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Application Deadline Extended for FEMA Individual Assistance

ST. PAUL –Home-owners and renters who suffered damage to their property from the severe storms and floods of June 16 -July 4 have additional time to apply for federal disaster assistance.



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Dennison Lions Club & 625 to Host Weekly Bingo and Meat Raffles



The Dennison Lions Club and 625 Bar & Grill will again host weekly Bingo and Meat Raffles beginning in October.

Bingo will be on Sunday afternoons beginning at 3:30 and the weekly meat raffle will take place Tuesdays, beginning at 6 PM in Dennison.

"We had great support last season for both weekly events", Sean Kylo, Owner of 625 commented. "We are excited

to bring it back once again this year".

Both events are hosted by The Dennison Lions Club. The Dennison Lions Club is a non-profit organization, supporting the area, including the local Nerstrand - Dennison Fire Department. The club also donates time and funds to other worthwhile needs in the area including local food shelves, scholarships, and families as well as coordinating the annual Dennison Days festival in June.

Wild Wood Comes to Nerstrand

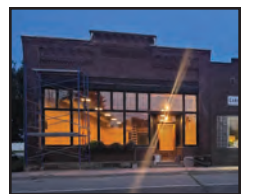


photos by Doug Jones

Tricia and Nick Streitz recently completed renovations on the former Nerstrand Woodcraft Building on Main Street in Nerstrand. After the wood shop closed, it was used for storage for many years by the neighboring implement. The Streitzes purchased it and began remodeling it some years ago. The building, called WILD WOOD, will house Tricia's photography business, Sweet Shibui, as well as be available for rental for small events.

Further information can be found on their website www.wildwoodofnerstrand.com.

A full story will appear in next months Messenger.



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.

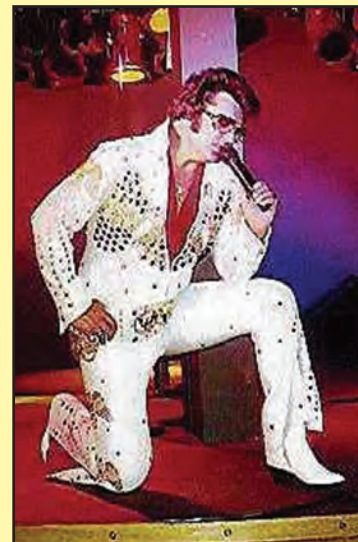
• **The Nerstrand City Council** meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the Nerstrand City Hall. Office hours are: Monday 8:30-11:00; Tuesday by appointment; Wednesday 8:30-11:00; Thursday 5:00-7:00; Friday by appointment. 507-332-8000.

• **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

The King with Cash & Diamond Show Returns to Dennison September 28th



The popular Vegas Style Tribute Show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Saturday, September 28th, under the big top.

For fans young and old, if you have ever been to the show in Dennison or to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espkingshow.com).with Chris Olson.

You may have seen the show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or the popular up north spot, Zorbaz. Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Saturday, September 28th. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside.

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Landmarks And Boundaries

By Pastor Larry Grove
Hauge Free Lutheran Church

Deuteronomy 19:14

“Do not move your neighbor’s boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess.”

When I was in my 20’s and 30’s and into my 40’s, the history of my family was not that significant to me. In recent years it has become much more intriguing and I am way more focused on what type of legacy am I leaving in regards to my relationship with Jesus Christ to my children and my grandchildren. My hope and my prayer is that the family circle would be unbroken and the impact that we could have on those around us would be significant as we do all we can to take as many with us into eternity as God gives us the opportunities to share the Gospel message.

When I look back on Hauge Free Lutheran Church and how it was originally formed I see that the faith of those men and women had was solid and their desire to gather together to encourage one another in their walk and to fellowship and pray for each other was a priority.

The first settlers came from Norway to Goodhue County in 1847. They settled south and west of Kenyon. There is not a lot of information written about this group of pioneers for about 12 years. They traveled by walking and by oxen teams as there were no roads. It is thought that they would meet in homes of neighbors and friends to gather around the Word of God and in prayer. Elling Eilson would travel from place to place and share messages from the Word of God.

In 1859 they formed a congregation and

called it the Hauge Congregation. Osten Hanson was a lay preacher that served the group. The first recorded service was a communion service on June 30, 1861.

Norwegian was the language that they used until 1939 when English was adopted. All records were written in Norwegian until that time and the history was often difficult to decipher.

In March of 1871 they discussed building a church. A unanimous vote was taken and funds were raised to start the structure. Land was purchased and mason work was under way.

Christian education for their children was also a prime concern for the settlers as well. They started a school and had the children go for at least two months each year.

The church building was mostly completed around 1875, but it was not completely equipped until 1888. Congregants discussed a steeple but decided it would cost too much and they didn’t want to spend money

frivolously. A 1/4 acre lot that this church sits on was purchased for \$7.00. Later 2 more lots were purchased for the cemetery for \$25.00. This church was used until 1902 when it was decided to build a church building in the town of Kenyon.

All of this history is fascinating and important as well, but the most significant history is about the settlers love for Christ and necessity of passing on that legacy to their descendants. We see the fundamental interest of the people of Hauge to keep this building intact and have it for a landmark set by their predecessors. As Pastor of this church I can tell you that they view the passing down of their spiritual heritage as being foremost in their thoughts and even more salient. The same type of story and heritage is recorded in the churches in our community and treasured as well. To hear these stories would be a faith builder for us all.

So, how do we carry on this principal task of passing this message to the next generation?

I would like to share with you a page from the New England Primer. This is a text book used in the early public schools and what was likely taught in the school that the settlers opened. It is called ‘Verses for Little Children’.

Though I am young, a little one, If I can speak and go alone,

Then I must learn to know the Lord. And learn to read His holy Word.

This time to seek to God and pray, For what I want for us all day,

I have a precious soul to save, and I a mortal body have:

Though I am young, yet I may die, and hasten to eternity.

There is a dreadful fiery hell, Where wicked ones must always dwell,

There is a heaven full of joys, Where Godly ones must always stay.

To one of these my soul will fly, As in a moment when I die;

When God that made me calls me home, I must not stay, I must be gone,

He gave me life, He gave me breath, and He can save my soul from death.

By Jesus Christ my only Lord, according to His holy Word.

So, how do we take back ground that was given up in years past?

There is legislation recently signed into law in Louisiana that would require the display of the Ten Commandments in large, easy readable font in all public classrooms in the state by 2025. This will all be funded by donations. No education funding would be used for this. This is one state’s attempt to take back ground. If we don’t look at where we were when our forefathers came to this country and how they set up what was important to them,

we will never strive to carry on that legacy of Christ-centered living.

Every time I step into the ‘Old Stone Church’ I get the feeling I am walking on hallowed ground. The sacrifice and determination that the men and women exhibited to come together and worship and pray together, causes me to shrink back in shame at times. How we can complain about the fact that we are tired or it may be too cold or maybe too hot to go to church, it’s raining or it’s snowing. Then we think about what they went through to gather for fellowship and it can be heart-wrenching to see how luke-warm we have become.

Getting up before sunrise to do the chores, to feed the cattle, clean the barn, feed the chickens, pick the eggs, slop the pigs, hook up the horses, clean up, put on good clothes and make it to the church on time, help with any setup, and even take part in the service would be a common commitment. What we go through to worship together pales in comparison.

