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Announcements

• **Hegre's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper:** Wednesday September 18 2024. Serving 4pm to 7pm. Call or text orders to 507-330-4996 by September 13th. Menu: Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes, & gravy, coleslaw, corn, dinner roll, dessert. Hegre Church 51939, Hwy 56 Blvd, Kenyon.

• **OPEN INVITATION:** All are welcome to breakfast, fellowship, bible study, and prayer time every Saturday morning at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. Breakfast and fellowship start at 8:00 am. Followed by a verse by verse bible study. Finishing with prayer time at 10:00 am. All are welcome (men, women, and children) each Saturday morning!! Any questions, please contact Loren Bauer: 507-450-6623.

• **Three Rivers Community Action is currently accepting new Meals On Wheels clients in the communities of Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo.** Receive a hot meal delivered to your home by a volunteer at lunch time up to 5 days per week. To qualify you must be 60 or older, live within city limits, have limited mobility and/or are unable to prepare nutritious meals. The suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per meal. For more information on how to sign up for meals or to be a volunteer driver, please contact Dana Bergner at 507-421-6067 or dbergner@threeriverscap.org

• **Hiawathaland Transit:** Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit threeriverscap.org for more information.

• **Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard invite you to become a member.** Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Eric Dierks 507-321-1967, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

Mandatory Sump Inspection

By Cheri Roshon

Recently, every home owner received a letter from the City of Wanamingo. This is in compliance with the sanitary sewer system's rules about discharging clear water into the system from your property. Specifically, the Code of Ordinances (section 53) prohibits the

discharge of clear water from your roof, surface, ground water, sump pump, footing drain, swimming pool, beaver system or other natural sources on your property into the system.

According to Michael Boulton, City Administrator, the city has hired WHKS Engi-

neering to complete the sump pump inspection this fall. "The idea behind the program is to cut down on the clear/storm water from entering into the sanitary sewer system", said Michael. *(continued on page 14)*

Dine-In Returns to Vang Lutefisk Dinner



The annual Vang Lutheran Church Lutefisk dinner is on once again this year, with a few changes. This year, the event will be on Saturday, October 5th, beginning at 11 AM.

This year, the event will offer dine-in service again for the first time in several years after operating just takeout, which was ini-

tially started after COVID restrictions. The meal will be served buffet style.

Guests may make reservations ahead for seatings at 11 AM, 12 noon, 1 PM, and 4 PM. Continuous seating will start at 5 PM, with no reservations needed then.

Home and business delivery is also available, simply call 507-789-5186.

This is an annual fundraising event for the rural church.

The 49th annual Rice County Steam and Gas Tractor Show August 30, 31 & September 1

Visitors can take a trip back in time with all the various exhibits and activities going on at the annual Rice County Steam & Gas Show just South of Dundas MN on Hwy. 3 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 30, 31 & Sept 1. *(continued on page 5)*



On Your Honor, It is Delicious

Small food stands have popped up around Wanamingo this summer. The Little Egg Stand is located at 501 Second Ave in Wanamingo and has farm fresh eggs for \$3.50 a dozen. Just remember to leave an empty carton for each one you buy. Payment is venmo or cash.

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Kenyon Rose Fest



2024 Grand Marshal Kevin Anderson
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Who Can Really Change Things?

In case you didn't notice, we are in an election year. 16 years ago, when we were also in an election year, one candidate for president had a slogan that really caught on, and helped propel him to the White House. Do you remember that slogan? "Hope and Change".

When there is a change in the top elected leader of our country, people hope the new president will change things for the better. But no matter how much the new president tries to change things, it's usually not as much change- or at least not as much change in a good direction- as we had hoped for.

That shouldn't surprise us, because the kinds of changes that our society needs most- people being responsible, kinder toward each other, more generous and less greedy, more honest and more loving toward each other, more faithful to their marriage partners and more determined to carry out their proper roles in marriage and family the way God designed them to be- can't really be brought about through a change in laws or political leaders. You can change people's outward behavior to a certain extent through laws, if they are enforced. But to bring about real change in these areas requires the ability to change people's hearts. Laws, and the authority of governments to punish and use force, don't have the power to do that.

