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2025 Goodhue County Fair



photos by Beth Brekke
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St. John's Minneola to Celebrate Sesquicentennial

By Beth Brekke

In 1875, Minnesota's farming communities were thriving thanks to fertile soil and expanding railroads. Several towns and counties saw new establishments as settlers continued to move westward. One of those establishments was St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneola Township. The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) congregation will mark their 150th anniversary with special services and a catered meal on Sunday, September 14th. All are welcome.

The 10 AM service will feature Pastor Jon Hadler, whose father and grandparents were members of St. John's. Jon currently serves at St. Mathew's Church in Marathon, Wisconsin.

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St. John's Lutheran Church, cemetery and parish hall. A tent will be set up for the September 14th noon meal.

Announcements

• The mobile pillow cleaning service will be at the Goodhue Depot parking lot on North Broadway Tuesday September 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm and Wednesday September 10 from 7 am to 3 pm.

• Belvidere Happy-Go-Luckies 4-H Club (usually) meets the first Monday of each month at 7p.m. at St. Peter's Church, rural Goodhue. New members are always welcome! Contact club leader Michelle Benrud at 651-923-5247 for more information.

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



Fresh Feathers: Pillow Cleaning Service Coming to Goodhue

By Beth Brekke

Loved your feather pillow but it shed its filling all over the room so you banished it to a garbage bag in the bottom of your closet? Maybe you have a foam pillow whose stuffing is stuck in a wad? Is your polyester pillow still comfortable but the covering has seen better days? It's time to send them all to pillow rehab!

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Pastors Corner

By Pastor Marty Weigand,
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Are you greedy? You probably don't think of yourself as a greedy person. I don't think of myself that way. I just want myself and my kids to have roughly as much as my neighbors do, or as much as the average citizen of the U.S. enjoys. That's not being greedy, is it? Jesus' words to a certain man recorded in Luke 12:13-15 are a wake-up call that our hearts may be more filled with greed than we realize.

There was a man who thought he was being wrongly deprived of his share of an inheritance by his brother. I don't know about you,

but it bugs me more to be deprived of \$100 that I think is owed to me- like if my employer didn't credit me on my paycheck for all the hours I worked- than if my checking account goes down \$1,000 to pay for a car repair. It seems the man who approached Jesus was feeling that way.

Listen to what he asked Jesus, and what Jesus said in response: 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Luke 12:13-15 (NIV)

Jesus didn't tell the man that his brother was treating him rightly. The man's brother may have been in the wrong. But even so, this man's heart was in danger of being consumed by greed. He was so bent out of shape over that amount of wealth he thought he had coming to him, that when he actually got to see Jesus- this man who had been doing amazing miracles, and teaching and preaching so powerfully as no one had ever done before; this man whom some people believed must be the Messiah- the Savior that God had promised to send to to rescue his people from their sins and death- his first thought was not: "Is this man the one I should trust in for eternal life?" Instead his first thought was: "Is this man the guy who can finally get my brother to give me the share of wealth I have coming to me?"


Is that ever us? Do we ever get so consumed by the desire to have more money or stuff- perhaps money or stuff we think we are wrongfully being deprived of- that we can't enjoy what God has given us? Or that the first thing in our prayers is not thanks to the Lord for his gift of salvation, or that he keep us on the path to heaven; but that he lead that other person to give us that chunk of wealth that they should? "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed," Jesus tells us.

Maybe our temptation to greed is not over money we think we are wrongfully being deprived of. Without realizing it, we may be living by the philosophy that life does consist in the abundance of possessions we have. "If I can just get that house by the lake, then I will be happy." "If I can just get that house by the lake fixed up the way I want it, then I will be happy." "I need a new pickup truck in order to be happy." Why? Did your current pickup truck stop working? No- but my neighbor just got a new one that makes the one I have look second rate. This idea gets reinforced by the culture we live in. There are all the ads that try to convince us that if we buy their product, then we will really be living the good life. An even greater influence is when we see people all around us working longer hours than they need to so they can afford more stuff than they need. And in the process they often shortchange time with their family, and time with the Lord nourishing their faith. But we think from

their example that's how we ought to live, too; and we will be falling short if we don't. We need to hear Jesus' words repeatedly: "Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

But what will help us be less consumed by the desire to get more possessions, and instead content with what God has given us, and focused on what is more important than that? It's not just listening to Jesus' words of warning. It's also taking to heart Jesus' words that remind us of the far more important things God has given us that we can focus our hearts on; and the security we can have about earthly needs because of God's promises.

Jesus also said to his believers: "Seek his [God's] kingdom, and these things [food, clothes and what we need for our earthly life] will be given you as well." (Luke 12:32 NIV) And he not only told us to seek God's kingdom; he went ahead to the cross and died for our sins, then rose from the dead to live as our Savior, so that we could be citizens of God's eternal, heavenly kingdom as a gift, that he already paid for completely. He told his believers: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32) Remembering these things will free us up to spend more time on what is more important- and gives more joy, now and forever!- than piling up possessions on this earth; and to gladly use our earthly possessions to help others, for Jesus' sake.



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"When they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit. . . ."
— Matthew 10:19

Are you ever at a loss for words? I am, at times, in difficult or sensitive situations, where the cost might be high. In our reading for today, we see Peter and John living out a promise that Jesus had given them—that the Holy Spirit would provide them with words in difficult situations. Jesus had commissioned his disciples to continue his ministry (Matthew 28:18-20), and now they were doing as he had taught them. They were healing people and proclaiming his forgiveness of sins and his resurrection from the dead.

But Peter and John were arrested and brought before the religious authorities in Jerusalem, and those leaders wanted to know how the disciples had the authority to heal a lame man. The critical moment had come, and Peter, "filled with the Holy Spirit," proclaimed boldly that they had healed the man in the name of Jesus Christ, who had risen from the dead, and that salvation is found only in him.

Unlike Christians in parts of the world that are hostile to the church today, most of us have not been called to account for our belief in Jesus. We can be grateful, though, for the faithful witness of Jesus' followers. And we can trust that the Spirit will give us what we need when we too may be called on to share the truth about our Lord and Savior.

Jesus, help us to trust you and the Spirit to help us speak with love and boldness when are called to do so in your name. Amen.

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8:30a.m. Quilting and Bible Study on
Wednesday, and 10:30a.m. Midweek Bible Class on Thursday.



Fresh Feathers: Pillow Cleaning Service Coming to Goodhue

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Fortunately, Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service is coming to town and can revive, re-fluff and give your pillows the spa treatment they deserve.

The mobile service unit will be at the Goodhue Depot parking lot on North Broadway Tuesday September 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm and Wednesday September 10 from 7 am to 3 pm.

Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service is again coming to Goodhue thanks to the effort of Deb Gnotke. Carlson started coming to Goodhue over 20 years ago after a local woman asked Deb to look into a pillow cleaning service. The biannual event has been used as a fundraiser for the MS Society, supporting research for-and people with-Multiple Sclerosis like Deb's husband, Dave who has lived with the disease for more than 50 years.

