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Announcements

INTRODUCING THE

Class of **2026**
Goodhue High School
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• The Hiawatha Valley Genealogy Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Goodhue County History Center, 1166 Oak St., Red Wing, MN 55066. The society welcomes participants of all ages and genders who are interested in discovering, researching, or expanding their knowledge of their family's ancestors. Whether you are just beginning or have years of experience, the group offers a supportive environment to help you build your genealogy skills and connect with others who share your interest. Your first meeting is complimentary!

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Goodhue School Presents Clue on Stage

By Beth Brekke

Goodhue School will present Clue on Stage (high school edition) - based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn on May 15th. The performances are open to the public and will be in gym #1 at 1:30 and 6:30 PM.

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Pictured to the right, CLUE Cast Members. Down in front: Joshua Quintero Salas (Mr. Boddy/Singing Telegram) Seated L to R: Alyssa Garrett (Mrs. Peacock), Willow Post (Mrs. White), Madilyn Stehr (Miss Scarlett), and Lyndzee Zucaro (Mr. Green) Standing L to R: Jack Stehr (Professor Plum), Madalyn Shores (Motorist/Cop), Meghan Augustine (Yvette), Grace Lombardo (Wadsworth), and Eddy Emborsky (Colonel Mustard).

Photo submitted



Something Old, Something Brew; St. Luke's Hosts Wedding-theme Tea Party



St. Luke's fellowship hall filled with guests attending the "Something Old, Something Brew" bridal-themed tea party.

By Beth Brekke

It can be the social event of the year. It can be a simple family gathering. It can be something private that no one knows about until after it happens. Every bride has a style and every couple's wedding story is unique. The "Something Old - Something Brew" event married wedding traditions with the St. Luke's Lutheran Church annual tea party on Saturday April 11th.

Guests arrived for a social gathering that allowed time for viewing dozens of wedding items on display around the fellowship hall.

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Students Explore Career Options on Ag Day



A River Valley Power and Sport representative engages a group of junior-high girls during the Ag Day career fair.

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Pastors Corner



By Pastor Eric Hanson,
St. Luke Lutheran Church

I recently listened to a podcast by a Lutheran scholar and theologian named Dr. Andy Root that blew my mind. He said that American culture right now is in its “2nd Kings Era.” Now, I realize that many readers out there

may not be familiar with the bible, so let me unpack that.

2nd Kings is a book of the Old Testament that for many Christians, quite honestly, tends to be fly-by country. We love Genesis, read the Psalms often, and definitely get into at least some of the prophets, but 2nd Kings tells the story of Israel’s constant fall back into idol worship of some particular Canaanite fertility gods called the Baals, and it can be kind of repetitive and boring. Before 2nd Kings, under the rules of Kings David & Solomon, Israel experienced a golden era. They were the most powerful kingdom in their little slice of earth & they loved it. But after David & Solomon, Israel declined politically and economically and 2nd Kings tells the story of Israel’s later kings trying to solve that problem by constantly returning to “fertility god Baal” worship.

In other words, Israel thought, “Hey, why don’t we fix our decline by worshipping the gods of GROWTH!”

Still with me? Good. Do you see anything uniquely American in that last sentence?

Worship of the one True God, Yahweh, though was always supposed to be different. Yahweh was a God whose activity couldn’t be defined by economic, political, or even demographic growth. Yahweh was a God you interacted with at all times and in all places. Yahweh was a God who showed up at all times and all places, even in death, decline, and suffering. Yahweh was a God you could-

n’t manipulate by giving him more sacrifices so you could get more stuff. Yahweh was a God who sometimes acted by taking things away. Yahweh wasn’t a God who could be manipulated by cultic ritual, but one you approached by prayer. Yahweh was a God who came down to you, not a god you brought down at your leisure by performing the right religious ceremonies at the right time. Yahweh was uncontrollable. The Baals were SO controllable.

And so Israel, in their decline, devolved into yet again worshipping the Baals; the fertility gods who would bring them GROWTH.

If we overlaid the story of 2nd Kings onto our world today, what names would we give the new gods of growth? Would we give them names of political parties, great leaders, or the new economic theories of the day? Would we give them the names of get-rich-quick philosophies or manifest-destiny frameworks? Would we give them the names of pithy self-help resources and gurus? What do we worship for the sake of growth, and why do we always want growth?

