



Mainstreet Messenger™

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #2
Dennison, MN 55018

Postal Customer
ECRWSS

APRIL 23, 2025

Volume 22 • Issue 4

Silent Disco at WildWood May 9

Friday, May 9 | 8-11:30pm
WildWood | 315 Main Street, Nerstrand
\$20/ticket
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED
BY MAY 2!! (continued on page 4)

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

Mark Your Calendar for Dennison Days June 20 & 21

Garden Tractor Pull Returns Friday Night and Russ Franek & The Biscuits to Perform Saturday



The annual Dennison Days Festival takes place Friday and Saturday, June 20 & 21, 2025.

The Gopher State Garden Tractor Pullers will return to Main Street Friday evening in Dennison, hosted by 625 Bar &

Grill. More information is available at www.gsgtp.com. Following the Pull, 625 will host live music.

The Kids Pedal Pull returns Saturday morning this year and will take place on Main Street at 11 AM Saturday morning as part of a full day of events during the festival.

Live Music Saturday evening from local band RUSS FRANEK & THE BISCUITS taking the stage with his full band Saturday evening.

A full schedule of events will be available soon at www.dennisondays.org and will appear in The Messenger and websites soon.

Other events making a return this year are



Andy Tackett



the Clutchmen Classic Car & Bike Show, Antique Tractor Pull, Bingo, Pancake Breakfast, Bags Tournament, Kids Bingo, Purse & Gift Card Bingo and more.

Anyone with questions or suggestions for events for the 2025 festival should contact Lions Club President Diane Ruddle.

City of Dennison City-Wide Clean-Up Day Scheduled for May 17

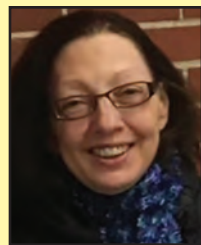
Clean-Up Day for Residents of Dennison is scheduled for: Saturday, May 17th, 2025 from 9:00am to 10:30am.

Location: Empty lot located on Cty. Rd. 9 (near North end of 2nd Avenue).

(see ad on page 5)

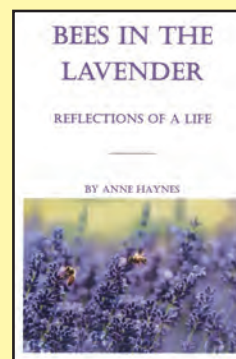
The Power of Poetry

By Tyler Weeks



Anne Haynes

Poetry has a peculiar effect on everyday life. Whether it's one of Shakespeare's convoluted sonnets or a heartfelt message to a loved one, it's hard to argue against poetry's use as a means of expression. Few individuals in the southern Minnesotan area have used this art form as effectively as Anne Haynes, who recently compiled several poems into a book for charity. Since her early beginnings on a Nerstrand farm, Anne used writing to extinguish the fear and worry she felt as a kid. As her knack for writing continued to develop, she proceeded to write poetry and plays as early as the 4th grade, though not without difficulties.



(continued on page 9)

K- W Superintendent to Leave Position, Will Lead Kasson-Mantorville

Staff Reports

Kenyon-Wanamingo Superintendent Beth Giese accepted the position of Kasson-Mantorville Superintendent, beginning July 1, 2025.

(continued on page 10)



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11th • Serving 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Call 507-645-9992 for Reservations

- Reservations Highly Suggested -

- JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH MENU -
Regular Menu Available 3:00-Close



37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 AM-8:30 PM
Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Bar Open Later

507-645-9992 • www.firesidelounge.net



♥ MOM ♥ MOM ♥ MOM ♥ MOM ♥ MOM ♥ MOM ♥

SILENT Disco

WildWood
Friday, May 9 | 8-11:30pm
*advance tickets sales ONLY

GRAB YOUR FAVORITE MAMA AND GET YOUR GROOVE ON...

www.wildwoodofnerstrand.com • Nerstrand, MN

The Old Has Gone, The New Has Come

By Pastor Larry Grove,
Hauge Lutheran Church, Kenyon

Easter is my favorite time of year. I am not a big fan of winter or the cold. So, when I see the grass turning green and the trees starting to bud out I get excited about the new life that surrounds us each spring.

That same excitement fills my heart when we go through the Lenten Season and it reaches a crescendo on Easter Sunday morning when we celebrate our risen Lord and Savior. The old way of sacrificial atonement for our sin was done away with by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. His love for us was so great and so deep that he found joy in laying down His life that we could have the hope of eternal life.

There are so many verses that tell of this wondrous sacrifice that I would like to share a thread of some of these meaningful words.

Romans 5:8 tells us of God's love for us. "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died

for us."

I John 4:10 speaks of this love as well.

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Jesus did away with the old covenant method of recompense for sinful behavior, which was repetitious blood sacrifices made at the temple.

Hebrews 9:20-22 tells us, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

In Matthew 5:17 Jesus gives us the answer to this conundrum. He became the 'one time' sacrifice by shedding His blood on our behalf. Jesus tells us, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Jesus made all things new by becoming this new covenant, fulfilling the law of blood atonement required for forgiveness of sin. All that is required of us to receive that atonement and forgiveness is to repent of our sins and believe in this finished work of Christ in our stead. This is called regeneration and when this takes place all things become new.

II Corinthians 5:17 illustrates this new beginning.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

I recently met with a Pastor of a church down the street from ours. We met to determine if there could be ways that we could more effectively minister to our people and the community by praying for each other and joining together to be most fruitful in our efforts. He made a statement that encouraged me and brought hope. The thought that God may be doing some new things filled my thoughts.

He said, "We need to find ways that this

could work instead of looking for ways that it wouldn't."

God is painting a picture of new beginnings in nature as each day we see new things that add to the beauty of spring.

He is also showing us the potential of new beginnings for those that yield their lives to Christ and purpose to live an existence that is pleasing to God and bears fruit for His kingdom.

May we take time this Easter to reflect on the finished work of Christ. He did not abolish the requirement of blood for forgiveness of sin, but He fulfilled it by His loving sacrifice and shedding His blood on the cross of Calvary.

The message of this glorious gift should always be on our lips as we need to share this hope with those around us that need the confidence of eternal life.

Find ways that this could work and allow your ministry to be fruitful as God uses you for His glory!



Northfield Retirement Community
Innovation. Choice. Tradition.

CELEBRATING OVER 50 years

A Great Place to Live, Work and Play

507-664-3466 • www.northfieldretirement.org

Northfield Retirement Community is an Equal Opportunity Provider.



Mainstreet Messenger

Mainstreet Publishing
P.O. Box 125

Dennison, MN 55018

Phone/Text 507-649-3327

Fax 507-645-9878

www.dennisonmn.com

www.nerstrandmn.com

Published in cooperation with
Mainstreet Publishing Minnesota, Inc.

© 2025, Mainstreet Messenger.

All rights reserved.

For advertising information email:

hometownmessenger@gmail.com or call

507-649-3327

Shop Local
Eat Local
Enjoy Local

LUTHERAN

Dennison/Vang Lutheran Parish
P.O. Box 117, Dennison, MN • 507-645-6042
Website: www.dennisonvang.org
Email: dennisonvangoffice@gmail.com
Pastor Paul A. Graham

Gol Lutheran Joe Jorgensen, Pastor
507-838-2100
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran, Nerstrand
Mike Ahrens S.A.M.
Service 9 a.m.; Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran
9:00a.m. Sunday School
10:00a.m. Coffee Time 10:30a.m. Worship Service

Hegre Lutheran
Pastor Chris Brekke
Sunday School 9:15a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.

Moland Lutheran
507-456-4242
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

First Ev. Lutheran, Kenyon
David J. Chatelaine, Pastor
Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church LCMC
Shannon Bauer, Pastor
24289 Cty. 24 Blvd., Cannon Falls
Sunday Worship at 9:00a.m. followed by fellowship.
Thursday Bible Study at 9:00a.m.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY Studying God's Word

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. — Psalm 119:105

Have you discovered the profound impact of studying God's Word? In my youth, I often underestimated its importance, seeing Bible study as merely a religious duty. But then came a time when I faced uncertainty and sought direction. And a wise mentor pointed me to Psalm 119:105, emphasizing that God's Word illuminates our path, guiding us through life's challenges and uncertainties.

Studying God's Word is not just about gaining knowledge; it's about encountering God himself. Through Scripture we discover God's character, his promises, and his will for our lives. God's Word provides wisdom for decision-making, comfort in times of distress, and hope for the future.

The Bible reveals God's redemptive plan and his unfailing love for humanity. It teaches us how to live according to his principles and align our lives with his purposes. As we explore Scripture with an open heart and mind, we invite the Holy Spirit to speak to us, transforming our thoughts and renewing our minds.

I am grateful for being able to study God's Word. It has deepened my faith, strengthened my relationship with Jesus, and equipped me to serve others with compassion and grace. Each passage has been a source of encouragement, correction, and inspiration in my walk with God.

May God's Word be a lamp to illuminate your path and a constant source of wisdom and strength.

Lord, may your Word guide and sustain us, leading us closer to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

METHODIST

Nerstrand United Methodist
Gary Liker, Pastor
507-330-0025
Worship 9:00a.m.

Stanton United Methodist
Rev. Tom Countryman
Worship 10:15a.m.
Church Phone 507-321-3598

ST. JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Wheeling Township) 19086 Jacobs Ave., Faribault
Gary Liker, Pastor • 507-330-0025
www.stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info
Sunday School 9:30a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

525 Beverly St., Wanamingo
9:00a.m. Sunday School for all ages;
10:00a.m. Worship Service
7:00p.m. Small Group Bible Studies - Sun.

HOLDEN-DALE PARISH

Pastor Dustin Haider • 507-789-6677
Email: holdensecretary@gmail.com
Worship schedule found at:
www.holdenlutheranchurch.org
Holden/Dale Facebook

Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the Mainstreet Messenger at: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Florence Sunderman

Florence Gloria Sunderman, 77, of Dennison, MN, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. Flo was born on February 22, 1948 in German township, Ohio. She grew up in the southwest area of Ohio with her loving family. She graduated from Miamisburg High School in 1966. She married her beloved husband, Robert Lee Sunderman, on January 20, 1968. Robert and Flo raised their three young daughters in Covington, Ohio, and were active members of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Covington for many years. In 1985, the family moved to Minnesota, and made their home in rural Dennison. Florence was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kenyon (Aspelund), MN.

Flo was a wonderful wife and mother. She prided herself on cooking delicious meals for her family, and sewing many special outfits for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Flo enjoyed adding an artistic flair to everything she did, from drawing lovely portraits, to painting many unique murals around her house. Flo also loved being outdoors in the summer, working in her flower beds, tending to her apple and pear trees, canning, freezing, cooking, and baking scrumptious meals and desserts from the fruits and vegetables grown in her yard. She was an avid birdwatcher, loved animals (especially her dog Sherlock), nature, and country living.

Most of all, Flo enjoyed spending time with her husband, daughters, and their families. She adored all six of her grandchildren, and her two great-grandchildren. Her family was her pride and joy.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert Sunderman, of rural Dennison; daughter Teresa (Kent) Kocher, of Bloomington, daughter Angela (Tom) Trelstad, of Wanamingo, and daughter Regina (John) Alle of Farmington. She is survived by her grandchildren: Erica (Jared) Castrellon, Linnea Kocher, Daniel Sholing, Alex Trelstad, Melanie Kocher, and Bethany Trelstad; and great-grandchildren Morgan and Nico. She is also survived by one sister, Sharon Callicoat, of Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Edna Recher, and siblings Molly Blessard, Marilyn Duncan, Donald Duncan, and Malcolm Duncan, all of Ohio.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 11, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Aspelund, 42957 Co. 1 Blvd, Kenyon, MN 55946. There was a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the church cemetery. Florence's service was live streamed and may be viewed on her obituary page at www.lundbergFuneral.com, where online condolences are also welcome.

James Gilmore Walker, age 92, died Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at his Nerstrand home.

James Gilmore Walker

Born in Miami, Florida, Jim grew up in Southern California and graduated with a BA from Long Beach State College, a MA from Georgetown University and a PhD from Indiana University. Three years in the US Army, one spent at the Monterey Army Language School, and government work in Washington DC preceded his time as a professor at St. Olaf College.

At St. Olaf Jim was the chair of the Russian Department. In addition to his courses in language and literature he started the Russian Choir and led some of the earliest student trips to the then USSR.

Jim loved music, had a wonderful tenor voice, and taught himself to play many instruments. He loved trees, gardening, bicycling, motorcycling and wood carving. When he retired he filled his time driving for the CAC, teaching at the Elder Collegium, doing fundraising concerts for causes he supported, and volunteering his language skills.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Nancy, daughter, Katya, son, David (Kova), two grandsons, plus other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life in Jim's honor will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Valley Grove Church in rural Nerstrand. All who knew Jim are invited. Memories and music will be followed by coffee and conversation.

