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Announcements

• **Wednesday Wear, Nerstrand United Methodist Church** hours are **Wednesdays 1 - 5 and Saturdays 9 - 12.**

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• **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.

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TRACTOR SHOW

September 1, 2 & 3, 2023

(see ad on page 7)

Dennison Days Set for August 4 & 5

The Dennison Lions Club will host Dennison Days coming up August 4 & 5 with many old favorites returning to the weekends event schedule.

Check the website www.dennison-days.org for any schedule updates.

Friday night will kick off with a Bags Tournament at 625 Bar & Grill and Free Live Music from Minnesotas Own Dariann Leigh on the Mainstreet Stage at 7:30. Check out Darianns Bio at www.darriannleigh.com.

Saturday morning brings the Pancke & Egg Breakfast hosted by the Nerstrand-Den-



Dariann Leigh
www.darriannleigh.com



Nerstrand Fire Department in the 2022 Dennison Days Parade

file photo

nison Fire Department and Dennison Lutheran Community Church under the tent.

City Wide Garage sales are also part of the days events. Just look around for the signs.

The Classic Car Show hosted by the Clutchmen Club will again be on main street across

from the Fireside.

Other activities include Euchre, which will be at The Fireside Lounge this year, and the Truck and Tractor Pull on on the north

side of town. The 5 K Run/Walk returns this year. Participants can sign up after 7 AM and be a part of a fun activity to help raise funds for the Dennison Community Lutheran Church and their outreach programs. The race kicks off at 8.

For participating runners, a Free Breakfast is included that you may enjoy before or after the run. The Cow Milking Contest is at 10 AM, and this years special guests will be announced soon. Kids Bingo will begin about 11 under the big tent.

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The Circus is coming to Dennison August 2



Thanks to the sponsorship of the Dennison Lions Club & Fireside Lounge, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming Dennison, MN - Wednesday, August 2nd to the lot across from the Dennison Community Church located at 37514 3rd Ave.

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Freedom in Christ

Freedom: Miriam Webster says, “1: the quality or state of being free: such as a: the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action, b: liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another, c: the quality or state of being exempt or released usually from something onerous, d: unrestricted use” all belong to the first definition of freedom.

For followers of Christ, we have freedom: freedom from sin, eternal death, guilt, and freedom to choose- as we live the spirit-filled life that Jesus calls us to live. We also have freedom from empty and meaningless traditions and ‘rules’ that have no bearing on our faith in Christ. Being free in Christ – real freedom – means seeing things clearly. It means knowing who you are and what God has done for you in Christ. It means loving and obeying Him with the full assurance that God will make good on His promise, and you will spend eternity with Him. This kind of freedom doesn’t come by living however you want or “picking and choosing” what laws to follow; true freedom comes from believing and obeying the gospel.

Freedom doesn’t mean we can do whatever we want- without thinking about others. Freedom in Christ- is freedom to choose that which is best for others and ourselves- choosing to put Jesus first in all things- Loving God and Loving people- not just doing what we want because we have freedom.

Paul wrote in chapter 8 of 1 Corinthians. “But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. 2 Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. 3 But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes. . . .6 But for us, there is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through

whom we live. . . .9 But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble.”

Paul addresses the attitudes- the heart issues. The Corinthian church had been struggling with humility and obedience. Proverbs 12:23 says, “The wise don’t make a show of their knowledge, but fools broadcast their foolishness.” and in Proverbs 26:12 “There is more hope for fools than for people who think they are wise.” Paul states, we all know—not just the “most enlightened or most knowledgeable” but all the believers in the faith know that an idol isn’t really a god. They’ve come to believe in the one true God- and Jesus Christ his Son and the person of the Holy Spirit- The one triune God- maker of heaven and earth. The one that redeemed them at a great price. They know that in their hearts- but they may continue to struggle with old habits, old traditions that have been ingrained in them. They must re-train their minds and thoughts to following Jesus Christ and living for Him. It’s all new to them- and they are still learning.

Let me give an example: Playing cards used to be a big ‘no no’ in the Wesleyan church. I had been brought up Lutheran and I grew up playing cards- I grew up playing 500, rummy, crazy 8, and I learned how to play hearts at church- waiting for confirmation class to begin. So, when we had cards in the youth room at the Wesleyan Church and played games, I never even thought that

it could be an issue. Then one Saturday clean-up day- I didn’t make it to help clean the church- but some of the older ladies took it upon themselves to clean the youth room for us. I was surprised to find that all our playing cards had been removed and thrown away! I spoke to the pastor and find out the whys- and not to worry- we had his and the church’s permission to have playing cards- so the church purchased us some new ones. After that, I just made sure that I was there on cleaning day from now on!

The ladies were only doing what they thought was right- even if it really wasn’t a sin issue. Like Paul said, “some are accustomed to thinking . . .this way.” That’s how they were brought up. We can’t always solve every problem with logic. A child who is afraid of the dark is not assured by logical arguments. We need to understand that knowledge can be a weapon to fight with or a tool to build with, depending on how it is used. Our Freedom in Christ must be balanced by Love. As Christians, we are commanded often in Scripture to build one another up. The author of Hebrews said, “. . .let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Heb. 10:24-25)

We must be careful so that our freedom doesn’t cause a weaker- a newer believer to stumble. Jesus gave us the example to fol-

low- we are to do as He has done. We aren’t more enlightened than He was. He is patient with each of us and sees our mistakes, our sins, our screw-ups and instead of telling us how awful or stupid we are- he gently corrects, guides and continues to love us. Paul writes that we are not to be a stumbling block to others. This doesn’t mean that we must pamper those who are weaker in the faith, it means that our goal should be to build them up and help them grow rather than demanding our rights. Our Freedom must be balanced by love. We are free in Christ, but we must take care that our spiritual knowledge is balanced by love, and that we do not tempt the weaker Christian to run ahead of their conscience.

