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Lent 2024

On Wednesdays during Lent, a free meal will be served at Dennison Lutheran Community Church at 6:00 PM, and an evening service follows at 7:00.

Come worship and pray with Holden Evening Prayer. Come hear reflections, insights, and thoughtful questions and conversation from "We Make the Road by Walking" and other resources. The Lenten focus this year will be "Alive in the Adventure of Jesus."

All are welcome, and invite a friend!

Shane Martin Band to Perform at Dennison Days June 21 & 22

The Dennison Lions Club, organizers of the annual Dennison Days town festival announced late last year that the date for the 2024 festival will move from the first week-

end of August to June 21 & 22, 2024.

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NH+C to end Ophthalmology Services

NH+C has made the difficult decision to discontinue Ophthalmology services, as reimbursement from Medicare does not cover the cost of providing the care that NH+C has offered.

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Announcements

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

Do you have an announcement?
Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Lions Club Spring Breakfast March 24th

All are welcome to attend a great breakfast and help raise funds to support the Lions Club activities, Sunday March 24th from 8 AM - 12 Noon at the Dennison Lutheran Church in Dennison. The Dennison Lions Club will host its annual Spring Breakfast which includes Pancakes, Eggs, French Toast, Sausage, and Beverages. Proceeds from the event will benefit ongoing programs of the Dennison Lions Club and Dennison Lutheran Church.



2024 Dennison Lions Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade

Pictured to the left: Nate and Nancy welcome guests to The Flake Out Festival Chili Contest



Parrish Qualifies for the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournament



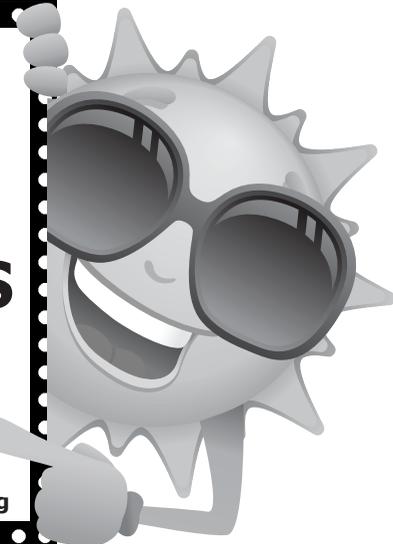
Dennison has a state entrant! Adam Parrish of CF/Randolph 114 LBS wins the championship match over Sam Moore of Zumbrota 11-5. Adam lives in Dennison, Minnesota!

Save the Date!



DENNISON DAYS JUNE 21-22, 2024

Be Part of the 2024 Celebration!
Contact The Dennison Lions Club
Meetings Held The Third Tuesday of The Month
Watch for updates at www.dennisondays.org



MEAT RAFFLES

Sundays at 4:00 PM



BINGO!

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Dennison Lions Club Charitable Gambling Permit #2762



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Faith



By Colin Rueter

How's your faith? It does not matter if you are an atheist, theist, new age mystic. Doesn't matter if you're religious, a church-going person, or a Christian; yes, there's a difference. You have placed faith in something or someone. You may say, "Well, I don't have faith, I have my self-reasoning and confidence in where I place my trust and hope." This would make for a longer conversation, but since this is an article, might I ask, "How can you trust your reasoning?" I would also say that the word confidence comes from the Latin words, *con fide...* 'with faith'. So, friends, we all have faith, the question is

whether it is set upon solid ground or shifting sands.

First, let's define "faith." The Oxford dictionary defines faith as "complete trust or confidence in someone or something." I would add details needed for those who claim to be Christian that our faith is complete trust in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, for our salvation, adoption, and future hope. Simply put, the biblical definition of faith is "trusting in something you cannot explicitly prove" (Hebrews 11:1). This definition of faith contains two aspects: intellectual assent and trust. Intellectual assent is believing something to be true. Trust is relying on the fact that the something is true. A chair is often used to help illustrate this. Intellectual assent is recognizing that a chair is a chair and agreeing that it is designed to support a person who sits on it. Trust is sitting in the chair. Understanding these two aspects of faith is crucial. Many people believe certain facts and intellectually agree with biblical facts about Jesus Christ. But knowing those facts to be true is not what the Bible means by "faith." The biblical definition of faith requires intellectual assent to the facts and trust in the facts. Honestly, we can believe certain things to be true, yet they are not, no matter how hard we believe in them. Hence, the truth of those facts and acting on that truth is crucial. Simply believing the facts that Jesus is God incarnate who died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and was resurrected is not enough to be saved. We must personally and fully rely on the death of Christ as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. The faith God asks of us for salvation is belief in what the Bible says about who Jesus is and what He accomplished and fully trusting in Jesus for that salvation (Acts 16:31). Biblical faith is always accompanied by repentance, a turning away from your sin towards Jesus (Matthew 21:32; Mark 1:15). In addition, we are to be-

lieve what the Bible says, and we are to obey it. We are to agree with the truth of God's Word, all of it, and we are to seek transformation by it (Romans 12:2). Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith, we cannot be saved (John 3:16). Without faith, life cannot be what God intends it to be, abundant and full of joy (John 10).

I will simply say here that if your faith is grounded in anything or any person other than Jesus Christ for your hope, happiness, significance, or security, you are in trouble deep, both today and into eternity. Placing your faith, complete trust, in Jesus is the only solid ground to be assured of your needed salvation, but also to navigate through life in this broken world and into heaven (Matthew 7:24-27).

So What?

Faith matters. The question is: Does it matter to you and where is it placed? We live in an age where faith has a place, for it does in the life of every human on earth. Yet, how you answer the question above indicates whether your faith is built on something solid or whether it teeters on the wavering sands of self, culture, or ever-changing worldly ideologies, which are as secure as Jell-o hampered to the wall.

Friends, place your faith in the one place where it will make a difference, Jesus Christ as He has been revealed in scripture, and you will have life. Do not adjust Jesus to fit your life, but transform your life to follow Jesus. Just as the first disciples dropped everything, counted the cost, and followed Him, so must you consider and decide. God has revealed enough about Himself through His creation (Romans 1:18-21), through His written Word, the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21), and through His Son (John 14:9), that we can enter into a meaningful and saving relationship with Him. Once you have

placed your faith in Jesus, you are saved (John 10:7-16; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:5-13). Once saved, you live your life to the glory of the God who saved you (1 Cor. 10:31). This means attending and becoming a member of a Bible preaching/believing church, setting your love upon God's people in word, deed, and prayer, and sharing the gospel (good news of Jesus) with others around you. Lastly, this means that you live your life, with all the trials, temptations, joys, and hope, looking to Jesus who is the author and perfecter of your faith (Hebrews 12:2). It is good to "examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves" (2 Corinthians 13:5). If you question whether you are a Christian, then self-examination is in order. Doubts about our salvation can be troubling, but false assurances are worse. You are not saved by church attendance, being baptized, being 'good', or 'being one with nature.' Thankfully, we have Scripture as our guide. There are specific things we can look for when determining the validity of our profession of faith: trust in Christ, obedience to His Word, love for God's people, and continued spiritual growth. We don't need to live in doubt about tomorrow. We can navigate our life with living hope (1 Peter 1:3-9), even as we endure wounds from those who might call themselves Christians, navigate rejection by family and friends when we proclaim that Jesus is the only way to be saved from God's wrath (John 14:6), and when your hopes for this life fall short. When you trust Jesus by faith and live to please and honor Him, you can know beyond a doubt that you are a Christian and that you have a glorious future in the life to come (John 14:15-17; Revelation 21:22-27, 22:1-5).