Traxler Law PLLC
traxlerlaw.com
Ann Traxler
Attorney

PRACTICE AREAS

- Wills, Trusts, & Estates
- Farm and Business Transition Planning
- General Practice
- Probate

4359 Cty. 11 Blvd.
Kenyon, MN 55945
507-405-0420
ann@traxlerlaw.com



Our advertisers appreciate your business!

Tell them you saw their ad in The Messenger

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

We're local, qualified and ready to help you achieve your dreams!

Our Services Include:

Personal Banking:

Ag Lending, Personal Checking, Ready Reserve, Personal Savings, iHelp Student Loans, Safe Deposit Boxes, Personal Loans, Mortgages, Construction Loans

Business Banking:

Business Checking, Business Savings, Business Financing, Night Deposit, Teleserv (24 Hr. Phone Banking), Internet Banking, Direct Deposit, ACH Processing



Lake Country Community Bank
Banking on Relationships

www.lccbank.com

Nerstrand Lobby Hours: 9am-2pm M-F

313 Main Street • (507) 333-2500

- ATM AVAILABLE AT PARKSIDE -



Silent Disco

(continued from page 1)

Experience the sheer enjoyment of a Silent Disco Dance Party :: the perfect way to kick off Mother's Day weekend with your favorite dancing queen, a fabulous date night with your other half or even just a great excuse to round up a few of your favorites for a night out in Nerstrand! Grab your favorite plus one, Mom, girlfriends and go-to dance partners and come get your groove on!! {This event is not just for Moms and mom-figures but for anyone looking for a fun night out!}

How does it work?! On the night of the Disco, after showing your ticket you'll receive a pair of headphones for the evening with three simultaneous music channels to choose from and full volume control to tailor the ex-

perience to your liking. The headphones light up to indicate your channel choice allowing you to find others dancing to the same beat. Jam out or take a break and turn the volume down low/take the headphones off to enjoy outdoor games, chat with friends or sit around the outdoor fire. {weather permitting}

Cash beer, wine, seltzers and dance fuel {delicious snacks!} available for purchase from R Bar of Randolph. No outside food or drinks permitted.

**Tickets: \$20 per person
MUST BE PURCHASED
AHEAD OF TIME**

Dressing up/for the part is always encouraged and supported at WildWood, so really feel free to go with what you feel and have some fun. What are you waiting for--bust out your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie!

Tickets can be purchased through the link on this page or by contacting WildWood if you'd rather pay via Venmo, cash or check. You MUST have a confirmed ticket for this event one week in advance!! Limited tickets available --> get yours sooner than later!!

Holden Community Park Accepting Reservations



The Holden Community Park is accepting reservations. This is a gathering place for families, community groups, celebrations, family and class reunions and meetings. The park is open from June 1 – September 30 and is located just west of the Holden Lutheran Church on Co Rd 30, Kenyon.

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

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

May Market at WildWood May 17

Saturday, May 17 | 9am-2pm

WildWood | 315 Main Street, Nerstrand

free admission

Over forty craftspeople selling their creative and homemade wares; sourdough breads, woodworking, blacksmithing, stained glass, cottage industry home-baked goodies, framed artwork, artisan soaps, gluten-free & dairy-free treats, custom trucker hats, leather goods, crocheted baby snuggles and super soft blankies...and more! Free entry, live music and food trucks & booths on site, too. Also the Nerstrand city-wide garage sale--make a day of exploring the quaint town of Nerstrand!

Riverside Rendezvous & History Festival

Date/Times: Saturday, May 10 and Sunday May 11, 2025 – 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: North Alexander Park, 1816 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021

Join the Rice County Historical Society for our first Riverside Rendezvous & History Festival on May 10 and 11, 2025 from 9-5 at North Alexander Park! This living history event is a chance to see the trades, tradition, and history of the 18th and 19th Century come alive before your eyes. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, leatherworking, candlemaking, and more. Musical acts include Hannah Flower, Curtis and Loretta, Skally Line, and the Roe Family Singers. Compete in special events like our Tomahawk Throwing Contest and Cane Pole Fishing Tournament, and see MN Jack Sparrow.



There will be food, fun, and games for the whole family!

Get your tickets online at rchistory.org/rendezvous, at the RCHS History Museum, or at the gates. Adults entry is \$10, Children 6+ are \$5, and a Family Pass is \$30. Moms get in free on Mother's Day!

Cabin Fever? Mark Your Calendar!

Get ready for the return of the Rice County Historical Society Museum Spring Flea Market



Saturday May 17th 2025 • 8:00am - 2:00pm

1814 2nd Ave NW, Faribault

Call for more information 507-332-2121

Looking for anyone that wants to sell your items with the other folks on the historic museum grounds.

This is a great way to eliminate and Spring Clean your house, garage, shed, barn, out-buildings. Bring down your items down and make some extra cash.

Each spot is \$25.00 - if signing up the day of the event it will be \$30.00.

Call the museum today and reserve your spot 507-332-2121.

Thank you for supporting the events and programs throughout the year at the Rice County Historical Society.

May Market



Saturday, May 17 ♥ 9am-2pm
WildWood ♥ 315 Main Street, Nerstrand

COME SUPPORT LOCAL CRAFTERS, ARTISTS, BAKERS & GROWERS WHILE ENJOYING LIVE OUTDOOR MUSIC AND DELICIOUS TREATS!

Midwest Real · Windy Hill and Co. · Pumper's Famous Chip Dip · DuckHill Workshop
Rustic Lane Designs · The Dancing Baker Co. · Hitch'n'Sip · Papa Bear Bar-B-Que
Sunrise Perspectives · Rustic Woods by Gavinn · Tara Ware · Owl's Nest · Cuddly Cow
Secret Window Boutique · Crack of Dawn Bakehouse · Potpourri Mill Log Cabin
Cookie Cruiser · Plants Need Sunshine · Pickles · Sunshine Reflections Bakery
Cherie Young · Lawrenz Jewelry · Steve Willie Carving · Encircle Permanent Jewelry
Kelleher's Kreations · Your Gluten Friendly Neighbor · Little Valley Candle Co.
Gifts and Giggles · Ten Acre Baker · Soren Woods · Ruth's on Stafford · Shiver Soap Co.
Grumpy Dwarf Iron and Fine Leather · Sunshine Studio · Happy HomeLeader

wildwoodofnerstrand.com



WildWood_of_Nerstrand

The Town that Almost Was

By Cheri Roshon

The second town in my brief history of ghost towns in Goodhue County is Hader. When I was a child living in Wanamingo, Duane and Mary Ann Scharpen and their kids Rita and Brad lived in and ran the Hader Store. I have found out a lot about the town in my exploration for this story.

One history book by R.W. Meyer states, "In no other Goodhue County 'Ghost Town' is the disparity between intention and achievement more evident than in Hader".

To look at the town that once boasted 100 citizens, it would require a wild imagination to realize that Hader was originally intended to be the county seat.

The town was platted in June of 1857 and recorded on August 27th of that year. The plot was 122 blocks in size, and covered almost the entire Section 1 of Wanamingo Township. One block was reserved for the county courthouse. Another block for a city park, and a block for the town's Cemetery. Although the streets were never laid out, neither was any part of it vacated until Sievert O. Haugen who owned much of the east part of Section 1 did so with his portion in 1940.

On April 17 of 1857, a post office opened with Joshua C. Pierce as Postmaster. A string of short-lived postmasters followed. Some of the names I found were Samuel T. Babbitt, Shubael Wales, Thomas Hanson, Joseph T. Leet, John W. Jameson, Samuel Arnold, Thomas T. Cochran and Gustaff A. Ryden. There were 11 postmasters in all, in 22 years! After that, there were 4 postmasters in 24 years. It was settled by "the Yankees" from the New England states, but soon after was inhabited mostly by Norwegians immigrating from Norway.

However, Hader was known for a variety of stores and businesses. In 1872, the Gazetteer listed a general store operated by D. Collins, as well as 2 blacksmiths, a shoemaker, and a cabinet maker, a "watch tinker" named Hans



P. Olson. Wm. H. Purdy ran a hotel, John Ryden, P.E. Dahl and H.O. Jaishow operated stores. B. Halvorson was a carpenter. Tom Storseth was a shoemaker. J.L.Goxal and Hans Harrison were blacksmiths, and Christian Hveem (from Aspelund) practiced medicine.

At the time, there were 60 inhabitants. Business was "brisk" according to a chronicle of the day.

(continued on page 6)

KENYON Spring Boutique

You're sure to find unique hand crafted gifts for someone special or yourself!

MAY 2, 3, 4, MAY 9, 10, 11 2025

10 am - 7 pm

Handmade in the USA
Restocked Often!

Curt and Marlene Morrow Residence
45986 Hwy. 56 • Kenyon, MN
507-789-6223

Like us on Facebook
Morrows Gifts

Mother's Day
May 11

Birthday

Father's Day
June 15

Wedding

SUMMER KICKOFF SXS RIDE

Let's take it out for a spin on May 31st!



We will leave around 11:30.

When we get back we will have **LIVE MUSIC FROM 6:00-10:00PM,**

PLUS BLOODY MARY

& BREAKFAST SANDWICH SPECIAL!

BLACKSTONE GRILL GIVEAWAY!

We're helping to support the Kenyon Area Food Shelf.
Receive one entry for each food item you donate.

(The more items donated, the more entries you receive! Drawing at 7:00PM. No purchase necessary. Must be present to win.)

Ask for your punch card when you come in!

\$5.00 off after 5 visits



EST. 2023

Watch Our Facebook Page for Updates!

- ON/OFF SALE -

Closed Mon. • Tues.-Fri.: Bar 4pm-Close; Kitchen 4-8pm
Sat.: Bar 11am-Close; Kitchen 11am-8:30pm
Sun.: Bar Noon-Close • Kitchen Noon-7:30pm
Main Street, Dennison
Phone 507-782-9061

City of Dennison CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00am-10:30am

Clean-Up Day for Residents of Dennison is scheduled for:
Saturday, May 17th, 2025 from 9:00am to 10:30am


Location: Empty lot located on Cty. Rd. 9 (near North end of 2nd Avenue)

Most items will be accepted with some exceptions:

NO Household Garbage
NO Yard Waste
NO Hazardous Waste
NO Tires

There will be a small fee for items such as TVs, other electronics and mattresses.
Fees to be paid in cash.

*Available only to the residents within the city limits of Dennison



The Town that Almost Was

(continued from page 5)

Two years later the population was 75, but only 1 store remained, operated by the firm of Rosvold & Holstad.

By 1884, the village reportedly had 100 residents. H.M. Hjermstad ran the feed mill. A lawyer named P.S. Aslakson had moved there. Blacksmiths came and went, but most of the business people stayed.

In 1889, Purdy left Hader and rented the hotel to C. Thompson. Three years later, E. Sweatland was proprietor after Purdy sold his farm and hotel to O.S. Haugen, father of Sievert O. Haugen.

In 1894, Holstad sold his store to the firm of Larson and Onsted. On July 21st, Joseph O. Onstad became postmaster. In that year, Hader was again booming, as they say.

Daniel Lindsay was proprietor of a general store in 1896, and there were 2 millinery shops. Early the next year a firm in Zumbrota, Erstad, Haugen & Co., built a new store east of Larson and Onstad's. Another store erected by Olaus Larson in "North Hader" was in operation until its conversion to a church in 1897. Reverend K.O. Lundeborg and others conducted services in the "Nazareth" Church until 1915. It was torn down in 1918.

Hader's last postmaster was Ole T. Tiegen. He replaced Ohnstad as owner of the store on February 27th, 1899.

In 1900, there were 65 people living in Hader. Three blacksmiths (One was also a shoemaker), a furniture maker, and a hotel run by Sievert Haugen, in addition to the Larson and Tiegen store. Two years later, Edward Haller (from the store in North Hader) became Tiegen's partner, keeping the store in business until 1908.

Hader post office closed as a casualty of the RFD on October 31st, 1903. Businesses closed one by one, but the Haller store stayed in business. Joseph Tiller bought the store in 1920. On February 18, 1932, the store burned, and Tiller replaced it with a new 2 story brick building with a 24 by 36-foot store area. On August 18, 1945, the building exploded, killing the proprietor Edward Holt and his 15 year old daughter Helen in the blast. Rebuilt again in 1946, it continued to operate under Conrad Tiller and Ray Fredrickson until 1960, when it was purchased by Duane and Mary Ann Scharpen. They ran it until November 30th, 1972.

So, what were the reasons that Hader never made it as a county seat? First of all, there was no river near it to be used in manufacturing. Next, although it was on the route both from Red Wing to Faribault from east to west, and from Minneapolis to Dubuque, Iowa, north to south, they were never able to convince the railroad to be built nearby. The horse and riders that carried the mail always stayed at the hotel if they needed a rest, and were able to change out their horses on the route if need be. There was a noon meal served at the Hader Hotel. But when it came to a vote, Red

Wing won the title of county seat, some saying by only 1 vote.