As part of the Body of Christ, it is always our goal to strengthen and respect each part of that body that we are a part of. In doing that Jesus will be glorified and that the body (the church) will be built up to unity and strength. As we interact with others, we must balance our knowledge with love so that others might be built up in the Lord.

As believers in Christ- we love God with all of our passion in all areas, and we love people. People get first preference- not our own agenda or our own freedoms. When our freedom crosses over someone else and causes them to get off track- we are abusing our freedom. Our freedom in Christ must be lived out in love. The way we relate carries great weight, so relate in love!

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Pastor Paul A. Graham

Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer months, there will be one combined service on Sundays. In June, worship will be at Vang at 9:00 AM. In July, worship will be at Dennison at 9:00 AM.

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“Tell Me, Please”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about . . . ?” — Acts 8:34

At Cove Mountain on the Appalachian Trail I had shelter from an all-night rain. The next morning I was back on the trail. No one needed to tell me where to go. I headed north, as I did every other day of my three-week trek.

Philip, however, whom the Spirit called in our story today, had instructions on where to go. An angel of the Lord told Philip to go south to the desert road leading from Jerusalem to Gaza. There Philip met an Ethiopian official who was returning home from Jerusalem. The Spirit then led Philip to stay near the man and to help him understand a passage he was reading from Isaiah. Philip explained that the passage was about Jesus, the Son of God, who came to die for our sin, and then Philip baptized the Ethiopian, just as the man asked him to do.

Through his Spirit and the Word, the Lord still commands us everyday. God calls us to walk in his ways, loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Does God speak to us in other ways, such as the way he spoke to Philip? God certainly can speak to us in dramatic ways, but more often the Spirit of God speaks to us in quiet, subtle ways through his Word and with the help of other believers (like Philip). We should always be following God’s Word and listening for his voice, especially as he nudges us to share the love of Jesus.

Lord Jesus, help us to listen for your voice and to share your love with the people we meet every day. Amen.

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Friday, August 4

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Saturday, August 5

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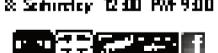
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Gordon Richards

Gordon Richards, age 82, of Dennison, died Friday, June 30, 2023 at the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Gordon Dale Richards was born on March 13, 1941, in Chatfield, MN, the son of Robert and Holly Richards. He grew up there and graduated from Chatfield High School. From 1960-1968, Gordon served in the U. S. Army. He was stationed in Korea, Germany, and throughout the United States. Following his honorable discharge, he received and Associ-

ates Degree in Accounting.

Gordon owned his own Janitorial Service, and also worked with HVAC Systems. He liked to travel, take long Sunday rides, and go dancing. Gordon enjoyed people and liked to joke around; he will be remembered for his good sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife Barbara Richards, daughter Christy (Richards) Whipple; grandchildren Katie (Whipple) White, Jill Whipple, and Dawn (Whipple) Fredrickson; four great-grandchildren; sister Helen Bailey, as well as other friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Kevin Richards, two brothers and five sisters.

Interment will take place in the Minnesota State Veteran Cemetery in Preston. Date and time to be determined.

Dennison Days Set for August 4 & 5

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The Dennison Days Parade is at 12:30 PM, with a \$100 Prize for Best Float. Afternoon events include a foosball tournament hosted by the 625 Bar and Grill, and the return of The Road Rally at 1:30. The kids pedal pull will take place after the parade at 2pm.

Gift Card and Purse Bingo under the big top at 3:30 PM, And the yet to be determined Game Sow at 5 PM

Again this year is FREE Saturday EVENING ENTERTAINMENT under the Mainstreet tent, with Variety Bank Wreckless taking the stage.(www.wrecklessband.com)

Remember to get your Raffle Tickets as well for your chance at the \$500.00 Grand Prize. Raffle Tickets are Available at

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Roy Scott Nelson

Roy Scott Nelson, age 78 of Cannon Falls, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and friends in his home on Sunday, July 16, 2023.

Scott was born on April 13, 1945 to parents Roy and Marjorie (Hohenhaus) Nelson. He graduated from Faribault High School in 1963 and later worked for Sears for 32 years. Scott married the love of his life Linda in 1967 and they raised three beautiful children together, Eric, Elizabeth and Allison. In October of 1995 Scott and Linda purchased the Trophy House restaurant in New Trier. His favorite spot in the restaurant was serving behind the bar because of all of the locals and friends he was able to socialize with.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Marjorie Nelson.

Scott is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Eric, Elizabeth and Allison; grandchildren, Scott Worrell, Sophia Worrell, and Alivia Strusz; brothers, Alano "Lon" (Reatha) Nelson, Lynn (Barbara) Nelson; and dog, Stella.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel in Hastings. Father Tix officiated. Interment will be held at St. Michaels Cemetery in Kenyon, MN at a later date.

Family and friends were invited to a visitation from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2023, at Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel and also an hour prior to the service. A reception followed the service on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Trier, MN.