But there is something- or I should say someone- who can change people's hearts. And when he changes their hearts, it also changes their behavior toward other people. Let me give you an example:

Around 2000 years ago, there was a certain well-educated man who was very proud and sure of himself. He tried very hard to follow the ways his forefathers had handed down to him, and thought he was serving God by doing so. When what seemed to him like a new religious movement arose that rejected some of what he had been taught, even though this movement wasn't doing anything that hurt anyone, he thought this was a dangerous movement that must be stopped. So that's what he tried to do. He had members of this

new movement arrested and put in jail. He even got some of them put to death. He chased most of them out of the main city of his country, then set out toward another large city where many of them had fled, in order to have them arrested and punished.

But while he was on the way to the city, something happened to this man that changed his heart. Instead of priding himself on living a better life than others, he became someone who saw himself as the worst of sinners,

and was amazed that God had been merciful and forgave him, and loved even someone like him. Instead of hating the movement he had been using force and violence against, he became someone who loved what this movement was about; and he worked harder to spread it than he had been working before to stop it. But he worked in a different way. He never used force and violence to try to spread this movement; he just spoke words that he hoped would change the hearts of those who

opposed it, just as his heart had been changed. He willingly endured threats and violence done to him because he spoke up for this movement. Instead of taking revenge on those who did such things to him, he prayed for them. Along with other members of this movement, he lived a life of kindness toward others; of refraining from greed and lust; of helping the weak and needy; all to give honor to the God who so loved him and had forgiven him his sins. *(continued on page 3)*

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Which of These Was a Neighbor?

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

— Luke 10:27

When we moved into our house 12 years ago, there were only five other houses on the street and a lot of empty lots where new homes would be built. We imagined what the houses and neighbors would look like—and now, with almost 100 houses on our street alone, we have made friends with many of our neighbors.

Along the way we decided to become "muffin people," delivering those treats to about a dozen houses nearby. We introduced ourselves without thinking who might be behind the door except that they were neighbors. We began a soup and buns night with neighbors too, learned their stories, and shared life with them. It may have cost us a bit, but the reward of sharing experiences has been life changing.

The parable of the good Samaritan offers a picture of what Jesus was trying to show a religious leader who wanted to test him. It is about risk and relationship with people who are not identical to us. It is about seeing the one that Jesus has placed in front of us and becoming involved in their story. It is about addressing hurts and loneliness because that is what Jesus is asking us to do. It is about paying attention to the needs of people around us and not stepping aside or walking by, thinking that someone else can take care of them.

Who is your neighbor?

Lord, open our eyes and hearts to all the people whom you have given us to be our neighbors. Help us to see and share your love for all. Amen.

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September 8: 10:00a.m. Worship at WLC
September 11: 6:30p.m. Confirmation Orientation Meeting at TLC
September 15: 9:00a.m. Sunday School at WLC; 10:00a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at WLC
September 18: Confirmation Class 5:00p.m. Dinner; 5:30-6:30p.m. 7th & 8th, 6:30-7:30p.m. 9th
September 22: 9:00a.m. Sunday School at WLC; 10:00a.m. Worship at WLC
September 25: Confirmation Class 5:00p.m. Dinner; 5:30-6:30p.m. 7th & 8th, 6:30-7:30p.m. 9th
September 29: 9:00a.m. Sunday School at TLC; 10:00a.m. 100th Anniversary Worship Service at TLC

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Who Can Really Change Things?

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What changed this man's heart? Get out a Bible and read Acts 9:1-12, and you will hear how and when it happened. Then read what the man himself said about it when he looked back on that time, in Philippians 3:3-11, and 1 Timothy 1:12-17. You'll see that the man I'm talking about was a Jew named Saul, now better known as the Apostle Paul. And what changed this man's heart and life was when

he came to know Jesus. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, changes the hearts and lives of those who trust in him.

So if you vote in the coming election, go ahead and vote for whomever you think will do the most good and/or the least harm to the people of our nation. But for real change-change of hearts; change of eternal destiny; true change of lives that comes from the heart- look to Jesus; and invite others as well to get to know the one who died on the cross for their sins, and rose from the dead to live as their Lord and Savior. For as that same changed man I've been talking about- the Apostle Paul, was inspired by God to write in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NIV84)- "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone; the new has come! All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ."