Working out of a mobile trailer, a machine cleans, disinfects and deodorizes pillows

using germ-killing, ozone emitting ultra-violet light. Tumbling brushes rotate and fluff feathers without removing any of their oil, extending the life of the fill. The tumbling removes dust and chaff and the feathers are then transferred into a new material covering of your choice. More feathers and goose down can be added if desired. The process is completed in a short time and pillows returned to you the same day. Crushed foam pillows can also be cleaned and polyester pil-

lows can be recovered. Carlson also sells new pillows of various sizes and feather and down composition. He will work with other down items such as comforters but that is not same-day service. The mobile unit will be clearly marked while parked at The Depot lot.

Contact Deb Gnotke at 651-764-5587 or ddgnotke@sleepyeyetel.net. For specific information on the pillow cleaning service, contact Mike Carlson at 320-212-5811 or check his website: www.carlsonpillow.com.



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OBITUARY

Genevieve Ann (Shelstad) Robbins

Genevieve Ann (Shelstad) Robbins, 92, passed away on July 28, 2025, in Goodhue, MN. Born on September 6, 1932, in Goodhue, Genevieve was beloved by everyone who knew her. Her family and friends called her "Punky," and she touched the lives of so many people throughout her life.



Punky graduated from Goodhue High School in 1949 and was valedictorian of her class. She was immensely proud of this accomplishment. After working as a bookkeeper, Punky met and married John Robbins in 1953.

Punky was a stay-at-home mom and raised six children while her husband John traveled the world serving in the Army and then in the Air Force. Punky often traveled and lived with him, while raising her family. They moved to Camp Rucker Army Base, AL, Fort Benning Army Base, GA, Fort Bragg Army Base, NC, Ramstein Air Force Base in Landstuhl, Germany, Oxnard Air Force Base, CA, then to Fresno, CA once John retired from the military. John and Punky moved back to Goodhue in 1969 and remained there until John's passing in 1987.

Punky eventually moved to Rochester, MN and purchased a home, built a new life, and made new friends in her community. She loved to go out dancing with her friends, enjoyed playing bingo and she enjoyed playing the penny and nickel slots at casinos. She especially enjoyed dancing and going to events with her loving companion and friend Duane Wallin of Owatonna, MN during the last decade of her life.

Those who knew Punky will remember her for her quiet demeanor and laughter. With Punky, sometimes it was just a funny giggle and then you would laugh too. She will be missed by everyone who knows her.

Punky is survived by her sons Lee (Susie), Dan (Colleen), Steve (Scott Syverson), Gary (Rachel) and daughter Sharon Huppert (Richard); and numerous grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Estella and Joyce Shelstad, husband John Robbins Sr., son John Robbins Jr. as well as her daughter Anita.

A memorial gathering was held on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 4pm-7pm at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue. Mass was held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 11am, with visitation from 10-11am, at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue followed by a luncheon. Burial at Fort Snelling Cemetery will be held at a future date in Spring 2026.

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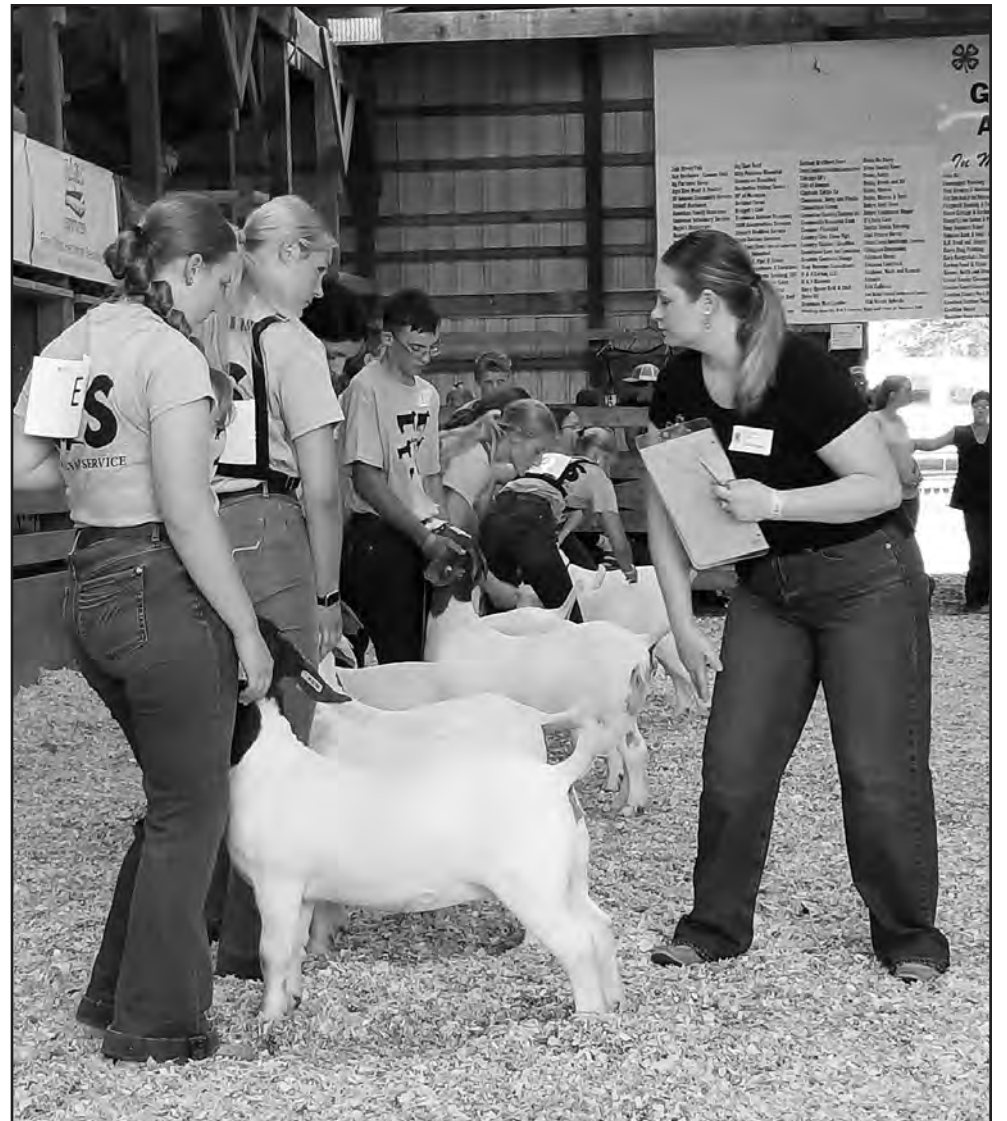
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Goodhue County Fair



Minnesota Dairy Community Crowns 72nd Princess Kay of the Milky Way

Malorie Thorson (Thor-son), a 20-year-old college student from Waverly, representing

Wright County, was crowned the 72nd Princess Kay of the Milky Way in an evening ceremony Aug. 20 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Thorson will serve as the official goodwill ambassador for the nearly 1,800 Minnesota dairy farm families. She is the daughter of Andrew and Colette Thorson and attends South Dakota State University.

Ten county dairy princesses from throughout Minnesota competed for the Princess Kay of the Milky Way title. Alexis Hoefs (Hayfs) of New Prague, representing Le Sueur County, and April Klaphake (Claw-paw-key) of Sauk Centre, representing Stearns County, were selected as runners-up.

Hoefs, Natalie Clemenson (Klem-en-sun) of Zumbrota, representing Goodhue County, and Nicole Hauschildt (Hawshelt) of Zumbro Falls, representing Wabasha County, were named scholarship winners. Lauren Steffl (Stef-el) of Sleepy Eye, representing Brown County, was named Miss Congeniality.