That is why it is important to remember the commitment of our pioneering fathers. Psalm 77:11-12 tell us of God’s faithfulness.

“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.” Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.”

Psalm 145:13 is a promise that had to be treasured by the people that started this church.

“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.”

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Landmarks And Boundaries

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We must hold fast to the truth of God's Word with the same determination that we saw in our forefathers.

I just received a book from one of my sons. It is called, "Dad, I Want To Hear Your Story". This is probably one of the most profound gifts I have ever received. To think that my son would want to know my story is humbling and very gratifying. I want to encourage you all to tell your family your story. To tell them your parents and grandparents story as best you can remember it. And most importantly, tell them about your spiritual journey. How you came to faith in Jesus Christ and what are some of the most significant things He has done in your life as well as how He has used you in the lives of others for His glory.

If Jesus Christ has never become the Lord of your life, don't let another day go by without coming to the foot of the cross in repentance and faith.

Jesus is waiting with open arms. Romans 10:13 says, "All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The history of the churches in our community is foundational as we continue to build our spiritual legacy. Think seriously about writing down your life story for your descendants to see. It can be an heirloom that can be treasured for generations to come. May we always cling tightly to the testimony of God's working in our lives and be ever on the watch for opportunities to add to that story as God brings situations our way.

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Big Woods Run

An organized run through the Big Woods State Park is happening again this year! St John's United Church of Christ is once again planning the Big Woods Run, a race that takes runners through one of the best hardwood forests in southern Minnesota. Saturday, September 28, 2024 is the date to pull on your running shoes and enjoy this scenic trek. The Big Woods should be in prime color for the runners and spectators.

The schedule of events includes a half marathon, 10k, 5k and a kids 1k. The half marathon will take runners through beautiful wooded scenery with challenging hills. The 10k and 5k runners will enjoy a fairly flat wooded trail course. The half marathon and 10k races begin at 9:00am at St John's UCC, 19086 Jacobs Ave, Faribault. 5k runners will take a shuttle bus from the church to the starting line in the middle of the park. 5k runners must be on the bus no later than 8:40am. The kids k begins at 10:30 at the church. Runners



can register online at www.finalstretch.com. Race day registration is 7:15am-8:45am at the church.

Proceeds from the Big Woods Run are donated to local charities. Over \$150,000 has been distributed in the years of the event!

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OBITUARY

Lynne Marie Weierke

Lynne Marie Weierke, 60, unexpectedly passed away at Northfield Hospital on September 13th,



2024. Lynne was born on December 17th, 1963 in Madison, WI, 18 months after her beloved sister and best friend, Leanne. Lynne, Leanne, and their mom spent many years together where they grew an unbreakable bond.

Family was what meant most to Lynne. Her daughter, Chelsey and son, Charlie along with their dad, spent as much time as possible as a family of four. Lynne did not miss a single moment of Chelsey or Charlie's accomplishments. Becoming "Memaw" to her granddaughters, Evelynne and Harlow, was everything to her. Lynne was always ready to share her unforgettable, larger than life personality. She was the strong one who could speak at funerals, hold your hand through the tough times, officiate weddings, or share a laugh. Losing Lynne so unexpectedly will undoubtedly leave a large void in the lives of those that love her.

Lynne is survived by her daughter, Chelsey (Dylan) Meyer, her son, Charlie (Olivia) Weierke, her beloved grandchildren Evelynne and Harlow, sister Leanne (Davey) Neuenfeldt, Fiance, Dave Warweg, niece Kristen (Nick) Estrem, Terry Weierke, Dan (Betty) Heltness, countless cousins, and numerous friends that made her life whole. Lynne joined her loving parents, Charlie and Kay Tomfohrde in heaven, as well as her aunt, Carol (Nurnberg), uncle, Ron (Nurnberg), cousins, Joe and Steve Nurnberg.

A Celebration of Lynne's Life was held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, September 21 at the Canvas Church of Dundas. Visitation was held for two hours prior to the service from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Arrangements are with Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Crematory. www.northfieldfuneral.com

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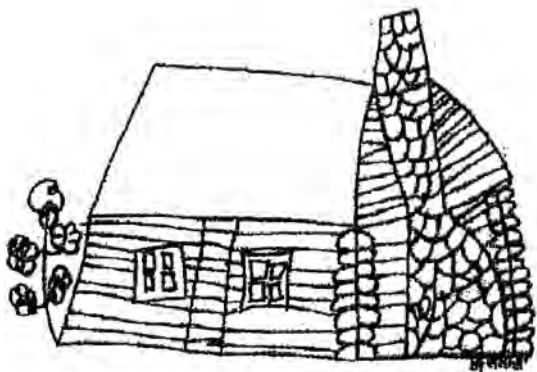
*Please bring a photo or a stuffed animal for the blessing of the animals!

Harvest Thyme Craft Show

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

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

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Application Deadline Extended for FEMA Individual Assistance

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FEMA has extended the application deadline to October 27, 2024, for survivors in the 21 Minnesota counties designated for Individual Assistance.

FEMA assistance may include funds for temporary housing while you are unable to live in your home, such as rental assistance or reimbursement for hotel costs; funds to support the repair or replacement of your pri-

mary home, including privately-owned access routes, such as driveways, roads, or bridges; and funds for disaster-caused expenses and serious needs, such as repair or replacement of personal property and vehicles, funds for moving and storage, medical, dental, child care, funeral expenses, and other pre-approved miscellaneous items.

Disaster survivors who have not yet applied for FEMA assistance should apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA App on your phone, visit a Disaster Recovery Center or call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply.

For even more information about the disaster recovery operation in Minnesota visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4797.

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- Get Some Sleep - Make sure to get enough sleep and rest to refresh the mind and body. If you are spending long hours in a combine or tractor, be sure to take short breaks often.
- Don't Rush - It may take an extra moment or two to walk down every step or double-check a piece of equipment. But that extra time may be a lifesaver. Don't cut corners when it comes to safety.
- Identify hazardous areas on equipment and make sure you stay away from moving parts. Beware of pinch points, shear points, wrap points, pull-in areas, thrown objects, crush points, stored energy hazards and freewheeling parts.
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- Wear proper dust-filtering respirators when working in and around grain handling areas. High amounts of dust and molds could be present and could be very dangerous.

Down on the Farm/ Up at the Cabin Farm Vehicles: More Power!

By
Monica & Claudia Vanderborght

It seemed silly to pay someone to plow the 1/3 mile gravel driveway when Monica owned a perfectly good F250 farm truck. (Plowing couldn't be that difficult, could it?) So she bought a plow blade, had the installers give her a quick "How To" for running it, and figured she was good to go.

Now Monica wasn't inexperienced with vehicles: besides driving sedans and minivans in the suburbs, Monica had toured 49 states on a motorcycle. She had also slow-crawled through many back-country trails with her Jeep Wrangler, equipped with an air-actuated front differential locker, big Super Swamper radial tires, and a 4" suspension lift. She had conquered "Baldy" – a steep, sandy hill at a private off-road camp in northern Wisconsin, disemboweling a rear shock while navigating over some large boulders. In Colorado, she negotiated 12-point turns on the old single-lane mountain trails. And at her elementary school, Monica routinely parked at a 45-degree slant on the snowbank. (The kids loved it; the principal hated it).