Lady soccer Cobras overwhelmed by Warriors TKWH girls soccer vs Caledonia, 8-22



By Pat Garry,
Sports Writer

Getting the new season underway, the Triton/Kenyon-Wanamingo/Hayfield girls soccer team took on a formidable Caledonia bunch on Thursday, August 22. It was an all-Warriors day, as they bested the Cobras, 7-0. T/K-W/H goalkeeper Alyssa Knudson had 20 saves. Junior McKenzie Purinton and 7th grader Rebekah Henslin made their first career starts for the Cobras.

It's a busy week ahead for T/K-W/H. On Tuesday, August 27, they battle Cannon Falls at home. Thursday, August 29, finds the Cobras clashing with Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa, again at Triton High School. Capping the hectic week, the girls hit the road and meet-up with Tri-City United on their pitch. Cobra Coach Jeremy Himli says, "It is nice to stay busy, as it is a great way to stay sharp."

City of Wanamingo Update

The City of Wanamingo would like to update the public regarding the incident on Friday evening on the east side of Wanamingo in which Nelson Drive, 3rd Avenue, and Beverly Street were closed for a short while. The Goodhue County Sheriff provided the following information on the incident as per the weekly media release from the weekend:

On 08-23-2024 at 7:14 pm, deputies responded to a report of a disturbance at the Springcroft Apartments in Wanamingo, that three males were fighting. A second caller reported that a knife had been involved and one of the males was bleeding, also that a possible suspect had left the scene. Upon arrival it was found that one of the males had several knife wounds to an arm and both hands. He was transported by ambulance to St. Mary's with non-life threatening injuries. The suspect, Victor Armando Aguirre Toral, was located by a Zumbrota PD officer after he had left the scene and was taken into custody. GCSO was assisted at the scene by Zumbrota PD, Kenyon PD, Wanamingo First Responders, and Zumbrota Ambulance.

OBITUARIES

Irene Marie Fredrickson

Irene Marie Fredrickson, 86, of Kenyon, passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Elysian Senior Homes in Northfield.



She was born April 10, 1938, to Maynard and Ellen (Palmer) Thompson of Claremont. Irene graduated in 1955 and continued to beauty school. Irene and Duane were married on October 27, 1956, at the United Methodist Church in Dodge Center. They were blessed with two daughters, Sharon and Debra. Later they moved from the Claremont area and started farming in rural Kenyon. She worked side by side with her husband until he retired in 1995. Irene worked several jobs including the Kenyon Sunset Home working nights for 10 years until 2000.

Irene enjoyed camping, baking, garage sales, and antique shops. In 2000 they took a RV and drove to Alaska for three months with her brother and his wife. Duane and Irene spent 58 years together until his passing in 2014.

She has had a long battle with Alzheimer's and now has gone home to her heavenly father.

She is survived by daughters, Sharon (and Bill) Parsons of Kenyon, Debra Hoffman of Faribault; grandchildren, Jaymeson (and Donna) Parsons of Farmington, Joshua (and Rhonda) Parsons of Northfield, Jesse Hoffman of Faribault; and many great-grandchildren; brothers, Ronald Thompson, Lee (and Joyce) Thompson, Larry Thompson, Marvin (and Ruth) Thompson; sisters-in-law, Ruth Fredrickson, and Phyllis Maring.

She was preceded in death by her husband Duane Fredrickson; parents, Maynard and Ellen; brothers-in-law, Allen (and Joan) Fredrickson, Richard (and Maxine) Fredrickson, Earl Fredrickson, Roger Maring; sister-in-law, Joan Thompson and Janet Thompson.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 11AM at Gol Lutheran Church. Interment was held in the Gol Lutheran Cemetery.

Kelly Patrick Allen

Kelly Patrick Allen, born on August 22, 1967, in Des Moines, IA, passed away on July 28, 2024, in Rochester, Minnesota. He is remembered as a dedicated father, grandfather, brother, son, and friend who cherished the outdoors and had a passion for classic rock, Harley motorcycles, and sports, especially the Vikings.



Kelly graduated from Kenyon High School and built a commendable career, dedicating 20 years to Crown before working at Daikin and, most recently, Aldi's warehouse. His hobbies included riding his Harley, fishing, hunting, watching the Vikings, and spending quality time with friends and family. He was also on a spiritual journey, finding solace in his faith.

