that there are "Varmints" seen in the back fence area where there is a lot of garbage from the property behind his house. Ordinance 68 section 4 part B 10 days written notice to apply. Sent by certified mail described property involved. The remediation. If it can't be abated, individual may request reasonable extension to complete. Can have it served by the sheriff if he doesn't pick it up. Councilor Schloesser move to send letter to Chuck Bolstrom regarding the fence, giving him 10 days to take down fence and remove all items in the picture. Mayor Flaten second. Motion passed 5:0. Councilor

Schloesser move to have sheriff deliver if letter comes back. Councilor Cooke Heidi second. Motion passed 5:0.

Land dispute is separate from what the city needs to address.

Mayors Issues:

Dan Storlie and Jeff patched potholes by Karl Broggers's driveway entrance, and the new Nygaard house, as well as on the west side of the water tower.

Utilities:

Water meter installed at Kaylyn Nygaards new house on 10-17. Meter at Rowans house was replaced with a new one as the original one wasn't working any longer. That meter was new enough that it was still under warranty, so the City will get a replacement one. A dozen touch readers were ordered.

Minnesota Pumpworks replaced the discharge valve at the ponds and calibrated the lift station pumps on 10-19. Clerk received the results of the calibration and there were significant increases in the volume per minute that the pumps were pumping.

Jo Schaller from Hawkins was on-site for the phosphorus system. He removed the remaining water from the tank on 10-19. The remaining water totes outside were picked up by Hawkins on 10-24.

Hydrants were flushed on 11-1-2022. Notices were put in utility bills.

Empire to jet and televise 2 blocks of main streets sewer lines, hopefully in November. Can possibly add looking at the upper part of

Prairie View Dr. to see where and leaks or blockages might be. Estimate for half day of work to jet and televise was to televise bottom of hill to top of hill another \$750.

Send a letter to Rowans to explain big water usage for three months.

Councilor Schloesser move to pay the bills. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 5:0.

Mayor Flaten move to adjourn. Councilor Schloesser second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday December 1, 2022 at 7:00. Public hearing 6:45.

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Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022

Nerstrand City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00p.m. Those in attendance in person were Council Members Monica Gernandt, Dan Pflieger, John Harris and Mayor Todd Evavold, Councilor, Jennifer Schwab arrived late. Other people in attendance were Public Works Director, Steve McDowell, City Clerk, Dana Jans, Maintenance Commissioner Scott Jans, and one business owner.

Roll Call

Councilpersons, Gernandt, Pflieger, Harris, and Mayor Evavold present.

Approval of Agenda

-Motion to accept the agenda by Councilor Gernandt with the addition of the discussion on the purchase of a snow blower, complaint on 2nd St N, and planning and zoning, second by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

-Motion to accept all consent items by Councilor Gernandt, second by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

-Motion by Councilor Gernandt adopt Resolution 2022-07, Designation of Polling Location, second by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

-Motion by Councilor Gernandt to adopt Resolution 2022-08 Certifying Unpaid Utilities to Taxes, seconded by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

-Acceptance of donation from Dennison Lions Club to Nerstrand Fire and Rescue in the amount \$600.00. Motion by Councilor Gernandt to accept the donation, seconded by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

-Canvassing of the 2022 General Election results. Motion by Councilor Gernandt to sign and accept the results, seconded by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

-Clerk Jans has completed the paperwork for a city credit card for subscriptions. Motion by Councilor Gernandt to move forward with the card, seconded by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

-Mayor Evavold would like to purchase a snowblower for city use. Motion by Councilor Gernandt, seconded by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

-The city is in need of two additional planning and zoning members. Motion by Councilor Gernandt to post the positions until filled, seconded by Councilor Pflieger, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

-Annual agreement between the City of Nerstrand and Goodhue County building permits and inspections. Motion by Councilor Gernandt to sign the agreement, seconded by Councilor Harris, motion passed unanimously.

-Mayor Evavold called for a special closed meeting to discuss the maintenance position, this closed meeting will be held on November 30, 2022.

-Councilor Schwab asked that the meetings going forward be moved to Wednesdays, or at least the December meeting. Council did agree that the next regular council meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00pm.

Public Works

-There was a water leak at the school and a residents home on Main Street. Both have been taken care of by the owners. McDowell worked on a service on 1st St N (water-jetted the line). This did improve the service. Still working with Verizon, overall service is bad. Councilor Harris and McDowell will work together to resolve the issue. Still waiting on a drawing from Pete, the surveyor from Widseth to move forward with the land swap with business owner of A&J Design.