The most important lesson from the Dakota Dirt Diggers 4WD club (a great bunch of guys who were happy to teach Monica about their favorite hobby) was probably, "If you never get stuck, you're not doing it right." Glorious freedom to make mistakes! Other important lessons were how to avoid getting stuck (usually) and what it took to get unstuck (towstraps, chains, and winches). Yep, thanks to her Dirt Digger buddies, Monica was somewhat fearless behind the controls of farm vehicles.

The first few snowfalls, light and fluffy, were great practice for the plow controls.

Then one beautiful winter day Monica got overzealous plowing around her pole barn and did, indeed, get stuck. (There was a dip in the lawn that she had forgotten about.) The truck had great clearance, but the snow plow frame didn't. Out came the shovel, the high-lift jack (which she had owned for years but never had a reason to use) and the camera (to memorialize the event). Lesson learned: the plow has less clearance than the truck.

It was a great first winter learning to snow-plow! Only a few times did Monica back into a rock-hard snowbank (going too fast). Or get stuck up to the windows in the hard-packed drift snow across the driveway (going too fast). She volunteered to plow out a friend a few times (only once getting so stuck they had to call the tow truck). And she helped plow the church's parking lot – several times pulling vehicles out of ditches (neither going too fast nor getting stuck).

In the spring, Monica ordered several loads of Class V to firm up the driveway and around the barns. The trucks came once the roads were cleared for heavy equipment. After one dump truck dropped its load and was turning around, the rear tires sunk into the soft spring

lawn. The trucker tried, but the tires only spun and sunk deeper into the soft earth. No stranger to stuck vehicles, Monica – friendly and helpful person that she is – offered to help, explaining that she actually had experience pulling vehicles.

Out came her heaviest chains! A quick hook-up between the dump truck and her little F250 – one tug and he was out. Although he probably never shared that story with his buddies over a bottle of beer.

New livestock necessitated new vehicles. Monica purchased a Kubota tractor to move the 1000-pound round bales for the two cattle and a few 700 pound square bales for the six goats. All was good until after a few thaw-freeze-thaw cycles ... Yes, the Kubota could lift a dry round bale without too much trouble. But when the top few inches had absorbed water and the base had become encased in ice – oops! In the end, Monica took the bales apart and fed the cows one scoopful of hay at a time. Lesson learned: store the hay in the pole barn so it doesn't freeze to the ground.

By winter, the farm had grown to 80 chickens, 14 cows, and 10 goats.

Yes, the Kubota could lift a round bale if it was kept in the pole barn over winter, but it was very difficult to maneuver: with the bale in the front and an implement on the back for ballast, the now very-long tractor required multiple-point turns. She dreamt of something that was both stronger and more maneuverable.

Monica started looking for a skidsteer (just what every retired elementary teacher dreams of!) She had never driven one – had never even sat in one – but fearless Monica started shopping. It wasn't too long before she found one, in-budget, and with acceptable hours.

She drove the F250 with 20' trailer up to get it, but made the sales guy drive it onto the trailer (not willing to look foolish with an audience).

The skid loader was perfect – maneuverable, stronger, and more power! The new snow on the driveway was the perfect place to practice. (And so cozy warm in the cab compared to the chilly open seat of the Kubota.) Who knew the skid loader clearance was only 3 inches? Yup, stuck again. (Towing skills certainly come in handy on a farm.) Claudia in the truck, Monica in the loader – it was out in seconds. Another lesson learned!

Remember the Dakota Dirt Digger motto: "If you never get stuck, you're not doing it right." Monica regularly found herself stuck in the mud with the riding lawnmower, stuck on a high rut in the skidloader, stuck in a ditch with the ATV (who put that ditch there by the silo?). Once, trying to deliver a hay bale to the goats, Monica got the skidloader stuck in the snow ... tried to pull it out with the truck but got it stuck, too ... and then fired up the tractor, driving it out of the summer barn (intending to free the truck and skidloader) but got the tractor stuck in the drifted snow. Claudia headed to the garage for the snow shovels.

That spring, Monica was moving a round bale across the yard to the goat pasture. The frost was starting to come out of the ground and it was slippery. Heavy machines make deep mud ruts; low clearance makes heavy



machines stuck. Usually not a big deal. But this time she couldn't go forward, she couldn't go backwards, and she couldn't get out – trapped inside the cab by the round bale! Oops.

Monica enjoys farm vehicles; Claudia not so much. The most helpful thing Claudia could do was phone Heather: a neighbor, stay-at-home mom, and very experienced farmer. As Claudia reached for the phone, it rang – it was Heather! Calling out of the blue! Within minutes she and her kids were at the farm studying the predicament. Her oldest son had just received a winch for Christmas and was really excited to try it out. He winched the bale off the forks and Heather used the forks to push the loader slowly backward.

And Monica drove the skidloader straight

back into the barn until the ground was solid again. Lesson learned!

In time, Monica got quite proficient with the skid steer, able to unload the 20 foot trailer full of round bales as if she had been doing it for years. She could load and unload any farm vehicle onto the trailer without assistance (ATVs, tractor, skid loader) – for which Claudia was grateful because just watching the operation scared her silly.

Guys like to brag about their vehicles – make, model, even the number of cylinders. Let's see: F-250 (10 cylinders), minivan (4), second minivan (6), tractor (3), skidloader (3), mower (4), ATV (4), second ATV (4) – not bad for a suburban gal turned farmer. Not that anyone cares, but the tire count, including all the trailers, was 40.



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The View From the Back *Part 3*

By Ted Gamble

Ted Gamble is an avid runner and friend of The Messenger. This is the third of a 3 part series on his recent adventures. We hope you enjoy it.

The rest of the lap was somewhat uneventful. We just kept going—"relentless forward progress!". As one racer passed us he said the fifth lap is awful because you've done everything five times and you still have to do it once more before you're done. He was on the best lap, the sixth one—it is the best because each time you hit one of the harder portions of the trail you get to think and say to yourself, "I don't have to do that again--you can even give it an obscene gesture if you want!"

Anyway so we finished lap number five. Chad was pretty tired so he stayed there and rested up with plans to run the loop in reverse so he could meet up with me somewhere along the way and then we could finish together. It was just a few minutes after 6 AM when we finished the fourth lap, and it was just a few minutes before noon when I began lap six. Still on pace.

We did some run/walk intervals a bit on the fifth lap to build some extra cushion into the final lap which would probably be needed. There was still six hours to go, but I didn't want to have to push it too hard, I'm already sore and tired, and now it's getting stressful!

With the various shortcuts and his fresher status we assumed that Chad would be meeting me before I was halfway done.

Anyway, I'm on my own again and looking forward to him Chad later on. That's when the hallucinations started to come hard and often.

The first one occurred where I saw the woman with the large dog on the side of the trail that goes down to the first water stop; this time it was a little girl putting up a garage sale sign. I thought it could be real, this part of the trail is an old logging road that leads to a gravel road that I'm sure goes by some farms and rural homes. There could be a garage sale around here somewhere. Makes sense, right?