He leaves behind his fiancée, Liz Dwyer of Owatonna; his children, Dustin (Cherish) of Northfield and Brittany of Owatonna; his father, Roger (Kay) of Rochester; his uncle Jerry (Judy) of Cottage Grove; and his siblings, Mona (Craig) of Brownsdale, Joe of Fairbault, Roger (Jessie) of Morristown, Rocky (Lisa) of Farmersville, TX, and Randy (Lisa) of Wichita, KS, Bob (Jolienne) of Claremont and Keith (Suzy) of Mazeppa. Kelly was a proud grandfather to Dominic, Paisley, Natalie, Rowan, and Chase. He also leaves behind many cherished nieces and nephews: Shane, Shanna, Sonia, Jasmyn, Josh, Kristin, Rachel, Spencer, and Ava.

Kelly was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Russell of Kasson, his stepmother, Jeanie, and his stepfather, Dave.

A celebration of Kelly's life is scheduled for Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 12 pm to 2 pm at North Alexander Park shelter 2. Attendees are encouraged to wear Harley, Vikings colors, or casual clothing in his honor. The Brick-Meger Funeral Home in Owatonna, MN, is assisting the family during this time.

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Vang Lutheran Church

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Saturday, October 5th

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Goodhue, Dodge, Olmsted 4H Shooting Program

Submitted by Jim Perrotti

The Goodhue, Dodge, Olmsted 4H Shooting Program will be competing at the Minnesota 4H Shooting Sports Event held in Alexandria Minnesota September 6,7, & 8th, 2024. When the Youth are there that will have the opportunity to compete in different disciplines offered through the 4H Shooting Sports program. The disciplines offered are Archery, Air Discipline, Trap, 22 rifle, and Muzzle loading/Tomahawk, plus have the opportunity to do Wildlife Calling, Wildlife Knowledge, and Cast Iron Cooking To compete in each of these events the Youth will have trained in the disciplines they choose to compete in. 15 hours of training is required the first year out for a discipline and 8 hours each year after plus 8 hours of Wildlife training each year. This year Wildlife Day was held at Frontenac State Park. 4H Youth learned about bird and tree identification and made pizza on cast iron pans. Most of the 4H youth also took a



Wildlife day at Frontenac State Park

wildlife project to their local county fair. 27 4H Youth from Goodhue, Dodge, Olmsted, and Winona Counties will be competing in this year's event. This year the Shooting Sports Program received donations from Bel-lechester Legion, NRA Foundation, and the Mazeppa Lions Club to help with archery

supplies, trap shells, and other supplies needed for the shooting program.

ing Program please contact 4H extension at 651-385-3100.

If any youth are interested in the 4H Shoot-



4H youth from Goodhue, Dodge, Olmsted County making cast iron pizza

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The 49th annual Rice County Steam and Gas Tractor Show August 30, 31 & September 1

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This year the event features Minneapolis Moline Tractors and Equipment.

Attendees can expect to see many of the familiar attractions as they have in the past including the operating sawmill, corn shelling, thrashing, blacksmithing, and more. The annual flea market will take place on the grounds and additional exhibits are many, including antique tractors, classic cars and trucks along with draft horses.

Vintage Machinery, both horse drawn, and tractor driven, will be on display and used in



2023 Show

various exhibits on the grounds.

The tractor parade takes place at noon each day.

Breakfast is served daily on the grounds as well as other food stands offering food throughout the day.

The kids pedal pull is Saturday after the parade, and the tractor pull is Sunday at 9:00 AM. Minneapolis Moline tractors and implements are the feature of this year's show, and one is being raffled off for their annual fundraising raffle. The kids' play area includes a merry go round, swings, sandboxes and more.

A petting zoo will also be available for visitors, presented this year courtesy of Windy



2023 Show

Willow Farm Adventures.

There will be live music all three days and a non-denominational church service will take place Sunday at 8:00 AM.

General admission is just \$10 for the entire weekend and all events are free for ages 12 and under.

The all-volunteer group works hard to preserve history, maintain the grounds and bring new pieces of history to visitors every year. The newest acquisition for the club was the former Waterford, MN schoolhouse and

township building, which was moved to the grounds last year from its original location in Waterford (Just North of Northfield). The move south down Highway #3 was delayed several times last year due to weather and other factors. Photos of the historic move are available on the Rice County Steam and Gas Facebook page.