Arrangements are being completed by Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel of Hastings.

Robert E. Will

Will, Robert E., age 95, Educator, Community Builder, Humorist, and Family Man, peacefully passed away Sunday, June 25, 2023, surrounded by love and family. Bob was a gentleman and a scholar with a life rooted in service.

His life was a model of how to live one's vocation and commitment to others. Bob taught Economics at Carleton College for 36 years, joyfully scratching supply and demand charts out on the blackboard, bringing the subject to life. He encouraged generations of students to appreciate the value of liberal arts in their everyday lives. Upon retiring, Bob devoted time to volunteering in the community. "I felt I owed something to the community I lived in, that gave me a good life, that brought up my children, educated my children in the school system. I felt it a duty, and a happy duty."

Born at the beginning of the Great Depression in Dousman, WI to Erwin and Gena Will, Bob graduated from high school after 8th grade. A life-long love of music began as a young trombonist in the Oconomowoc American Legion Band, an award-winning band that marched in parades from small towns to New York's 5th Avenue. He surprised his parents by enlisting in the US Navy, unaware that swimming was a required skill, one he did not have. Even though Bob never learned to swim, his strong patriotism committed him to the Naval Reserve for a further twenty years. After the war, Bob entered Carleton College in 1946, dragging his Navy footlocker behind him and clutching the GI Bill ("that great social invention"). He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and later earned his MA and Ph.D from Yale University.

Bob met the love of his life, Barbara, while teaching at UMass Amherst. She was the beautiful librarian in the Department of Research Chemistry when Bob walked in seeking advice about moldy wallpaper in the apartment he shared with Gus Mattersdorff. A year later, Gus was best man at their wedding. In 1957, Carleton College President Larry Gould hired Bob to join the Economics department. The newlyweds packed their books and wedding presents and drove to Minnesota. Bob and Barbara built a remarkable life together. They found joy in raising a family, traveling around the world, and deepening their roots in Northfield.

Beyond teaching duties, Bob was an Assistant Dean of the College and the first Director of International Studies and was named the Wadsworth A. Williams Professor of Economics. Many have described Bob as the quintessential Carleton alum and professor: a gifted and enthusiastic teacher, a knowledgeable scholar, an engaged college citizen, a gracious mentor to colleagues and students. Bob was a pioneer in what is now called social entrepreneurship, applying economic theories to real world problems. This pursuit led to Carleton's Social Entrepreneurship scholarship program. While at Carleton, he also earned grants from the Ford Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, General Electric, the Lilly Endowment, and the National Science Foundation. Bob retired in 1993 as the Raymond Plank Professor of Incentive Economics.

Always a performer, many will remember listening to the brilliant badinage between Bob and Wayne Eddy on Northfield's KYMN radio. Bob loved reading aloud and delighted in Robert Service's "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew." He was also cast in two films: as Rev. William Wilcox in the award-winning Cemetery Stories: A Rebel Missionary in South Africa, by Chérif Keita; and as the Old Man in Roma Nova, by Max Silver.

Bob left an indelible mark on organizations around the country and world, including the US National Commission for the United Nations Economic and Social Council; the planning commission that created Hampshire College in Amherst, MA; Bob and Barbara helped seed libraries at Miles College in Alabama and the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. Closer to home, Bob's curious and creative mind, and his ever-present yellow notepad, focused on strengthening the

beauty and humanity of Northfield, MN. He served on the Rotary Club, Mayor's Streetscape Task Force, Heritage Preservation Commission, United Way, Northfield Historical Society, All Saints Episcopal Church, Northfield Shares, and Northfield Retirement Community.

In the winter of 1994 Bob was surprised to learn that Governor Arne Carlson proclaimed March 26 as Robert E. Will Day in Minnesota. Twenty years later, Northfield honored Bob with the Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award in recognition of over 50 years of service to the Northfield area community. Bob said "There is no better feeling than serving a community. Enjoy it as I have over the years. I did things I never thought I would do in my life."

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Barbara, and son, Jonathan. He is survived by daughters Leslie Will and Jennifer Labovitz; son-in-law Mark Labovitz; and grandchildren Zachary Will, Jackson and Tessa Labovitz.

Bob Will has left the classroom. Onward and Upward with the Arts.

The family would like to thank the thoughtful staff at the Northfield Retirement Community for the attentive and compassionate care given to Bob, and acknowledge all the special friendships Bob made through the years.

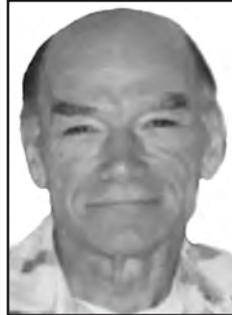
A memorial service will be held to celebrate Bob's life on August 26, 2023, at 2:00pm at All Saints Church in Northfield. Donations may be given to Northfield Shares, All Saints Church, or the Robert E. Will '50 Endowed Internship Fund in Social Entrepreneurship at Carleton College.

Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory <https://www.biermanfuneralhome.com>.

Mike Almen

Mike Almen, 77, of Northfield, passed away peacefully Monday morning, June 26, 2023, at Three Links Care Center in Northfield.

Michael Allen Almen was born on February 6, 1946, in Northfield, Minnesota, to Nikolai and Helen



(Baker) Almen. He grew up in Northfield and graduated from Northfield High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and was honorably discharged. Mike was married to Pam Lord in 1981. He worked for Herman Schiell (blacktopping), Sheldahl, spent some of his summers on the farm, and later worked as a handyman. They raised their three sons in Northfield and later divorced.