The Hader Store was a busy place, with weekly grocery deliveries to the rural farmers. The store also carried hardware, clothing and shoes. The deliveries began with a horse and wagon, and eventually converted to a truck. When they delivered the groceries to their patrons, they would buy eggs from the farms to then sell at the store. The store did not sell or serve alcohol, and were never open on Sundays. The young men would come to play "Pedro", a game of dominoes, in the evenings. Sometimes they would bring musical instruments, and they actually started a concert band in 1889, organised and directed by Richard Dorn, altho another account on the history of Hader gives Hans Holstad the recognition of starting and directing the Hader Band.

Other business owners included Mrs. Andrew Fjerstad as a dressmaker in the upstairs of the Hader Store, Lorenze Moe was a carpenter and ran the feed mill. Gas was sold at the Hader Store for 12 cents a gallon, tax free. Anna Marta Satren had a rug weaving business in her home. Andrew Nelson owned a stone quarry and sold rock for barn base-ments.

Old time photographers Larsen and Sterhaug ran their business in Hader for a bit, out of their covered wagon. And then there was the Cheese Factory which was in business from 1920 to 1964, when the rules and regulations became too expensive to keep it running. When Highway 52 was built right through Hader, the engineers wanted to tear down the Cheese Factory, but when it was discovered that there were at least 3 graves left there when the Nazareth Church was torn down, it kept the highway workers from tearing it down. Although it looks a lot different now, the old factory is now a repair shop owned and operated by Darryl Logan.

There was a school of approximately 50 students in attendance for a time, and the teachers were Alma Haller and Mathilda Hjermstad.

The one thing I never found out was where the name Hader came from. I was told by more than one person I interviewed for this story that the common greeting for folks living there was "Hey, der!", and that's how Hader got it's name, but this author has her doubts about that!

I hope you have enjoyed reading a little about Hader, and were able to find some of your relatives in this story! Be well until next time!



Share Your Good News!
Submit your engagement,
wedding or
birth announcement.

Email:
hometownmessenger@gmail.com

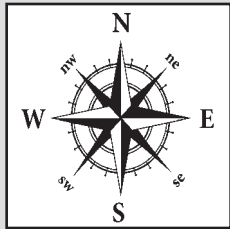


**YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR
AUTO AND LIGHT TRUCK NEEDS**

DENNISON
TIRE & REPAIR
Friendly, Personal Service
Dennison, MN
507-645-0278
www.dennisontireandrepair.com

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Hillbilly Dinner Show



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.

Tennessee has all the social events of any big city, even in the backwoods. They may be a little crude but they still exist. Big Sandy is one of those places on the banks of the Kentucky Lake. It is a little rough around the edges but they do have a Barbeque place we like to visit. Kid Rock and Hank Williams Jr. like to eat there as well when they are in the area, so I guess that could tell you something. This Barbeque Shack is just that. A small cook shack with a large carport attached to keep off the rain or sun, and depending on

the day it might be both. The smoker is right beside the carport so the aroma of brisket and barbeque is quite delicious.

One of their specialties is a huge baked potato smothered in cheese and barbequed pork. It is a favorite of ours and quite a meal all by itself. We decided late one afternoon to make a run down there and enjoy the meal. We didn't know we would be treated to an impromptu side show with our meal.

When we pulled up, we were the only ones there, but seconds after we arrived a woman walked around the side of the cook shack. The Barbeque stand is right beside the local VFW and the owner frequents the bar there so if you show up and no one is cooking, they will soon appear.

It turned out that they were not open, but the woman worked there and had just stopped by to get something for herself. She offered to open up and serve us. She knew we were friends with the owner, but I think she would have done the same for anyone. She said it would just take 15 minutes to heat up the food and we would get our meal. That was where the evening took quite a turn.

She kept saying how this had been just a terrible day, the worst ever, and she was also exhibiting signs of some level of intoxication. As she was cooking, a guy who was her boyfriend, showed up and she asked him if she could make him a burger. He stormed off. We soon learned his role in the story. After she served our food, she sat down and regaled us with the day's events.

It seems she had driven her boyfriend up to the casino in Kentucky, early that morning. She dropped him off at the door and went to



park. She drove into the employee parking lot and promptly ran out of gas. She went looking for gas, while the casino security went looking for the person who parked in the restricted area. Her boyfriend came looking for her when he had burned through his gambling funds. She tried begging fuel off everyone she met, to no avail. With security threatening them for parking in an off-limits zone, they finally got some gas from a guy mowing the grounds.

Off they went for home with him mad and her in tears. Along the way she turned into a Tennessee Watershed restricted area, by her account to show the boyfriend some construction site along the river. She didn't see the NO TRESPASSING signs. Along comes the TWA officer and threatens to arrest them

for entering a restricted area. Sure enough, when she tries to start the car, it was out of gas again. Lesson Two is don't gamble away your gas money.

So, the guy heads out hiking looking for gas again while she takes her dog down under the bridge. At that point she learned that her next mistake was going into a restricted area after just being warned prior to not trespass again. The boyfriend finally procured another can of fuel and they arrived back at Big Sandy. This one-person play ended with another day shot and one player mad and the other in tears. As we sat for half an hour listening to the sad tale, I couldn't help thinking that less alcohol and more common sense would have been very beneficial to these two actors. But the burgers and the hot potato salad were pretty good.



**Clutchmen Inc.
Presents...**

Dennison Days

CAR and BIKE SHOW

JUNE 21, 2025 • \$10 registration

**Registration begins at 8:00AM until 10:00AM
at the Judge's Booth by the Fire Hall.**

Judging begins at 11:00AM - Awards at 1:00PM

**FREE
ADMISSION
FOR SPECTATORS**

f

Find Us on Facebook
@clutchmenclub



A Minnesotan: Eggs



By RosaLin Alcoser

Back in my day, eggs were so cheap we could dye them without eating them; or throw them at people's houses. Along with similar phrases are all things that I have recently said while being mad about the price of eggs while at the store. While I never threw an egg at anyone's house in my youth, I have dyed my fair share of eggs.

I have many fond memories of watching the little dye tablets dissolve in the vinegar. Taking a little clear wax crayon to draw designs on some of my eggs before dipping them into the colors. Sometimes carefully dipping one end of the egg into one color, before carefully turning it on my wire to dip it into a different color. Just to

make a two toned egg.

Not that it always worked the way I meant it to. Since I also remember many times when the egg would fall off the wire and into the second color. Which did still make a two toned egg, just never in the way that I had meant it to.

The Easter when I was seven years-old is still the most amount of Easter eggs that I've ever seen; outside of large scale egg hunts of course. It was 2003 and eggs were just a little over one dollar that year.

My mother got us three dozen eggs to dye. Then two of her friends also bought and dyed a combined four more dozen. None of which was done in a coordinated attempt. It was the year of seven dozen Easter eggs.

I was in childhood heaven. We had so many eggs to find that year. It was also the only year, in my memory, that my older sister did not insite that the eggs had to be hidden three and four more times. Mostly because that was also the year that my mom's friend's then 25 year-old son hid them without remembering where he hid them. Nor thinking about where a 12 and seven year-old were not allowed to go on the property and without any regard for how hard he hid them.

Making the year of seven dozen eggs also the year that we did not find all of the eggs on Easter. Which meant that year we were still finding them until after the Fourth of July.

The Power of Camp: Transforming a Child's Life



By Samuel Smith
Overnight and Marketing Director
at Camp Victory

Each summer, thousands of children embark on an adventure that changes their lives forever—camp. Away from screens, school pressures, and the daily routines of home, camp provides an environment where kids can grow, explore, and thrive in ways that are simply not possible anywhere else. Whether it's a weeklong overnight experience or a summer of day camp, the impact of camp on a child's development is profound and lasting.

Building Confidence and Independence

One of the most significant benefits of camping is the confidence it instills in children. At camp, kids are encouraged to try new things, from learning how to swim, tackling a ropes course or performing in front of their peers. These challenges push them outside of their comfort zones in a safe and supportive environment, leading to newfound self-assurance.

Independence is another invaluable skill developed at camp. Being away from home, even for a short period, teaches children how to manage responsibilities, make decisions, and take care of themselves. From organizing their belongings to navigating friendships and daily schedules, campers gain a sense of autonomy that fosters personal growth.

Developing Social Skills and Friendships

In an age where children's interactions occur online, camp offers a rare opportunity for face-to-face socialization. Without the distraction of digital devices, campers engage in genuine conversations, learn conflict resolution, and develop deep, meaningful friendships. The bonds formed at camp often last a lifetime, as children share experiences and overcome challenges together, creating a sense of community and belonging.

Camp also encourages teamwork and collaboration. Whether it's working together to build a shelter, paddle a canoe, or perform a skit, campers learn the importance of cooperation, communication, and empathy. These skills are invaluable, not only during childhood but throughout life.

Encouraging a Love for Nature and Adventure

Many children today have fewer opportunities to engage with nature. Camp reintroduces kids to the great outdoors, fostering an appreciation for the environment and a sense of adventure. From hiking and canoeing to stargazing and campfire storytelling, campers develop a connection to nature that is both refreshing and educational.

Outdoor play and adventure also contribute to physical well-being. Instead of being sedentary in front of screens, campers spend their days running, swimming, climbing, and exploring, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. These experiences not only improve physical health but also enhance mental well-being by reducing stress and increasing happiness.

Cultivating Resilience and Critical Thinking Skills

At camp, children inevitably face challenges—whether it's homesickness, learning a new skill, or navigating social dynamics. These obstacles teach resilience, as campers learn how to cope with setbacks and push through difficulties. Instead of relying on parents or teachers to solve problems for them, campers develop critical thinking skills and a growth mindset, understanding that failure is a steppingstone to success.

By overcoming small struggles at camp, children build the confidence to tackle bigger challenges in life. This resilience serves them well in school, friendships, and future careers, helping them adapt to new situations

and persevere through hardships.

A Lasting Impact

The magic of camp extends far beyond the summer. The skills, friendships, and memories gained shape a child's future, instilling values of responsibility, perseverance, and kindness. Many former campers look back on their camp experiences as some of the best times of their lives that built character, inspired passion, and created a lifelong love for learning and adventure.

For parents wondering if camp is the right choice for their child, the answer is a resounding yes. Camp is more than just fun and games; it is a powerful, transformative experience that equips children with the tools they need to succeed in life. Whether they return year after year or only experience it once, the impact of camp is undeniable and everlasting.

So, as summer approaches, consider giving your child the gift of camp. It's an investment in their happiness, growth, and future gift that truly lasts a lifetime.

Got a Great Local News Story?

Tell us about it today!

Email:

hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Mainstreet
Messenger

Camp Victory

ZUMBRO FALLS, MN

SUMMER CAMP 2025

**WEEK LONG SUMMER DAY AND
OVERNIGHT CAMPS
OPTIONS FOR GRADES K-12
AVAILABLE JUNE 15-AUGUST 15.
REGISTER TODAY!**

**FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!
CAMPVICTORY.COM
507.258.3200**



The Power of Poetry

(continued from page 1)

Because of the many health problems surrounding her and her family, she found it difficult to continue writing amidst diabetes and multiple kidney transplants.

However, these setbacks would not thwart her dream of publishing her book, *Bees in the Lavender: Reflections of a Life*, to raise money for charity. Below is just one of its many poems, followed by the incredible details behind Anne's story.

Swirling, twirling, windswept leaves.

Dancing, floating on the breeze.

Browns and golds blanket the grass.

Earth's insulation against winter's mass.

Before writing this and many other poems, Anne grew up on a farm near the Valley Grove Church in Nerstrand, Minnesota. Fueled by her childhood fears and worries, she began writing snippets of poetry wherever she could. Whether it be her father's old milk

slips, paper towels, or chalkboard, nothing was out of the question. Her first poem was written in the 4th grade when she stopped to admire her family's creek. As if the beginning of a grand domino chain, this small step led to further poems and eventually a play for her town's elementary school. It soon attracted the attention of Nerstrand's elementary school principal, Mr. Nelson, who allowed her to gather student actors and practice after class. To her 9-year-old self, the situation was quite ordinary, but a college professor later told her how unusual it was for a 4th grader to have written a short play. It would later go live for Minnesota's Parent-Teacher Association. Realizing her skill, her parents supported her every step of the way, buying supplies and allowing her to enter a local writing contest.

Anne Haynes: "My dad promised me, 'If you win this contest, I'll buy you a typewriter.' And so, at the table of our big family Christmas party, I wrote about how friends often seem more important than our parents as a teenager. At the end of the story, however, I realize the truth after seeing my mom and her 'soft aging cheeks' prepare for Christmas from outside. She loved the story, and I ended up winning the contest and getting that typewriter from it!"