In the end, God sent prophets to the Israelites of 2nd Kings to call them back to worship of the one True God; our God who shows up at all times and in all places, even in death, decline, and suffering, our God who can’t be manipulated by giving him more sacrifices so we can get more stuff, our God who sometimes acts by taking things away, our God who comes down to us, not a god we

bring down by performing the right religious ceremonies at the right time, our God who is blessedly uncontrollable and says, “follow me,” not “I’ll follow you.”

Growth is good, but growth isn’t God. Our God is bigger than any growth we might pursue, so big in fact, that He also meets us in suffering and death.

2nd Kings remind us that in difficult times we’re all tempted to ask the fertility gods (the gods of growth) to fix things. But 2nd Kings also reminds us there’s a better God out there. A real, living God who shows up all the time, even when nothing is growing.

Announcements

• **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 Bellechester, Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon, Wabasha 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. Please contact Three Rivers at 507-316-0610 or email: oas@threeriverscap.org

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Timothy has . . . brought good news about your faith and love. — 1 Thessalonians 3:6

Paul was overjoyed! He had sent his disciple, Timothy, back to the city of Thessalonica to check on the church they had recently planted there. And Timothy had returned with amazing news!

First, the background: Paul had spent only a short time in Thessalonica, establishing a community of Christ-followers, before an angry mob opposed to the gospel chased him off. Paul knew the deep challenges that the new Christians faced there in his absence, living in a culture that was deeply opposed to Christianity. He wouldn't have been surprised if everyone had gone back to their former ways of life in Judaism or Greek tradition.

But Timothy came back with a report that the new Christians in Thessalonica were standing firm despite the challenges. They remained full of faith in Jesus. They even longed to see Paul again!

That doesn't happen by accident. The God who raised Jesus from the dead also brought these people to life in him, and he kept them there. You might say that every standing-firm, new Christian was an ongoing resurrection story, a new creation, proof that God was up to something big: the renewal of all creation.

If anyone is in Christ, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians, there is a new creation. The old has gone. The new has come!

Lord, all of us who are new creations in Christ are glad to have your resurrection power at work in us. Thank you! The old is going away and the new is coming. Help us to see and rejoice. Amen.

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10:30 am Traditional Worship

Roger Leroy Anderson

Roger Leroy Anderson, age 91 of Goodhue, died unexpectedly at home on Saturday, April 4, 2026.



Roger was born at home in Leon Township on August 6, 1934, the oldest of eleven children born to Delmor O. and Ruth (Sjoblom) Anderson. He graduated from Cannon Falls

High School in 1952.

On June 30, 1956, he was united in marriage to Audrey D. Johnson at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Red Wing. They lived in Burnside for two years after their marriage until buying their farm in Vasa Township. They were members of Spring Garden Lutheran Church, and raised four children together. He farmed most of his life, and he and Audrey raised beef cattle and chickens. He proudly worked for Vasa Township, retiring after 40+ years. He loved spending time with family, and especially enjoyed hunting and getting together with his brothers.

He is survived by his children, Rebecca (Kilb) Norgaard, Scott (Laurie) Anderson, Penny (Gary) Spillman, and Debby (Lori Lundell) Anderson; five grandchildren, Chad (Ashley Madriz) Hillman, Kelly (Lucas) Kramer, Douglas (Rachel) Spillman, Anne (Matthew) Shoemaker, and Michael (Cady) Spillman; twelve great-grandchildren, Dylan and Carly Hillman, Ryan, Ethan, and Nolan Kramer, Regan Spillman, Henry, Lorelai, Abigail, and Benjamin Shoemaker, Everett and Hadley Spillman; siblings, Joan (James) Freking, Elroy (Bobbi), Gary (Linda), Danny (Vicki), Charlene Kleinschmidt, Marshall (Wendy Volk), Cheryl (Ron) Grote, Randall (Sue), and Joel (Marilyn); sister-in-law, Doris Anderson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents;

wife, Audrey on October 14, 2016; brother, Norman; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Brant Erickson, Tony Kleinschmidt, LaVerne and Darlene Johnson; and friend, Eleanor Holt.