Mike was best described as a "travelling soul." He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, working out, and entertaining those around him. Mike had a soft heart and was known to take in stray dogs and cats, whom he would quickly come to love and cherish.

He is survived by his children, Michael Lord of Winona, Nick (Jessica Mehan) of Dennison, and Chad (Colleen) of Northfield; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Wanda (Jim) Yngsdal of Wanamingo; sister-in-law, Ileen of Northfield; many nieces and nephews; and ex-wife, Pam Almen of Northfield. He was preceded in death by his parent and brothers, Bob and Joe.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Bierman Funeral Home in Northfield. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment followed the service in Vang Lutheran Cemetery, Holden Township. A reception followed the interment at Vang Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory, Northfield. www.biermanfuneralhome.com

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The music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. 1999

was the beginning of "Sound Of The Trumpet" and is now "Stones Cry." The inspiration for the new name comes from Luke 19:40.

The ministry now consists of Joel Finnesgard, his wife (of 33 years) June and their children Joy (17) and Josiah (15). Joel is still playing the trumpet as well as electric guitar and keyboards. June is on drums, percussion and some singing. Joy is providing lead vocal along with acoustic guitar and keyboard. Josiah is playing the bass, some hollow body 12 string electric guitar and singing.

The Finnesgard family has lived in the Kenyon area since Kittel Finnesgard moved to Holden township, from Gol, Norway in 1858. Kittel homesteaded his farm just half a mile from where the Gol Lutheran Church now stands and was very instrumental in establishing the church here. Kittel's daughter

Annette was an organist and vocalist at the church for many years and donated the first electric organ to Gol Lutheran Church. One of Kittel's grandsons was also a well know choir director at the church. Their musical talents have continued through the years.

Joel is the grandson of Edwin Finnesgard who moved from Kenyon in 1906 to homestead in northwest North Dakota. The Finnesgards enjoy sharing this ministry throughout much of the country. Most winters find them in the southern half of the country and other regions during the rest of the year. More information, video, audio and concert dates can be found at www.stonescry.net. You can also follow them on Facebook at Stones Cry and Instagram @stonescryofficial A free-will offering will be received for Stones Cry. There



Stones Cry

will be root beer floats served after the concert. Gol Lutheran Church is located one mile west of Kenyon at 1500 Highway 60 Boulevard.

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Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm

Goodhue County dairy farmers and the Goodhue County American Dairy Association showcased dairy farming and products at their annual Breakfast on the Farm held Friday, June 16th. The purpose of the Breakfast on the Farm event is to share with the public how the local dairy industry works and contributes to the local economy and way of life.

Events like these provide visitors the opportunity to get a first-hand look at where their wholesome and nutritious dairy products come from, and how dairy farmers care for their cows and land.

Approximately 1700 people visited the Mc-

Namara Dairy in rural Goodhue where they were able to eat breakfast, tour the farm, participate in interactive activities, and interact with various agricultural business leaders. Besides the visit to the farm, the star of the morning were the delicious and nutritious dairy products served including milk, cheese sticks, yogurt, ice cream, and fresh deep fried cheese curds.

Visitors were able to get a close-up look at the farm's cattle, view various calf and cow housing facilities, name a calf, and test their driving skills in a combine driving simulator.

Areas were staffed by volunteers and local business partners who explained milking practices, farm safety, cow care, and answered questions. The Goodhue FFA chapter assisted with interactive activities for children including a farm baby animal petting zoo and tractor train rides. Area 4-H dairy project members shared information about feeding practices. Minnesota's Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Rachel Rynda led Goodhue County's dairy princesses in greeting and interacting with guests.



Goodhue County Dairy Princesses (L-R) Nalalie Clemenson, Emma Eggenberger, Kelsey Holst, Evelyn, Scheffler, and Karyn Miklaus greet the public with the current Minnesota Princess Kay of the Milky Way Rachel Rynda

The Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm committee is led by local dairy producers Ann Buck, Kristin Schrimpf, and Shannon Dicke, with the assistance of many other local producers and business volunteers.

KCUE Radio of Red Wing produced their morning broadcast live on the farm sharing information and talking with the many contributors to the dairy industry.

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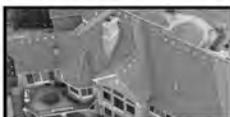
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Imagine being a kid in a small town in Minnesota who, more than anything, wants to dive into the city pool with their friends to escape the summer heat – but their family cannot afford the pool pass. This very situation is what prompted the Wabasha Kellogg Area Community Foundation (WKACF) to start offering free pool passes for all area youth. This initiative kept the pool open, created a

space for children to play in the summer and it provided an opportunity for locals to give back to their community. This is just one of many examples of why Community Foundations are a key ingredient to small town growth and vibrancy.

At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), Community Foundations are one of the cornerstones of our Community Vitality focus area. SMIF supports 31 Community Foundations – from St. James and Montgomery to Preston and Pine Island – by providing the administrative and 501(c)(3) infrastructure. Additionally, SMIF provides the volunteer boards with training opportunities and is always on hand to answer questions and guide them as they work toward meeting their philanthropic goals. Over the years, SMIF has also contributed more than \$894,061 in matching grants to these foundations.