But once again, this was a tree stump. Earlier, I wrote about trying to find the downhill that goes down to the Sand Coulee area. As I was moving along the trail looking for this and not finding it, I realized that I hadn't seen any of the orange ribbons along side of the trail for quite a while.

Oh no, am I lost? Now what? I will never finish on time now! Deep down...here's my excuse...

So I backtrack for a little bit until I found one, touched it to make sure it was real, and then turned around assured that I was on the right trail. I didn't backtrack much, but it was wasted time, and it took away from my "relentless forward progress" motto.

It still seemed to take a while before I finally found the downhill turn. When I finally found it, there was a young man sitting with his girlfriend at the top of the hill.

I'm wondering what they're doing there? Are they suffering as much as I? Maybe I can rest with them a bit before we tackle Sand Coulee, the company would be nice.... Turns out they weren't doing anything. The young man and his girlfriend were just a couple of bushes. Anyway, when I finally got to the bottom there was an old rusty pickup truck parked off to the side in the woods. Just another large stump on the ground.

I'm about halfway, where is Chad? Anyway, time to climb up to the Scenic Overlook Trail for the last time. I am not sure if this guy was real or not, but he was sitting on the side of the trail near the top. Shirtless (it was pretty warm again by then) and wearing a hydration pack. I looked down for a bit, and he had moved to the last switchback. He did not reply when I greeted him, but I didn't stop either. Was he real? I don't know.

I stopped and admired the view from the top (for the last time!) and continued down the trail. I really like this part of the trail, and just enjoyed slowly trotting along. The next phase that I had to look forward to was my final descent down Ant Hill.

It was really tempting to cut some corners or take some shortcuts that would make the journey a little easier. But, I knew deep down that I wouldn't/couldn't do it. Even though nobody would see, I would know that I cheated. So I didn't. Why even consider it, then?

"Lord help me make it through this!" I prayed.

Anyway, as I'm approaching Ant Hill, I



Finishing the "Death March"

started to imagine taking a short cut along a trail that runs along the ridge that meets up at the top of Paddy's hill. This would eliminate the descent down Ant Hill and the equally brutal trip up Paddy's Hill. Nobody would know, maybe if I...and then I saw a flatbed truck with a wooden gate around the bed filled with about a dozen large propane tanks--the kind that you see at older gas stations in rural areas. To the side of the truck was a farmer and his wife. Both were wearing flannel shirts—that's weird, it's kinda hot today, I thought. He was posing next to the truck while his wife was taking photos. He looked very proud. There were others standing behind the truck. There's no way I can take my shortcut now!

As I turned onto Ant Hill the entire scene disintegrated into the trees and bushes that were always there.

Maybe only five miles to go? I glanced at my phone and it's getting close to 4:30. About 90 minutes to go.

Normally, on any other day this would not be a big deal. But, today was different. I have been up for roughly 36 hours, and been moving since 8 AM the day before.

Am I going to make it? Everything hurts, I'm tired, and starting to worry. I just want this to be done.

As I got to the bottom of Ant Hill just before making the turn up on Paddy's Hill I saw a guy come off the road, and he is "sneaking" (high stepping it, elbows out, looking from

side to side—did I really just see that?) onto Paddy's Hill. He just gets on the hill and starts hiking up, did he just cheat?

That makes me kind of mad!

Maybe it bothered me because earlier on I had thought about doing the exact same thing. At the bottom of the Scenic Overlook Trail there is a road that cuts to where the bottom of Ant Hill and Paddy's Hill join up. Taking that route cuts a few miles off the route, and eliminates a couple of very tough hills. But, I also knew as soon as I had the thought that if I cheated I would regret it because I would know that I cheated, even if no one else did.

Anyway, I followed him up the hill and did not see him again until I passed him about a mile later just before starting the final "Death March". He looked like he was in a lower place than I was, no wonder he took a short cut!

Just before leaving the woods, I could see a few people running up the gravel road. What is going on? Maybe they're aid station workers getting a little exercise?

When I got on the road I notice off on the side in there were three or four people sitting in camp chairs enjoying some cold drinks. Only they weren't there. More hallucinations.

Even weirder than the hallucinations was the fact that they were coming so often and I did not think it was weird. It just was.

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The View From the Back

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There was a small portable TV on the side of the road that probably should have been a hallucination but wasn't. It was really there and had been since the first lap. Thankfully, nothing was playing on the TV whenever I saw it. Now, that would have been weird!

One of the aid station workers that was running on the road approached me and asked me if I needed any help to finish this thing.

"I will take any help that you can give!" I replied, grateful for the offer.

We exchanged introductions, her name was Jeannie and she was from Milwaukee. She was here to

"give back to the community". It seems foolish now, but I had to ask if she was real, I had been seeing too many things that weren't for the last few hours.

She was real all right. We started down the hill together and she reassured me that we had plenty of time to make it. As long as I crossed the finish line before 6PM, I would be happy. But Jeannie had other ideas and wanted to push me. She wanted a bigger cushion than I did. Why? I don't know; she was kind of harsh.

Hey, where was Chad? He should have been here hours ago!

"I can see physically you're wasted, but mentally you still have something in the tank. Now let's run to that tree. Not that tree—the next one! Keep going!"

I would have preferred Chad; he would have been nicer to me.

I told Jeannie that I was still expecting him, even though he was late. But, remember my prayer earlier? Jeannie was an answered prayer—God gives you what you need, not what you want.

We cross the bridge, for the final time. Now we're now on the last stretch of road before the turn back into the campground and the Finish Line.



"Hey, is that your buddy coming towards us?"

It was Nick and Linda.

"Yes, but not the one I was expecting! Hey, and that's my wife, too!"

I was really happy to see them; seeing Linda was an extra surprise.

But, I was not finished yet, I still had about a half mile to go. Eventually, finally, we see the sign indicating the turn into the campground.

And the Finish Line.

Suddenly, it wasn't hard to run. I trotted into the campground following the line of orange flags to the Finish. As I passed our tents, I noticed my daughter, Katey, sitting out front. She jumped out of the chair and headed to the Finish to meet me.

I didn't expect to see a lot of people there, but some of my crew was there and there were several race volunteers still hanging out. They probably had to stay until everyone was finished.

When I crossed the finish line, I expected elation. But I was too wore out and there was only relief. The people that were still there cheered as I was handed my belt buckle and a wooden race medal was placed around my neck.

Then I had the honor of signing the Zumbro 100 Finishers poster. My name next to the legends of Zumbro.

Derrick and Chris waited see me finish. The rest of our group had packed up and left. Chad had fallen asleep—that's why he never met me. He woke up from his nap, and was there too.

Pretty soon Nick and Linda joined us.

I was officially the last finisher. Number 44 out of 69 that started. So, really, technically, not last!

As I conclude, I'm thinking back to my father's question above, "Why the hell do you



Adding my name to the 100 Mile Finisher poster. I'm grabbing wood below so I don't fall over.

want to do that?" Well, here's an answer from Dean Karnazes that I really like:

"Western culture has it a little backwards right now. We think that if we have every comfort available to us, we'll be happy. We equate comfort with happiness. And now we're so comfortable, we're miserable.