As always, if you have questions, need prayer, a word of encouragement, or a cup of coffee, please contact me via my personal email: niloc1214@gmail.com

Shane Martin Band to Perform at Dennison Days June 21 & 22

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Event organizers stated the reason for the change is the fact that there are so many more events competing with the August date than there used to be. Minnesota artist Shane Martin will perform Saturday June 22nd, including his Alabama "Songs of The South" Tribute as part of the evening performance. More information can be found here at www.shanemartin.com. Additional events as well as the Friday night line up of events and live music will be announced soon. Watch www.dennisondays.org for updates to the schedule.

Other events making a return this year are the Classic Car Show, Truck & Tractor Pull, Bingo, Pancake Breakfast and more.

Anyone with questions or suggestions for events for the 2024 festival should contact Lions Club President Diane Ruddle.



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Greeting

John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

— Revelation 1:4-5

John is writing a letter, so he begins here with a greeting. Though he is writing to seven churches in the Roman province of Asia (present-day Turkey), this letter is not limited to those seven churches. Written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, this letter is meant for the entire church of Jesus Christ. The church is made aware of God's grace in Christ to strengthen its faith in times of challenge and hardship, including physical persecution that will come its way. God has provided Jesus as the Savior, "the ruler of the kings of the earth." Knowing this helps us to put all things into perspective as history unfolds. John greets his readers with grace and peace from the God who is, was, and always will be—in the name of Jesus, the Christ (Messiah). Jesus is the faithful witness to all that God provides for the church. Jesus alone is the "firstborn from the dead," and he is the exalted King over all kings (see also Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 89:27), whether they be emperors, monarchs, presidents, prime ministers, CEOs, or chairs of the board. To Jesus, "who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood," belong all glory, power, and praise forever!

Lord and God, thank you for helping us know you as our Savior and King. May we rest in you alone and honor you each day. Amen.

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2024-A Year Of Revitalization

By Pastor Larry Grove

As we embark on this New Year I am excited to see what the Lord brings our way.

My name is Larry Grove and I am the pastor at Hauge Free Lutheran Church in Kenyon. My wife Joan and I have been in this position since October of 2021.

The challenges that churches have been facing since the start of this decade have been devastating and heartbreaking. Covid had a catastrophic impact on churches as faithful attendees were encouraged to stay home and

protect themselves. As the pandemic eased its grip on people, many became comfortable in their new way of worship or found other things to busy themselves with on a Sunday morning. The scheduling of sporting events and tournaments on weekends has also proved to be detrimental to church attendance as we all want to support and follow our children and grandchildren in their efforts to compete in these activities.

At Hauge we have been praying that God would bring about spiritual revitalization and renewal in the hearts of the people in Kenyon and the surrounding area. Our goal is not to take members from other churches. Quite the contrary. We are wanting to see God draw people closer to Himself and get back to their churches and get involved. The ultimate ob-



Larry and Joan Grove



Loren and Sarah Bauer

jective is to see the body of Christ grow and mature and watch as God adds to His numbers those that are being saved.

If you have not been attending church services recently or have never attended church on a regular basis, come and join us in worship. Our services are at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. We have implemented serving

a meal that follows each service. This has been an integral part of the growth and excitement we have experienced.

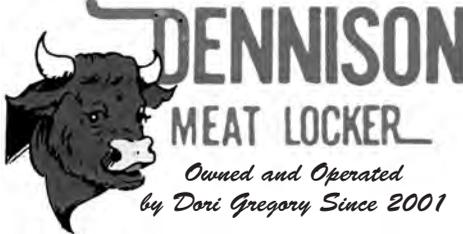
We are adding an assistant pastor to our staff. His name is Loren Bauer and he is an alumnus of Kenyon High School and grew up in Hauge. He will be working at getting a praise and worship team going and will fill in on the occasion of my absence. He is involved in leading Bible Studies and is an encourager of growing deeper in your walk with Christ.

Please let us know how we can be praying for you individually or as a church so we can be most effective in ministering to the community. Contact me at grove.larry55@gmail.com

Our services are streamed on YouTube at Hauge Lutheran Church, Kenyon, Mn.

May God richly bless the Kenyon area as He brings about renewal and revitalization in all the local churches.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Larry Grove and Joan
Hauge Free Lutheran Church



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Kent M. Johnson

Kent M. Johnson, 74, of Northfield, passed away on January 31, 2024.



Kent was born on February 24, 1949 in Northfield, MN to parents Marvin and Betty (Hansen) Johnson. He grew up in Nerstrand and graduated from Faribault High School. Kent married Sharlet

Transburg in 1968.

He was proud of his work as a flight instructor and manager at Stanton Airport. Riding motorcycles was one of Kent's favorite pastimes. Kent was a kind, welcoming, thoughtful and willing to help anyone. He was handy and could fix anything. Whether you needed a hand or not, Kent would be there. He may have been a perfectionist, and it showed in the work he did. He was known for not doing things half assed, but full assed.

Kent was a wonderful father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed.

Kent is survived by wife, Sharlet; children, Rhonda (Steve) Burnap, Sandra (Aaron) Salvesson; grandchildren, Sara (Matt Griesbach) Burnap, Madilyn Salvesson, Nicholas Salvesson; siblings, Layne Johnson of Minneapolis, Joan L. (Terry) Schwake of Kenyon; brother-in-law, Herman (Mary Tulp) Transburg of Northfield; and sister-in-law, Paula Johnson of Faribault. He was preceded in death by his, parents; and brother, Colin Johnson.

A celebration of life was held from 1-4 PM, Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home, with a sharing of memories at 4 PM.

Online condolences can be made at <https://www.northfieldfuneral.com>.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Crematory, 1316 Division Street South Northfield, MN 55057, (507) 645-4153.

Robert Duayne Noah

They say a real newspaperman has ink in his blood, and that was true for Robert Duayne Noah who left this mortal earth on February 20, 2024, to join the great newsroom in the sky after a three-year battle with cancer. He was 85 years old.