The free pool pass project that WKACF supports is one of many projects that SMIF's Community Foundations have invested in over the years. Many memorable and unique local festivals count on foundation funds. For example, the Lanesboro Area Community Foundation provided grants to Buffalo Bill Days and Rhubarb Fest recently, as well as funding for several artistic opportunities in their community for music, artist demonstrations, and a grant to the public school for vi-

sual arts classes.

The Harmony Area Community Foundation supports a summer initiative of “No Child Left Inside”. Several grants were given recently to help provide activities to local youth at no cost. During the annual Canton Day Off Event, kids will have the chance to explore a state-of-the-art obstacle course of inflatables with a progressive agility course. Harmony has also contributed greatly to one of the first Splash Pads in our region. They continue to add to it as an inclusive place for families to cool down on hot days. These are only a few examples of the many ways that our foundations are enhancing the joy of summer.

In addition to summer fun, our foundations have helped fund food shelves, Veteran's memorials, downtown enhancement projects, farmers' markets and annual scholarship programs. During the early days of the pandemic, Community Foundations became a vessel for supporting local businesses and organizations. The versatility of these foundations allow them to leverage resources wisely to respond to the unique needs of their town. Author of Boomtown USA, Jack Shultz, said it best – community funds are one of the keys to small town success. The 31 Community Foundations under SMIF's umbrella have invested \$6.8 million into



their communities since the program began in 1991.

Community Foundations provide a platform for individuals, families and businesses to make meaningful contributions that directly impact their communities. By fostering a culture of giving, these foundations instill a sense of ownership and pride, empowering residents to shape their own future. I encourage you to look up your nearest Community Foundation at smifoundation.org/community-foundations.

Contact Andi Arnold, SMIF's Community Foundation Coordinator, at andia@smifoundation.org or 507.456.5593 with questions about this program.

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“Those numbers seem really daunting, but the good news is we have a solution that works,” says Christine Fankhanel, Director of Minnesota Programs with Reading Corps, Math Corps and Early Learning Corps. “When students work with a tutor, incredible things happen. They often make more than a year’s progress during the school year!”

Tutors placed at local schools can choose to serve 35, 25 or 18 hours a week. Some locations also have opportunities for 10 hours weekly. Using scripted activities, tutors meet with students individually and in small groups to practice essential skills. Prior teaching experience isn’t required – all tutors receive

comprehensive training and ongoing coaching.

“With two-thirds of students needing extra support, to perform at grade level, tutors provide an essential boost absolutely essential,” says Fankhanel.

With so many students needing extra support to read and do math at grade level, more than 1,700 tutors are needed statewide. All tutors receive a stipend every two weeks (about \$15/hour served), plus up to \$4,800 to pay for college tuition or student loans. Those who are 55 or older may choose to gift

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For more information or to apply to become a tutor, visit readingandmath.org.

About Reading Corps, Math Corps and Early Learning Corps:

Reading Corps, Math Corps and Early Learning Corps are evidence-based AmeriCorps programs dedicated to helping all children become strong learners. Tutors placed in local schools work one-on-one or in small groups with students to help build skills. Rigorous third-party evaluation has consistently shown students who have Reading Corps, Math Corps and Early Learning Corps make greater gains and faster progress. Building

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- 9a.m. **Truck & Tractor Pull Begins on the Hill**, sign up begins at 7:30a.m.
- 10a.m. **Cow Milking Contest** Main Street, hosted by David Flom Dairy
- 11a.m. **Food Stands Open**
Joel Stenhaug & Jim Tracy Memorial Horseshoe Tournament in City Park Presented by the Dennison Lions
- Kids Bingo** Under the tent. Presented by Dennison Lions. Ages 3-11.
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What Is Your Soul Calling



By Susan Hinrichsen, CHC, CLC, MC

Over the last few articles, we talked about how science is now finding that we are more than what we have been told about who we are and what we are capable of doing and/or accomplishing in our lives. The research in quantum science is showing that our health and wellness is more than just diet. That our thoughts, feelings, and emotions contribute to our health and that everything is connected, and you are connected to everything.

We live in a world that is rushing around, scrambling to get our kids to school, get to work, driving through construction, watching the clock, all to get to work on time. Whether

it is an office job, or a service job, we live under stress and pressure every day of our life. This stress and pressure builds up within our body and this in turn makes our body work harder and expend more energy to rejuvenate our cells while sleeping. Some people may not sleep very well and that compounds the ability of your body to do its job of healing and rejuvenating.

Since the pandemic, everything in our lives has turned upside down, and this has brought to the surface, along with the stress and pressure, fear. Everything around us has a narrative of fear built into it. Fear of our economic system, fear of our place in society, fear of the future, fear of the past or change, fear of what humanity has been through and fear of what is next. Our lives are wrapped in fear. Society has been conditioned to believe we are insignificant, powerless, and helpless, and that there is nothing significant about life, but life is creation at its finest and it is divine. We were not designed to live in fear, nor were we designed to be separate from one another. Fear can be paralyzing to the point where you don't even associate together that the issues you may be having around things, experiences, change, your career, relationships and the environment have been almost normalized into our daily lives.