Throughout her year-long reign as Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Thorson will make public appearances to help connect con-

sumers to Minnesota's dairy farm families. She will work to bring dairy to life through conversations, classroom visits and various speaking engagements about the nutritional benefits of dairy and dairy farmers' continual commitment to environmental sustainability.

Thorson's first official duty as Princess Kay will be to sit in a rotating cooler in the Dairy Building (located at the corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street) to have her likeness sculpted in a 90-pound block of butter the first two days of the Minnesota State Fair - Thursday, Aug. 21, and Friday, Aug. 22. Minnesota artist and butter sculptor Gerry Kulzer will be carving Princess Kay and the finalists.

Other finalists are scheduled to have their likenesses sculpted as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Natalie Clemenson, Zumbrota, representing Goodhue County
Thursday, Aug. 28: Heidi Montag, Sauk Rapids, representing Benton County

Friday, Aug. 29: Nicole Hauschildt, Zumbro Falls, representing Wabasha County
Saturday, Aug. 30: April Klaphake, Sauk Centre, representing Stearns County
Sunday, Aug. 31: Haylie Wielenberg, Long Prairie, representing Todd County

Throughout the fair, Princess Kay and the other finalists will make appearances near the Butter Sculpture Booth in the Dairy Building. Princess Kay's Facebook page and Instagram will provide regular updates and photos of each completed butter sculpture.

Princess Kay candidates are judged on their general knowledge of the dairy industry,



72nd Princess Kay Malorie Thorson
photo by Matt Addington and Midwest Dairy

communication skills and enthusiasm for dairy. Midwest Dairy sponsors the Princess Kay program, which is funded by dairy farmers through their promotion checkoff.

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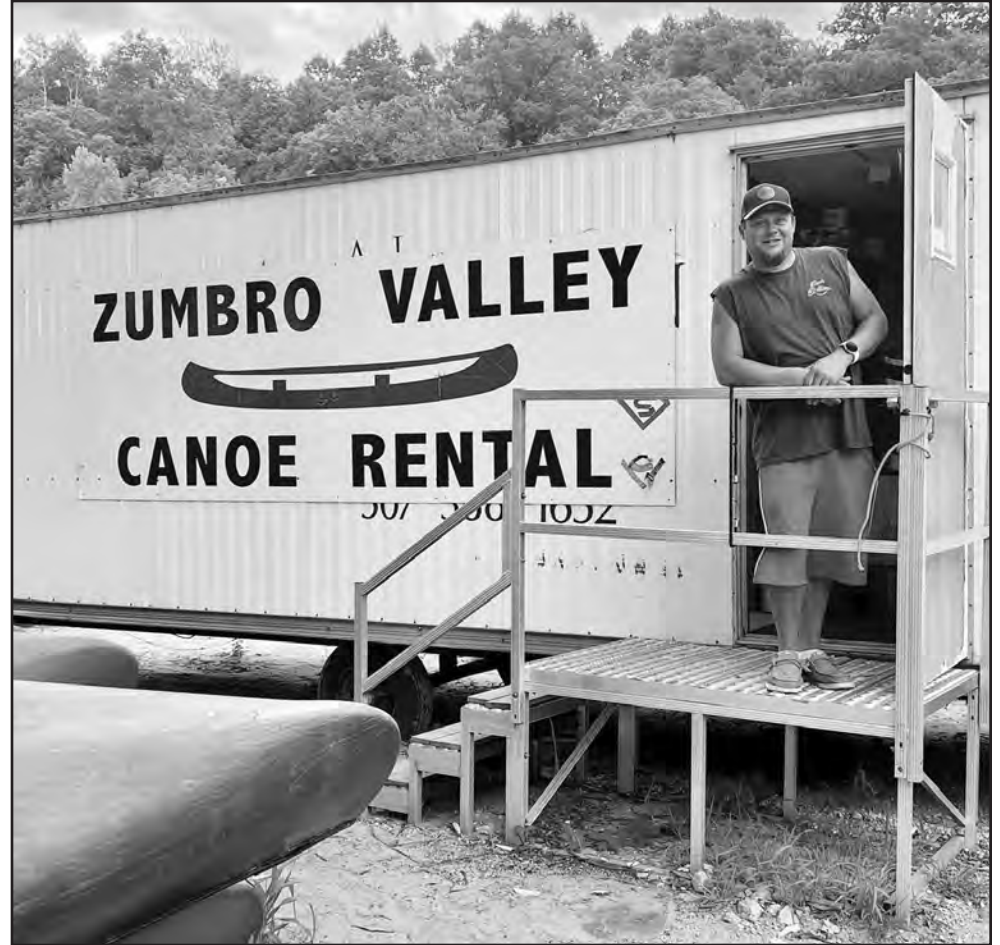
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Big News from the River

Zumbro Valley Canoe Rental has new owner. Chris Tetrich is now the owner of the business. They are open seven days a week starting at 9am. Same beautiful seven miles float down the Zumbro River. Same awesome beach stops on the way. Still ends at Rock Bottom Bar. Address is 61772 US 63 Zumbro Falls. 507-753-2568.



Mazeppa Community Trail to Sponsor Monster Dash 5k-Walk/Run

The Mazeppa Community Trail is sponsoring a Monster Dash 5k-Walk/Run on Sunday, October 26th at the Herb Vik Field in Mazeppa.

The event is open to the community, geared towards kids, but it will be a fun afternoon for everyone.

Plans are being made for a food truck, coffee truck, games, pumpkin decorating, exercise and lots of great costumes will be present. All proceeds will be used for matching grant funds. Registration slips available on the Mazeppa Trail Website. Mazeppalocaltrailconnections.com

More information to come!



Mazeppa Monster Dash Run/Walk Event

This 5k event is a fundraiser for the Mazeppa Trail in town!! It will also benefit the safe route for schools initiative. It is being run in coordination with the Trunk or Treat event in Mazeppa. The Trunk or Treat, hosted by the Business Women of Mazeppa, will follow the Monster Dash. Halloween costumes are encouraged. Show us your best costumes!!



Course
The Mazeppa Monster Dash Run/Walk will feature a 3.1-mile route. The route will start at Herb Vik and will be multiple laps.

Time Limit
The course will be set up for 1 hour. Timing will be provided but not for competitive purposes.

Post-Race
Join us for music, free water, bananas and granola bars during and after the race.

For Fun
Face Painting. Costume contest (prizes for the best costumes 18 or under). Pumpkin decorating (until gone). There are other fun events in the works!

Parents/Students
Please be sure to turn in your permission slip ASAP. Deadline is 10/05/2025 for a T-shirt.

Date & Location
Sunday, October 26th, 2025
Herb Vik Field in Mazeppa

Events
Check in Time: 1:00-1:45 P.M.
Start Time: 2:00 P.M. End Time: 3:30
Trunk or Treat: 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Registration
Turn into the school offices only.

K-12 Student Registration: \$25
General Registration: \$35

Cash or check payable to Mazeppa Trail. The registration fee includes run/walk registration, snacks, water, and a t-shirt! ***Only guaranteed if you sign up before October 5th!**

<https://MazeppaMonsterDash5k.eventbrite.com>

Mazeppa Monster Dash Run/Walk Entry Form

Full payment due by **10/05/2025** to guarantee a t-shirt!