Born in Salem, Nebraska, in 1938, he was one of six children of Thomas and Beulah Noah who enjoyed the Good Life of Nebraska, where he relished the outdoors and excelled at high school sports. It was during this time he got a job as a printer's devil at the Nemaha County Herald newspaper in Auburn, Nebraska, and began his love of the newspaper business.

After high school, Bob spent a year at Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska, before transferring to and graduating from Kearney State University (now known as the University of Nebraska at Kearney) with a degree in math. In his senior year at Kearney, he met Carol

Martin. She had completed her education at Doane College and was teaching in the elementary school in Kearney.

Bob's post-graduate career began in the classroom where he taught English, journalism, and media relations at York Community High School in York, Nebraska, while Carol was still teaching in Kearney. They were engaged and then married December 28, 1960, during Christmas break. Carol resigned her position at Kearney and was able to get a teaching job in York as well. They were married for almost 55 years and raised three children, David, Nancy and Doug.

After a short teaching career, Bob became news editor at the Aurora News-Register working for publisher Gerald Bremer, a stereotypical newspaper editor with a bottle stashed in the bottom drawer of his desk. It was the glorious chaos of this newsroom where he continued to grow his passion for newspapers.

But newspaper editors earned only slightly more than teachers in those days, so in 1964, Bob took a job in public relations at Northern Natural Gas in Omaha before he and his family were transferred to the company's Minnesota office where he worked for four years.

When Bob saw a notice that the weekly newspaper in Kenyon, Minnesota, was for sale, he convinced Carol to pack up the family and resume his passion as a newspaperman. Bob published The Kenyon Leader from 1971 until 2001 when he sold the newspaper to his son, Doug. During those 30 years he worked many nights and weekends re-

porting on city council and school board meetings, high school sporting events, community celebrations and occasional tragedies. He also wrote his weekly column, the Ark-Ives, that often chronicled the sometimes-embarrassing moments of his children's lives.

Bob made sure the paper was published every single Wednesday during his 30-year career come hell or high water. It's no wonder that one of his favorite songs was Johnny Cash's How High's the Water, Momma!

In 1992, Bob decided to serve his community in an additional role by winning a seat as a Goodhue County Commissioner and serving a total of 12 years at the post during which time he helped oversee the improved delivery of county services and the construction of a new county jail, law enforcement center, and courts facility.

Bob loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. After retirement he and Carol loved to drive around the country with Carol's sister and brother-in-law, Dianne and Dave Barker, seeing new sites, playing golf, and enjoying a cocktail. After Carol's passing in 2015, he spent time with his good friends in Kenyon and indulged his love of reading with the help of the wonderful librarians at the

Kenyon Public Library who always had his next book waiting for him to read.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Carol, parents Tom and Beulah, brothers Don and Dennis, sister Mavis, and brothers-in-law Bob Metzel, Les Martin, Lanny Martin, and Dale Benson. He is survived by his three children, David (Lisa), Nancy (Jay) Wobig, and Douglas (Jena); seven grandchildren, Josh (Kelsey), Becky, Nick (Tina) Wobig, Sara (Arik) Jacquart, Ryan (Samantha), Kelsey (Chaz) Stuve, and Shelby; three great grandchildren, Jameson Wobig, Elliot Noah, and Braylin Stuve; his sister Jean and brother Dean; sisters-in-law, Karen Noah, Pam Noah, Vera Martin, Sharon Martin, Dianne Barker, Kathy Martin, Rachel Noah and Janet Benson; and brothers-in-law, Dave Barker and Tom Martin.

The family will host a celebration of Bob's life on Friday, March 1st, 2024 at 11AM at Kenyon United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at at Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 4PM-6PM.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the Kenyon Public Library, or your favorite charity.

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13 Saturday — **Cannon Falls (Christ UMC)** beginning at 9:00am
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The Holden Community Park is now accepting reservations. This is a gathering place for families, community groups, celebrations, family and class reunions and meetings. The park is open from June 1 – September 30 and is located just west of the Holden Lutheran Church on Co Rd 30, Kenyon.

The park building is equipped with AC, refrigerator, stove, microwave and indoor bathrooms. Folding tables and chairs which are available for use within the facility. Picnic tables, playground equipment and a fire pit are also located just outside the back entrance. A prayer path also winds through the woods.

Please contact Peggy Kroenbach if you would like to reserve the building. (p_kronbach@yahoo.com, # 507/227-4992)

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Flake Out Festival Euchre, Chili Cook Off & Bingo



Fireside Lounge hosted the annual Euchre Tournament on their patio.



The tasters judge the chili cook off entries



Bingo!



Flake Out Festival Winter Parade

February 28, 2024

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Spectators enjoy collecting treats during the Flake Out Parade



Winners announced for the Lions Club Flake Out Raffle

(additional pictures at www.dennisonmn.com & www.nerstrandmn.com)

Area Update



In town, Capital is finishing up re-roofing Nerstrand Custom Cabinets' building. This nearly completes re-roofing all of Nerstrand after last year's hail storm. Millersburg Construction has done most of the residential jobs. Grace Lutheran Church also got a new roof.

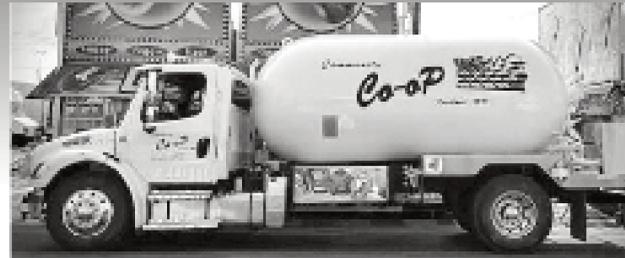


Valley Grove church steeple is enclosed by scaffolding and heavy plastic wrap so River City Builders & Millwork can repair water damage. Taking advantage of the mild winter, RCBMI's Jarrod Wood expects to finish the \$200,000 repair by April.



The 1903 Haugen barn next to Sue and Gary Duden's got a new lintel beam over the lower door. The old was all chewed up by carpenter ants. Francis Pest Control Gave a three month warranty against more carpenter ants.

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Submitted by Chad Otterness

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Adam Parrish 114 LBS Champion

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Adam Parish (42-4) placed 1st and scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Adam Parish (Cannon Falls) 42-4 received a bye () (Bye)
- Quarterfinal - Adam Parish (Cannon Falls) 42-4 won by fall over Aaren Kulas (Caledonia-Houston) 7-28 (Fall 0:46)
- Semifinal - Adam Parish (Cannon Falls) 42-4 won by fall over Quade Mullenbach (Stewartville) 24-16 (Fall 2:37)
- 1st Place Match - Adam Parish (Cannon Falls) 42-4 won by decision over Samuel Moore (Zumbrota-Mazeppa) 35-12 (Dec 11-5)

NH+C to end Ophthalmology Services

(continued from page 1)

Eye surgeon Michelle Muench, MD will begin seeing patients at Richie Eye Clinic and LASIK Center in Northfield, MN starting April 2, 2024.