Unfortunately, her dreams of writing were not without their challenges. In later years,

Anne faced ongoing diabetes, brain lymphoma, and issues with her kidneys. To remedy this, she underwent two kidney transplants and cases of sepsis, causing her to go on dialysis and put a hold on her dreams of poetry and theater. After a successful transplant left her without diabetes for two years, she used her newfound energy and health to write the play "Life in Motion." It aimed to connect organ donors and their families to those needing a transplant. Through the help of the volunteers they worked with, Life in Motion ran for six shows and attracted the attention of the late director of U of M's pancreas transplant program, Dr. Sutherland. With his help, she was allowed to perform a short version of the play at the U of M's Medical Center. Other playwrights have since performed and used it to create their own stories surrounding organ donation.

Although she bears responsibility for much of their success, plays like The Newspaper wouldn't have been possible without the help of Anne's colleague Bob. When he flew by helicopter to receive a critical heart transplant, he recalled seeing "five Bobs" riding up to the hospital with him. Inspired by the story, Anne asked him for permission to use the story for the future "5Bobs" play that would eventually air at the Waseca High School. Since Bob's crucial transplant, Anne helped connect him with the EMT helicopter support that bore a part in his surgery. Even if it's just with a single sentence, being able to create moments like these is the only motivation she needs to continue writing. To her, the obvious next step from here was to achieve her lifelong dream of creating a book, but ongoing health issues continued to hinder

the idea. With help from Libby Barth, however, she managed to self-publish a curated collection of some of her poems titled *Bees in the Lavender: Reflections of a Life*. Many of its pages take inspiration from Anne's family memories and hardships.

"During this time, I faced many unfortunate events. My brother Steven died on our farm; my parents left us; my dad had diabetes, and my mom suffered from Alzheimer's. But I realized what was necessary to enjoy life and haven't looked back! It's easy to let fear and worry can cripple you, but you must never give up. Ask God to show you the way, and he will help you to try, try, and try again."

Only two years ago, Anne became completely deaf, but a recent cochlear implant has allowed her to hear once again. Despite her multiple health problems, Anne managed to do what many people don't. From a desire to learn and grow, she fulfilled her dreams and showed that limitations are simply perceptions. Beyond their entertainment, plays like Life in Motion act as a bridge to connect those needing critical transplants with the people kind enough to make it happen. Meanwhile, her poems directly support those in need while reminding us of the beauty of nature and life. If Anne's incredible story has a silver lining, it's never to let anything stand between ourselves and our ambitions. Ultimately, poetry and plays can do much more than entertain; they have the power to change lives.

Anne is selling *Bees in the Lavender: Reflections of a Life* for \$10.00 each, excluding shipping, to help others. You can get a copy by contacting her at ahay2@outlook.com or 14750 Kendall Ct., Nerstrand, MN, 55053.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE MESSENGER?

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

From start to finish, we do the entire project.

Kitchens • Living Rooms
Fireplaces • Floors
Closets • Bathrooms
New Projects • Remodels
Barns • Roofs
Siding • Garages
Pole Sheds



Wood Doc Construction

Emery and John Maher

507-271-4200

www.wooddocconstruction.com

Dennison, MN

Lic. #BC628191

**For Dependable Home Heating & Commercial L.P. Gas...
Call Community Co-op Today!**



Experience the Difference

- Regular Scheduled Delivery Option
- Budget Pay Plan Available
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Tank Installation
- Residential
- Commercial & Ag
- Online Ordering Available
- Online Bill Pay Available
- Contracting Open Year-Round

Proudly Serving You Since 1925

Community Co-op

Proudly Serving You Since 1925

9 Central Avenue
Faribault, MN 55021

(507) 334-8642

800-COOP OIL

(800-266-7645)

www.fbocoop.com



Friends of Wanamingo to Make Offer on Old School Building

A non-profit corporation has been formed by interested individuals in Wanamingo intent on purchasing and preserving the old Wanamingo School building.

The original building was constructed in 1902 and served as the Wanamingo community through the Kenyon-Wanamingo consolidation in 1994. Most recently it has been utilized for the elementary grades. The Kenyon Wanamingo school board made the decision this year to close the Wanamingo facility and move all classes to the Kenyon building. The district plans to put the property up for sale in May. Fifteen persons from the Wanamingo community have formed the Friends of Wanamingo corporation to purchase the building and pursue ventures to utilize the complex to benefit citizens of the area.

Those involved range in age from 25 years old to those in their 70's. They all have the same goal. They desire to maintain the historical landmark, which has a special meaning to those who lived here and attended school in the building. They live in the Wanamingo area and wish to preserve the building and create an environment to benefit the community.

Some of their ideas are to open office spaces and a day care center within the building. The gymnasium is currently used four to five days a week and they wish to continue to make it available for many uses. The Kenyon-Wanamingo school district will also have access to the gym for basketball and volleyball practice and games if needed. Events like Granny Basketball, Men's Basketball and pickleball to name a few can use the venue year-round. They would look into renting out the commercial kitchen facilities for cottage industries and farmers market sellers who need a commercial kitchen for their products. The playground would remain available to all to enjoy. The parking lots would also be free for those using the swimming pool or activities at the gym. The Kenyon-Wanamingo school district would have permission to use the parking lot for baseball and softball games and practices. Coaches would also have access to the school building as needed. Classrooms and facilities would also be available to the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district if they needed it for pre-school, K-W Kids or any other needs.

This looks to be a positive alternative for the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district as



they would get cash for the facility and it would still be accessible for use for school activities in the community. The non-profit foundation will operate the facility to utilize it in a manner that supports the strategic growth and economic vitality of the surrounding community. They look forward to

working with the community and the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district to offer opportunities for all to create a valuable asset for students and residents in the area.

Contact Jack Beulke at jackbeulke@yahoo.com for more info.

K- W Superintendent to Leave Position, Will Lead Kasson-Mantorville

(continued from page 1)

Giese has led the K-W District through the challenges of the SOD (statutory operating debt) right-sizing the school district to one facility in Kenyon, due to lower class sizes, which includes the Superintendent position being reduced potentially to half-time, which Giese recommended to the school board.

Giese estimates savings of over \$700,000.00 by the consolidation of the sites to Kenyon. Giese became highly regarded in her position, and will be missed as she moves on, but her impact will help move the K-W District out of debt by 2027.

Giese started her career at Kasson-Mantorville in the 90's as a teacher, and will now lead the district. The Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board will begin the process to find Giese's replacement.

city water & well water can be
WORRY-FREE WATER
with Kinetico

get help with
your home's water

507.668.0450
hwcwater.com

Haferman | **Kinetico**
WATER CONDITIONING, INC. | home water systems
Haferman Water is an Independent, Authorized Kinetico Dealer

the one
K Y M N 95.1 FM 1080 AM

For something different
Tim McNiff Weekday Mornings
www.kymnradio.net

Nerstrand Meats & Catering

Specialty Meats & Food

Over 100 Years in Business Providing
Homesmoked Bologna, Wieners, Jerky,
Homemade Beef Sticks, etc.

231 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN
507-334-5396

www.nerstrandmeats.com e-mail us at: goodfood@nerstrandmeats.com

TRUST US TO PROTECT FARMERS

It's planting season and your local farmers are back on the road. Prioritize their safety and yours - drive carefully. Trust in Tomorrow.®

GRINNELL MUTUAL

KELLER INSURANCE AGENCY
Your FarMutual Agent
305 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053
507-334-6550

"Trust in Tomorrow." and the "A Grinnell Mutual Member" mark are property of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. ©Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, 2020.

Your Locally Owned Convenience Store

Gas • Groceries • Automotive Items
Greeting Cards

Dennison DEPOT

12989 Dennison Blvd. S, Dennison • 507-645-2890
HOURS:
Mon.-Wed. 6am-7pm; Thurs.-Fri. 6am-8pm
Sat.-Sun. 7am-7pm
24 Hour Pay at Pump

Osteoporosis



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

You and I are very dependent on our bones to hold us up and to keep us going. Your muscles are important too, but those muscles are only helpful if they have a bone that they can move. We can take our bones for granted. The bones have held you up for decades, so why should you be concerned? Osteoporosis is a weakening of the bones from the inside out. In the same way that you might think about termites in the framework of the house, your bone framework could be slowly “eaten” way and you don’t even know it.

Bone is made of protein fibers called collagen which are coated with mineral deposits of calcium, magnesium, boron, strontium, and other trace minerals. These protein fibers and mineral deposits will change and adapt to the stress and work that you go through each working day. The more stress and work that you put on the bones, the more the bones

will reshape and strengthen to be able to handle the stress being applied. Your bones are constantly being remodeled. Just as a building contractor can go through a house and remodel the structure by taking down some walls and building up other walls, your bones are constantly being remodeled to adapt to your living conditions. This constant remodeling of bone means that you have an entirely different bone about every seven years.

This remodeling is not easy work. There are specific cells (osteoclasts) that break down old bone material and other cells (osteoblasts) that put on the new bone material. So if the bones are constantly being remodeled then why does Osteoporosis happen? Great question.

Osteoporosis happens when the cells that break down bone material are doing more work than the bones that build up bone material. When everything is working in balance, the old bone material is being recycled as fast as the new bone material is being built in. But there are conditions that can increase break down of bone and slow down the build up of new bone material. Here are some lifestyle practices that contribute to a decrease in new bone material:

Acidosis – a condition of eating foods that promote an acid reaction in the body without eating foods that cancel the acid reaction. If you have ever taken TUMS or Rolaids for heartburn you are familiar with using this calcium tablet to reduce the acid in the stomach. Some of the foods we eat produce an acid reaction and your body will call on the calcium reserves in the bone to help neutral-

ize the acid reaction. Soda pop, white sugar, bread, beef, chicken, and hard cheeses are examples of foods that create an acid reaction. Some of these are healthy sources of nutrients, but we need to balance these foods with other foods that will neutralize the acid. Spinach, cucumbers, green beans, carrots, lettuce, green tea, and avocados are examples of foods that will neutralize the acid reaction. In other words, every plate at mealtime should have some vegetables to help balance the digestion so your body does not need to take more calcium from the bones.

Vegetable Oils – Corn oil and soybean oil are very high in omega 6 fatty acids. While your body does need some Omega 6, Americans tend to get five times as much as they need. Most of this excess comes from deep fried foods, chips, and commercial salad dressings. Make an intentional shift to extra virgin olive oil, flaxseed oil, butter, and coconut oil to reduce your intake of Omega 6 fatty acids.

Vitamin D deficiency – Vitamin D is an essential nutrient that stimulates the body to absorb more calcium. Living in the northern states, obtaining Vitamin D through sun tanning is not an option. To check for a deficiency, you can ask for a simple blood test to evaluate how much Vitamin D your body has. For building bone tissue, the recommendation is a measure of 60 – 80 ng / ml of Vitamin D. This level of Vitamin D will help to ensure your body is absorbing the calcium you are getting in your food.

Vitamin K2 deficiency – Vitamin K2 is an important nutrient that activates the transport

of calcium to the bone tissue. Frequently, someone may start taking a calcium supplement for their bones but the calcium will not get to their bones if Vitamin K2 is not present. Calcification of arteries and muscle tissue can happen when calcium is not delivered to the bone. You can find Vitamin D and K2 together in some supplements.

For more information on preventing or reversing Osteoporosis, you can check out the book. “Healthy Bones, Healthy You” by Lara Pizzorno. This book is a great resource to address the causes and remedies for osteopenia and osteoporosis.

Join me on Saturday, May 10, 2025 for the Northfield Holistic Health Summit. The theme this year is “Healthy Nerves, Healthy Brain.” Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeff Kotulski presenting “Mind Games” – addressing cognitive health as we age. Nine additional speakers and multiple vendors will be part of the day. Tickets are \$45, which includes a healthy lunch catered by Café Shawn. More information is available at <https://www.nutritionproportion.net/health-summit2025>

Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. I can help you establish a food plan that will strengthen your bones and increase your energy allowing you to realize greater health freedom in 2025. You can contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

**Information and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and may not reflect those of The Messenger.*

2025 DENNISON DAYS

**Design A
Button for Dennison Days
June 20 & 21, 2025**

**1st
PRIZE:
\$50.00**

**2nd
PRIZE:
\$25.00**

Create a design in this circle and return your entry to:
HERITAGE BANK in DENNISON. DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2025.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

*Treat Mom to
Sunday Brunch
at
Its Best!*

Mother's Day Brunch Menu
Sunday, May 11th Serving 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Reservations Highly Suggested! Call 507-645-9992.

Regular Menu Available 3:00-Close

Mother's Day Weekend
Avoid the Rush... You Can Celebrate with Mom Friday or Saturday too!