There's no struggle in our lives. No sense of adventure. We get in a car, we get in an elevator, sit at a desk. It's all comes so easy. What I've found is that I'm never more alive than when I'm pushing, and I'm in pain, and I'm struggling. And in that struggle, I think there's a magic."

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Yelloh™ (Formerly Schwans Home Delivery) Announces November End of Operations

Facing economic and market headwinds, Yelloh prepares to close operations and permanently park its iconic yellow delivery vehicles

MARSHALL, Minn. – Yelloh has announced it will cease all operations in November 2024, closing out a storied 72-year history as a Minnesota pioneer in the food home-delivery market. Founded in Marshall, Minn., where it still maintains a headquarters, the company grew to a nationwide frozen food delivery leader with the country's largest fleet of freezer trucks.



Since its founding in 1952, Yelloh made high-quality frozen meals, foods, treats, and ice cream accessible to American homes by delivering products to neighborhood doorsteps with its fleet of iconic yellow trucks. The company set itself apart with the friendly, trusting relationships it built between customers and team members, some of which lasted for decades.

"It's with heavy hearts that we made the difficult decision to cease operations of Yelloh," said CEO Bernardo Santana. "We are thankful to our many loyal customers and hard-working employees for everything they have done to support us. I am deeply grateful for our employees' tireless and bold efforts, and our customers' dedication. It has been our utmost pleasure and honor to serve our customers their favorite meals and frozen treats."

"As it is for the people of Yelloh, closing this company is a heartbreaking decision for me personally," said Michael Ziebell, Board Member, who was a 22-year veteran of the company holding leadership roles in the 1990s and early 2000s before returning recently as a Board member. "Our concern is now for our employees and caring for them as we all come to terms with the fact that this business – that served millions of families and provided a livelihood for thousands over the decades – has regrettably run its life cycle."

The company cited multiple insurmountable business challenges for the decision, including economic and market forces, as well as changing consumer lifestyles.

"The current Yelloh team has worked hard against external headwinds such as the nationwide staffing challenges and crushing food supply chain disruption caused by the pandemic," said Ziebell. "These challenges, combined with changing consumer lifestyles and competitive pressures that have been building for over 20 years, made success very difficult. Digital shopping has replaced the personal, at-the-door customer interaction that was the hallmark of the company."

Yelloh will wind down operations over the next two months, taking care of employees with notice and pay in accordance with the WARN Act. The last day products may be purchased via Yelloh trucks will be Friday, November 8.

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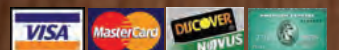
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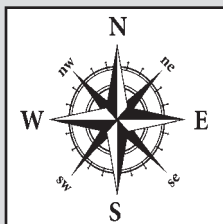


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By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

I built our home on Kentucky Lake in 2021. I had purchased the land a few years earlier but kind of left it alone while we worked on other projects. I hadn't scoped out the property before purchasing it, because it was sort of an impulse buy. I was quite surprised to find it was right over the hill from the lake. Once the leaves came off the trees, I could see the water.

As I started to rough in the structure I began to fall in love with the area. It was peaceful and so quiet. There was nobody around. Just my neighbor Gloria and her two beautiful Golden retrievers who came by every day to visit. She lived about a half mile up the road and would drive her golf cart over so see the crazy longhaired guy building a house all by himself. These were all rich people who hire everything done. I think they were intrigued by the working class in action.

What I learned with time was that all these houses along the lake were summer homes for most of the owners. Big beautiful homes. Million-dollar properties with \$150,000 boats sitting in a shed next to the house. All vacant during the winter. After I finished the house and we were living there, I would walk the dog up to the lake and along the road where all these fancy, empty homes were located. About one in ten had a resident. They did show up over Christmas and New Year and then vanished again. The year-round residents soon became our friends. They are al-



ways happy to visit when I go by. John at the end of Dogwood mows our lawn and trims weeds all summer. He makes a living mowing everyone's lawn in the area. Harry is a retired farmer from Illinois, who lives about a mile down the road from us. He has a John Deere tractor with a loader. He loaded the logs on my trailer, landscaped our property and bladed gravel for our driveways. Bob and Linda live across the valley from us and keep an eye on our house when we are gone.

Building this house down by the lake was relaxing for me. I would work on the newspaper all morning online and then drive over from our small farm by Dover, to build all afternoon. A half-hour drive each way. The hardware store in Dover was also a lumber yard so I could pick up supplies on the way for each day. The only downside was that the pandemic panic had driven the price of lumber sky high. I was paying \$9 per 2x4, during 2021. Pretty shocking to haul \$1,000 of lumber to the building site each day. Fortunately, I had drawn up the plans for the house two years prior and I had purchased all the exterior log siding and interior rustic pine tongue and groove lumber while prices were good, and they were stored on the car trailer in the pole shed on the farm.

My plan had been to spend a couple winters completing this project and enjoy the summers in Minnesota. But the spring of 2022 ushered in an overheated housing market and when my wife listed our hobby farm outside of Dover, she had an offer in four days. Suddenly I was going to finish a house in four months, or we wouldn't have a winter home to go to. I worked from 6am to 10pm seven days a week. Just like farming, only I was quite a lot older now. July and August are quite hot in Tennessee, everyday can reach 100 degrees. I got the house buttoned up before we closed on the old one and then spent the rest of the year finishing the interior.

Back to the million-dollar mansions on the lake shore. We got in the habit of driving the

golf cart for miles along the waterfront roads each day with the dogs. Smaller gravel roads lead away from the paved roads and down these little paths you find a different life. Old run-down shacks where the hillbilly's live looking right out of a century ago. Some you wouldn't think were habitable but the lights were on. Most were surrounded by years of junk and trash. We have seen houses with so much garbage in front of the door, one can hardly get through. It is sad to find that within a mile from the most affluent lifestyle was a most depressing and primitive one. Most of these were home to people with no motivation to pick up after themselves or try and improve their lifestyle. The locals call them hillbilly's.

A Minnesotan: State Fair



By RosaLin Alcoser

The Minnesota State Fair is something to look forward to with great anticipation.

Unless you are one of the Minnesotans, like me, who did not think through living near the State Fair grounds before moving there.

For everyone else it is a time to be excited about. From the farm expositions, 4-H projects, musicians, to the rides everyone has something to look forward to at the fair. The thing I have heard most about this year has been the food from my

co-workers. Mostly about the variety of things that have been deep fried. The most heavily discussed one has been the new deep fried ranch dressing that has been there this year. While no one I have spoken to has actually tried this it has been one of the more curious deep fried foods I have ever heard of.

While I did not go this year I have gone before in years. My favorite trip to the Minnesota State Fair was the year we went as soon as the gates opened. Which is really the ideal time to go to the fair.

That year we had a great parking spot at the fairgrounds and got in before it started getting crowded. We had a great time walking around before everything was open drinking coffee from the Farmers of America stand while eating mini-donuts. If you have never had mini-donuts for breakfast I would highly recommend doing so.

By the time we had been there roughly eight hours we were tired of the fair and ready to go at about 1PM or 2PM. Which is just about the time the fair really starts to get overly crowded in my opinion. We had seen all of the attractions we had wanted to see and tried all the fun fair foods we had gone for. Making a perfect trip to the State Fair.