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NH+C's Ophthalmology services will stop on March 21, 2024. NH+C will continue to refer surgical and consultative patients to Dr. Muench at her new location.

"Dr. Muench is an excellent surgeon, and we have appreciated her long partnership with us," says NH+C President & CEO Steve Underdahl. "Dr. Muench's commitment to her patients and the community are a hallmark of her practice."

"I am grateful for my 15-year partnership with NH+C and Dr. Nathan Heilman at River Valley Eye Professionals," Dr. Muench says. "While NH+C is no longer able to directly provide Ophthalmology services, I look forward to the opportunity and their support to continue to provide care for my patients in our community."

Dr. Heilman says, "After 12 years of working together under one roof to serve our community's visual needs, I am deeply saddened to see our direct relationship with Dr. Muench come to an end. She is not only a wonderful surgeon, but also a genuine person who I share many values with. Although we will not be working in the same building, I look forward to continuing our collaboration with Dr. Muench and opening new doors of collaboration with Richie Eye Clinic and LASIK Center."

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Wangen Prairie Church is "blessed to be a blessing to others", continually looking for ways to love our neighbors through practical actions. Last fall, the Church provided almost 400 winter coats to those in need in the local

community, and over 200 blankets and quilts, many hand made by the congregation and (pictured).

Food prices have gone up an average of 7% in each of the last two years (versus an annual average increase of 2% in the prior 20 years), so the need is great. All Seasons serves residents living in Nerstrand, Wanamingo, Dennison and West Concord, as well as Kenyon.

The Food Shelf especially needs hearty soups; canned vegetable, fruit and chicken; pasta and spaghetti sauce; Hamburger Helper; canned or boxed main dishes; rice and rice side dishes; peanut butter, jelly and crackers; coffee, cocoa and tea; pudding and Jello mixes; cereal and oatmeal; cake and cookie mixes; snacks; deodorant; shampoo and conditioner; dish and hand soap; and toilet paper and paper towels.

Contact Pastor Shannon Bauer (507-298-7719) or Lori Pasch (507-298-7282) for more information and upcoming "adventures" in serving our community. Join us! And keep an eye on the Beacon for progress reports.



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Chuck DeMann's Housing Development Nears the Finish Line



By Doug Jones

Chuck DeMann, a famous World War II veteran who served through the Iwo Jima and Chichi Jima campaign, started his last project after he turned 90.

On the 120-acre DeMann farm inherited from Jake DeMann, Chuck borrowed against his life insurance to put in utilities under River View Lane, off Railroad Street. Chuck died January 8, 2022, age 96 1/2. He persevered to obtain permits, finally found a great developer/builder. And the last lots remain for one more season of construction.

His widow, Audry, is in her nineties and has moved to Mill Stream Commons, watched over by her sons Doug, Chris, and Gary. Chris recently retired at 60 from a full career in sheet metal work, the last 17 years at Associated Mechanical. The DeManns had a very long family history at Dundas's Holy Cross Episcopalian Church

Former Benson & Langehough Funeral Home Holds Significant Memories for Many

Courtesy of KYMN Radio



Andy Langehough

With the consolidation of the Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home operation into one building on the south end of Division Street, the former Benson & Langehough facility has been closed and sold.

This is a common procedure in virtually every business, but perhaps a more sensitive one for a building that holds so many emotional memories for so many people in the Northfield community.

As a recognition of the building's significance, something likened to a visitation will be held for the building on March 14th.

St. John's Lutheran Church Associate Pastor Jonathan Davis said after conversations with people who became quite emotional when discussing the closing, it was suggested that a formal recognition of the building's significance was in order.

"In the church world, if a church closes or changes purposes, we talk about decommissioning the church. And so, we wanted to do something similar. I'm mindful that not everyone in our community is maybe a person of faith or a churchgoer, but this place still holds lots of meaning for the people of Northfield."

Built in 1955 by the Anderson family who operated the Anderson Funeral Home, it was purchased by Duane Benson in 1971, and became the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home in 2001, when the business was purchased by Andy and Suzanne Langehough. In 2015, Langehough partnered with Jim Bierman and the Bierman funeral home. Both Duane Benson and Jim Bierman passed away in 2022. While Langehough continues his work as a full-time funeral director, Bryce Beckstrand has now purchased a controlling interest in the business, and the decision has been made to operate out of one facility.

Langehough said he will miss the building. Not for the bricks and mortar, but for the memories.

"For me, it's not so much the representation of the building. It's the sharing that went on in that building at the time. The sharing of the grief and the love and the happiness and the things that I was privileged to see, which are really represented by the physical structure of that building."

The Celebration of Thanksgiving will be held on March 14th from 4:30-6pm at the former Benson & Langehough Funeral home at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets. Langehough said there will be a brief ceremony at 5pm. All members of the community will be welcome.



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City of Dennison Regular Council Meeting January 4, 2024

The January Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Flaten on Thursday, January 4th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Heidi Cooke, Diane Ruddle, Nichole Schloesser and clerk Jessica Page. Councilor Nygaard was unable to attend.

Councilor Cooke move to approve the regular meeting minutes for the regular December meeting and the December special meeting. Mayor Flaten pointed out that there was an extra 5 in a figure in #4. Correction was made. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0. Councilor Schloesser move to approve the Treasurer's report. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 4:0.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Building Permits:

Mayor Flaten presented a framed letter to Charlie for the donations for the windows. A small plaque was installed on the window for Charlie.

Administrative Issues:

1. Josh Ramaker from Rice County, SHIP coordinator, and Sarah Dawson from Goodhue County, Goodhue County Health and Human Services, spoke about making the intersection at Goodhue Avenue and County Road 9 safer for pedestrians and bicycles. Before making any improvements in the intersection, the Goodhue County Engineer is requiring a receiving facility, a new sidewalk be built on the north side of the block, by the bank's property. An estimate to build a new sidewalk was presented to the council. To be included in the 2024 Goodhue County construction calendar, the County Engineer, Jess Greenwood, will need to have the project in the County's 5-year CIP. Jess will make his presentation to the County Board in mid-January.

Mayor Flaten has a verbal ok with the bank to assist with the cost of the sidewalk and shoveling. It would go from the street to the entrance of the parking lot.

Josh is working on making this safer for pedestrians. Demonstration projects help to determine the best option for an area. Bump outs makes the road feel narrower so people slow down. Getting Goodhue County on board helps to make the case for more funding. Rice County asks for 10% match. Lincoln Elementary in Faribault was a testing spot. MNDOT has a demo project.