Turn in to the office or send to Zumbrota-Mazeppa Elementary School ATTN: Ben Sand

Date: _____ Name: _____

Additional Name: _____

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Email: _____

T-shirt Size: **SELECT ONE (or more if multiple people signing up on this form)**

YOUTH Small Medium Large XL **ADULT** Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL

Signature: _____

Note: For the safety of all participant skateboards, scooters, and skates of any kind are prohibited in this event. Waiver of Liability: In consideration of my entry being accepted, I waive any and all claims for myself, my administrators, and my heirs against all officials, sponsors, and organizations connected with the Mazeppa Monster Dash Run/Walk for injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.



Heather Layne

in Concert

(Free Admission)

Sunday
September 14th, 2025

5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 5:00pm

South Troy Church
Celebrate Recovery
56817 Highway 63
Zumbro Falls, MN

Heather Layne is a Singer/Songwriter, who tells her story during her concerts, of how she overcame domestic abuse and the effects of trauma. She and her Nashville Music Label released another song in 2025 over Country Radio.

When her life hit bottom, she felt lost, confused, and wondered why she was even breathing... Her lowest point became a turning point...

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Seen and heard over Television and mainstream Radio, across the U.S. and overseas, Heather Layne has a heart for the broken. Her soul-stirring voice, music, and story continue to reach people from all walks of life.

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Vintage Machinery, both horse drawn, and



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tractor driven, will be on display and used in various exhibits on the grounds.

The tractor parade takes place at noon each day.

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

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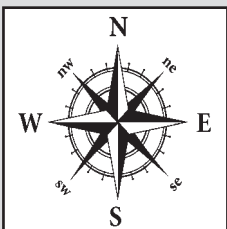
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **I Was Born a Cowboy**



By Terry Campbell

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

I have always loved horses. My dad bought my older brother a Welsh pony when I was in Third grade. It was my first hand me down horse. We only rode it bareback. It was a good trainer horse. I learned how to fall off and survive. I found that to be very important in life.

In Fifth grade I bought a cob horse from my best friend for \$100 and a new saddle from Wayne Abbey's tack shop in Pine Island for \$40. Best starter horse ever. In seventh grade I bought a quarter horse gelding for \$400 and put thousands of miles on him. The Dodge County Saddle Club would have trail rides

each month starting at the Bringgold farm. I would ride him up there and join everyone for a couple hour ride through Buehler's Woods, and then after a late night hot dog roast I would ride him three miles back home in the dark.

Every horse has a warm place in my memory. A 3 year-old un broke Appaloosa I bought from my best friend was my project in the mid 80's. I broke him to ride in a couple weeks and he never gave me a bit of trouble. He was a cow horse and when it was time to cut cattle he knew exactly what to do. If there were beef to herd you learned to have a firm grip on the saddle horn when your foot hit the stirrup or he was going to accelerate right out from under you.

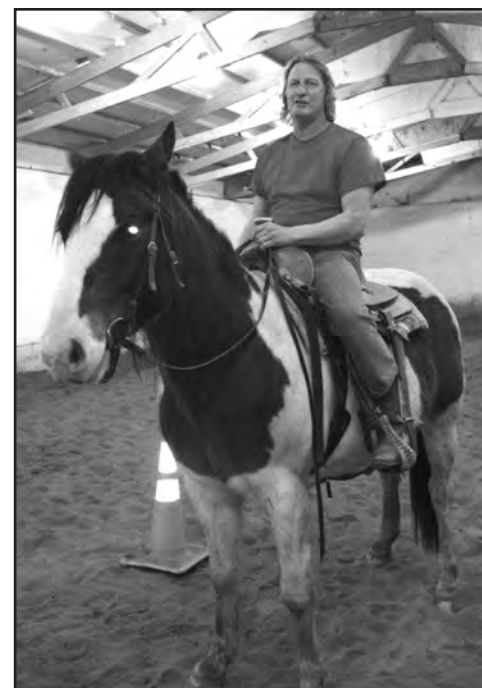
I got the idea I wanted a draft horse to ride and bought a 5 month-old Clydesdale about 2005. That was the first time I had to halter break a colt that outweighed me by a couple times. He walked right over me for the first month before he learned to respect the lead rope. I ended up riding him bareback most the time because I couldn't get my foot high enough to reach the stirrup.

In 2007 I traded a cob horse for a 5 year-old un broke Paint gelding. His name was Mayson and he was beautiful. Not being under a saddle for 5 years presented a challenge. We went through a month during training where he did his best to shed both saddle and rider. I won and he became a terrific horse.

But my best horse story happened when I was 18 years old. I found a quarter horse for sale outside of Zumbrota. My dad and I went to check it out. It was a college girl selling

her horse after winning a blue ribbon at the Goodhue Fair. My brain shut off when I saw her. The girl, not the horse. Instead of listening closely that this was halter class only, I said I wanted to ride it. They had no saddle and only an old bridle with twine string reins. My teenage boy brain still didn't get it. It was a pretty girl and I was clearly not thinking about the horse. Ignoring common sense, I pulled the reins up, grabbed the mane and vaulted onto its back. We headed down the drive and up the ditch. Once out of sight of the girl I began to understand the situation I was in. This horse did not respond at all to the bit or the reins. After a short way down the road, the horse decided to head back to the farm at a full gallop. After thundering down the driveway and skidding to a stop in front of the surprised family, I dismounted and said they were asking more than I was interested in paying.

We got back in my truck and headed home. Once we turned onto the road my dad began to laugh uncontrollably. He said family was shocked that I would even consider mounting the horse as no one had ever ridden it before. They were certain the horse was going to re-



turn without the rider. He wasn't sure himself that I was coming back. Unfortunately, I knew a lot more about horses than girls.

A Minnesotan: **Canning Season**



By RosaLin Alcoser

Now that Fall is rolling around and the county fairs have come to an end. Or if you live anywhere near a lake the cabin people have started to go home. That means one thing in rural Minnesota. It's nearly harvest time.

I grew up in rural Minnesota, but I was not a farm kid. So outside of my family's massive garden, I never participated in harvest. I did, however, grow up between farms so there was a time or two in my teen years that I was called upon to watch younger children during harvest. Outside of that late Summer and early Fall usually

meant something very different at my house. It meant it was canning season.

As previously mentioned my family had a massive garden and my father was very good at procuring large quantities of apples. Looking back at it all, the amount of apples he was able to get a hold of was extremely impressive. Which did mean we spent a good portion of the Fall canning nearly all of the vegetables from the garden but also making everything apple that could be canned. We're talking applesauce, apple butter, apple pie filling, and apple jam. Now if you've never made any of these things I can tell you that it is a long and time consuming process. Which can also be quite explosive.

Once when my older sister was a teenager she was keeping an eye on a round of apple butter that was in the middle of the canning process. It was in the pressure cooker when it exploded, getting apple butter all over the kitchen. All the way up to the ceiling; which was quite impressive, considering it was a 9 foot ceiling.

Needless to say that the apple butter explosion of 2005 is probably part of the reason she doesn't can or make apple butter. Not that I do either of those things, but my apartment also doesn't have the counter space. Nor do either of us have our father's gift for being able reasonably to get that many apples at once.

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Is Your Skin Aging Prematurely? Heart burn pills are Bad!