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Rebuilding Soil After Flooding – Soil Health Incentive Program Now Available



By Alan Kraus, Soil Health Specialist

As I begin my new position as a Soil Health Specialist with Rice and Steele SWCDs, it's humbling to see the challenges farmers face following this year's heavy rains. Many, if not most fields in our area had standing water on saturated soil for extended weeks. Some of those flooded zones are standing bare still.

When soil is under saturated conditions for an extended period of time and is left unplanted to any crop or cover crop, the change in the biological health of the soil can be carried into the next season. Growing plants build up the microbial community in the root zone, which is essential to nutrient cycling, especially phosphorous. Cover crops can also prevent weeds from establishing in areas where the commodity crop failed.

In addition to unplanted areas, many fields had significant soil erosion representing a serious and costly loss of valuable topsoil and crop nutrients. Reduced tillage such as strip-till and no-till, along with cover crops, will prevent erosion and rebuild the soil.

Help is available for farmers to improve and protect their soil. Sign-up at Rice SWCD for



Cover crops grow in a field near Northfield, Minnesota

cost-share incentives for strip-till, no-till, and cover crops is now open. This year, the cost-share for cover crops is \$5 higher per acre than previous years and for the first time, Rice SWCD has cost share available for strip-till, no-till, and planting commodity crops into a green cover crop – “planting green”.

Fields that do not have a long history of cover crops, strip-till, no-till, or planting green (only received the practice three out of the last ten years) are eligible to be enrolled. The Rice SWCD Board established the Soil Health Incentive Program and set the following rates for a maximum of 80 acres per farm:

Cover crops: \$30/acre for a 1-year contract (single or multiple species); \$35/acre for a 3-year contract – single species, or \$40/acre – multiple species

Strip-till or No-till: \$15/acre for a 1-year or 2-year contract will allow using the practice on different fields; \$25/acre for a 3-year contract will allow using the practice (or combination of the two practices) on the same field.

Planting green: \$5/acre can be added to these cost share incentives when the commodity crop is planted into the cover crop ahead of, or within 7 days after, terminating the cover crop

Stackable: These cost-share incentives can be stacked together on the enrolled acres. Also, they can be stacked with other non-state funding sources such as NRCS EQIP



Strip-till on a farm near Nerstrand, Minnesota

and CSP cost share and the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition cover crop incentive (\$10/acre).

In addition, the Rice SWCD has several scholarships for farmers (first come first served) who enroll acres to attend either the Premier Soil Health Event for free on December 3-4 in Mankato or the Soil Management Summit on January 29-30, 2025 in Mankato, MN.

The Rice SWCD Soil Health Incentive Program is an excellent opportunity for Rice County farmers to either get started or continue on their own soil health journey. Call the Rice SWCD Office at 507-332-5408 for more details and get your acres enrolled soon.

Learn More about Soil Health and Available Conservation Funding

- Rice SWCD Soil Health Incentive Program
- Rice SWCD Custom Interseeding Program



Planting green on a farm near Circle Lake in Rice County, Minnesota

- Visit our Cover Crops webpage
 - Visit our Conservation Tillage webpage
- Alan Kraus is a Soil Health Specialist with the Rice and Steele SWCDs. He works with producers and landowners in both counties to implement soil health conservation practices. In Rice County, he also promotes the Soil Health Incentives Program and Custom Interseeding Program. Contact Alan with your conservation questions at 507-332-5408.

The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District is a subdivision of state government. It is overseen by a five member board of supervisors elected countywide to represent the soil and water conservation needs of the county. The board of supervisors make policy decisions, approve cost-share contracts, and promote soil and water conservation. The mission of the Rice Soil and Water Conservation District is: "To assist land users in the management and conservation of our soil and water resources by means of educational, financial, and technical assistance." Learn more about the District at our website: www.riceswcd.org.

Staffing Changes at the Rice SWCD

This summer has brought several staffing changes to the Rice SWCD. Jarett Spitzack has taken a job as the new Ditch Inspector for Rice County. Kourtney Spitzack has also taken a new position with the Le Sueur SWCD as their Outreach Specialist. We wish Jarett and Kourtney the best of luck in their new positions.

The Rice SWCD would also like to welcome Alan Kraus as our new Soil Health Specialist. Alan will be splitting his time with the Steele SWCD, working with producers and landowners in both counties to implement soil health conservation practices. Contact Alan with all your questions about cover crops, conservation tillage, and conservation program opportunities.

Alan earned an M.S. in Agricultural Economics and a B.S. in Dairy Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has 25 years of experience dairy farming in Central Wisconsin where he implemented managed grazing and no-till planting of corn and soybeans. As Chair of the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee, Alan worked with numerous local, regional, and state organizations to advance community goals of agricultural profitability and environmental sustainability. Since 2017, Alan was the Conservation Program Manager for Clean River Partners where he organized and led numerous soil health outreach events as well as on-farm cover crop and water quality research projects. Alan and his wife Emily live in Northfield, MN.



Alan Kraus, Soil Health Specialist with the Rice SWCD

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Public Input Wanted as Rice County Updates Hazard Mitigation Plan



Rice County residents, community leaders, business owners, area agencies and organizations now have an opportunity to share how severe weather events impact their property and lives. There is also an opportunity to share their ideas on how to reduce local impacts in the future.

The Rice County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management is working with U-Spatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth to update the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The plan assesses the natural hazards that pose risk to the county, such as tornadoes, straight line winds, ice storms, blizzards, wildfire, flooding, and extreme temperatures and identifies ways to minimize the damage of future events. As the county works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The Rice County HMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers Rice County, including all cities and townships within the county. The Rice County HMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of school districts, watershed districts, and other related agencies, organizations, or businesses participating in the planning process. The plan will be updated by a planning team made up of representatives from county departments, local municipalities, and other key stakeholders. When completed, the plan will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.

"Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program," said Joseph Johnson, Rice County Director of Emergency Management. "Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient. Hazard mitigation helps us to break the cycle of damage and repair caused by things like flooding, ice storms, and severe wind events that can damage property, stress economies, and threaten life safety in our county."

Examples of hazard mitigation include:

- Conducting public outreach on severe weather awareness and preparedness
- Improving stormwater management systems to better handle high-rain events
- Removing existing buildings from flood or erosion prone hazard areas
- Increasing defensible space around homes

in high-risk wildfire areas

- Constructing tornado safe rooms in vulnerable areas such as mobile home parks
- Burying overhead powerlines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice, or windstorms

Some mitigation activities may be eligible for future FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding.

Public input is an essential part of the plan update. As part of the planning process, Rice County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses to incorporate into the plan. Your input will be recorded and incorporated into the planning process:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- Are there specific populations or assets in your community that you feel are more vulnerable to future storm events?

• What concerns do you have, and what sorts of actions do you feel would help to reduce damages of future hazard events in your community or the county as a whole?

Your feedback is wanted. Comments, concerns, or questions regarding natural disas-

ters and your ideas for mitigation projects should be submitted to Rice County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management by phone, email, or by posting a comment via a social media posting of this article.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the planning process. A draft of the plan will be made available for public review prior to submission of the plan to the State of Minnesota. Future news releases will be shared with the media to notify the public of these opportunities.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every 5 years to maintain eligibility for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs.