Sarah's focus is creating "safe routes to school".

Council needs to approve building a sidewalk before any improvements are made through the county. Demonstration projects can increase funding chances. Jess Greenwood is presenting his plan for the year and the overall 5 Year Plan for the County Public Works Dept. that he is presenting to the County Commissioners.

Councilor Ruddle move to pursue more pedestrian safe efforts on the corner of County Road 9 and Goodhue Ave (painting, bollards, or other demonstration projects) and moving towards more permanent solutions as funding can be obtained. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0.

City will need permission from the County to do the demo projects.

Todd Greseth: The County has set policing costs for this year for Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo. Still working to figure on final costs for policing.

Deputy Dan Englund from the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Flaten noted that there are semi's jakebraking in the middle of the night through town. The City had a sign on County Road 9 on the east side of town that disappeared about 6 months ago. Need to get sign back up.

2. Bryan Caffin, Mark Klema and Kris Ambuehl from Bollig Engineering were present to discuss infrastructure needs and funding possibilities for the City.

Needs assessment results and options. Bryan is a project manager, who will probably be working with the City on any upcoming projects.

Reviewed sanitary sewer system. Items in red on the presentation are fundable. Clay pipe in the older sections of town has reached the end of it's life. Bollig will look at overlapping opportunities. For example, Riprap condition, lack of ability to build more homes in the City, damage to the liner as well as age of the liner for the pond. Lining is not recommended for the clay piping as it doesn't have enough structural integrity to support the relining materials. This would make relining a temporary and not a permanent solution. Better to replace it than to put a liner in.

Well house and well. Well house needs repainting and concrete is settling. Reviewed water main looping (MDH wants it to be done and it improves water quality) Couple areas in the newer parts of town that could benefit from looping.

Storm water system is functioning well. The church has the sump pump running into the street. Maybe run it into storm sewer so ice doesn't build up in the street?

Streets. Can work with the county engineer in regards to County Rd 9.

Comprehensive plan update is outdated. Keep the lines open to communicate regarding this. Limited grant opportunities for that.

Waterways that prevent a road from being built. Need to look at this for future roads and planning.

Recommendations: I and I needs to be reduced to correct current situation. Look at options for expanding pond capacity. Well-house rehab. Minor water tower improvements. Street maintenance. Other misc.

Preliminary Engineering report is needed to start funding. USDA is primary source to look at. Will look at up to 17 different funding sources. \$45,000 to complete the report.

Will take a down payment and carry the balance until we are funded. They will continue to work on other funding. City will need to decide on what to do so the Preliminary report can be started.

3. Reorganization meeting: (motion to accept all designations when finished reviewing needed)

Designate a newspaper of general circulation as the official newspaper of the city. Has been the Cannon Falls Beacon.

Posting locations for announcements. Dennison Depot, the public bulletin board,

Resolution 1-2023-01 named Heritage Bank as the City of Dennison's bank, and is good until January 2025.

Elect an acting mayor from the councilmembers to perform the mayor's duties if the mayor unable to fulfill his duties. Heidi Cooke was the previous year's acting Mayor. She is willing to it again.

City Attorney: Burkhardt and Kreisler,

LLC

City Clerk/Treasurer: Jessica Page
Hall Custodian: Charles Helcl
Sewer/Water Operator: Nate Sparrow Consultant: Travis Reichl

Additional City Employees for water/sewer/general: Dan Storlie

City Engineer: Bollig

Fire Department: Nerstrand

Meeting date/time: First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Councilor Ruddle move to accept everything above. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0.

4. Property Complaints: Pete Lee Building-No updates available.

5. Update on Notice of Violations from the MPCA. Meeting with PCA on 12-12-23 (Mayor, Jessica, Jaramie Logelin, Lauren Marshall) to discuss the Pretreatment Notification and SIU agreement. Corrective action responses sent to Teri Roth on 12-13-23. Pretreatment Notification form sent to Teri Roth on 12-14-23. Regarding the Notice of Violations, further clarification requested by Teri Roth regarding #11 and #15. City staff working on sending corrective action responses this week.

6. Updating of fee schedule: New billing system fee? Any other changes needed? Table until next month.

7. Approve Bingo at City Hall during Flake Out Festival with the Dennison Lions Club. Resolution 1-2024-01. Lions would also use City Hall for the Chili Cook-Off, and possibly Farmer's Market vendors would set up too? Mayor Flaten move to approve the resolution to use. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0.

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Councilor Ruddle abstained from vote as a Lions Club member.

8. Continue discussion on how to use the one-time MN Public Safety Aid (\$9,715.00). The fire chief has requested that the funds be used for equipment for the Dennison Fire Station for turn out gear or truck payments. Total cost to outfit one firefighter with protective gear is \$4,000. Previous council meeting it was discussed to pay for one outfit and possibly see if the Dennison Lions Club would contribute half of that amount. Lions Club has not discussed the issue. Council will table until more information available from the Lions Club.

9. Per the discussion from the special meeting on 12-22-23, HP Care Pack warranty protection plans estimate provided by Aldrich Technology. No decision made at this point in time. Will discuss at the next meeting.

10. Mayor asked Brian Schrader from Brian's Heating and Mechanical to look at the south tube heater in the City Shop. The heater has been dropping soot on the cement floor this winter. Brian explained the heater is on it's last leg. Even if we could find parts to fix it, he couldn't guarantee he'd be able to put it back together and it would run again. He recommends installing a new heater.

Citizens Issues:

Can Lions Club have a secure area to store

some items in the basement? There is plenty of room. Lions Club will provide the storage containers. Okay to do so per Council members.

Mayors Issues:

Utilities:

1) Update from Nate.

2) Fluoridation equipment grant through the MN Dept. of Health has been approved. Need to have the new equipment installed by June of 2024. City amount will be about \$280.

3) Has the alternator been fixed at the generator for the lift station? Fixed. Nate has his own on it to see if it will maintain. If it works, he will buy the part.

4) Cedar Lake Electric installed the 3rd run meter at the lift station on 12-28-23.

5) Water meters:

Jim Malecha's outside reader fixed? Nate took reader apart, fixed wires. Nate not sure what's wrong. Will have to try calling and get access to the house. Heidi and Nate will work on it.

Councilor Ruddle move to pay the bills as listed in addition to one for Graphic Mailbox. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0. (Councilor Schloesser had needed to leave the meeting.)

Mayor Flaten move to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Cooke second. Meeting was adjourned at 9:43.

Next meeting: Regular meeting is Thursday, February 1st at 7:00.

Rice County Making Information About Highway 19 Project Readily Available

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

With about two months until construction is set to begin on the six-legged roundabout at the Highway 19 and I-35 interchange, Rice County has announced an informational open house for March 19th.