During these post-pandemic months, people are now finding that they have an inner drive or push and are feeling they should be doing something different in their life, career,

or for others. They have an inner knowing that there is more they are supposed to accomplish. I call this a "soul calling." Maybe you know what it is that you want to do or have an idea about it, or maybe you are not sure. This "soul calling" is very strong. As you start to look for the answers you come across something, a video, a podcast, a person, an article that brings a spark of light into your heart. You follow along and want to make a change or a move forward, but you don't do anything. You sit and contemplate. You feel you have good reasons for not doing what it is you want to do but yet you are still having that "soul calling" that says do it, or just try it. Fear stops you from moving forward because it requires you to "do" something different or to "be" something different, and this is frightening. We start to think of ourselves as not worthy of being more. "Who would want to hear what I have to say, I'm a nobody?" "Who would want what I have created or want to create?" We start to have thoughts that say we do not have what it takes, we are not enough of a mom, or artist, to do, or be, what our soul is calling us to create. I want to encourage you to follow your "soul calling" even if it is baby steps. You can create, and be anything in this life that you want, you just have to believe you can. ("Where your thoughts go, energy flows," past article.)

If you look at your limiting beliefs and figure out what they are, what holds you back from being the best version of you, these beliefs usually have something to do with love, safety or belonging. These limiting beliefs can also be beliefs of others that you have accepted as your own, maybe they came from our parents, or an experience you had when

you were a child and could also be subconscious beliefs.

The more we look within ourselves we will find the answers to what we need to know. The more we look within, the more we can find who we really are and what we know to be true of ourselves. By answering the question of "who am I," enables a person to stand in their own sovereignty no matter what comes their way. I am not saying it is going to be easy, but you will be able to stand in your own truth and knowing.

We live in a time that is evolving and expanding at a fast pace and this is difficult to process and understand. The better we know ourselves the more empowered we feel, and by feeling more empowered, we become even more clear of who we are. The more you are in alignment with who you are and your beliefs about life and yourself, the healthier you become and the more joy you have in your life. Right now, the world is shifting into a new age and needs YOU and everything that you have to offer. You are the bridging generation for the new generation because you are living in both generations. "You" are important!

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(continued from page 1)

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City of Dennison Regular Council Meeting June 1, 2023

The June Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, June 1 2023 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Nichole Schloesser, Kaylyn Nygaard, and Diane Ruddle, and clerk Jessica Page. Heidi Cooke was unable to attend.

Councilor Ruddle move to approve the regular meeting minutes for May. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0. Councilor Ruddle move to approve the Treasurer's report. Councilor Nygaard second. Motion passed 4:0.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Building Permits: None

Administrative Issues:

1. In attendance, Tom Karst, Federal Program Officer, Minnesota Internet for All. Tom spoke about the federal government's role in broadband funding, share info about the BEAD program and talk about ways for communities to get involved. Also, Hyon Kim, Chairperson of OurTech Co-op, spoke about her recent trip to South Korea. She had the opportunity to study a sample Eco/Smart city in Busan.

Tom is the Point person for the State of MN. Looking at three areas when deciding who gets funding for projects. They include accessibility, affordability, ability.

Federal money goes through Minnesota Broadband Office who awards money to people who apply and have doable programs.

July 12th is date plans need to be submitted. Need a map of who actually needs it (those that are unserved). End of June is when map is figured out. There is a Rubric that is looked at to help with the decisions. Individuals can't submit plans. Towns, coops, providers can submit plans. Need to talk to folks early, need to submit accurate information. Community support will get extra points in the rubric.

Jerad Peterson updated us on their plans. Speed challenges. Fed won't change standards, States might be able to base changes off of from speed tests.

2. Email sent out to the council regarding estimates for street repairs. One from Northwest Asphalt (crack sealing) and another from Pearson Bros. Inc. (chip rocking). Seykora Asphalt Maintenance and Paving was going to give us a ballpark estimate to do everything, (crack seal, chip rock, patch problem areas and replace cement curbs/catch basins) but hasn't submitted it yet. Dan met with Crane Creek Asphalt and they recommended we do the crack sealing this fall. They do mill and overlay work. \$250k for streets, \$200k for sewer or vice versa. So \$450k for a potential bond. Try to get additional bids, or even another bid. Will look at next month.

3. Talked with the Goodhue County Attorney about Pete Lee's building. County will not handle civil prosecution. We will need to use our city attorney if we want to go down that road. Doug Morem, Goodhue County in-

spector, thinks the building isn't a public nuisance. The main reasons: Building isn't collapsing; It's empty and no one is living there. Jeff talked with Pete Lee about the roof on a couple of occasions. Asked him to write down his plan to fix the roof and submit to the City before the next regular council meeting. He's looking at finding a contractor who specializes in flat roofs. Mr. Lee submitted a clean up and construction general timeline. The plan also includes the possibility of building demolition. Pete's letter was emailed to everyone. Not much the City can do about it.

4. Bolstrom/Joe Stanke property. Mayor talked with Joe Stanke on a couple of occasions the last month. He did receive the letter regarding the complaint. Joe was asked if Councilor Cooke and the Mayor could view the items on the property that need to be cleaned up/removed. He was willing but didn't follow up with Mayor on a day or time to meet. Councilor Schloesser reminded the Council that since there is an already established process in place, and so at this time, the City needs to move to the next step for all the properties.

Any other updates/corrective actions taken by the other properties? Have the City attorney write a letter that says we're going to follow legal avenues if they haven't cleaned up anything. 30 days to act. The City will pursue legal action. Neal's two properties, Mark Weatherford, Paul Nygaard, and Bol-

strom properties.