A visitation was held on Friday, April 10 from 4-7 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls. A funeral service was on Saturday, April 11 at 11 am, with visitation from 10-11 am, at Spring Garden Lutheran Church. This service was live-streamed by church and can be viewed for a short time at the following site:

https://www.youtube.com/live/N_A2qBj5pHA?feature=shared.

Interment followed at the church cemetery.

Active casket bearers were Chad Hillman, Lucas Kramer, Douglas Spillman, Matthew Shoemaker, Michael Spillman, and Dylan Hillman.

Memorials may be given to donor's choice.

Verna Lydia Anderson

A funeral service for Verna Anderson was at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2026 at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota with visitation one hour before. Burial was in Zumbrota Cemetery following the service.

Verna Anderson, age 91, passed away at the Zumbrota Care Center on Sunday, April 19, 2026. Verna Lydia Anderson was born January 14, 1935 in Elmira Township near Chatfield, MN to Delbert and Bertha (Kumbier) Busby. She attended the Goodhue rural county school. On October 7th, 1972 Verna was united in marriage to David Anderson at Minneola Lutheran Church. Verna worked at Banitts Clothing store, Montgomery Ward catalog, Zumbrota Livestock Auction, DHIA and Busby Hardware & Furniture. Verna retired in 2005 and enjoyed gardening, baking and embroidery while listening to Elvis Presley.

Verna loved spending time with her family; children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and her extended family who were next door, the Vath family.

Verna is survived by one stepson Mark (Kirsten) Anderson of Spring Valley, MN; five grandchildren, David (Amanda) Ander-

son, Katherine (James) Hust, Aaron (Amairani) Anderson, Benjamin Anderson, Nathan Anderson, and eight great grandchildren; siblings, Robert Busby, Richard (Peg) Busby, Betty Strusz.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband David Anderson; stepdaughter, Lori Timm; siblings, Berdella Groth, Leroy, Willis and Harvey Busby; in-laws, Laverne Groth, Jennie Busby, Kitty Busby, Pearl Busby, Marlene Busby, Leroy Strusz.

Albert Rheinhardt Miller

Albert Rheinhardt Miller, 92, of Mazeppa, died on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Goodhue Living in Goodhue, Minnesota.

He was born on December 17, 1933, in Chester Township in Wabasha County on the home farm, one

of ten kids, to Matthias and Leona (Arendt) Miller. Albert attended Bellechester Catholic School and worked for local farmers and his family farm. He served his country during peacetime following the Korean War in 1958. He worked at the Bellechester grain elevator "GTA" for ten years. He bought his own dairy farm in 1968. On September 23, 1972, Albert was united in marriage to Bette Guenther at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Albert and Bette raised their two children on their farm in rural Mazeppa. He retired from dairy farming in 1995 and worked at the Zumbrota-Mazeppa schools for many years as a custodian. He loved his family, talking with people, and monkeying around with tractors.

Albert is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Bette Miller of Zumbrota; his children and their families, Deanna Miller of Zumbrota and Cory (Emily) Miller of River Falls, WI; sister, Justine Schei of Rochester; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Lawrence, Lorraine, Mattie, Ronnie, Elmer, Henry, Helen, and Joseph; and daughter, Annie Elizabeth.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bellechester. Father Thomas McCabe presided. Burial was in the

church cemetery. Visitation was for one hour prior to the mass. Arrangements are by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel.

Curtis "Curt" Eldon Matthees

Curtis "Curt" Eldon Matthees, 80, of Red Wing, died Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, Minnesota.

He was born December 25, 1945, in Red Wing to Dorothy Mae Alberta (Ehlen) and

Eldon William Matthees. He was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, MN. After graduating Goodhue High School in 1963 he worked with Matthees Construction building houses. He then married Janet (Callstrom) Matthees on July 24, 1965, at Spring Garden Lutheran Church. They adopted 2 children together and later divorced. He worked as a self-employed contractor installing cabinets for Crestwood Cabinets for many years. Curtis and his significant other, Cindy Odman, enjoyed many trips to Vegas and working on challenging puzzles together.