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Use your senses: Expiration dates are more about quality than safety. Labels like "sell by" and "best before" indicate peak freshness, not when food becomes unsafe, leading Americans to toss out billions of pounds of perfectly good food. There's no universal rule—states set their own policies, and companies use different methods, which is why similar products can have varying labels. The only federally regulated dates are for infant formula. Health experts warn that raw meat, seafood, unpasteurized dairy, and baby food

pose the biggest risks, but for most other items, trust your senses—appearance, smell, and taste are better indicators. Until labeling becomes consistent, a little common sense can go a long way in reducing waste and staying safe.

Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), commonly used to treat heartburn, have been linked to significant health risks, including a 16% higher chance of heart attacks and double the risk of dying from cardiovascular events, even in individuals without prior heart disease. While these drugs are marketed as a quick fix for acid reflux, they suppress stomach acid production entirely, which is problematic since most reflux is actually caused by too little stomach acid, not too much. This suppression exacerbates the underlying issue, leading to fermentation, bloating, and pressure that pushes acid into the esophagus. The risks extend beyond the gut, as PPIs interfere with nitric oxide production, a molecule essential for healthy blood vessels, increasing the likelihood of heart-related complications. Examples of PPIs include esomeprazole (Nexium), lansoprazole (Prevacid), omeprazole (Prilosec), pantoprazole (Protonix), and rabeprazole (AcipHex)

The dangers of PPIs don't stop at cardiovascular risks. Long-term use has been associated with kidney damage, weakened bones, and impaired nutrient absorption. Chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury, and even end-stage renal disease have been linked to these medications. Additionally, the suppression of stomach acid hinders calcium absorption, leading to fragile bones and a higher risk of fractures, particularly in older adults



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or those with pre-existing bone conditions. Stomach acid also plays a critical role in defending against harmful pathogens, and its reduction makes PPI users more susceptible to severe infections like C. diff, pneumonia, and E. coli.

For those relying on PPIs, it's crucial to understand that these risks can accumulate even with standard doses or over-the-counter use. The FDA advises limiting PPI use to no more than three 14-day treatment periods per year, a guideline often overlooked. A safer alternative is famotidine (Pepcid), an H2 blocker that reduces stomach acid through a different mechanism and doesn't carry the same cardiovascular risks. Famotidine also helps block excess serotonin, which can disrupt energy levels and drive inflammation, making it a more holistic option for managing reflux.

If you're currently using PPIs, transitioning off them requires a gradual tapering process to avoid rebound acid production. Full recovery of stomach acid production and digestive function can take months or even years, necessitating targeted nutritional support to rebuild gut health. With over 60 million Americans experiencing heartburn monthly, it's vital to address the root cause of reflux rather than masking symptoms with medications that may do more harm than good. For all natural symptom relief, we have successfully used Zypan in our offices. Zypan is a whole food supplement that reduces and prevents acid reflux (from Standard Process).

Is your skin aging prematurely? Your skin is a dynamic, multi-layered organ that serves as a protective barrier and reflects your overall health and lifestyle choices. Its structure, comprising the epidermis, dermis, and hypodermis, is designed to shield against external threats, regulate internal stability, and support immune and metabolic functions. The epidermis forms a water-tight barrier,

while the dermis provides strength and flexibility through collagen and elastin. The hypodermis, rich in fat and blood vessels, cushions the body and regulates temperature. This intricate system communicates with the body through nerves, hormones, and bioactive compounds, but its ability to repair and protect diminishes with age, making consistent dietary support essential for maintaining its resilience.

Skin aging is influenced by two overlapping processes: chronological aging and photoaging. Chronological aging is an internal, genetically driven process that slows cell turnover, reduces collagen and elastin production, and alters hydration levels, leading to fine lines, sagging, and thinning skin. Photoaging, on the other hand, results from external stressors like UV exposure, pollution, and smoking, which create oxidative stress and inflammation that degrade skin structure. While sunlight is often blamed for skin aging, the real issue lies in the skin's nutritional preparedness. A well-supported diet can enhance the skin's ability to recover from UV exposure and other environmental stressors, reducing visible signs of aging.

Diet plays a pivotal role in skin health, influencing its hydration, repair, and structural integrity. Nutrients like vitamin C, omega-3s, carotenoids, and fermented foods strengthen collagen networks, improve hydration, and bolster antioxidant defenses. Conversely, diets high in trans fats, sugars, refined carbs, and additives accelerate aging by promoting glycation, disrupting the microbiome, and weakening the skin's repair capacity. Poor dietary choices, particularly those high in linoleic acid, make the skin more vulnerable to UV damage, amplifying the effects of photoaging. This underscores the importance of a nutrient-rich diet in supporting the skin's natural defenses and maintaining its youthful appearance.

External factors such as pollution, harsh weather, smoking, and irritants like strong soaps further strain the skin's barrier, generating free radicals and triggering inflammation that impair its renewal capacity. While the skin is designed to interact with sunlight and even benefits from it in terms of vitamin D synthesis and energy regulation, its ability to handle exposure depends on its internal nutritional state. A well-nourished skin barrier is better equipped to withstand daily wear and environmental stressors, highlighting the critical connection between diet and skin health. By prioritizing a balanced, nutrient-dense diet, you can support your skin's ongoing regeneration and resilience against aging.

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A noon meal catered by Bridget's Café of Zumbrota will be served under a tent on the parish lawn. A 2:30 PM service will be conducted by Pastor Dennis Klatt, president of WELS Minnesota District and associate pastor at Holy Trinity, New Hope. Liturgist for both services will be St. John's pastor, Randall Kuznicki who says, "Our gracious God has continued to be with us to keep us in His loving care and to bless us in so many ways, especially by preserving his Scripture Truth among us".

Minneola Township officially organized in 1859. St. John's history dates back to an arrangement with St. Peter's Congregation, Pine Island Township, commonly known as the Poplar Grove Congregation. Organized around 1866, St. Peter's began sending their pastors to conduct services in homes of German Lutheran families living in the Minneola area. Under the leadership of Reverend William Lange, 18 men became charter members of the new congregation.

Although early records were destroyed in a fire, it is believed the church was formally organized in 1875 and the building erected before 1877 when secretarial records were again available. Later records tell of adding the steeple and placing a bell in the tower in



St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneola Township will celebrate 150 years on September 14th with services at 10 AM and 2:30 PM and a catered meal at noon.

1895.

The Poplar Grove and Minneola locations spurred the creation of what is now Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. The Poplar Grove church eventually became inactive and Minneola became a joint parish with the Zumbrota congregation until its growth offered independence. Minneola stood on its own from 1920 to 1922 when it again became a dual parish, this time with St. Peter's in Goodhue. That partnership continued until 2016 when St. John's voted to be a separate entity.

The Church underwent many changes and advancements in the following decades.

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The German Lutheran church began holding services in English and the congregation officially joined the Wisconsin Synod.

The church interior was renovated and re-decorated and was known to many as "The Pink Church" until its most recent painting in 2018. In 1948 the building was wired for electricity and a separate parish hall was built in 1950. The first use of the parish hall was for a meeting of the Ladies' Aid, who raised and donated money to the building project.

The Ladies' Aid was established in 1937 with 13 official members. A hand-written copy of the constitution lays out responsibilities of officers and the by-laws called for 25 cent monthly dues, raised to 50 cents in 1969.