5. City wide clean-up day. Was it a success? There was a good turnout for it.

6. Email sent out to the council from Todd Hagen from Ehlers. Recommend passing a Reimbursement Bond Resolution. It would preserve our right to get our money back through tax-exempt bonding. Todd also shared with the council what an estimated bond run looks like paid from a tax levy and sewer revenues. Have ready for July. Councilor Ruddle move to pass the Resolution 6-2023-1, the Reimbursement Bond Resolution. Councilor Nygaard second. Motion passed 4:0.

7. Bases and Home Plate ordered from Star Sports and Apparel in Faribault. Total cost was \$241.18. Mayor is going to donate \$175.00 towards the cost. Items should be in towards the end of the week. How should these be paid for? City will pay \$66.18 for the bases and use money out of the park fund.

8. Mayor met with Josh Ramaker from Rice County on May 19th to discuss the intersection at Goodhue County Road 9 and Goodhue Avenue/1st Court Avenue. Inquiring about installing rapid flashing beacons and flashing crosswalk signs. There is federal grant money available through the Safe Streets and Road for All program. 90% of the project would be covered by the program, according to Josh Ramaker. Mayor also reached out to Goodhue County to inquire about the proposed project.

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City of Nerstrand, for example, has rapid flashing beacons and the flashing crosswalk signs over Highway 246. This program helped pay for that project. Get estimates. Goodhue Co wants to get their engineer involved for anything that would be on their road.

9. Lock box installed on May 2nd. Extra keys made and stamped. If a key is removed or used, please use the yellow cards available in the box to sign out.

Mayor and clerk know the combination. Instructions to change the combination lock is in the clerk's office. Jeff made duplicates for most of the keys for the City. Some things can't have new keys. Need to add truck keys to the box.

10. Continue discussions regarding assessments placed on Marlea's. Come up with a number to possibly give financial relief to the owners. Late fee amount figured out by Jessica/Heidi. Total bills was \$2172.80. Of that \$100 was late fees. \$1624.61 was assessed to taxes. \$548.19 left on MZ bill. 625 paid \$1707.87. Bill \$448.19 to Sean. Councilor Schloesser move to take \$100 off of late fees for 625. Mayor Flaten second. Motion passed 4:0.

11. Requesting the council approve one load of gravel for the driveway in front of the City Shop/Fire Station. The Nerstrand City Council approved splitting the \$800 cost of the gravel and labor to expand the driveway by Bill Deutsch. Requesting the council approve adding two loads of gravel to 5th Way Avenue. The ditch on the east side, between

the new driveway entrance and new cell phone tower, needs to be graded/dug down. Do in the fall and put dirt in field. Water washes off the ditch and across the gravel road. Recommend we do that in the fall. Bill was going to fix the potholes this week on 5th Way. Requesting one load of gravel for the driveway inside the ponds. Bare spot in front/side of the phosphorus shed. Some low spots on the driveway to the shed, too. Bill would help smooth out the driveway inside the pond area. Councilor Schloesser move to have 5th Ave. Way graveled, then the ponds, then at the city shop. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0.

12. Dead Bolt on the back door too old to recore. Would cost \$40 to replace and rekey. Can the front door match the Councilor Schloesser move to replace the deadbolt and rekey it, and to rekey the front door to match the back door. Councilor Nygaard second. Motion passed 4:0.

13. Stump grinding done on Wednesday, 8 stumps total. He broke his PTO on the last one. He requested an additional \$100 (so \$500 total) as two of the stumps were quite large. He will need to come back to finish the last stump.

Woods chips need to be cleaned up and dirt put in the holes.

Councilor Schloesser will ask around. Go to compost site in Northfield. Can put the wood chips on Facebook for free, remind folks to be respectful when removing them.

Citizens Issues: None

Mayors Issues: None

Utilities:

1. Update from Nate and Travis.

2. Continue discussion regarding Travis? Hourly consultation fee as needed? Other ideas? Nate is checking on license. Hasn't been received as of 6-1-2023. Councilor Ruddle move to extend Travis's contract for another month. Councilor Nygaard second. Motion passed 4:0. Need to figure out a wage. \$50 hourly, plus drive time? Travis will write out a proposal, and submit it.

3. 2 more discharges at the ponds. How much additional Alum was used, approximately? 330 gallons used.

4. Date for flushing hydrants? Did that happen already? Tuesday or Wednesday is the plan to get them done.

5. Date for changing out meters? Paul's Plumbing will take care of the Erickson meter. Two meters left, another box ordered. Kadriks next week. Jirikis are all done. Look in the ordinance to see what it says. They already have two meters, but are only using one for the last couple of years because the former owner changed it for the water softener but they are being charged for two. If it's an maintenance, we don't have them pay for the meters.

6. Water meter readings. 16 properties didn't get read/inaccurate reading/meter not working in April. Talked to folks who have dogs. Councilor Cooke has numbers. Need to give them to Nate when he needs to get readings so he can contact.

7. Jetter moved out to ponds last Thursday.

8. Mayor requested reseeding at the ponds as nothing has grown from previous seedings. Weeds need to be sprayed. Bob Flom will do it. Doesn't need to wait until after June 15th.

Jessica sent out to the council a partial job description. Meeting ran really late. Will have her submit additional info on job description and do at a future meeting.

Councilor Nygaard move to pay the bills. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 4:0.