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City of Dennison Meeting minutes July 11th, 2024

The July Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Flaten on Thursday, July 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilors Diane Ruddle, Heidi Cooke, and clerk Jessica Page. Councilors Nichole Schloesser and Kaylyn Nygaard were unable to attend.

Councilor Ruddle moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0. Councilor Cooke moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mayer Flaten second. Motion passed 3:0.

Old Business/Committee Reports/ Building Permits:

Administrative Issues:

1. Bryan Caffin from Bollig Engineering will be present to discuss the GIS proposal and answer questions about the PER progress (Preliminary Engineering Report. Regarding the GIS proposal, City wouldn't have to pay the set up fee since Bollig is having to do a lot of it already for the report, would just be the annual fee.

PER isn't ready at this time. Very close. Finishing draft and then a technical committee reviews it, then comes to the City for approval, then to submit to Rural development. It is an 800 page document.

2. Laura Ostlie from Bollig Engineering to discuss federal funding. Need more letters of support for the project to send to the senators. Should send them in sooner than later. Can be from anyone.

3. Opus and new billing system. Updates. Clerk spoke with Lauren regarding some billing issues. Taxes were billed to all residential users, for both volume and the base fee. Commercial users were taxed on the base rate. The Utilities debt was not billed, the service charge was not billed. The water and sewer volumes were correctly broken down into thirds. Lauren was going to work with her project lead to get those fixed. They will be billing again next week. Current spreadsheet is working to get numbers to Opus for local payments received.

4. City website. Heidi was going to check out Ionos Web Hosting and report back to the council. Heidi is working on some things for setting up and will continue to work on setting it up and will send it out to council when she is ready. Clerk asked regarding email inbox space. Can look at deals (annual payment vs monthly payments, add ons for more email space, etc.

5. Replacing the water heater at City Hall

with a Point-of-Use Electric Tankless water heater. Per the council's request. Bids received from Keith Pumper and Cedar Lake Electric (\$921.00 + \$775.00 = \$1,696.00). We're still waiting for a revised bid from Paul's Plumbing Bid which includes plumbing \$800 and \$200 electrical LaCannes. Lions will make an additional donation to cover the cost of the water heater per Diane up to another \$500. Councilor Ruddle move to accept Paul's Plumbing quote. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0.

6. Dennison 2025 to 2027 police contract rates. A letter was sent to the City on May 30th from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department explaining the potential increase in the policing rates. Current 2024 rate is \$40.07 per hour, 260 hours per year contracted. 2025 is projected to be approximately \$87.46 per hour. 2026 rate is projected at \$90.66 and 2027 is \$93.73. Bel-lechester also paid the same rate and will be seeing the same rate increase. In 2024, towns like Wanamingo and Pine Island were paying \$58.55 per hour. July 16th the County Board will vote, more than likely, to set the policing rates for the next three years. In talking with the Sheriff's Dept., the plan is to get a contract for us to review by September at the latest. Do we have any say as to hours they are present. Mayor will see if we can change. Clerk send out the sheriff's reports to council.

7. June flooding update. Mayor attended the meeting at the Rice County Administrative building on July 2nd to discuss the Preliminary Damage Assessment with state officials. We have two areas that will qualify for reimbursement, our sewer pond road and sewer discharges in June. Each area will need to reach a threshold of \$3,900 to be potentially reimbursed by the state. Once the City receives invoices for all work/time, then we will submit to the state for review. The same process/reimbursement is eligible for 5th Avenue Way in Goodhue County. Can we change the discharge dates in out new permit? State would cover 75% if we meet the threshold. Bill will clean the 5th Ave Way culverts up when he is able to. Bill will grade 5th Ave. after it rains as it needs to be damp.

8. Mayor attended the Nerstrand Fire Contract discussion for 2025 on June 26th. The fire chief is anticipating a 5% increase in our contract, \$800 to \$900. Due mostly to gear costs and pay increases. Fire Dept would like the hot water heater hooked up.

9. Update from the clerk about being out of compliance on our pay equity reporting, and

potentially pay equity. Should have all needed information.

10. Need to appoint election judges for both the primary and the general election. Charlie Helcl, Jeff Flaten, Katy Gillispie, Heidi Cooke, Rae Rusnak, Lorri Wisnewski, Jessica Page, Kim Poulin, Dan Storlie provided all training and other requirements are met. For both the August Primary election and the November General Election. Resolution 7-2024-1. Councilor Ruddle move to pass Resolution 7-2024-1 to appoint the election judges. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0.

11. MS Ride Across MN. City was sent a contract from the organization. Need to review and sign. They were wondering if the City Hall can be used as a place to rest, or in case of inclement weather. Requested some additional information. Council is okay with them using City Hall in case of inclement weather.

12. Update regarding Pete Lee's building on Main Street. Minor clean up, no repairs, buyer is figuring out what to do. 90 days will be expiring soon. Once the 90 days is up, what is the City going to do. Jeff told August 1 Pete needs to know what is going on. File a formal action?

13. Snow plowing contract. Diane changed dates on the advertisement. Contract needs to be updated to correct date, and #11 date change also 3-31-2025. Dates on signature page need to be changed. Twice in the paper Due September 4th. Should be in the paper the first and second week of August. Need to make sure there are instructions how to find it on the website.

Citizens Issues: Missing six tables. Diane will ask Joe. Some tables were broken during Dennison Days, etc. As well as some chairs. Clerk will get an updated count. Lions did donate some new 8 foot tables also.

Mayors Issues:

Utilities:

1) Update from Nate. See email from Nate.
2) LMI fluoride pump installed on 6-27-24. State reimbursed the City for the pump and payment received for the amount of \$1,113.60. Travis and Nate did the swap.

3) Need pricing on a new DO meter. Nate provided in email \$1500 for the DO meter. Would UC labs be able to use the old one? Sell it? Will try to see if anyone can use.

4) Review DO paperwork by the council, per the corrective actions response submitted to the MPCA. Will do next month.

5) Fire hydrants flushed on 7-11 in the afternoon. Nate noted that the water looking better than in previous years, so hopefully all the sediment from the well pump breaking is flushed out.

6) Water meters provided to Rob Taylor who is going to put in a second meter for irrigation on June 27th. TL Properties needed a new meter for their property as the old meter was leaking. Will need to order more meters as this would bring the City down to 1 meter.

Contact Luhrs about the second irrigation meter.

7) Spraying done by Bob Flom on the ponds. Would like to do another application this year to try to get it under control, and then be able to maintain with spot spraying. Jeff things we need to spray the driveway. Ask Bob to spray the Thistles. Nate mowed them down.

8) Streets need to be sprayed for weeds, as well as the City shop driveway.

Councilor Ruddle moved to pay the bills. Councilor Cooke second. Motion passed 3:0.

Mayor Flaten moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Cooke second. Meeting was adjourned..

Next meeting: August 1st at 7:00 pm.

City of Nerstrand City Council Meeting Minutes 221 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN August 20, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Todd Evavold, Council Members Monica Germandt, John Harris, Kevin O'Brien

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Frances Boehning, Steve McDowell

GUESTS: Annette Evavold, Jolie Harris, Amy Harris, visitor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council member John Harris made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Council member Kevin O'Brien. All approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Payment of Claims dated August 20, 2024.

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Commissioner Corner

Greetings, District 3.