Daily Features

WEDNESDAY Enjoy Our Jumbo* Wings Specials! BBQ Rib Dinner - 1/2 or Full Rack (begins at 4:00p.m.)
THURSDAY \$3.50 All Taps, Domestic Bottles, Rail Drinks! 16oz. Margarita Special! Taco Specials! Fajita Specials!
FINALLY FRIDAY All You Can Eat Fish Dinner
SATURDAY Hand Battered Jumbo Shrimp or Slow Roasted Prime Rib
SUNDAY Enjoy Our Sunday Breakfast Beginning at 9a.m. and Sunday Pasta Features

The Fireside
LOUNGE & SUPPER CLUB

37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 AM-8:30 PM
Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Bar Open Later

507-645-9992 • www.firesidelounge.net

WHEEL IN WEDNESDAY

to Dennison
COMING MID-MAY 2025

TAKE A MID-WEEK BREAK!

HOSTED BY 625 & THE FIRESIDE!





Classic Cars Motorcycles Side-by-Sides



Wednesdays on Main Street Starting at 5:00 PM

BROASTER CHICKEN SPECIAL!

Closed Mondays
Tuesday-Thursday: Bar 4pm-Close
Kitchen 4-8pm
Friday & Saturday: Bar 11am-Close Kitchen 11am-9pm
Sunday: Bar 1-9pm: Kitchen 1-8pm
Main Street, Dennison
507-782-9961

Farmers Market
Main Street
Dennison



WATCH FOR THE FIRST FARMERS MARKET DATE COMING SOON!

For more information, contact Heidi at: dennisonfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Wednesday Dining at The Fireside



WEDNESDAY FEATURES
Enjoy Our "Jumbo" Wings Specials!
BBQ Rib Dinner 1/2 or Full Rack
(begins at 4:00p.m.)

37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 AM-8:30 PM
Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Bar Open-Late
507-645-9992 • www.firesidelounge.net

Take the short Drive to Dennison!

2nd Annual Vintage Road Trip!

Th, Fri, Sat • May 8, 9, 10
10am-5pm

GRAB YOUR GAL PALS and HIT THE ROAD!
"Road Trip" through the beautiful countryside and see the cool barns and unique shops that contain the treasures you've been looking for!

YOUR DESTINATIONS:



WHITE BARN Boutique
3175 122nd St W, Faribault 55021 (Millersburg)



Crabby Wren
17857 Cannon City Blvd, Faribault 55021 (Cannon City)



RR REVIVAL/ RUSTY RABBITQUES
104 Railway St. NW, Lonsdale 55046



Wool & Vintage Market
3435 Lonsdale Blvd E, Northfield 55057



Potpourri Mill
Log Cabin Crafts & Antiques
2290 County 49 Blvd, Dennison 55018



The Junk Monkey
Antiques • Home Decor • Cool Junk
sale hrs: th&f 12-5, sat. 11-3
32 4th St. NW, Faribault 55021



Weathered & Worn Vintage Market
sale hrs: th,f,sat. 9-5
13720 240th St E, Miesville 55009



Shop unique one-of-a-kind gift ideas for Mother's Day Sunday, May 11!

GET A GREAT DEAL ON A USED VEHICLE AT CARTIME

Quality Used Cars! Financing Available!

	<p>2014 SUBARU OUTBACK 2.4i LIMITED</p> <p>Blue, leather interior, 2.5L, AWD, 140,138 miles #10591X</p> <p>\$10,999</p>		<p>2016 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT</p> <p>Gray, 3.6L V-6, FWD, 97,708 miles #10574X</p> <p>\$10,999</p>		<p>2018 FORD ESCAPE</p> <p>Gray, 4WD, 1.5L, 108,958 miles #10551X</p> <p>\$11,999</p>
	<p>2013 HYUNDAI SANTA FE GLS</p> <p>Silver, AWD, cloth interior, 3.3L V-6, 108,522 miles #10287X</p> <p>\$9,999</p>		<p>2013 FORD F-150 PLATINUM SUPER CREW CAB</p> <p>4WD, 5.5' bed & topper, white, 3.5L V-6 with turbo, 154,618 miles #10431A</p> <p>\$9,999</p>		<p>2014 FORD FOCUS SE</p> <p>Silver, 2.0L, FWD, 109,293 miles #10440X</p> <p>\$6,999</p>



FULL SERVICE CENTER
BRAKES • TIRES • BATTERIES
SHOCKS • ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
403 STAFFORD RD, DUNDAS • SALES 507-664-3812 • 507-645-8636

STANDARD OIL CHANGE
INCLUDES UP TO 5 QTS OF SYNTHETIC BLEND OIL AND FILTER, PLUS TAX AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL FEE \$3.99
\$29.88 Expiration Date: 5/31/25
SOME VEHICLES EXTRA (DIESEL, FULL SYNTHETIC)
CARTIME AUTO CENTER
403 Stafford Rd, Dundas, 507-664-3812

WHY CHOOSE US?

At ProBuilt Construction, we were founded on the belief that homeowners deserve better - better quality, better service, and a better experience.

Following a FREE AND THOROUGH EVALUATION, our expert project managers and craftsmen will bring your vision to life, enhancing your home's curb appeal.



SERVICES

ROOFING

Whether your roof has aged over time or suffered damage from Minnesota's unpredictable weather, the ProBuilt team will deliver dependable, professional roofing solutions tailored to your home and budget.



SIDING

Damaged siding or simply ready for a fresh, updated look? ProBuilt offers comprehensive siding solutions from evaluation to installation, enhancing your home's protection, value, and curb appeal.



WINDOWS

Enhance your home's efficiency with expert window replacement. As a Marvin Windows Certified Installer, we've been selected for our commitment to excellence and ability to deliver a smooth, high-quality experience.

GUTTERS

We provide expert gutter installation to keep your home protected from water damage. Preserve your home's foundation, landscaping, and exterior for years to come.

FIRE & WATER RESTORATION

If disaster strikes, ProBuilt is ready to help you rebuild with confidence. Whether your home has been damaged by fire or water, we will guide you through the recovery process—from insurance claims to full restoration.

SOLAR

We're proud to offer clean, efficient solar solutions in partnership with Powerfully Green Solar, a local installer with over 15 years of experience. Solar energy helps lower your monthly utility bills, increase your home's value, and reduce your carbon footprint.



PROUDLY SERVING GOODHUE, DODGE, RICE, DAKOTA, OLMSTED, STEELE AND WABASHA COUNTIES

CONTACT US!

 www.probuiltmn.com

 507-200-1545

 info@probuiltmn.com

1359 BLUFF ST, DUNDAS, MN 55019



STEVE KING
612-698-9547



JEFF AMY
507-363-3652



TIGÉ WALKER
507-323-0319

DUNDAS DUKES



2025 SCHEDULE

Sun, May 4	at Cannon Falls Bears	Cannon Falls	2 p.m.	
Sun, May 11	Red Wing Aces	Home	2 p.m.	Pocket Schedule Day, Presented by Firehouse Liquor
Sun, May 18	St. Paul Hops	Home	2 p.m.	Schedule Poster Day, Presented by Dawn's Corner Bar
Fri, May 23	Cannon Falls Bears	Home	7:30 p.m.	90's Night Presented by Budweiser
Mon, May 26	at Northfield Knights	Northfield	2 p.m.	
Fri, May 30	Elko Express	Home	7:30 p.m.	Presented by Streitz Heating and Cooling
Sun, June 1	Baseball 365	Home	2 p.m.	Camping Day, Presented by Scouting America Troups 313 and Pack 300
Wed, June 4	Highland Park Beavers	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Fri, June 6	Crystal Cowboys	Home	7:30 p.m.	Yard Games Presented by Applebee's Northfield
Sun, June 8	at St. Patrick	St. Patrick	2 p.m.	
Wed, June 11	Faribault Lakers	Home	7:30 p.m.	Presented by Complete Chiropractic
Fri, June 13	Hastings Hawks	Home	7:30 p.m.	Presented by Keith Pumper Plumbing and Heating
Sun, June 15	Miesville Mudhens	Home	2 p.m.	Presented by Merchant's Bank
Wed, June 18	Hampton Cardinals	Home	7:30 p.m.	Presented by Blesener's Quality Exteriors
Fri, June 20	Stewartville-Racine Sharks	Home	7:30 p.m.	Presented by Re Max Advantage Plus Mary Jo Winter
Sun, June 22	New Market Muskies	Home	2 p.m.	Reading Day, Presented by Northfield Public Library
Wed, June 25	Lyon's Pub Warriors	Home	7:30 p.m.	Orange Night, Presented by Dundas Paint Center
Fri, June 27	at Hastings Hawks	Hastings	7:30 p.m.	
Sun, June 29	at Miesville Mudhens	Miesville	2 p.m.	
Fri, July 4	Northfield Knights	Home	2 p.m.	
Sun, July 6	at Red Wing Aces	Red Wing	2 p.m.	
Wed, July 9	St. Paul Mudhens	Home	7:30 pm.	
Fri, July 11	Rochester Royals	Home	7:30 p.m.	Street Dance Night Presented by the L&M Bar and Grill
Sun, July 13	at Hampton Cardinals	Hampton	2 p.m.	
Fri, July 18	St. Patrick Irish	Home	7:30 p.m.	80's Night, Presented by Baird Koenig Jones
Sun, July 20	at Elko Express	Elko	2 p.m.	
Wed, July 23	Metro Knights	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Fri, July 25	at Rochester Royals	Rochester	7:30 p.m.	
Sun, July 27	at New Market Muskies	New Market	2 p.m.	

SPONSORED BY



Locally Owned Since 1983
If it's Selection, Value, and Service,
then it must be Firehouse
Hwy. 3 South, Dundas
645-5717



FRANDSEN BANK & TRUST

DUNDAS
507.645.8825
Member FDIC



708 Schilling Drive N
P.O. Box 128 Dundas, MN 55019
www.streitzheating.com
Phone: (507) 645-4040



Northfield 507-645-4441
Cannon Falls 507-263-3624
Faribault 507-334-2201
www.crb.bank
Member FDIC



37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 AM-8:30 PM
Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM-9:30 PM
Bar Open Later
507-645-9992 • www.firesidelounge.net

Understanding Watershed Plans in Rice County



By Emmie Scheffler,
District Technician

After an intense drought in 1977, Minnesota began the process of developing Comprehensive Local Water Management Plans, which

were required for all counties by 1985. These plans were drafted for each county, but if you think about it, water does not follow county lines. In the 2010s, the state shifted focus to the One Watershed, One Plan approach. The vision for this approach is to align the local water planning on major watershed boundaries with the state strategies towards prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation plans. With this approach, Rice County is part of three management plans for the watersheds of the Cannon River, Zumbro River, and Lower Minnesota River.

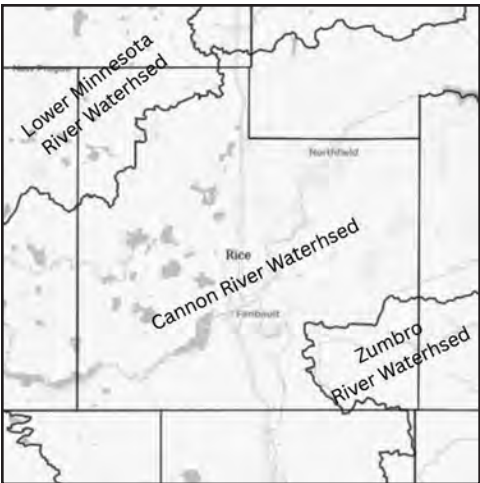
The first of the plans approved for Rice County was the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan in 2020. The Cannon River Watershed encompasses a large portion of Rice County, and the watershed has many lakes and streams within its boundaries. Some of the main priorities for the watershed include protection and impaired lakes, impaired streams, drinking water protection, soil health, flooding of communities, and education. Some activities that have been completed are: SSTS inven-

tory, well sealings, native plants workshop, field erosion structures, and cover crops. To find out more information on the Cannon River Watershed plan and who to contract, the website for the watershed is www.cannonriverwatershedmn.gov.

The very southeast part of the county is covered by the Greater Zumbro River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The plan was approved in 2021, and the goals of the plan are to address water quality and quantity, groundwater, drinking water, habitat, recreation, and other issues. Projects that have been completed so far include: Ag Waste storage, cover crops, erosion structures, well sealings, well testing, and education. To find out more information on the Greater Zumbro River Watershed, the website can be found at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/e1099a1b459a4fb1a5dd5a2cf7d133da>.

The last plan for the county that was approved in 2024 was the Lower Minnesota River East Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. This watershed covers the very northwest part of Rice County, and the goals of the plan are to protect water resources, education and outreach, and to assist with statewide programs. Current activities that are being implemented are erosion control structures, urban stormwater management practices, shoreline protection, well sealings, well screening clinics, and education and outreach for smart salting and stormwater ordinances. Information on this plan can be found at <https://www.lowermn-rivereast.org/>.