His children and grandsons were his pride and joy, he loved celebrating their birthdays and seeing them excel at whatever activities they were involved in. His goal after graduation was to someday own a Ford Thunderbird, which he did later in life. His grandsons loved to take a cruise with him and cherish those memories.

Curtis is survived by his two children, Jeff (Beth) Matthees and Jackie Matthees; three grandchildren, Ethan (Mya Hoffman), Sean, and Alex; his significant other, Cindy Odman; four sisters, Connie (Mark) Flom, Mary Kluver, Pat (Don) Ryan, and Denise (Mark) Stabel, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Eldon and Dorothy Matthees.

Memorial service was held at 11am on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, at United Lutheran Church. Rev. Justin Boeding officiated. Visitation an hour prior. Visitation was from 5-7pm on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel.





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The Sanctuary Proves Popular

By Beth Brekke

The Sanctuary hosted its last open play day for the season on Saturday April 11th. It was a cool and rainy day perfect for an indoor Easter egg hunt, coloring and enjoying the toys in the spacious former church building. The space and event continues to evolve with

hopes of adding more activities for kids aged 7-12. Open play dates will return in the fall when inclement weather can make it more difficult to be outside.

The April event was the first evening open play, which allowed for another event earlier in the day. Marcus Huneke, who owns The Sanctuary with his wife, Brittany, says he is happy with the season's play days' attendance both mornings and evening. The free toy swap has been a popular feature with an abundance of donations and most kids leaving with something new.

Open play is not the only thing that brings people to The Sanctuary. Marcus said they have reserved the space for at least one event every weekend since November. If you are looking for a place to host a bridal or baby shower, birthday or holiday party, reunion or any other small gathering, call Brittany at 651-380-4552.



A few of the donated toys available in The Sanctuary's free swap area.

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Goodhue FFA Members Recognized at Region VIII Spring Banquet

Courtesy of Goodhue FFA



Congratulations to all of our members that were recognized at the Region VIII Spring Banquet.

- General Livestock - 3rd place team (Haley Betcher, Brooke Betcher, Trevin Dicke, Abby Dicke, and Allison Lubahn)
- Haley Betcher - 1st place in Creed Speaking and 3rd place individual in General Livestock Judging, Goodhue Chapter Achievement Award and 2nd Overall
- Garrett Pearson - 3rd place individual in Dairy Judging
- Lillian Raasch - 2026-2027 Region VIII Treasurer Induction



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The Lexvold Family

L to R: Mitchel, Barron, Mallory, Marshall, Donna, Wayne, Kaitlin, Kade, Nathan, & Kael

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The June Dairy Breakfast on the Farm is a "fun" yet "educational" event to explain how milk is produced and to educate consumers and community on the positive impact the dairy industry has in Goodhue County and MN. They want to say "Thank you" for being our neighbor and supporting our family farm.

Questions? Or group reservations of more than 10:
Call Ann Buck 651-764-3087 or Kristin Schrimpf 651-380-8293



2026 Minnesota FFA Convention

Goodhue FFA Receives High Honor of Gold Rated Chapter



Goodhue FFA received the high honor of being a Gold Rated Chapter! This recognition is for the work and events Goodhue completes at the chapter level including, but not limited to: Ag Day, Corn Drive, Officer Retreat, Rural Mental Health Week, and Farmers' Feed. Thanks to all in the community who have supported these events. *Courtesy of Goodhue FFA*



Congratulations, Haley!



Haley Betcher was recognized for placing second in Creed Speaking. Great job, Haley!
Courtesy of Goodhue FFA



Congratulations to Haley Betcher for placing 3rd in the Goat Production Proficiency category! This award is in recognition of her exceptional Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) working for her family's goat operation. There she manages the feed, raised quality show goats, and works with local industry leaders. She says the best thing she has learned is that no matter what else is happening, she still needs to complete her responsibilities with the goats often requiring perseverance. *Courtesy of Goodhue FFA*

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MAY 16TH @ 10 AM - 1 PM

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2026 Minnesota FFA Convention



Congratulations to the Dairy Evaluation Team for placing 3rd in the state! This accomplishment earns them a spot at a national competition this fall. Team members include Clara Benrud, Curtis Klindworth, Garrett Pearson, and Liesl Veiseth. *Courtesy of Goodhue FFA*

Save the Date!