A statement released by the county said there will not be any formal presentations made at the meeting. Instead, attendees will be encouraged to look over the project and ask questions. As this is an open house format, attendees will be free to arrive or to leave at any time.

In October, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved construction of the roundabout on the east side of Highway 19 at I-35. The project will connect the northbound I-35 on and off ramps with the highway. County Roads 46 and 59 will connect on either side of the highway as well.

Work is set to start in late April and is expected to be complete by fall 2024.

A temporary road is planned underneath I-35 during the construction.

The county has no intention of closing Highway 19 during the project, however County Roads 46 and 59 will be closed, and the northbound I-35 ramp will be closed at times.

A project page has been set up on the Rice County website. Throughout construction, motorists will be encouraged to visit the page frequently for updates.

While roundabouts can be unpopular with many people, as more have been built on state roadways, an understanding and acceptance of their usefulness has become more common.

According to County Engineer Dennis Luebke, roundabouts help maintain good traffic flow, and diminish the likelihood of side-impact collisions. In fact, MnDot estimates that roundabouts bring an 86% decrease in fatal crashes, an 83% decrease in life-altering injury crashes and a 42% overall decrease in the injury crash rate at an intersection.

The open house will run from 4-6pm on March 19th at the Rice County Highway Building in Faribault. There will also be a virtual option for those unable to attend in person. (Use Meeting ID 342 117 0614 and 1234 as the passcode.)



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**Nerstrand City Council Meeting
December 12, 2023
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Todd Evavold, Council Members Dan Pflieger, Monica Gernandt, John Harris,

ABSENT: Kevin O'Brien

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Steve McDowell, Sandy Borders, Interim City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Harris, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris
Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023

B. Payment of Claims dated:

1. December 12, 2023 in the amount of \$58,131.06

Council Member Gernandt inquired about the payment of claims and noted that the Fire Department payroll was not listed. It was explained that the claims list that was for approval was for the checks that were to be signed that evening.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Pflieger, second by Council Member Harris

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Harris
Nays: Gernandt

**PRESENTATION BY BOLLIG
ENGINEERING**

The City Council at their June 14th council meeting had decided to hire Bollig Engineering to do a needs assessment and assist the city in getting infrastructure funding options that might be available. Bryan Caffin, Project Manager from Bollig Engineering, presented an overview of the city infrastructure. It was explained that there are several streets, and much of the infrastructure in the city that need to be repaired or replaced.

Water Tower: The water tower was built in 1957 and is a 50,000 gallon tank. They mentioned a Small Cities grant for the water tower. KLM had done a report on the tower and that would be included in the application for a grant.

Water Distribution System: The system seems to be working but there are many areas need replacement. The water breaks that have happened would make it more eligible for grant funding. The MN Department of Health would like the city to have at least 2 wells.

Sewer System: The city is looking at phasing out City assured contract for the E-1 pumps and grinding pumps. The city would make the home owners responsible for the pumps.

Mr. Caffin's recommendation would be to encompass all of the needs into one grant and then if needed scale back the project.

Street Pavement: Recommendation that the street repairs would be tied to the utility repairs.

Potential Needs: Storm sewers, trails to school

Mr. Caffin mentioned that to search for funding the city would need to do a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report in accordance with Rural Develop-

ment requirements for infrastructure improvements.

Payment to the Engineer would be \$10,000 down, and \$35,000 after the funding is secured. They would be willing to work with the city regarding the down payment.

The council wanted to check references before proceeding.

**LIABILITY COVERAGE
WAIVER FOR 2024:**

The Council was presented with the option to either waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability or to not waive the monetary limits.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Gernandt, seconded by Council member Pflieger to Not Waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability with LMCIT.

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris
Nays: None

**COMPUTER PURCHASE FOR
CITY HALL**

The city received a quote for a new computer and monitor from Aldrich Technology in Fairbault. Aldrich quoted the city \$1845.20 for the computer, monitor, setup, and configuration of the computer.

MOTION: Motion to approve purchase of computer, monitor, and set up from Aldrich Technology as presented in the quote.

Motion made by Council Member Harris, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris
Nays: None

**BANYON FUND ACCOUNTING
SOFTWARE:**

The council was presented with a quote for the purchase of Banyon Fund Accounting software. The city is currently using a State of Minnesota accounting program. Banyon is used is several nearby cities and would allow for better reporting options.

MOTION: Motion to TABLE the purchase of the Banyon software program until 2024

Motion made by Council Member Harris, second by Council Member Gernandt

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris
Nays: None

DORMANT SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

The city has received notice that one of the city's savings account is dormant. Mayor Evavold has suggested that the city move the money from the savings account that has an interest rate of .55% to a Certificate of Deposit with an interest rate of 4.5% for 13 months. There was discussion about the CD.

MOTION: Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Harris to not move the money from the saving account to the Certificate of Deposit.

Ayes: Gernandt, Harris
Abstention: Pflieger
Nays: Evavold

**RESOLUTION 2023-14 –
APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME
CITY CLERK**

Resolution 2023-14 to hire Lauren Stowe for 20 hours per week at a rate of \$23.00 per hour. Pending a satisfactory six-month review there would be a wage increase to \$26.00 per hour. December 18th would be the first day of employment.

MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 Appointment of Part-time City Clerk as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Harris, second by Council Member Gernandt

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION 2023-13: RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE 2024 FINAL
PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The city council approved the 2024 Preliminary Property Tax Levy in September in the amount of \$150,000. The council chose not to reduce the preliminary tax levy.

MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 – 2024 Final Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$150,000 for the tax year 2024 as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, seconded by Council Member Harris

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris
Nays: None

REPORTS:

The council was informed that the garbage rates from Flom Disposal would be increasing in 2024. This rate increase is consistent with 5-year contract with Flom.

The council was informed that the city had received the second half of the property taxes from Rice County in the amount of \$71,415.86.

Steve McDowell gave a maintenance report.

Joe Johnson, Fire Chief had given the council a written report for November

Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2024 at Nerstrand City Hall
Motion Adjourn:

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Pflieger second by Council Member Gernandt to adjourn.