Since each watershed is unique, each plan is



unique and has different resource concerns and activities identified. The Rice SWCD office can help you identify what watershed you are in and what opportunities may be available for you based off your concern for your land and what you are trying to achieve. Activities being completed are also changing, and priorities are being reevaluated as progress is being made in the watershed. For more information, feel free to contact our office at 507-332-5408.

Emmie Scheffler is a District Technician with the Rice Soil & Water Conservation District and is the Plan Administrator for the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. She also assists landowners and farmers with the implementation of soil erosion control practices and tree windbreaks. Contact Emmie with your questions at 507-332-5408.

Own your own home?

You May Be Eligible for a Property Tax Refund

By Rice County

Some Minnesota homeowners, depending on their income, or the percentage or amount of increase in their property taxes could be eligible for a property tax refund known as the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund.

To qualify, you must:

- Own and occupy a home
- Have your home classified as a homestead with your county
- Pay or arrange to pay your property taxes

There are two types of Homestead Credit Refunds:

- A regular refund based on your income and property taxes
- A special refund based on how much your property tax increased

You may qualify for either or both of these refunds.

Type of refund

Regular

Special

Requirements to claim the refund

- You owned and lived in your home on Jan. 2, 2025
- Your household income for 2024 was less than \$139,320
- You owned and lived in the same home on Jan. 2, 2024, and on Jan. 2, 2025
- Your home's net property tax increased by more than 12% from 2024 to 2025
- The net property tax increase was at least \$100
- The increase was not because of improvements you made to the property

Subtractions

Certain subtractions can help you qualify for the refund or increase your refund. You may claim a subtraction for each of these that apply:

- You had dependents
- You or your spouse were age 65 or older on or before Jan. 1, 2025
- You contributed to a retirement account
- You or your spouse had a permanent and total disability on or before Dec. 31, 2024

Life Estate

If you retain an ownership interest in your home, you may qualify for the property tax refund regardless of who pays the property taxes.

Claim the Refund

You can claim your refund online, through a software provider or by paper. The due date is Aug. 15. Homeowners may file up to one year after the due date. For details on filing options, see Filing for a Property Tax Refund.

Use the property tax statement you receive from your county in March or April (mid-July for mobile homeowners). Do not use the Notice of Proposed Taxes.

Once you've an application has been filed, check your refund status after July 1 at www.revenue.state.mn.us/wheres-my-refund.



We've Got Your Family's Back

Personalized insurance solutions to protect your family's future and security, no matter what.



www.vsgmi.com

COMMUNITY GROWN
INSURANCE
...you're covered!

GRINNELL
MUTUAL

Trust in Tomorrow.

Security Agency Kenyon

600 2nd St, Kenyon MN 55946
Phone: 507-789-6366
Email: info@securityinsurancekenyon.com

Keller Agency

305 Main Street
Nerstrand, MN
Phone: 507-334-6550

Northfield Agency

711 Division Street S
Northfield, MN
Phone: 507-645-8861
Email: nfldins@hotmail.com

Nelson Agency

119 4th Street
Cannon Falls, MN
Phone: 407-263-3812
Email: info@nelsoninsurancecf.com

Sviggum Agency

133 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN
Phone: 507-824-5105
Email: agent@svigguminsurance.com

Diaper Bank Collaborative a Joint Effort to Help Area Families

By Rice County



To Heather Luethje, the Rice County Diaper Bank Collaborative is a blessing; another way she can show her clients that the community cares about young families and is there to help.

“Every family is so appreciative and grateful for something so small but yet so big in the grand scheme of managing their month-to-month budget, said Luethje, a nurse with Rice County Public Health who works with its Family Visiting Program. “Seeing parents smile and give me a hug with their thanks is incredibly rewarding and adds to how much I love what I do.”

Before 2024, keeping diapers on the shelves at the Community Action Center had been no easy feat. Almost as soon as they would come in, there were families in need adding them to their carts. Not only are diapers expensive -- \$80 to \$100 per month per child, according to the National Diaper Bank Network -- supplemental food assistance programs, including WIC, don’t cover diapers.

That growing need led the CAC to consider how it could bolster its diaper supply, in turn making it available for its clients with young children – which led to it becoming a certified member of the National Diaper Bank Network in 2023 and partnering with the Twin Cities-based Diaper Bank of Minnesota. That stimulated conversations between CAC, Rice County Public Health, Growing Up Healthy and Three Rivers Community Action with leaders from each partner pitching in to help identify and meet a community need.

“We get asked about diapers all the time,” said Michael Pursell, CAC food access program director. “But none of our organizations knew how great the need was before forming the Rice County Diaper Bank Collaborative. All we knew was that none of us ever had enough diapers.”

While the Collaborative is a cross-organizational effort to support young families across Rice County, the CAC sources and warehouses the diapers, and distributes them to other local agencies, soon to include the HOPE Center.

In 2023, the CAC distributed over 150,000 diapers through its food shelves in Faribault and Northfield. Through the Diaper Bank Collaborative, it and its partners distributed more than 350,000 in 2024.

Don’t be surprised if the collaborative exceeds that mark this year. Just a few weeks ago, the CAC got a rare opportunity through

the National Diaper Bank Network to purchase a brand of sustainably sourced plant-based diapers at a 75% discount.

A truckload at that rate would supply the Collaborative for the year, said Pursell, so CAC seized the moment, chose abundance and placed an order.

“2024 was so successful,” said Pursell happily, “we doubled down in 2025.”

A ‘must have’

Keeping infants and toddlers in diapers is a concern across the state and the nation. With 76% of Minnesota mothers with infants in the workforce, disposable diapers are a must have. According to the National Diaper Bank Network, most child care facilities require parents to provide diapers for their child. Nationally, 25% of parents with diaper need reported missing an average of five days of work or school in the past month due to not having enough diapers to drop children off at child care. And that can result in lost wages.

Currently, diapers are available for local families in need at the Community Action Center’s three food shelves and through Healthy Community Initiative, Three Rivers Community Action and Rice County Public Health for families enrolled in programs for young children.

Though the CAC can buy in bulk from the Diaper Bank of Minnesota at a discount, it welcomes donations of both cash and diapers and continues to look for ways to make the program sustainable long-term.

With 2024 under their belts as a pilot year, the collaborative now knows that with the right support from the community, they could easily distribute more than half a million diapers this coming year to families in need across Rice County.

“That’s a giant investment in the health of our children and families,” said Pursell. “Every one of those diapers frees up funds that struggling families can spend on other

essentials, relieves stress for parents and caregivers, and leaves one more baby happy and dry.”

GET INVOLVED Anyone interested in hosting a diaper drive or otherwise supporting the Diaper Bank should email diapers@communityactioncenter.org.

Financial contributions from the community provide essential support for the bank and help ensure its sustainability. The Diaper Bank welcomes donations of diapers and baby wipes in any quantity at the CAC’s Northfield and Faribault offices.

Community Action Center Northfield
1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite HS-200
507-664-3550

Community Action Center Faribault
1400 Cannon Circle, Suite #8
507-384-3661

Goodhue County		
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule 2025		
Tuesday, May 6	Kenyon Goodhue Co. Shop 1005 Hwy 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 20	Wanamingo Casey's - Hwy. 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 24	Zumbrota Park-N-Ride Parking lot	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 8	Pine Island Pine Island High School	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 15	Goodhue Community Center	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 29	Cannon Falls Lake Byllesby Park	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

COMPLETE HHW INFO ONLINE: goodhuecountymn.gov
HHW HOTLINE: 651-385-3107

We will NO LONGER be collecting Fluorescent Bulbs at the Hazardous Waste Collections. The Goodhue County Recycling Center accepts fluorescent bulbs Monday-Friday, year-round. We are very sorry for the inconvenience.

A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off is available at the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing, from the first Monday in May through the last Friday in October. Hours of operation for the drop-off will be Monday through Friday (except holidays), from 8am until 3pm. Please utilize the drop-off as much as possible in order to prevent large crowds at the collection events listed above. There is a 10 gallon per person per day limit at the Red Wing drop-off. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center is located at 3745 Highway 61 N in Red Wing (across Highway 61 from the Red Wing Shoe Factory).

For safety, place waste products in a box when transporting
Questions? Call the HHW Hotline: (651) 385-3107
We will no longer collect Fluorescent Bulbs at the HHW Collections

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Do's and Don'ts

DO BRING:

- Paint/Stain/Thinner Etc.-**
Bring unusable paint products to the collection.
- Pesticides/Herbicides (Non-Agricultural, Non-Commercial Grade) -**
Products designed to kill weeds, bugs, rodents, mold and fungus.
- Automotive Products-**
Bad gas, cleaners, anti-freeze, fuels, grease, lead-acid batteries.
- Household Products-**
Drain opener, strong cleaners, spot removers, adhesives, acids & bases.
- Exotic Batteries-**
Ni-Cad rechargeable, Button, Lithium, Mercury, other unusual batteries.
- Mercury Devices-**
Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches.
- Aerosol Cans-**
Partial or plugged pressurized spray cans of all types. Empty, depressurized cans can be disposed of in trash.

Please limit quantities to 10 gallons per person per event, as space is limited at collections.

DO NOT BRING:

- Business or Agricultural Hazardous Wastes-**
Business wastes will be refused. Businesses should contact the Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at 507-328-7078.
- Electronics-**
City of Red Wing Waste Campus 651-385-3658
- Prescription Drugs-**
Contact: Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center 651-385-3155
- Empty Containers-**
If a container is empty and dry, it is no longer hazardous. Recycle or dispose of in trash.
- Fluorescent Tubes-**
Bring them to the Goodhue County Recycling Center.
- Non-Hazardous Products-**
Soaps, regular light bulbs, broken glass or ceramics, recyclables, trash.
- Waste Oil, Oil Filters-**
Engine oils and filters can be recycled through local sources.
- Medical Wastes/Sharps-**
Contact your local clinic or hospital for disposal information.
- Explosives and Ammunition-**
Contact local law enforcement on their non-emergency number.
- Appliances- No appliances.**
- Solar Panels- No solar panels.**

Exciting News from Nerstrand Fire and Rescue



Courtesy of Nerstrand Fire & Rescue

We're thrilled to announce that thanks to a generous gift from the Taylor Family Farms Foundation, along with support from the City of Nerstrand, the Waterford Warriors Snowmobile Club, Warsaw Township, and the Dennison Lions, we have officially added a new rescue truck to our fleet!

This truck, delivered last week and scheduled for upfitting in May, will replace our current ambulance and significantly boost our emergency response capabilities.

However, we're not done yet. We are actively fundraising and applying for grants to equip the new vehicle with updated radios and modern extrication tools. Our current radios are at end-of-life and no longer supported, and our extrication equipment struggles with cutting into newer vehicles—leading to longer rescue times.

- New radios cost around \$6,000 each
- Updated extrication tools are approximately \$50,000

If you'd like to support this vital effort, please reach out to us or talk to any of our firefighters. Every contribution helps save lives.

Thank you for your continued support!

DON'T LET HEARING PROBLEMS SLOW YOU DOWN!



**Call today for your FREE,
No Pressure, No Obligation Consultation**

Jayne Bongers Owner/MN, Certified



507-412-9813

3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

100 S. 4th St.
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

1575 20th St. NW
Faribault, MN 55021

1605 Main St.
Zumbrota, MN 55992





77501 Time Cutter MAX

- 50" iron forged deck
- 23 hp Kawasaki Twin engine
- 5 gallon fuel tank
- 3 year warranty

\$3,899.00

Thru April 30th 2025 - Free 60 volt battery powered lawn tool with purchase of ZTR mower!

TRAXLER
POWER & EQUIPMENT

502 Huseeth St., Kenyon
507-789-6321

Check out our full line of 60v Lithium Ion cordless tools and accessories.

Includes: string trimmers, edgers, chainsaws, hedge trimmers & more





DENNISON MEAT LOCKER

Owned and Operated by Dori Gregory Since 2001

Dennison Meat Locker Provides Quality Custom Meat Processing Services to the Community

WE ALSO OFFER RETAIL SAUSAGE, STEAKS, HAMBURGER AND OTHER MEAT PRODUCTS

- Pork • Beef • Poultry • Lamb • Venison
- Whole Roasted Hogs • Elk • Homemade Smoked Sausage

109 Farm Road, Dennison, MN • Monday-Friday 8a.m.-5p.m.; Saturday 8a.m.-2p.m.
www.dennisonmeatlocker.com • dennisonmeats@gmail.com • 507-645-8734

AREA DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

PLAZA MORENA
CAMPESTRE GRILL

DINING ROOM
Open 7 Days a Week 11:00am-10:00pm

5% OFF MEAL PURCHASE

Expires April 30, 2025. Does not include alcohol. Not valid with any other offer.

160 26th St NE, Owatonna • 507-413-0819
www.plazamorena.com

NEW! GRAB N GO LUNCHES

YUM!

Don't Let Your Hurry Come Before Your Hunger!