GOODHUE FFA CHAPTER BANQUET

May 17th

Awards Program at 4:00 PM
Dinner to follow

GOODHUE FFA Plant Sale

Wednesday	Saturday
MAY 6th	MAY 9th
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Congratulations
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3rd Annual Vintage Road Trip!

Th, Fri, Sat • May 7, 8, 9
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By Mary Jo

Goodhue School Presents Clue on Stage

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The play, summarized as “a murder mystery at a mansion,” is based on the board game, Clue. Ten student cast members portray all of the characters found in the game. Miss Scar-

let, Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum and others will be present along with the possible murder weapons. Did the victim meet their demise with a rope, wrench or revolver and did they die in the kitchen, ballroom or library?

Leah and Jon Lombardo, parents of Grace, who plays Wadsworth, generously donated many of the props.

Jon found antique doors and put them in frames and on casters so actors can move them to create the different rooms in the mansion. The family of Miriam Hinrichs also donated props and furniture.

Another show mom, Amber Garrett, whose daughter Alyssa portrays Mrs. Peacock, saw a vision for the mansion walls. Lots of

primer and paint transformed things custodians found in storage and industrial technology teacher, Doug Beck and his students worked to assemble the set. Student Raelynn Marquardt has been working on sound effects and helping with rehearsals. Many others will join the crew in the final weeks of rehearsals.

This is the first full-length student production presented in many years. Heidi Hanson, high school English teacher, speech coach, and theater director, is overseeing and directing the play. “I am starting almost from scratch with the set and props, so thankfully I

have a supportive community network.” She says there are many people to thank including Karen Boek of Red Wing who is an experienced costume designer for other local shows including the Sheldon Theater. Karen scours thrift shops and uses her network of contacts to find what is needed. “There will be an extensive list of her connections who have donated and loaned important pieces to this show. This show will not be lacking for costumes that pop, and props that give it the finishing touch.”

Goodhue Students Attend "Guys and Dolls"



Music seniors and juniors attended the Chanhasen Dinner Theater production of "Guys and Dolls" on Wednesday, April 15th. What a fun field trip for our music students!

Courtesy of Goodhue Schools

Two Speakers Advance to State Competition



Madilyn Stehr (L), placed 6th in the Section 1A speech tournament and Mari Hanson qualified for state competition by placing 3rd. photo submitted

Goodhue had 2 speakers place in the final round of the Section 1A speech tournament at Byron on April 11th. Senior, Madilyn Stehr placed 6th in Dramatic Interpretation and sophomore, Mari Hanson placed 3rd in Great Speeches. Mari qualified to compete in the state tournament at Park Center High School in Brooklyn Park on April 26th. Mari gave a great presentation but did not rank in the finals.

This is the third year high school English teacher Heidi Hanson coached Wildcat speech after several years without a Goodhue team. This year's team included 12 high school members on varsity and 2 6th graders who competed at the middle school level.

Goodhue Education Foundation (GEF) Spring Auction

The Goodhue Education Foundation (GEF) is pleased to announce our fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, 2026.

The Spring Auction will be held at the Goodhue Public School starting at 5:00 PM, immediately following the Prom Grand March. It will include a Silent Auction (5:00-6:30 PM), Live Auction (5:30 PM), Concessions and Activities for Kids ages PreK through 5th grade. All proceeds from the event directly support the staff and students at Goodhue Public School.

The purpose of the GEF is to provide financial support and enrichment to the students of Goodhue School above and beyond what is supported by education dollars. Our foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization (EIN# 46-5760668). Our vision is to continue to enhance the pride and community support for the Goodhue School from our alumni, parents, community members, educators, and businesses.

The GEF collaborates with the district school board and school staff to find the best ways to help promote excellence for all students involved in Academics, Arts, Activities, and Athletics.

The Spring Auction and Community Celebration is our biggest fundraiser, and we continue to have great success year after year! THANK YOU to everyone that donated items TO the auction, donated AT the auction, and helped in ANY way to make the event a success. This is an exciting time for the GEF as we continue to be able to fund all grant requests received from the staff at Goodhue Public Schools and allow us to make significant contributions to our endowment fund thanks to fundraising events like these. Please consider donating items to the Live and Silent Auction for our upcoming event.