Xcel bill is estimated. Bills that the clerk doesn't have info for include Utility Consultants, Dennison Depot, Gopher State One Call. Can I send them out and get email ok's? Or wait until next month? If we wait, will the meeting be later in July? Councilor Schloesser move to approve paying the bills for the above as they come in. Clerk will send bills out as they come in. Mayor Flaten second. Motion passed 4:0.

July 6th is the date of the next meeting. Councilor Nygaard moved to move the meeting date to July 13th, 2023 due to the holiday week. Mayor Flaten second. Motion passed 4:0.

Councilor Schloesser move to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Flaten second. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday July 13th, 2023 at 7:00

ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: My daughter recently left her license at her grandparents' house and couldn't get it for a week, so we were wondering... Do you need to carry your physical driver's license card with you while driving? What happens if you get pulled over and don't have it with you?



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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Model Rockets



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.

Most of us who grew up in the 50's and 60's were fascinated with rockets. From the sci-fi shows and movies, to JFK promising to put a man on the moon, it seemed like such an exciting future.

Somewhere in the late 50's model rockets became popular. They consisted of a cardboard tube and a dry fuel rocket engine. A balsa wood nose cone at the top and three or four fins on the base that you could paint to look really cool. The nose cone was attached to the main rocket body and a parachute. When the rocket engine was done burning it would ignite a charge that blew the nose cone off and a parachute allowed it to float back to earth gracefully. In theory you could repack the chute, replace the spent engine and launch it again for hours of fun. That was the point where, theory and practice parted ways.

My friend Jim Engvall was the first I remember to get into model rockets. One day in Mr. Wavra's science class we all hiked out to the football field and set up the rocket launcher. It was a textbook launch. A lantern battery was connected to the launch button and the launch pad. A small gauge wire was folded in half and inserted into the rocket engines with alligator clamps to energize the ignitor. A second or two after the launch button was pressed a flame shot out of the tail of the rocket and away it went. Straight up until it flamed out, and then a poof of smoke and the chute deployed. It slowly drifted back to earth. Unfortunately, there was a strong wind out of the west a few hundred feet above terra firma and we all watched the rocket come back to earth and disappear somewhere to the east of the rail road tracks, at least a half mile from where we were standing. Mitch Frederick and I got permission to take the next hour, which was our study hall, to go looking for the wayward rocket. We never found it but we did get to skip an hour of school, so that was a definite plus for us.

I was hooked so I ordered some model rocket kits and engines from Estes Model Rocket company in Colorado. They had a great catalog of every style of rocket one could imagine. This was the year of the moon landing and they sold a great Saturn V rocket, complete with three stages. At halftime during a bowl game at the Houston Astrodome on December 31, 1969 they launched one of



these in front of a sold-out college football crowd. It was perfect, the rocket performed flawlessly and deployed the chute right under the top of the dome, slowly returning to earth buoyed by the parachute.

My mother wasn't quite as keen to the idea of me launching rockets though. I built and painted the rockets and stored them in my bedroom. Most of my rockets were single use, never surviving their maiden flight. I recall we found one hanging from a tree in the wood while we were squirrel hunting in the fall. My mom finally told me I had to store the rocket engines outside in the farm shop. I guess she had trepidation about me storing rocket fuel in my bedroom.

So, one day my friend Gary Runner was over and we were thinking up things to do for fun. Launching a rocket seemed like the thing to do. We thought if we launched it out in the field, we could avoid any trees on re-entry. But we discovered that model rocket engines were sensitive to humidity in the farm shop and the little lantern battery would not ignite the engine. So, I got the John Deere with a 24volt battery system and enough amps to fry anything. We stuck a 17gauge electric fence wire into the engine and connected directly to the tractor battery terminals. Model rocket engines which have been impacted by moisture do not burn as uniformly as intended and when that bird took off it was not tracking the way I expected. In fact, before it got fifty feet in the air the rocket made an arc and headed back toward us like a boomerang. Gary and I dove for cover. The rocket hit the dirt and burned out before our eyes. My space dreams were crushed and I figured it would be safer if I stuck with farming.

A Minnesotan: Fireworks



By RosaLin Alcoser

Fireworks are my favorite part of the 4th of July celebration. The large burst of glittering colorful explosions soaring up into the sky are always breathtaking; and extremely loud.

I've watched fireworks displays in a couple of different ways over the years. I've had years where we've watched them go off over the lake. One where they were set off on the porch while we were on that same porch. And others where I saw the whole display through the lens of my camera which was a lot less exciting than watching them without looking through the small viewfinder.

Back when I lived in southern Missouri I

was able to watch fireworks while driving home. Mainly because unlike Minnesota Missouri has much looser laws around fireworks. Meaning that people in the city could just set off as many of whatever kind that they wanted off in their yards; including some that if seen in Minnesota would have come from Wisconsin.

Driving through people setting off fireworks left and right is both really cool and really scary at the same time. It's amazing because you're just surrounded by a massive display of explosions causing the sky to be constantly lit by colorful sparks. Which is also scary because you are surrounded by a massive display of explosions that can make it hard to drive as the sky is in a constant state of being blindingly bright then suddenly dark for half a second. This is an experience that I have only ever experienced in Missouri.

The last two years I have watched the fireworks from my Twin Cities apartment which is definitely a different experience. Mainly due to there being far less on official firework displays going on in the middle of a Minnesota city then there are in the middle of one in Missouri. There were a couple of people setting them off at home far off in the distance that I could kind of see from my window and a couple glimpse from the official displays in the park.



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