Ayes: Harris, Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, Harris
Nays: None

Sandra Borders, Interim City Clerk

**Nerstrand City Council Meeting
January 9, 2024
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Todd Evavold, Council Members Dan Pflieger, Monica Gernandt, Kevin O'Brien

ABSENT: John Harris

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Steve McDowell, Sandy Borders, Interim City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, O'Brien

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023

B. Listing of Council Meeting dates for 2024

B. Payment of Claims dated:

1. January 9, 2024

Council Member Gernandt had some corrections to the December meeting minutes. Corrections were noted. The Council set the meeting of August for August 20, so that it didn't conflict with the State Primary Election that will be held on August 13th.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with noted corrections to the December meeting minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: None

**Resolution 2024-01: Reaffirming the
City Official Designations**

The resolution sets the official designations for the newspaper, banking institutions, and official bank signatures as follows:

Official Newspaper: Fairbault Daily News
Official Depository: Lake Country Community Bank

Official Depository Signatures:

- a. Mayor Todd Evavold
- b. Council member Dan Pflieger
- c. Council member Monica Gernandt

MOTION: Motion to approve the Resolution 2024-01 with the assigned designations as noted.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: No

**Resolution 2024-02: Resolution Allowing
Electronic Funds Transfer Transactions**

The resolution allows for the electronic transfer of funds for transactions. The banking industry has promoted electronic funds transfers to reduce paper transactions, and move resources more rapidly and to respond to customer demands.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Resolution 2024-02 allowing for the electronic transfer of fund.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member O'Brien

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: None

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Resolution 2024-03: Accepting Donation from James Gang Wrestling Club to the Fire Department

The City received a donation for the Fire Department in the amount of \$300 for assistance they provided to the James Gang Wrestling Club in North field. The funds will be used by the Fire Department.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Resolution 2024-03 Donation of funds to the Fire Department.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: None

Resolution 2024-04: Official Designations and Appointments:

The council approved the following appointments and designations:

Deputy Mayor: Council member Monica Gernandt

Planning Commission Liaison: Council member Kevin O'Brien

Fire Relief Association Representative: John Harris

Engagement Letter from ABDO the 2023 City of Nerstrand Audit

ABDO outlined the services they will be providing for the 2023 City audit.

MOTION: Motion to accept the service from ABDO to conduct the annual 2023 Financial Audit.

Motion made by Council Member Pflieger, second by Council Member O'Brien

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: None

Bollig Engineering References Discussion

Bollig Engineering had been at the previous meeting to discuss with the Council the opportunities for grants for the city regarding infrastructure and street projects. The council wanted to get some references regarding what Bollig had done for other cities before they entered into an agreement. The references were favorable and the council decided to proceed.

MOTION: Motion to approve the agreement with Bollig Engineering to proceed with the grant processes and to send Bollig \$10,000 as a down payment.

Motion made by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member O'Brien

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: None

Discussion Regarding Vacant City Clerk Position

The city has an unfilled position for part-time City Clerk. Consensus of the Council was to re-advertise the open position.

Stump Grinding Bids for the Tree Stumps behind City Hall

The city had hired the removal of some trees from behind City Hall. The stump remains and needs to be removed. The stump can only be removed after the gas lines near it are rerouted.

Bids were received from Flom Tree in the amount of \$925.00 for grinding, restoration, and cleanup and from Cannon River Tree Care in the amount of \$190 for grinding and \$325 for the restoration and cleanup.

MOTION: Motion to approve the bid from Cannon River Tree Care for the stump grinding and restoration work.

Motion made by Council Member O'Brien, second by Council Member Pflieger

Ayes: Evavold, Pflieger, O'Brien, Gernandt
Nays: None

Roof Repair Bids – Insurance Claim

The roofs on some of the City building received hail damage from the storm in 2023. Claims were sent to the LMC insurance and the city has received bids for the repair work.

Bids were received from Valentine Builders, Millersberg Construction, and L&M Construction. The bids will be forward to the insurance for their consideration.

The City would recommend Valentine Builders.

Letter from Gilbertson Feed and Grain regarding Building Permits

The city received a letter from Gilbertson's regarding the zoning of their property and the pending building permit. The council discussed it issue. The city doesn't have control over how a property is zoned as that is set by the County. The city has an agreement with Goodhue County Land Management to process the building permit. The discussion included that if residents have questions or concerns regarding the building permit process to express them to the council. Staff will put a message on Facebook asking if there are concerns or questions regarding building permit.

Letter from LMCIT Insurance announcing a \$590 Dividend Check

This was for information only. No action was required.

Discussion Regarding the Dormant City Savings Accounts

There has been discussion at past meetings about moving the money from the dormant banking accounts to Certificates of Deposit. There was concern about the CD's and the safety of the deposits. The council would like to discuss this option with ABDO.

No action was taken.

REPORTS:

Steve McDowell gave a maintenance report which included that there was a sewer backup in the woods, the brush pile was burned, and that Glende Trucking would haul away any of the burn pile that didn't burn. There was a water main joint that was replaced and that the heater in the Schields building was repaired.

Joe Johnson, Fire Chief had given the council a written report for December 2023

Council member Gernandt mentioned about keeping confidential the address of

properties that had past due utilities that were to be certified to the county. It was explained that this was public information and that the county need the tax ID number and also the address for certification.

Resolution 2024-05: Setting the Water Rates for 2024

The council discussed the increase in water rates at the time the 2024 budget was set. The water rates were to increase by 3% for 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger to approve Resolution 2024-05 increasing the water rates by 3% for 2024.

Ayes: Harris, Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, O'Brien
Nays: None

Resolution 2024-06: Salary Increase for Maintenance Person:

During the 2024 Budget process there was discussion of the increase of 3% for Steve McDowell in the Maintenance Department. This increase would be starting January 1, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger to approve Resolution 2024-06 giving Steve McDowell an increase in wages of 3% for 2024.

Ayes: Harris, Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, O'Brien
Nays: None

Resolution 2024-07: Accepting Donation from the Dennison Lions Club for the Fire Department

The Dennison Lions Club has donated \$4,000 for the Nerstrand Fire Department to be used for equipment. They also have donated \$2,500 to the Fire Department to be used as necessary.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Gernandt, second by Council Member Pflieger to approve Resolution 2024-07 accepting the donations from the Dennison Lions Club to the Nerstrand Fire Department.

Ayes: Harris, Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, O'Brien
Nays: None

Motion Adjourn:

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Pflieger second by Council Member Gernandt to adjourn.

Ayes: Harris, Evavold, Pflieger, Gernandt, O'Brien
Nays: None

Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024 at Nerstrand City Hall

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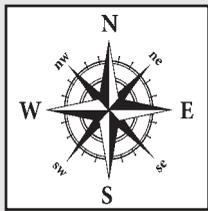
Hello everyone, sorry I missed a few months of commissioners corner. I do enjoy tearing January off of the calendar, I can't believe it is February already. As we move forward with 2024 we start looking at our construction season and with several projects on the list we ask for your patients and understanding as we work to improve our county roads and bridges. I want to put out a thank you to all of our Township supervisors and township officers, I want to remind all of our township residents that March 12th is Township day in Minnesota. All of our townships will hold their annual meetings with some townships also holding election of officers. Please find your meeting time and consider attending. Goodhue county did have to close the demolition landfill last year and now we have a county ordinance that allows for a transfer station. We are looking at all options moving forward as to the handling of this by-pass materials. This is already my 4th year as your county commissioner and I am serving as the board Chair this year. As always please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you. Todd Greseth



Todd Greseth
Goodhue County
Commissioner
District 3

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Power Outages and Why



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.