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Goodhue County 4-H Project Bowl Teams Place at State Contest

Goodhue County had 7 teams advance to the State 4-H Project Bowl Contest held April 11th in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Three dairy teams and four general livestock teams competed in this knowledge contest against teams from across the state.

The Junior Dairy team placed second in their division. Also competing were the Senior (5th Place) and Intermediate (6th place) teams. The Dairy teams are coached by Rebekah Mathews (Mazeppa) and Kjersten Veiseth (Zumbrota). Dairy team participants included: Beatrix Sauter (Cannon Falls), Gabby Sauter (Cannon Falls), Roy Sauter (Cannon Falls), Peter Ickler (Wanamingo), Gracie Pearson (Red Wing), Garrett Pearson (Red Wing), Beau Callahan (Wanamingo), Mason Quam (Kenyon), Cora Foss (Kenyon), Troy Clemenson (Zumbrota), Clara Benrud (Goodhue) and Hanna Gudknecht (Wanamingo).

The General livestock Junior teams placed 1st and 6th, the Intermediate team placed 4th and the Senior team placed 1st in their respec-



Junior General Livestock 2: Leah Lubahn, Macy Dicke, Lacey Betcher

tive divisions. The Senior team qualified to attend a national contest, however they are ineligible to compete as the team has already competed at each of the two national contest options. The General Livestock teams are coached by Lee Kloeckner (Red Wing) and Nicole Neeser (Red Wing). General Livestock team participants included: Amelia Kispert (Kenyon), Isaiah Kispert (Kenyon), Avery Stark (Cannon Falls), Charlie Stark (Cannon Falls), Haley Betcher (Mazeppa), Lacey Betcher (Mazeppa), Brooke Betcher (Mazeppa), Jocelyn Wichser (Cannon Falls), Macy Dicke (Goodhue), Paige Lubahn (Goodhue), Allison Lubahn (Goodhue), Marissa Mandelkow (Cannon Falls), Jaysa O'Connor (Goodhue), Sawyer Gesme (Welch), Riggin Hovel (Cannon Falls), Samuel Gesme (Welch), Ty Lindahl (Cannon Falls) and Oliver Lee (Cannon Falls).

Congratulations to each of the team members and coaches!



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Intermediate General Livestock: Jaysa O'Conner, Brooke Betcher, Isaiah Kispert, Oliver Lee, Allison Lubahn



Junior General Livestock 1: Charlie Stark, Samuel Gesme, Sawyer Gesme, Ty Lindahl, Riggin Hovel



Junior Dairy: Roy Sauter, Gabby Sauter, Beatrix Sauter, Peter Ickler



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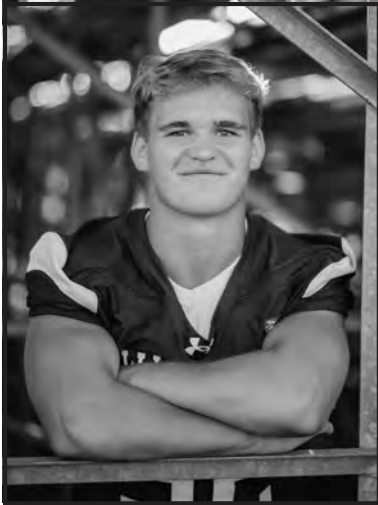
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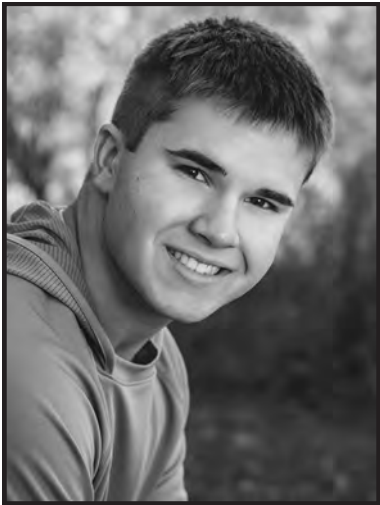
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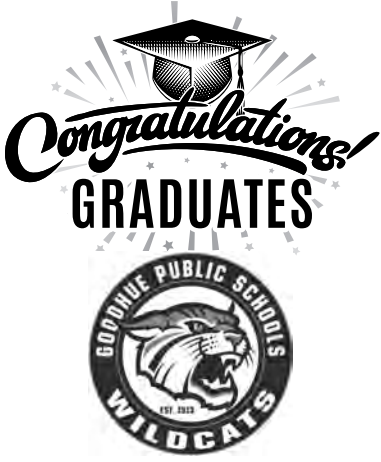
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Students Explore Career Options on Ag Day