They also called for 5 refreshments at each meeting but in 1961 amended it to read, "All refreshments are to be governed by having three (3) articles instead of five (5) articles and that we discontinue the passing of food for a second time excepting the coffee". The present Ladies' Aid sustains 6-8 members and they have been largely responsible for planning the upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.

The 76-member church is governed by a council of 5 men. Currently serving as president is Dale Hadler; secretary, David Hadler; treasurer, Myron Scharpen; and directors, Tom Tonsager and Tim Thermos. The council approves projects including painting, roofing and repairs of the church and parish hall, handicap access, cemetery upkeep and

lawn and landscape projects. Recent improvements are a new sidewalk and landscape lighting that illuminates the church at night.

The council works closely with Pastor Kuznicki who has served the congregation since 1984. "There have been many changes over these years, including many members being called home to heaven, and considerable changes to our church and property, especially over the last nine years," he said. "What a pleasure it has been to serve the people at St. John's for 41 years. The years have flown by and it is humbling to realize that I have been privileged to shepherd the flock of God's sheep and lambs here for longer than any other pastor in our history."

Pastor Kuznicki is not the only member with a long history of service at St. John's. Through the years many have been recognized for their accomplishments, including Victor Schulz and Mrs. W.J. (Hattie) Hadler for 25 years as Sunday School teachers, Robert Born for 40 years as trustee, and Mrs. Walter (Esther) Hadler for more than 50 years as organist - a position presently shared by Mrs. Dale (Kathy) Hadler with nearly 40 years and Mrs. Tim (Julie) Thermos playing for 49 years.

"God's people here at St. John's have faithfully served the Lord, despite the difficulties imposed by things like the Covid virus and many other challenges over the years," Kuznicki continued, "I am especially grateful that they have supported and encouraged me



Recent improvements at St. John's Minneola church include a new sidewalk, landscaping and night lighting.

as their pastor and have generously given of their time, talents and treasure for the spread of our Lord's Gospel message here and across the world. I continue to be heartened by the faith of these believers in Jesus, and pray that we will keep working together in love and godly unity and harmony as long as our gracious God wills."

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneola Township is located at the intersection of Goodhue County Road 7 and 410th Street, Zumbrota. Pastor Kuznicki can be reached at 651-380-1542 or email, kuznicki@sleepyeyetel.net.

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By Brenda Tomlinson,
Wabasha County Emergency Management

Since September 2004, National Preparedness Month has been held every September to help people become more aware about the importance of preparing ahead of time for a disaster or emergency that could affect you, your home or your community.

Here are some ways you and your family can plan ahead:

Get ready for any event – With the numbers of natural disasters rising year after year, it makes sense for every person to prepare themselves. Visit websites like Ready.gov and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Emergency Preparedness to learn more about ways to be prepared in the event of any major disaster.

Run mock safety drills – Test out your home safety plan, build a disaster kit with all the essentials, and run your loved ones – especially the kids – through what to do if a disaster hits. This can give you the best chance of emerging on the other side with everyone safe.

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Support community preparedness – Look around and you will find multiple ways to get involved in your community long before disaster strikes. You can volunteer with Red Cross, work with or start a Neighborhood Watch, or visit the Citizen Corps website to get a better sense of how your talents can be used.

Other Ways to Plan Ahead:

- Sign up for local alerts and warnings (available on the county website)
- Make a plan for what you would do when an emergency occurs
- Practice emergency drills and where your family would meet up if separated
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The Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC) Announces New Partnership with Spring Board for the Arts to Offer Business Skills Workshops

SEMAC is excited to partner with Springboard for the Arts this fall to offer three of their Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists workshops virtually for individual artists and culture bearers living in SEMAC's 11-county region. These workshops are FREE to attend, and you can sign up for one, two, or all three. Springboard's Work of Art program is a professional development curriculum designed to teach business skills to artists and culture bearers in all disciplines - visual, performing, and literary arts. It starts with career planning

and moves through topics such as pricing, marketing, funding, and business plans. Work of Art can be helpful if you are just starting your creative career, or if you need a refresher as you advance your work.

The curriculum is available as a free workbook (in English and Spanish) and downloadable from the Springboard for the Arts website as a helpful reference during or after the workshops. To download the workbook and for more information about Springboard's Work of Art program, go to springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/.

The three workshops being offered this fall by Springboard in partnership with SEMAC are:

Career Planning

Where do you want to be both artistically and professionally? Learn how to define your values, identify key choices and develop a plan to achieve your career goals.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 |

6:00-9:00p CT

To register:

springboardforthearts.org/events/work-of-art-career-planning-semac/

Time Management

Discover analytical and tool-based approaches to managing your time. These tools will help you tackle hurdles related to efficiency, flexibility, and structure to help you reach your artistic goals.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 |

6:00-9:00p CT

To register:

springboardforthearts.org/events/work-of-art-time-management-semac/

Portfolio Kit

Your portfolio is the core of your promotional materials and serves as your professional calling card. Focus on the essential elements: sharpening your artist statement, tailoring your artistic resume, and curating and formatting your work samples.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 |

6:00-9:00p CT

To register:

springboardforthearts.org/events/work-of-art-portfolio-kit-semac/

Please note that these sessions will not be recorded. Automated Zoom captions will be available. Contact sharon@semac.org, (507) 281-4848, 711 TTY with questions, and use Springboard's registration form for accessibility requests.

This activity is supported in part by the State of Minnesota through a grant from The



Office of Small Business Development, Department of Employment and Economic Development.

SEMAC serves Region 10, which includes Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona Counties, including the Prairie Island Indian Community.

SEMAC's activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

For more information, visit semac.org or contact the office at 507-281-4848.



Help for Minnesota Farmers to Buy their First Farm Returns

Down Payment Assistance Grant program now open for applications

Minnesota farmers' next chance for help buying their first farm has arrived, with the return of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Down Payment Assistance Grant program.

The Down Payment Assistance Grant offers eligible farmers up to \$20,000 to help buy their first farm, up from \$15,000 in past years to reflect increasing land prices. The Minnesota Legislature boosted funding for the program to \$1.25 million this year, up from \$1 million last year.

Applications are open now through September 15, 2025 for the fourth round of funding. To date, the program has helped 112 farmers buy their first farms, with \$1,677,500 in total awards made.

Eligible applicants must make less than \$250,000 per year in gross agricultural sales, and they must match the award with at least \$8,000 of other funds (e.g. loan, contract for deed, cash, or other financing) to unlock the full award amount.

The MDA will award grants using a random lottery process, with priority given to eligible applicants who:

- Have earned no more than \$100,000 in annual gross farm product sales, or;
- Are producers of industrial hemp, cannabis, or specialty crops.

The MDA will notify applicants of award decisions in late September.

Farm purchases from direct family (e.g. parents, grandparents, or siblings) are not allowed. Purchases from extended family (e.g. aunt/uncle, cousins) will be allowed.

Farm purchases must take place after approval of the application. The MDA cannot award grants for purchases that have already taken place.

Awardees have six months from the award notification to close on land purchases. The MDA will consider a deadline extension if the awardee can provide a signed purchase agreement or written commitment from an approved technical assistance provider stating that the applicant is looking for land and financially prepared to buy.

The MDA is hosting an informational webinar for prospective applicants. Additional webinar recordings and other resources focused on different topics related to the farm-buying process are also available on our webpage.