Complete information and event listings are available on the group's Facebook page and website at ricecountysteamandgas.com

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On Your Honor, It is Delicious

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The Sweet Crumbs Bakery features gluten free and dairy free treats in personalized size packages like Banana Bread, Chocolate Chip Banana bread, S'mores cookies, lemon poppyseed muffins and Chocolate Chip cookies. The bakery items are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Prices are marked at the stand on a sheet and the bakery items are all packaged and sealed and very tasty. A box for payment or venmo. You can find the Sweet Crumbs Bakery at 200 Third Ave in Wanamingo.

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This Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm, please join in the fun as several local vendors get together and sell the produce they have so lovingly tended all season. Rain or shine, they will gather to show you what they have been growing this year, through all the rain and heat.

I think every gardener has had their share of trials and tribulations this year. With the excess moisture, more damping off has plagued our more delicate produce, and the bugs this year have been abundant, and hungry! Powdery mildew and blight were rampant in many areas. Many of the crops we normally grow, didn't! But every gardener in different areas had different issues, so coming

to this sale, you may find things that grew in someone else's fields that may not have prospered in yours. Fruits and vegetables of all kinds will be for sale, and there will be animals to pet, too. You can talk to the people who grow your food, and forge a bond between your growers and your family.

In this day and age, it seems that people have lost touch with local products in favor

of convenience, but I say there is something special about knowing where your food comes from, and teaching your kids the same. So, come on over and meet the farmers who feed you, and get the rest of your back to school shopping done at the same time! And yeah, tell them Cheri sent you!

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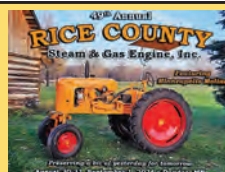
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Food options will Angus Beef burgers, beef hotdogs, cole slaw, fries and ice cream for dessert. Pasture tours will be available throughout the evening for family enjoyment.

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These events are being held on:
September 21st



Public Works Department
 2140 Pioneer Rd
 Red Wing, MN 55066

2024 Cleanup Days Fees

**All transactions subject to a 17% Solid Waste Tax. Prices shown do not include tax.
 All payments can be made by either cash or check.

Appliances

- Washer/dryer/stove/water heater/microwave = \$10
- Air conditioner = \$20
- Refrigerator/freezer = \$15

Furniture

- Couch = \$25
- Mattress/box spring = \$15
- Other = \$10

Electronics

- Computer/fax/laptop/scanner/receiver/VCR/DVD/vacuum/phone = \$5
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 - o 20"-27" = \$25
 - o > 27" = \$45
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Mandatory Sump Inspection

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"During rain events, the flows increase by over 8 times the regular flows."

All property owners must schedule a mandatory inspection through WHKS & Co, the project engineering consultant.

Please do not call the city offices to schedule this appointment. All appointments and any questions in regard to the rules and regulations MUST be through WHKS. You can

reach them at (833) 509-0270, or go online at wanamingosump.com to schedule your mandatory appointment, and ask questions. The hours to call are Monday - Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm, and 8 am to 12 pm on Friday. Your login and password to schedule an appointment are listed on the top of the letter you received recently.

Along with the sump pump inspection program, the City will be conducting smoke testing later this fall for cross connections with the storm water/sanitary sewer lines. The City needs to get all the information under control in the next couple of years before the regional waste water treatment plant is up and running. If it is not reduced, sewer bill rates will be significantly higher to cover the costs of

treating the water. This could be hundreds of thousands of dollars, so these inspections are very important.

Numerous other cities have successfully completed sump pump inspections, including Kasson, Owatonna, Austin and Rochester. All homes are either required to comply with the inspection, or be subject to a \$100.00 a month fee on their monthly utility bill.

The City will host a public informational meeting on Thursday, August 29th at 6:00pm at the Community Center to discuss the need for this program, the scheduling of inspections, proper connections, and other miscellaneous items. If you have questions, WHKS will get them answered.

Public Comment Sought for County's Hazard Mitigation Plan

Goodhue County has completed an updated draft of its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and is now seeking public feedback. Like all Minnesota counties, Goodhue County is vulnerable to a variety of natural hazards such as tornadoes, windstorms, severe winter storms, flooding, drought, and extreme temperatures, which can threaten the loss of life and property in the county. Planning for natural disasters minimizes the impact of events that can cause vast economic loss and personal hardship.