By Beth Brekke

"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness." — Thomas Jefferson

In a community where kids learn to drive a tractor long before a car, Agriculture is recognized as a wise pursuit and honored throughout the year. It is given extra attention on Ag Day. This year's annual Goodhue School and FFA sponsored event was March 17th.

High school and middle school students were released at varied intervals to sample a wide range of Agricultural career opportunities. The main gymnasium was setup with stations where students might discover options they hadn't considered. To increase engagement and interest, most exhibitors offered free take-home items.

River Valley Power and Sport encouraged kids to tell about themselves to earn their prizes. Minnesota Pork Producers challenged visitors with a trivia question and gave out items with their newest slogan, "Taste what pork can do". Students had to work for an



Students earned a National Guard T-shirt for doing 35 pushups or one more than any of their friends.

Army National Guard T-shirt by doing 35 pushups or outlasting their friends.

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closest guess of the price of the actual tractor.

Others presenting information at the career fair were Lodermeier's Inc, Ellingson, Knobelsdorff, Dakota County and Riverland Colleges, Plumbers and Pipefitters Union and the Carpenters Union.

Rain held off long enough for students to explore outside exhibits of live goats, a horse, pony and other farm-related exhibits. 33 Tractors of all ages and colors bordered one



Marcy Sheridan informs two 8th grade students about the Midwest Machinery Company's tuition reimbursement program.

side of the parking lot, offering an up-close look. Many students feel the closing parade of tractors is the highlight of the days' activities. Just when it was to begin, a large thunderstorm and small hail forced postponement for about 45 minutes. The parade was able to finish with participating students and their family members driving out of town before the school day ended.

Something Old, Something Brew; St. Luke's Hosts Wedding-theme Tea Party

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In addition to the many bridal gowns, there were pillows and christening outfits and floral bouquet wraps lovingly made from dresses. Decorations, napkins, invitations and flowers were scattered among photos while bridesmaid and mother-of-the-bride dresses added pops of color. (continued on page 15)

Event organizers, Sharon Buck (far right) and Karen O'Reilly (center) narrated the story behind each dress in the fashion show. Erin Buck (left) was the only model who wore her own wedding gown.



The line of tractors moves down the street in front of school wrapping up the annual Ag Day event.



Lewis von Knobelsdorff drives his great-grandfather's Massey Ferguson tractor with Karl von Knobelsdorff as co-pilot.



Cloudy skies threatened the outdoor Ag Day activities but stayed dry until just before this line of tractors was to start their parade around town. They were able to move forward with the drive after a 45 minute storm delay.

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Something Old, Something Brew; St. Luke's Hosts Wedding-theme Tea Party

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Seated guests were welcomed by former church pastor, Bishop Regina Hassanally who offered a devotion on love and said grace before the meal. Tables were adorned with linen tablecloths and napkins, flowers, and intricate favor boxes holding mints. Ribbon sandwiches of egg and ham salad, wedding pasta garnished with lettuce, a rose radish, carrot and a pickle and of course, tea were on the menu. Music was provided by pianist, Judy Safe and wedding cake served by young ladies in bridesmaid dresses stylish in their time.

Karen O'Reilly and Sharon Buck, who organized the event along with Bev O'Reilly, served as emcees for the fashion show that followed the luncheon. The women recruited family members, friends and church goers to wear the clothing, often modeling selections from within their own family. Models entered through the wedding arch and moved through the crowd showing off dresses from oldest to most recent. Outfits included headpieces, bouquets, bridesmaid and flower girl gowns.