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Hog Roast meal at the end

Rain Date will be September 14th
Watch Lions Facebook page for updates

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Contact: Marty Kehren 651-380-2888
Jerry Tipeke 651-764-0508
for more info

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SMIF Seeks Applications for Economic Development Grants

OWATONNA, Minn. - Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is currently accepting applications for its Economic Development Grant program. Requests of up to \$20,000 will be considered.

The goal of SMIF's Economic Development Grant is to support initiatives which enable communities to create more prosperous local economies. Projects from eligible nonprofits, government agencies and public institutions in SMIF's 20-county region may apply. This grant round will especially consider proposals from anchoring economic development efforts that may be experiencing sudden funding loss or operational shocks due to changes in the external economic landscape. As such, existing work is eligible for funding — in addition to new proposals.

"Economic development is a key driver in keeping our region vibrant, resilient and growing," shared Benya Kraus, SMIF presi-



dent and CEO. "Without strong backbone organizations, networks and leaders driving a proactive economic development strategy, our communities end up siloed and stagnant. This grant program will power up these organizations, especially in the midst of changing external environments."

Applications are due to SMIF by October 10, 2025. For the application and guidelines, visit smifoundation.org/economicgrants or contact Jennifer Heien, entrepreneurship administrative coordinator, at 507-214-7040 or jenniferh@smifoundation.org.

SMIF works to catalyze entrepreneurial activity within the region and has played a strong role in growing local business by supporting entrepreneurship since 1986. In addition to the Economic Development Grants, SMIF provides early-stage investments, traditional loans, micro loans, technical assistance, peer networks and business trainings to achieve the vision of creating economic prosperity and community vitality in southern Minnesota.

Funding Available for Minnesota Clean Energy Projects

The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) is accepting community-led project proposals related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and energy storage projects within Minnesota. In particular, CERTs seeks proposals for projects that:

- Help people learn about clean energy.
- Build community by engaging a variety of partners.
- Remove barriers, making clean energy more accessible for everyone.
- Are highly visible in the community and can be an example for other communities.

CERTs Seed Grants fund the labor it takes to get these projects started and act as an incentive for funders to support the remaining needs of the project. The grants strive to ensure all Minnesota communities have access to clean energy, including those with high energy burdens, where households spend more than 5% of their annual income on energy costs (compared to 2% for the average Minnesota household).

Local residents who make up the seven CERTs Regional Steering Committees will select the projects to be funded in their region. Awarded projects will be notified in December 2025, with a public announcement in January 2026.

Financial and programmatic support comes from the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Conservation and Optimization Program and the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program. Additional financial support is provided by the Carolyn Foundation.

CERTs Seed Grants encourage projects that help people see clean energy working in their own communities. Since 2006, over \$1.98 million in CERTs Seed Grants has been awarded to over 500 projects across Minnesota.

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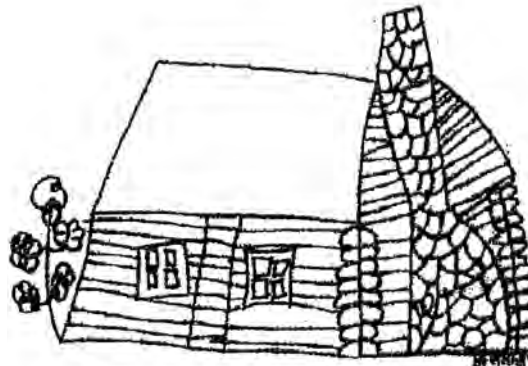
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Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol



I was recently issued a 2024 Dodge Durango, replacing my 2019 Dodge Charger. Dodge discontinued making the Dodge Charger for a few years but is supposed to be coming back. State Patrol's main squads are Dodge Durango or the Ford F-150. The State Patrol issues new squads to troopers when the vehicle reaches approximately 120,000 miles. The retired squads are then auctioned off on-line to the highest bidder.



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Brakes: Dodge Factory Police BR9 dual piston front single rear

Fuel capacity 24.6 gallons
Top speed 130 + MPH
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Question: *It seems like we have been seeing a fair amount of rain along with flash flood warnings. Can you talk about what motorists should do if they encounter such a thing?*

Answer: Flooding can happen when streams and rivers overflow, dams or levees break, snow melts rapidly, or during heavy rainfall. Floodwaters can cover roads, bridges and low areas. Flash floods can come quickly and without warning, within minutes or hours of excessive rainfall.

- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded roadway ahead, turn around and find another route.

- Be cautious, especially at night when visibility is limited.

- Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.

- 2 feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pickup trucks.

- Even if the water appears shallow, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can hide dips or damage roadways by washing away the surface.

- If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.

Question: *I have a new driver in the house and they asked a question that got me thinking. If someone has a crash and hits a power pole, what should they do in that situation?*

Answer: If your car comes into contact with a utility pole, wire or power box, you should:

- Stay in your vehicle and call 911.

- Only get out of the vehicle if it is on fire.

- If you must get out, jump from the vehicle with both feet together and shuffle your feet on the ground as you move away from the scene.

- Always assume all wires and equipment are electrified.

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 traf-

fic 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) Twitter: MSPPIO_SOUTH

NEW MN OHV/ATV Seat Belt Law

A new Minnesota law concerning off-road vehicles (OHVs) and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) went into effect July 1, 2025. This new law is simple — if an OHV or ATV comes equipped with factory-installed seat belts, all occupants must wear them when operated on or within the right-of-way of a public road. By following the new seat belt law, we can collectively contribute to a safer riding environment for everyone. The Minnesota Safety Council and Minnesota Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) developed a resource to help riders understand the new law. Please share with family and friends to help promote a culture of safe, responsible riding.

Off-road vehicles are popular for both work and fun, but they can present some serious dangers if not operated safely:

Limited protection: Some don't have the same safety features as a car, like seat belts and airbags, so there is little to protect you in a crash.

High speed and stability issues: These vehicles can go fast, making them difficult to control on uneven ground. They can also tip over easily, especially on paved roads where they don't grip well.

Safety risks: A significant number of injuries — about 26 percent of all ATV-related injuries happen to children under 16.

Enforcement and penalties:

A fine of \$25 per violation may be issued.

Drivers are responsible for their own violations and for any violations committed by passengers under 15 years old.

Drivers looking for additional resources on off-road vehicles should go to buckleupmn.org for more information. RIDE SMART. HELMET ON. BUCKLE UP.



NEW Seat Belt Requirement for ATV Riders

ALL operators and passengers of a Class 2 ATV with factory-equipped seat belts **MUST** wear the seat belt, including both the shoulder and lap belt (if so equipped), at all times when operated on or within the right-of-way of a public road. (Statute 169.686, subd. 1)

What is Required for Riders?



HELMETS

Class 1 and Class 2 ATVs: A helmet approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety is required for **ALL riders under age 18** when riding on public land, public waters, or on private property.



SEAT BELTS

Class 2 ATVs Only: If the ATV has factory-installed seat belts, **ALL operators and passengers** must wear them when operated on or within the right-of-way of a public road.

Class 1 ATVs



Width 50 inches or less

Class 2 ATVs



Width greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches

What is the Right-of-way?

Driving the ATV either directly on a public road or within the area that is legally designated as part of the road, known as the **right-of-way**. The right-of-way includes the road itself, shoulder, ditches, sidewalks, etc.