We are getting close to setting our preliminary budget amount and trying to balance needs vs. wants vs. taxes, can be real challenging. I want to thank staff for all they are doing to watch their spending in their departments. With everything going up in price I know how difficult it is to make ends meet. I am concerned about my grandchildren's future and what kind of money will be needed to support them. I did refile for another term for county commissioner, this is a 4 year term and I cannot believe that I am in my final year of my first term. I want to thank the Goodhue County Fair Board for putting on an amazing fair this year, I sure did enjoy my time at the fair. Another thank you goes out to all the non-profit organizations that are working here in Goodhue County, you are all appreciated so much. A reminder that the school buses are back on the roads and soon so will the combines and farm equipment. Please be cautious and patient while on our roads.

One ask that I have is, if you have any questions that I can help with please contact me. I struggle with social media trying to answer or solve a problem. Social media is a great tool when used responsibly and respectfully. My number is 507-319-9550.

Thank you, Todd



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B. Minutes from July 9, August 6th, and August 14th, 2024

MOTION:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Council Member John Harris, second by Council Member Monica Gernandt.

All approved.

BOLLIG UPDATE:

Bryan Caffin reviewed the preliminary engineering report. Steve McDowell requested that the sewer improvements be added to the report, Bollig replied that they would work with Steve to add the items.

Motion to request Bollig Engineering submit the preliminary engineering report, including the sewer improvement, to USDA Rural Development and other funding agencies. Motion made by Monica Gernandt, second by John Harris, all approved.

Bollig noted that Nerstrand could receive additional funding if the median household income falls below a specific threshold. Bollig said that for \$20,000 they could contact every household in Nerstrand and if they receive better information, the city's median income could be less than stated in the U.S. Census report. This would allow the city to apply for additional grant money. Council Member Monica Gernandt made a motion to approve Bollig Engineering moving forward with contacting all residents to determine accurate household incomes at a cost of \$10,000 down and \$10,000 when funding is received, Council Member Kevin O'Brien seconded, approved by Mayor Todd Evavold, Council Member Monica Gernandt, Council Member

Kevin O'Brien. Not approved by Council Member John Harris.

CLERK'S REPORT:

• New utility billing company options – The clerk reviewed the options available for utility billing companies. She will review the top two options and report back to the Council next month. Council Member John Harris made a motion to approve tabling the discussion until September, Council Member Monica Gernandt seconded the motion, all approved.

• The Clerk reviewed recent activity during July and early August.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Fix City Hall front door and bathroom – The recent problem with the toilet overflowing was discussed. The mechanics of the toilet water tank need repair along with the floor drain which was not functioning properly. A plumber will be contacted regarding this. It was noted that the front door of the building has a couple of gaps. A request was made to have Lee Gernandt look at the door and make a recommendation.

• Discuss proposed levy. The final levy budget meeting is set for December 10th, at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend and speak. A discussion was held regarding the proposed levy. Council Member Monica Gernandt suggested that residents be requested to come before the Council and participate in the discussion at the September 10 meeting. Council Member Monica Gernandt made a motion to table the discussion until September 10th, Council Member John Harris seconded, all approved.

• Open Council Member positions – The current position filings were noted. Two res-

idents filed for five open positions; another resident filed as a write in candidate. If positions remain open following the election, the Clerk will work with the League of Cities to determine if the current Council appoints new people or if the new Council should.

• Co-op Fuel – Council Member John Harris made a motion to approve a prepay order with Co-op fuel of \$4,394, Council Member Monica Gernandt seconded the motion, all approved.

• Tree trimming in the alley - \$645 quote from Flom Tree – Following discussion, Council Member John Harris made a motion to accept the quote of \$645 from Flom Tree to trim the trees in the alleys, Council Member Monica Gernandt seconded, all approved.

• Vezzoli construction permit – The timing of the permit and current progress were discussed by the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

• Update information for Pickle Ball Court: The cement is curing. Mayor Evavold reviewed that the grading was done and will be seeded. He requested that a pallet of sod be purchased from Baun Sod for \$250 to be placed near the swale to prevent erosion. Council Member Monica Gernandt made a motion to approve the \$250 for a pallet of sod, Council Member John Harris seconded, all approved.

• Aged Utility Balances: A discussion was held regarding residents paying for aged utility balances. The Council agreed that a letter would be sent to residents after two missed payments notifying them that if payment is not made, the water would be shut off.

• Small Cities membership: Following discussion, the Council choose not the enroll in Small Cities.

9. Reports of Officers

• Public Works Director –

• Steve McDowell stated that he would be in training in Mankato next week with additional training in September to maintain his license. Council Member Monica Gernandt made a motion to approve payment of the \$40 invoice for training along with mileage, Council Member John Harris seconded the motion, all approved.

• Steve McDowell noted the current issues with the lead and copper inventory project. He is scheduled to receive additional training on this.

• The new NPDES permit has been issued and the City now has 180 days to develop a chloride management plan.

• The well house has been tuck pointed and painted.

• Mayor – Mayor Todd Evavold mentioned that the new roof would be installed in about two weeks.

• Fire Department – The report from Joe Johnson was included in the packet for the month.

• Council Members: None.

MOTION ADJOURN:

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Monica Gernandt second by Council Member Kevin O'Brien to adjourn. All Approved.

Todd Evavold, Mayor

Frances Boehning, City Clerk

Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for September 10th, 2024, at Nerstrand City Hall

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 14. Distinctive period in history
 15. Munchausen's title
 16. Likewise
 17. Campfire leftover
 18. Jason Bateman/Laura Linney TV drama
 19. *Traditionally clipped
 21. *OS in POS at the supermarket
 23. Bro's sibling
 24. "___ there, done that"
 25. T in Greek
 28. FBI's cold one
 30. Windshield ____, pl.
 35. "The ___ for Red October"
 37. Coach of Dallas Mavericks
 39. Bow's partner
 40. Black and white killer
 41. Be in accord
 43. First word in fairy tale
 44. Formerly known as Pleasant Island
 46. Long-lasting Steelers coach
 47. TV's "man named Brady"
 48. *GO in BOGO
 50. French "place"
 52. 6th sense
 53. Adored one
 55. What cruelty and crush have in common
 57. *Dairy aisle package
 60. *S&H Green ____
 63. Non motorized vessel
 64. I have
 66. Nev.'s neighbor
 68. Offspring, collectively
 69. Rank above maj.
 70. Visual
 71. QBR in football, e.g.
 72. Will Ferrell's Christmas classic
 73. Like a gymnast

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 3. Football legend Graham
 4. Unborn vertebrate
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 6. *Like freezer aisle "Cuisine"
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 8. California/Nevada lake
 9. Mediterranean Strip
 10. Not written
 11. Dull one
 12. Pen juice
 15. Home to Sarajevo
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 22. Like marines in slogan
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 25. Flip-flop
 26. Plural of aura
 27. Adam Sandler's "___ Gems"
 29. Manual communication gesture
 31. High school ball
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 36. Tropical tuber
 38. *Sliced items section
 42. Choose a president
 45. "___ we stand, divided we fall"
 49. Tokyo, once
 51. Adenine's partner in RNA
 54. Chilled (2 words)
 56. Savory taste sensation
 57. *Rolling supermarket carrier
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