Available Weekdays 11am-1pm

TOREY'S
RESTAURANT & BAR
TOREYS.NET

PICK UP ONE OF OUR DELICIOUS SALADS OR WRAPS!

LOCATED NEAR THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE RESTAURANT AT 208 N. CEDAR, OWATONNA

BOOK YOUR FALL & WINTER EVENTS! Banquet Hall, Seating Up to 300

CHECK OUT OUR MANY NEW LUNCH & DINNER MENU ITEMS!

507-455-9260
MON-TUES-WED-THURS 11AM-9PM
FRIDAY 11AM-9PM
SAT 3:00PM-9:00PM • SUN CLOSED

10% OFF With ad Good February 16th through May 1, 2025

Cahill Bistro & Bar
Latin American Fusion

Breakfast served weekends 9am to 2pm
Happy Hour Sun.-Thurs. 3 to 5:30pm
Mon.-Thurs. 10am - 9pm; Fri.-Sun. 10am - 10pm
632 2nd street Kenyon, MN
507-623-1001 • www.cahillbistrobar.com

SAKER'S
SPORTS BAR & GRILL

BROASTED CHICKEN EVERY THURSDAY \$16.99
1/2 Chicken with homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, soup & salad bar

BUCKET OF BEERS \$17.00
During Happy Hour

1/2 OFF TUESDAYS-THURSDAYS 3:00-6:00PM
Onion Rings, Pickle Spears, Cauliflower and Mushrooms
In house only as a courtesy to our drinking customers.

401 8th Street SE, Kasson, MN • 507-634-7400
Hours: Closed Sundays & Mondays; Tuesday-Saturday 11am-Close

Fresh Bites
SUBS, SALADS, BOWLS & MORE

Good Food, Fast!

CARRY OUT OR DINE IN

701 2nd Street, Kenyon
Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Closed on Sunday
507 -789 -9000

PLAZA MORENA
CAMPESTRE GRILL

DAILY SPECIALS!
Noon Buffet 11am to 2pm

5% OFF MEAL PURCHASE WITH THIS AD

ORDER ONLINE!
WWW.DODGEPLAZAMORENA.COM
Sunday-Thursday 11:00am to 9:00pm
Friday-Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm
411 W. Highway St. Dodge Center
507-374-9555

TAMMY'S PLACE
Restaurant & Bar
Kasson, MN

DRINKS • APPETIZERS • SANDWICHES
BURGERS • SALADS • WRAPS • DESSERTS

DAILY SPECIALS

Closed Mon.; Tues-Thurs 11am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm; Sun 11am-8pm
111 West Main Street, Kasson, MN
507-634-3133

SANDWICHES • BURGERS • BBQ

THE SMOKIN' SILVERBACK

504 Mantorville Avenue South, Kasson
507-634-7427 (RIBS)
Monday-Thursday 11am-8pm
Friday-Saturday 11am-9pm; Sunday 11am-7:00pm

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

**BURGERS, ESPRESSO
HOTDISH, PIZZA
ICE CREAM**

TRY OUR DAILY SPECIALS!

635 2nd Street, Kenyon
Hours:
Tues.-Sat. 7am to 8pm; Sunday 8am to 6:30pm
Closed Mondays
507-789-1100

East Wind 東風 Buffet

15% OFF Wednesday, Thursday with ad
10% OFF Friday, Saturday, Sunday with ad

MENU OR BUFFET
Cannot be used with other offers.

Hours: Monday: 11am-10pm; Tuesday: Closed; Wed.-Sun.: 11am-10pm
507-451-9666

1015 W. Frontage Rd., Suite 103, Owatonna • South of Lowe's • Dine In Only • Expires April 30, 2025

Center Restaurant
FAMILY
507-633-3333
Thank You

30 Main Street
Dodge Center, MN 55927

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Generous portions, friendly service and delicious homestyle cooking anytime!

TRY OUR DAILY SPECIALS!

BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY!

10% OFF With this ad
Good Monday-Friday. Expires April 30, 2025.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 7am-3pm; Friday-Saturday 7am-8pm
507-633-3333

OPENING SOON!

JB's TAVERN
GREAT BURGERS • COLD BEER

Check Facebook for latest information.
112 Main Street Wanamingo, MN

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol



Question: My vehicle was recently involved with a crash with another vehicle. I had car seat inside but no child was present at the time of the crash. I am wondering if the car seat would still need to be replaced. My auto insurance company didn't want to replace it. Is there some state statute on this?

Answer: I did some checking with a Child Passenger Safety Technician and was advised there is no specific statute regarding car seat replacement after a crash from a state perspective. However, if the car seat manufacturer recommends replacement after a crash, that guidance should be followed. The insurance company may request documentation from the car seat manufacturer to support the claim. The replacement recommendation is not contingent on whether the child was in the seat at the time of the crash.

Child passenger safety technicians are trained to tell parents that if a car seat or booster seat has been in a crash, replacement is dependent on the severity of the crash, as

well as the car seat or booster seat manufacturer's guidelines for the seats.

Some manufacturers require replacement after a crash of any severity. After a minor crash, replacement recommendations vary by car seat manufacturer. Car seats and booster seats always need to be replaced after a moderate or severe crash. Caregivers should contact the car seat or booster seat manufacturer with any questions about if the seat should be replaced after a crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has established the following criteria for assessing minor crash severity:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/car-seats-and-booster-seats/car-seat-use-after-crash>
What defines a minor crash?

A minor crash is one in which ALL of the following apply:

- The vehicle was able to be driven away from the crash site.
- The vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged.
- None of the passengers in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the crash.
- If the vehicle has air bags, the air bags did not deploy during the crash; and
- There is no visible damage to the car seat.

NEVER use a car seat that has been involved in a moderate to severe crash. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.

Question: I am in the process of restoring a classic car. I have a question regarding windshield wipers. Do I have to install them on my ride? I am concerned they will take away from the aesthetics. Everything from how they look on the windshield to the motor under the hood that operates them. I

thought I would check with you.

Answer: Yes, you must have working windshield wipers on your vehicle. Minnesota law says the windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield. The device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle.

Speaking of windshield wipers, a reminder that anytime your visibility is reduced due to rain, snow, sleet, hail, smoke, fog or other conditions that your headlights and taillights must be on.

Question: The other day I was going down the freeway and I saw a vehicle that must've missed their exit as they were backing up near an exit ramp. This didn't appear safe and I'm going to guess illegal. What do you say sir?

Answer: Backing up is not allowed on freeways or expressways, except for emergency vehicles. If someone missed their exit they would need to continue along and use the next exit. I have come across a number of motorists that use the median crossover when they've missed their exit and attempt a "U" turn, this is illegal and unsafe. Some of which have resulted in serious crashes due to this type of negligence.

Stopping on the freeway is prohibited unless it is for an emergency. Pedestrians, bicycles, motorized bicycles and nonmotorized traffic are also prohibited on the freeway.

Question: I have a new driver in the house. We were having some discussion on where a person needs to stop when coming to a stop sign and other situations. Can you please write about that? Thanks!



Answer: Congratulation on the new driver. Here is what a person needs to know when it comes to stopping your vehicle.

Stop Signs:

- Come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- If there is a marked stop line, stop before the line.
- If there is a pedestrian crosswalk, stop before entering the crosswalk.
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, and traffic before proceeding.

Obstructed View:

- If your view of the intersection is obstructed, be prepared to stop again for traffic or pedestrians in your path.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

A legendary musical experience

★ ICONIC FEST ★

EST. 2015

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Friday & Saturday JULY 11 & 12, 2025

For More Information & to Order Tickets Go To
www.iconicfest.com

Friday, July 11



Saturday, July 12



2 DAY OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL!

Held at the Green Lantern
9 miles East of Brainerd on Hwy. 18



City of Dennison Meeting Minutes March 6th, 2025

The March Dennison City Council meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Heidi Cooke on Thursday, March 6th, 2025 at 7:0 pm. Present were Councilors Nichole Schloesser, Caleb Voight, and Diane Ruddle, and clerk Jessica Page. Mayor Jeffrey Flaten was unable to attend.

Councilor Schloesser moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from the February City Council meeting. Councilor Voight second. Motion passed 3:0. Councilor Ruddle abstained as she was not at the January Meeting.

Councilor Voight moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0.

Goodhue County Sheriff:

Utilities:

1.Update from Nate: Nate sent an email update as he is just returning from the MRWA Annual Conference. He noted that Ponds are stable. Well house is functioning as it should. Quarterly fluoride and coliform samples done last month. Training went well.

Post Office water finally thawed out. Nate mentioned to postal employees that the owner of the building needs to put heat tape on their line as it is not city property or the City's issue to fix.

2.J Hasse water Maybe talk to Bollig if they have any ideas. Wait to bring sample in. One possible solution to Jeff Hasses's water problems may be a flushing hydrant mounted outside his building to keep water supply from getting stagnant. Get information on costs. Look at doing a flushing hydrant. Estimated

cost is \$1400 for materials.

3.Review and discuss proposal from Minnesota Pump Works for maintenance on our lift station pumps. This would include calibrating the pumps twice a year, which we need to do for the MPCA. Typically, the maintenance and calibrating of pumps occurs in the spring, calibrating again in the fall. The cost for the spring inspection/maintenance/calibration is \$299.50. The fall calibration will be based on the time it takes to complete the task. The previous maintenance agreement with MN Pump Works we had been paying \$190 for each visit in the spring and fall. Councilor Schloesser move to approve the contract for a three year contract. Councilor Ruddle second. 4:0

Old Business/Committee Reports/Building Permits:

Land split for Danny Nesselth, do public hearing at 6:45 before the April meeting? Reviewed and looks to be ok. Set Public hearing for April meeting at 6:45.

Administrative Issues:

1.Discuss and vote on the land split for David Koester. Public hearing was held prior to the regular monthly meeting. There were two people in attendance beside Council representatives. The proposed land split was explained to those present. There was not opposition to the proposed land split. Councilor Ruddle move to approve the land split. Councilor Schloesser second. Motion passed 4:0.

2.New City Cannabis Ordinance discussion. Any updates? Councilor Ruddle noted that the City will need to designate what zones Cannabis would be allowed in, and not

be allowed (as an in-home business, for example). The Zoning Ordinance would need to be updated to reflect those Zoning specifications. Council would like to do a 1 year moratorium on the zoning/cannabis issue. Check with the city attorney on how to do that. The Cannabis ordinance is easier to do, but to update the Zoning Ordinance is going to take a long time to do. Clerk to send an email to lawyer asking if the City can do a moratorium while we work through the zoning ordinance.

3.Discussion about the City moving funds into CDs at the Heritage Bank. 3 or 6 month CDs have really good rates at this time? Mayor recommends putting city funds into CDs. We can sell bonds to pay for the remaining costs of the street projects and not cash out CDs before their maturity dates. Councilor Voight move to have the CD's as follows: 3 month CD's 4 @ \$50,000, 6 month 2 @ \$50,000. Councilor Ruddle second. Motion passed 4:0. Councilor Schloesser move to designate Jessica, Jeff and Heidi to make the transactions to set up the CD's. Councilor Voight second. Motion passed 4:0

4.Update on the damage to 5th Avenue Way and the shoulder of the road, going back to the fall of 2023. The right-of-way was disturbed (ground sunk) in the area of the private driveway of 37347 5th Avenue Way, which is owned by Jeff Hasse. The mayor filed a claim to be reimbursed for the damage from Sedgwick, a third-party administrator for Lumen Technologies, essentially Century Link. After weeks of emails and telephone calls with the claims representative, they sent a letter to the City denying the

claim on September 4th. The mayor sent follow-up emails and one letter to Sedgwick since then without any responses. The mayor notified the Minnesota Attorney General's office about the letter sent by Sedgwick and follow-up attempts. The mayor told the AG that he had checked the Gopher State One for locates on 5th Avenue Way for 2023. On 9/14/23, emergency work was done to replace the telephone main. On the ticket it said the work was being done for Lumen. The contractor was out of Hibbing. The mayor checked the longitude and latitude coordinates and it appeared that work crossed the road, which would explain why the ROW was disturbed. So, basically, the mayor believes there's enough evidence to go to court and win, but does the Council want to proceed with that course of action? If we use our city attorney, the costs to win the judgment could exceed the amount to be reimbursed, which was \$500. Discussion was held and it was agreed that the City should go ahead and fix and that it wouldn't be work the extra expense of taking it to court.

5.Missing gray chairs from City Hall. It was reported to the City that several of the gray chairs were at Beebe's house. Clerk sent a text message to them requesting the chairs be returned. That hasn't been successful. Mayor is requesting a letter be sent to them. Checking to see if there are current phone numbers and clerk will send another text, and update at April.

6.Update from Jessica about the City audit. No progress has been made on the audit at this point in time, but clerk will try to get as much done as soon as possible.

(continued on page 21)

Traveling through Nerstrand? We're on your way!