Adjourn

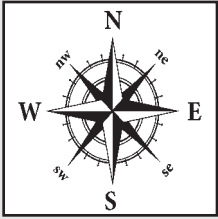
Motion by Councilor Gernandt second by Councilor Pflieger to adjourn the meeting, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by;

Dana Jans

Nerstrand 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.

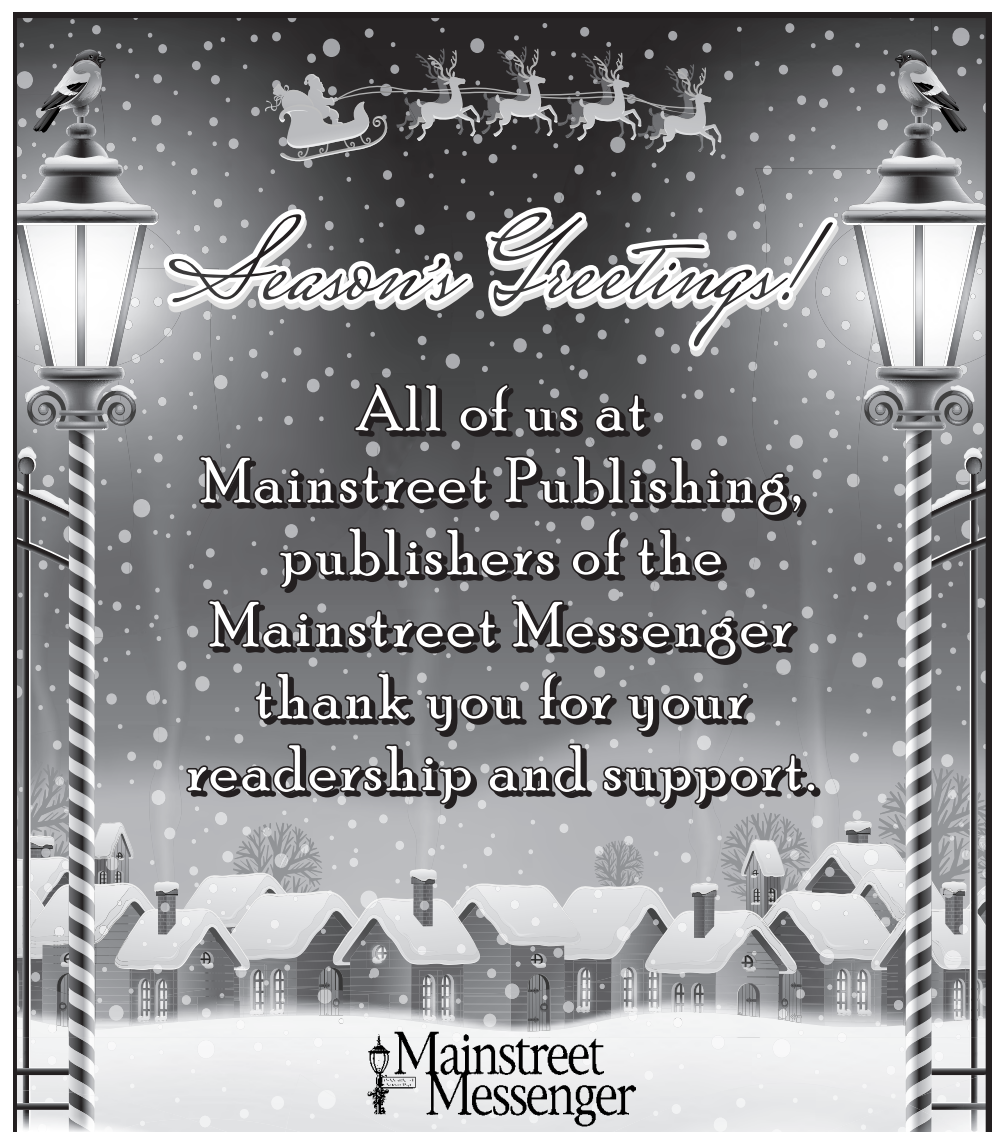
I think it was a pretty normal Christmas that year... or at least it was until the dishwasher shorted out before dinner causing it to fill up with water. It was all going to be OK though because Grandpa, who had been a Navy Electrician, was going to fix it. All he needed to do was cut off the power to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

*Merry
Christmas*



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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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