All county residents, as well as other interested agency or organizational stakeholders, are strongly encouraged to review and offer feedback on the interactive website, PDF of the draft plan, and proposed local mitigation actions. The review and comment period is open for a period of 15 days through September 3, 2024. The public can access the plan using the following links:

Goodhue County HMP website
(<https://goodhue-county-hmp-umn.hub.arcgis.com/>)

Mitigation Action Charts
(<https://goodhue-county-hmp-umn.hub.arcgis.com/pages/mitigation-actions>)

Public Comment Feedback Form
(<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/92f82cf5334b4ea687dc510a1c21d7df>)

The Goodhue County HMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers Goodhue County, including the cities of Bellechester, Cannon Falls, Dennison, Goodhue, Kenyon, Lake City, Pine Island, Red Wing, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota.

Update of the plan has been under the direction of Goodhue County Emergency Management in cooperation with U-Spatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth and representatives from county departments, city and township governments, school districts, and other key stakeholders. Together, the planning team worked to identify cost-effective and sustainable actions to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life or property from natural hazards. Examples include infrastructure projects for areas that experience repetitive flooding; construction of safe rooms in areas where residents and visitors are vulnerable to tornadoes and severe storm events; burying powerlines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice, or wind storms; ensuring timely emergency communication to the public through warning sirens and mass notification systems; and conducting outreach to increase public awareness of severe weather and personal preparedness.

Hazard mitigation planning helps Goodhue County and other jurisdictions protect their residents. Working with local communities through the process helps identify vulnerabilities and develop strategies to reduce or eliminate the effects of a potential hazard. In addition, increasing public awareness of natural disasters and encouraging personal preparedness helps to create a community that is resilient to disaster, and breaks the cycle of response and recovery. Updating the plan further allows Goodhue County and its jurisdictions to be eligible to apply for future FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant program funding for projects that help to reduce or eliminate the impacts of future natural hazard events.

Community feedback is vital to the success of the plan. Goodhue County invites public review and feedback of the draft plan prior to submitting it to the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review. Feedback may be provided via the online comment forms or directly to Goodhue County Emergency Management.

Contact
Earl Merchlewitz
Goodhue County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Phone: 651-267-2639
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Register Today for the Cover Crop Seeding Equipment Showcase

Farmers looking to try cover crops or conservation tillage are invited to the Cover Crop Seeding Equipment Showcase on the Mark Ditlevson Farm, 7430 HWY 30 East near Blooming Prairie on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:00 am. This event will feature various ways to seed cover crops. Equipment will be on-site with live demonstrations of seed planting. The equipment lineup includes a Gandy air seeder with vertical till, No-till drill, Rice SWCD Inter seeder with side dressing nitrogen, Drone, and Rotary Hoe.

In addition to the equipment showcase, there will be soil health tests/demonstrations, discussion on soil biology, and a presentation on a soil health hybrid corn plot. This will be a great opportunity to network with other farmers and get your cover crop and conservation tillage questions answered.

Please register and secure a meal ticket so we can plan for the lunch by contacting 507-320-3728 or email lindsey.zeitler@mn.nacdnet.net. You can also register online here. Download the flyer on our website.

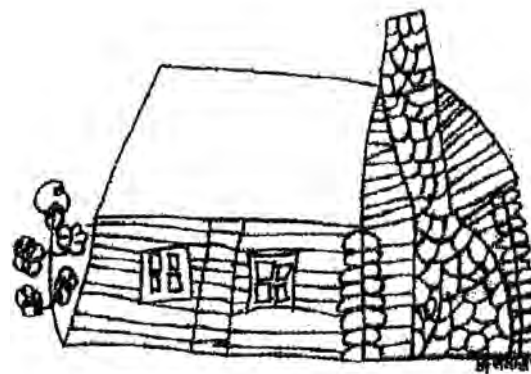
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Harvest Thyme Craft Show

Saturdays: September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26

Sundays: September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27

Hours: 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.



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Cover Crop Seeding Equipment Showcase



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SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2024 ...

Start Time: 10AM Lunch Served at Noon

Event Location: 7430 Hwy 30 E Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

This event will feature various ways to seed cover crops. Equipment will be on site with live demonstrations.

- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Vertical Till
- ✓ Interseeding
- ✓ Drone
- ✓ No-till Drill
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