HOPE BUTTER



GREETING CARDS



SOGN VALLEY HONEY

Several Sizes Available

ICE

RANDY'S FROZEN PIZZAS

Locally Made in Faribault, MN

HARDWARE



FARM FRESH EGGS

NERSTRAND CLOTHING



We Proudly Carry Select NERSTRAND MEATS

Including Snack Sticks, Wieners & Bacon














Forget Something? Yes, We Have That Too...

Automotive Supplies • Minnesota Lottery • Camping Supplies • Greeting Cards
Ice • Firewood • Propane Exchange • Milk • Bread • Hardware • Pop • Snacks

Plus - Select School Supplies!

Parkside General Store

~ Gas & Groceries ~

"The Little Store with More!"

Monday-Friday 6am-8pm
Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm
230 Main St, Nerstrand
507-332-8626
parksidenerstrand@gmail.com



MILK

Locally Produced & Bottled from Hastings, MN

Gallons






City Clerk

The logo for River Country Cooperative features the company name in a serif font, with 'RIVER COUNTRY' on the top line and 'COOPERATIVE' on the bottom line. Below the name is a decorative horizontal line with a five-pointed star in the center. Underneath the line is the text 'Established 1935' in a script font. A dark rectangular box contains a list of services in a bold, serif font: Fertilizer • Seed, Soil Sampling • Chemicals, Custom Application, Field Scouting, Bulk, LP, and Gas and Diesel Fuel. Below this box, the contact information for four locations is listed in a serif font: Kenyon (507-789-6201), Hastings (800-349-5743), Randolph (800-657-3285), and Hampton (800-225-4316).



Business Link

• Bellechester • Castle Rock • Claremont • Dennison • Dodge Center •
 • Dundas • Goodhue • Hampton • Kenyon • Mazeppa • Nerstrand •
 • Randolph • Wanamingo • West Concord • Zumbro Falls •

DODGE COUNTY LAND TITLE COMPANY

* Over 40 Years Experience
 * Residential
 * Farm
 * Commercial

Use Dodge County Land Title Company for your next real estate transaction or loan closing.

38 W Main Street, Dodge Center, MN
 Ph: 507-633-6355
 Email: dclandtitle@kmtel.com

MANTHEI SEPTIC SERVICE

• Pumping • Flushing
 • Maintenance • Tank Locator
 • Inspection • Drain Cleaning

24 HOUR Service

507-753-2408
507-951-1691

LODERMEIER'S
 STEEL & WOOD FRAME BUILDINGS

• Machinery Storage
 • Commercial
 • Livestock Buildings
 • Garages

38241 County 6 Blvd, Goodhue
651-923-4441
 Lodermeiers.net

JOHNSON'S GENERAL STORE

Artisan Products
 Handmade Soaps
 Chocolate Shoppe Confections
 Handcrafted Candles
 Amish Made Items

211 West Main St.
 Kasson
 507-634-4184
 Wed-Fri 10-6
 Sat 10-2

GREAT GIFT IDEAS!

BASIC HANDGUN SAFETY CLASS
 For Those With No Handgun Experience

- Learn handgun safety fundamentals
- Individual classes available
- Learn to shoot safely & properly
- You can fire a variety of handguns

NRA Instructor with 24 Years Experience
CALL TO SET UP YOUR CLASS TIME, SCHEDULED AT YOUR CONVENIENCE
507-951-7417

COUNTRY GOODS

GIFT IDEAS • COLLECTIBLES
 INSPIRATIONAL ITEMS
 CALENDARS • WIND CHIMES
BIGGEST GIFT STORE IN SO. MN!

Right across freeway from Cabelas
 Sunday 12-5; Mon - Sat 9-7
 4515 NW 22nd Ave, Owatonna
 507-451-5661

All Your Printing & Sign Needs

D&S Banner, Sign & Print

All Your Printing and Sign Needs
 In House Graphic Design
 Large Format Graphics for Vehicles and Trailers
 Installation services

113 Forest Street, Kenyon, MN 55946
507-789-4611
 dandsbannersignandprint.com

L&D Recycling, Inc.
 Scrap Iron & Metals

Steel, Farm Machinery,
 Car Bodies, Aluminum,
 Copper, Batteries,
 Appliances, E-Scrap

55976 State Hwy. 56, West Concord
 Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
 June-October
 Open Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30am
 507-527-2408
 www.ldreycling.com

MANTORVILLE SQUARE
 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Largest Antique Store
 in Dodge County

416 N. Mantorville Ave, Mantorville
 507-635-5554
 Facebook@
 MantorvilleSquareAntiques

ROVLAND
 Auto Service

- Tires
- Wheel alignments
- Steering & suspension
- Brake repair
- A/C maintenance
- Batteries

641 S Main Wanamingo
507-824-2710

AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE
 HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING
 ON-SITE WASTEWATER COLLECTION & TREATMENT
 PIPE REHABILITATION
 GIS MAPPING

ELLINGSON
 EST. 1970

EllingsonCompanies.com | 507.527.2294

R&M STEEL

Full Line of Square Tubes,
 Channels, Angle,
 Flat & Pipes

Shearing, Cutting and
 Bending

61154 190th St Dodge Center
507-374-2524

Tatge Jewelry

Awards By Tatge
 Celebrating 50 Years
 of Business in 2025

625 2nd Street, Kenyon, MN
 (507) 789-6522

fw

Flat Water Futures, LLC
 Grain and Livestock Hedging

Todd Ryan
651-764-5590
 tryan@flatwaterfutures.com

Goodhue, MN
 Branch Office

KAHN Tile Supply LLC

Schaeffer
 SPECIALIZED LUBRICANTS

AGRO POWER

Bruce Freerksen
(507) 273-9110
 brucewithschaefferoil@gmail.com
 West Concord, MN

SIFT (SAVE IT FROM TRASH)
THRIFT STORE

26 RED WING AVE Kenyon, MN

Hours: Thur & Fri 12 to 8pm,
 Saturday 9am to 5pm

DOUG AND MARY KLATT
www.sift4you.com
Call us today! 507.259.2386

Mantorville Chocolate Shoppe

420 Main St.
 Mantorville, MN 55955
 507-635-5814

OVER 100 CHOCOLATE
 DELICACIES HANDMADE
 IN STORE!

UNIQUE CANDIES
 SWEETEST PLACE IN TOWN

Tues-Sat 11:30-5:00; Sun 12:30-5:00

SPECIALTY BAKED GOODS FOR EVERY OCCASION!

Cupcakes • Cakes
 Pies • Cookies
 Fudge • Muffins
 Scones • Cheesecake

507-824-CAKE (2253)
 237 Main St Wanamingo

Let's talk fence

Alpacas, Apples, Beef Cattle, Deer, Dairy Cattle, Elk, Emus,
 Gardens, Goats, Grapes, Gorillas, Horses, Lions, Llamas,
 Ostriches, Ponies, Raccoons, Sheep, Trout, Tigers, Yak

K FENCE

62411 386th Ave., Zumbro Falls, MN
 Phone 507-753-2943 • www.kfence.com
Free Estimates • Free Catalogs

Our unique skid steer and utility tractor snow plow feature a floating face plate and an innovative "cross draw" design, with a dual direction hydraulic cylinder, which allows this plow to sit much closer to the machine and faceplate than a traditional A-frame style plow with a dual ram set-up. Because of our proven design, these plows have substantial amount of free movement or "walk" when going over uneven terrain like a dirt road, side hills, around a pond, a loading dock or handicap ramp. These plows include a cross over relief valve to help protect the hydraulics from damage.

Lightweight plow (up to 35hp)	5' to 6.5'	starting at \$2,475
Std Duty plow (up to 65hp)	5' to 7.5'	starting at \$2,575
Heavy Duty (up to 85hp)	5' to 10'	starting at \$2,775
Industrial/Commercial Duty	6' to 10'	starting at \$3,775

Minnesota Implement

West Concord, MN • 651-269-5688
 See all our products
 @ www.minnesotaimplement.com

Hope Stump Grinding

No job too big,
 no job too small.

John Hope
612-327-5980

Lake State Paintless Dent Repair

We Fix Hail Damage and
 Dents on Vehicles

We can come to your home
 or place of business.

507-319-5714
 taylorlolanpdr@gmail.com

PLACE YOUR AD ON THIS PAGE
 Call Terry at 507-951-7417
 or Email:
 hometownmessenger@gmail.com

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10
11					12				13	14	
15					16				17		
18					19				20		
			21						22		
23	24	25						26			27
30				31		32	33			34	
35			36			37			38		
39					40				41		42
43				44					45		46
			47					48	49		
	50	51						52			53
56								57			58
59								60			61
62								63			64

SWITCH & GET

\$25

Off First Month of New Service!

USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

- © StatePoint Media
- THEME: DESSERTS
- ACROSS

1. Like some champagnes

5. Undergarment

8. Dashboard acronym

11. Poison ivy woe

12. Took to court

13. Milan's La ____

15. Afresh

16. Globes and such

17. SNL's fortÉ

18. *Ladyfingers+coffee liqueur

20. Grammy of sports

21. Jeweler's unit

22. *Like walnuts on ice cream

23. *Thin Mint or Carmel deLite

26. *Apple dip

30. Nelson Mandela's org.

31. Profoundness, pl.

34. Frost-covered

35. Ticket leftovers

37. Pathet ____

38. Lazybones

39. Samoan money

40. A in AU, Alabama

42. Heidi Samuel ____ Klum

43. Contaminating punch

45. Flammable anesthetics

47. a.k.a. acid

48. Military group

50. Jezebel's deity

52. *Espresso+gelato

56. Forgo

57. Palo ____, CA

58. Sacred image

59. Southern cuisine pods

60. Show the guns

61. Small stream

62. "The Star-Spangled Banner" author

63. Toni Morrison's "____ Baby"

64. Adeline or Addison, for short
- DOWN

1. Troublesome child

2. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.

3. Olympic cast-out

4. Smack

5. Anatomical sac

6. Overthrow by argument

7. Marketing creations

8. Wild onion

9. Clever tactic

10. Spanish sea

12. Evening party

13. See-through

14. *Eggs+milk+sugar

19. Old ____, or unpopped popcorn kernels

22. Be, singular past tense

23. Uses a fishing reel

24. Like beer at a kegger (2 words)

25. Round openings

26. Cabbage, in France

27. "The House at Pooh Corner" author

28. African chieftain

29. Ancient Greeks' harps

32. Socket counterpart

33. Bar bill

36. *Filo dough+nuts+honey

38. Book opener

40. Uniting conjunction

41. Robin Hood in Disney's "Robin Hood" (2 words)

44. Keys

46. Mecca to Medina exodus

48. Type of lily

49. Happily ever when?

50. *Make Alaska

51. Gossamer

53. Vinegar or lemon juice, to a chef

54. Communicated

55. James Bond's "For Your Eyes ____"

56. Asian cuisine pan

57. Astern

8	1	9	4	2	3	6	7	5
2	4	3	6	5	7	9	1	8
5	6	7	9	8	1	4	3	2
3	5	3	1	6	2	8	9	4
9	2	4	5	3	8	7	1	6
7	6	1	8	9	4	2	5	3
6	8	2	3	1	9	5	4	7
4	3	5	2	7	6	1	8	9
1	9	7	2	5	4	8	3	6
6	2	3	5	4	8	9	7	1
SUDOKU ANSWERS								

Y	D	O	A	D	D	T	A	R	X	F	L	E	X	A	S	K	E	Y
L	L	L	R	I	L	X	F	L	E	X	A	S	K	E	Y	O	K	R
N	O	N	I	C	O	A	L	T	O	A	L	T	O	A	L	V	A	I
O	A	T	O	A	T	O	A	T	O	A	T	O	A	T	O	B	A	L
															S	D	L	
															S	P	I	
															T	A	L	
															S	T	U	
															A	N	C	
															C	O	O	
															W	E	T	
															T	I	R	
															A	N	E	
															R	A	S	
															B	R	U	

We Want Your News!

Got News?

Help Us Get the Word Out!

News, Photos, Events...

Email your news to:
hometownmessenger@gmail.com

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a

FREE SHOWER PACKAGE

PLUS \$1600 OFF

SAFE STEP

WALK-IN TUB

1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

	2	3						
9			6					
7	4			1		2	8	
				9		8		7
1			8		5			9
4		8		6				
	3	4		8			9	5
					9			2
						6	1	

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Your Community Bank Rooted in Agriculture



We pride ourselves on flexible financing solutions, competitive rates, fast decisions and personalized service to help you grow your business today and preserve it for future generations.

Be Patient With Our Farmers on the Road this Spring



HERITAGE
— B A N K —

www.heritagebankmn.com

DENNISON: 37470 1st Ave. Ct. 507-645-5929

NORTHFIELD: 1520 Clinton Lane 507-645-6736

WEST CONCORD: 181 Main Street 507-527-2236



Member
FDIC