Power outages can be frequent in Western Tennessee. Virtually everyone has a generator. I had a generator at the construction site because I built for the first year without service to the address. I just always keep it fueled up and plenty of gas in reserve. Windstorms or tornadoes seem to happen about 12 months out of the year down here.

We have had a number of close calls with windstorms but they always just missed us. One night about five years ago, we had just arrived at our cabin in Big Sandy to do some maintenance. I hadn't even got the tools out of the truck when the rain struck. It usually rains with a vengeance, and wind. We retreated to the house and shortly after the power went out. When the storm passed, we headed back home, only to find a big tree

over the road, blocking our path.

In 2020 we went to Nashville on March 2nd to see Collective Soul at the Ryman. After the concert we discussed stopping at one of the restaurants on Broadway for dessert but decided to head home. On the drive home I could see an angry lightning storm behind us. When we turned on the news at home, we saw that a tornado had struck about two blocks from the concert venue we attended.

Three years ago, while we still lived on the Cumberland River and had just started building our new house on the Tennessee River, a big storm came through. The tornado passed within a mile of our home under construction, jumped the river and tore up a path heading east, destroying homes within in a couple miles of where we lived twenty miles away. We were in Minnesota at the time and were quite surprised at the devastation when we returned. I recall driving down Cypress Road and observing the trees flattened out across the landscape, thinking I was going to be cleaning up debris instead of building a house.

Last winter we were in the yard putting



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chairs away because wind gusts were forecast within the hour. We stood and watched as one tree toppled over in the woods across the road. Then we heard a crash about a quarter mile down the road. We could see the power line on the ground and knew what the outcome would be. I pulled the generator up from the garage and plugged it in and fired it up.

So, this December when I arrived, I had to reset all the digital clocks in the house. It is just a fact of life. I had only been home one day, when the following evening the lights flickered and went off. After lighting a couple candles, I decided to go to bed rather than start the generator. I woke up a couple hours later and the power was back on. The next day I was talking to my neighbor Harry, who lives about a mile down the road. Since there was no wind that night, we supposed it was one of the local boys with too much beer and

too little common sense behind the wheel of his pickup who had run into a power pole somewhere.

A couple days later I was walking my dog and I stopped to visit with my neighbor, the mayor. Before he retired, he was the mayor in Pulaski, Tennessee, so everyone calls him the mayor. He asked me if I saw what caused the electrical outage. He had the pictures on his phone. He was coming home that Friday evening and a guy had just hit a power pole in the ditch. It sheared off the pole and he continued down the ditch a hundred yards before crashing into a house and the vehicle was lodged in the living room. All that was visible was the rear end of the car framed by the red bricks of the house. Was a Friday night so I guess one could expect it. The funny part of all these intoxicated mishaps is that after living in Stewart County for five years I learned it was a dry county.

A Minnesotan: -10 Degrees or Colder



By RosaLin Alcoser

As Minnesotans we are prepared for the cold and those harsh bitter sub zero days. To the point where for some seeing who can go the longest without switching to jeans and a coat is a thing of pride. We all know at least one of those people who is fine in shorts and a sweatshirt until it is nearly -10 degrees F outside and wonder how in the world they do that while the rest of us are pulling out our heaviest winter parkas.

Whether you are taking pride in not wearing a parka or are safely bundled up in one we are all prepared to face those sub

zero days. Or at least we are when we go outdoors.

The first of the super cold days we had this January were the wind chill and the temperature dropped well below zero. I like many donned my parka and made my way into what should have been the warmth of the office.

My desk is currently right next to the window which is less than ideal in the winter. However, it is also right under a heating vent. So naturally I was expecting to spend the bitterly cold day nice and warm under that vent.

Instead it was spent freezing as the heat in my section of the building was not operating at full capacity. Which made our little corner of the office really, really cold.

I spent half the morning half nestled in my parka to keep from shivering while I worked until I finally couldn't take it anymore and temporarily took over a coworker's desk, who was away for the rest of the day.

The next day Mathance informed us that not only was our heating vent out but there is also a leak in the window letting in a daft. So those of us who are right next to the window had been sitting in 9 degrees F while inside of the building.

Thankfully now the window has been patched and the vent has been fixed. All in time for things to be a little bit warmer for at least a couple of days.

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 9. Tucked in
 13. Whatchamacallit
 14. Robert Redford's Sundance ____
 15. In a cold manner
 16. Tiny island
 17. Mad King George's number
 18. Hearing, e.g.
 19. *Love's late Nirvana husband
 21. *Star-____
 23. *Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at ____"
 24. Elementary particle
 25. Tire meas.
 28. Land of Israel
 30. *Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we ____"
 35. Ladder crosspiece
 37. Frenzied
 39. London's Thames, e.g.
 40. ____-European language
 41. Call it quits
 43. Very bright star
 44. What procedural and epidural have in common
 46. Crosby's and Still's partner
 47. Mountain valley
 48. Final words
 50. Future J.D.'s hurdle
 52. Food scrap
 53. Tax
 55. Pen point
 57. *"All You Need Is Love" band, with The
 61. *Letters to Juliet destination
 64. Habituate
 65. NHL surface
 67. Ancient marketplace
 69. Like many bathroom floors?
 70. Blunderbuss, e.g.
 71. Entrenched (2 words)
 72. Whirlpool
 73. Volleyball court center
 74. English homework assignment
- DOWN
1. Computer-related imaging acronym
 2. CISC alternative
 3. Capital of Norway
 4. Single-cell protozoan
 5. Bottom lines
 6. Similar
 7. One of the Tudors
 8. Authoritative proclamation
 9. Single pip cards
 10. The Container Store purchase, pl.
 11. "What ____ can I say?"
 12. T-shirt, after tied
 15. Chemical cousin
 20. Homer's epic
 22. Actor Lowe
 24. Deviation from the norm
 25. *U2's "In the Name of Love" song
 26. First light of day
 27. Lemur from Madagascar
 29. Damien's prediction
 31. Ding-a-____
 32. Convex molding
 33. *"Love means ____ having to say you're sorry"
 34. *"Love Actually" star
 36. Hockey score
 38. *True Love's ____
 42. Feudal lord
 45. Loafed
 49. "Holy moly!"
 51. Rant
 54. "Peace" with fingers (2 words)
 56. Phony
 57. Teeth mark
 58. Children's writer Blyton
 59. Old, in Scottish
 60. Three pointer
 61. Heater outlet
 62. Wooden pegs
 63. Rigoletto's "La donna mobile," e.g.
 66. Pool tool
 68. One or some

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