Enforcement & Penalties:

- If you are **15 or older** and violate the law, you can be fined **\$25**.
 - If you are the **driver** of the vehicle, you are responsible for:
 - Your own violations.
 - Any violations committed by passengers under 15 years old.
- You can be fined **\$25 per violation**.



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Window Tint - Safety Over Style

There are various reasons people want window tint for their vehicles, and many of them go beyond simple aesthetics. It can be a mix of style, privacy, glare reduction, UV protection and an overall sense of a vehicle being a personal space. Minnesota's window tint law aims to strike a balance, allowing for some tint to reduce glare and protect from UV rays while prioritizing the safety of everyone on the road.

Here's why:

Visibility: Illegal tint can make it difficult for drivers to clearly see other cars, pedestrians or road hazards, especially at night.

Safety: During a traffic stop, officers need to see into the vehicle. Illegal tint makes this impossible, which can create a dangerous situation for everyone.

The general rule is that your windows must let in at least 50 percent of the light. Here are the details:

Front windshield: No tint is allowed.

Passenger cars: All side and rear windows are limited to the 50 percent rule.

Pickups, vans and SUVs: The front side windows must let in at least 50 percent of the light. There is no limit for the rear side and back windows (behind the front seat).

Other vehicles: Certain vehicles, like squad cars and limousines, have different guidelines.

The law might seem minor, but by following these simple guidelines, we can help drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.



Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes July 16 @ 6:00 PM

Call the meeting to order at 6:00. Meeting is recorded, and the recordings belong to the City of Bellechester.

Pledge to the flag

Mayor Jody Gordon opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Mayor Jody Gordon, Council member Mark Gerken Jacob Gilsdorf, Nick Keller and Rich Majerus as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepenning, treasurer Kyle McKeown, City Engineer Matt Mohs as well as Dan Poncelet, Jackie Distad, Joe and Jo Poncelet, Nolan and Michelle Diller were also present.

Minutes of the June 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Nick Keller to approve the minutes with noted changes. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed with a motion by Rich Majerus with a second by Jake Gilsdorf to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

• Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Update

– Project is complete with the exception of any change orders. Adding manholes, adding 60’ of lining and patches in sewer lines need to be made. Approx \$90,000 left. Change order will be approx. \$60,000. ADA changes still need to be done at the Community Center. Discussion with BCCA board on these changes are needed. Final draft was presented for ADA fixes. It will be approximate \$40,000-\$55,000 for building improvements to be ADA compliant. Close out Visusewer – punch lists have been completed. At next meeting, we can discuss reducing the retainage that we have with Visusewer. Matt will find out from Rural Development on the process of finishing up this project.

• **Lead Service Line – Update** – received the paperwork from Dept of Health on our application. Waiting for a work order from them on behalf of the city. We are hoping to get on the list for funding to replace the remaining list of identified lines.

New business:

• **Building Permit – 610 2nd Street Shed** – Owner/residents were present on the shed to present the plans on the building permit for the shed that was recently placed. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jake Gilsdorf to approve the building permit as presented. Motion carried.

• **Update on letter sent on building im-**

provements and update on progress. An inquiry on putting fill in at old Creamery lot was made.

• **Fire Association Update** – Rich gave an update on the progress of a new joint powers agreement that was presented. Meeting will be August 11th to present to fire association.

• Preliminary 2026 Budget -

Engineer Report – None

Clerk Report –

Treasurer Report – List was distributed of past dues and a shut day was set.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – There are some leaks that are occurring that need to be addressed by homeowners.

Mayor Concerns: None

Council Concerns: Violation procedures was discussed.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Mark Gerken with a second by Nick Keller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:16. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lisa Redepenning – City Clerk

Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes City Hall ~ June 25, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Ernie Valenzuela, Council Members Joe Benda, Michael Brunkhorst, Chris Schmit, Jeannine Nagel

Staff: Lisa Redepenning, Lori Luhman

Absent: None

Guests: Lynn Nardinger, Michael Hinsch, Ken Blattner, Maureen Lodermeier, Sheila Gadiant

Call to Order

Mayor Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approve or amend Agenda

Two amendments to the agenda under New Business are as listed:

1) Lions Club Temporary Liquor License for the Chicken BBQ on August 17, 2025

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2) Resolution approving the Lions Club LG230 Application to conduct off-site Gambling for the Chicken BBQ on August 17, 2025 Motion to approve amended agenda made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 11, 2025, work meeting minutes made by Schmit, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve items on the consent agenda are as listed:

Approve Resolution 25-09 Accepting Donation from Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Operation Round-Up program of \$500 for the pool

Approve The Corner Bar & Grille liquor license renewal

Approve the Façade program Application for The Goodhue Depot Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Old Business

A motion to approve Resolution 25-10 City of Goodhue Expressing Interest in Joining the Goodhue Fire Truck Association was made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

New Business

Motion to approve Resolution 25-11 Approving Lions Club one- year Gambling Premises Permit was made Benda, seconded

by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion to approve the Lions Club LG230 Application to conduct off-site Gambling for the Chicken BBQ on August 17, 2025, made by Schmit, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion to approve the Lions Club Temporary Liquor License for the Chicken BBQ on August 17, 2025, made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Benda, motion carried 5-0-0.

Public Comment

Comments consisted of a letter from Julie Thompson, read by Maureen Lodermeier regarding the use of the pool for water aerobics. The letter informed the council of the program’s history, past practices and hope to work something out to 2 continue the program soon. Maureen also stated personal comments advocating for the aerobics program, voiced positive attributes of the instructor and commented the article in the paper was deceptive.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made to approve the bills by Schmit, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:21p.m. by Council Member Brunkhorst seconded by Schmit 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk

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 12. Purse to match a gown
 13. Karl of politics
 14. Model builder's wood choice
 15. *YDS, TD or INT
 16. Black like certain tree
 17. *Last season's NFL MVP
 18. *Worth 6 points
 20. Way, way off
 21. Owl cries
 22. Come and ____ it
 23. Ape
 26. Stucco or aluminum on a house wall, pl.
 30. "Wheel of Fortune" request
 31. Bette Green's "Summer of my ____ Soldier"
 34. Stag, not doe
 35. Like an uncomfortable mattress
 37. European Economic Community
 38. *NFL Hall of Famer Greene or comedian Hart
 39. Seed coat
 40. Cylindrical flower cluster
 42. Stir or fuss
 43. City in Illinois
 45. #10 Down's counterpart
 47. Small dog's bark
 48. Adams of "Summer Of '69" fame
 50. *Point value of a safety in football, pl.
 52. *Worth 3 points in football (2 words)
 56. Behind a stern
 57. Raise the roof
 58. Classroom parasites
 59. Bloop
 60. Actor and singer Kristofferson
 61. Some are slippery
 62. Scraps
 63. Ballpark fig.
 64. Dark loaves
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1. Bothersome one
 2. *Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Graham
 3. Molokai party
 4. Leech, alt. sp.
 5. R2-D2, e.g.
 6. Declares to be true
 7. *College, home to football's Nittany Lions
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 9. Paella pot
 10. Addict
 11. *What the NFL's Jim Brown famously did
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 33. What Harry and Sally did
 36. *Pre-championship games
 38. Work the dough
 40. High tea vessel
 41. Bucolics
 44. Gustatory sensation
 46. Hook, line and sinker person
 48. Coffin holders
 49. Rekindled
 50. Type of ski lift
 51. Drift like aroma
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