Display items and fashion show gowns were lent by ladies of the congregation and told stories of their families and the history of bridal traditions dating back at least a century. Photos and memorabilia from Art and Amanda (Lohman) Reese's wedding on September 13, 1924 accompanied her dress. Robert Gadiant married Berdell (Buck) on November 28, 1945. The buttons from the back of her gown were used on her daughter, Bonnie's wedding dress in 1968.

Murphy and Marcy (Luhman) Buck's daughter, Cindy also wore her mother's dress when she married Dave Ryan in 1979. Brenna Buck, great-granddaughter of Marcy and great grand-niece of Cindy modeled the dress at the tea. Murphy and Marcy decided on Wednesday to get married, told their parents on Thursday and got married on Saturday, April 14, 1945. The following Tuesday, Murphy returned to base in California and would deploy to Japan by May. He returned to Marcy 18 months later and they remained married for almost 61 years. Dave and Cindy have been married for 46 years.

These and so many more stories were shared over the course of a fun afternoon. Tickets to the event help fund kitchen items, the congregation's community outreach, and youth mission trips. Organizers would like to thank everyone who helped plan, provide displays, and offer service of any kind including Sharon Duden, photographer.



Ribbon sandwiches, wedding salad, a rose radish and other garnishes were served along with tea and wedding cake.



Photos and Memorabilia from Art and Amanda (Lohmeyer) Reese wedding November 28, 1924.



O'Rya Haugen (left) and Avery Buck serve punch to Bishop Hassanally at St. Luke's wedding-themed tea party.



Kaelynn Ryan (Left) models the dress her grandmother, Sue Majerus (right) made and wore for her own wedding. Kaelynn also modeled her great-grandmother, Elizabeth (Heany) Majerus' 1942 wedding dress from Paris.



Sharon (O'Brien) Buck (Left) stands with granddaughter, Nora O'Reilly who is wearing Sharon's mother's wedding dress. Marilyn Nickles married Dennis O'Brien in Webster City, IA July 25, 1954. They were married for 69 years.



Marion (Benidt) Augustine's wedding dress, her blue going-away dress and yellow bridesmaid dress is part of this display.



Torie Luhman enters the bridal arch wearing her mother, Kris Horsman Luhman's wedding dress.



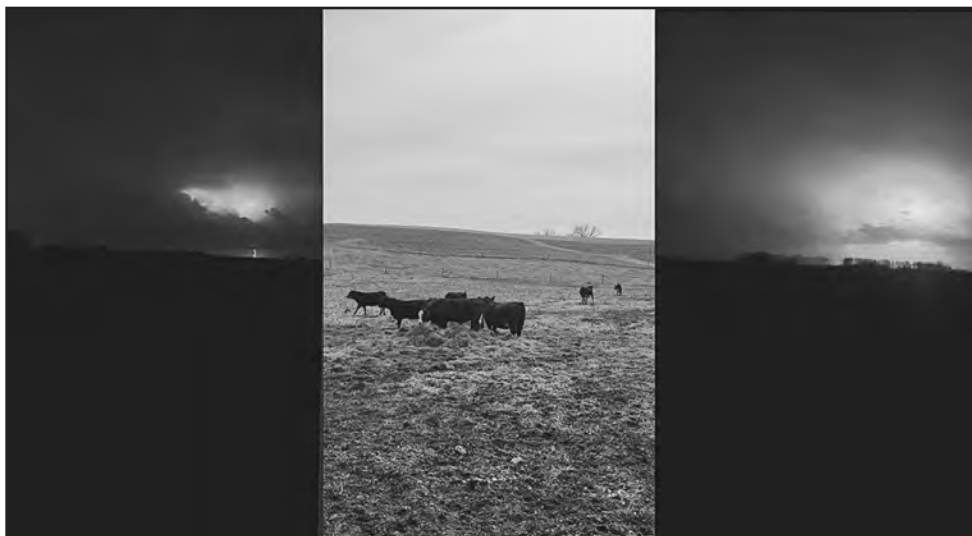
(L-R) Maya Roschen, Ruby Schafer, Grace Ludwig, Torie Luhman, Malory Lindholm, Halie Graverman and Eleanor O'Reilly were some of the girls that had fun serving food and modeling dresses April 11th.

Farm Girl Chatter April Rain Brings Muddy Boots

By McKell Lemmerman

Spring doesn't politely show up on a farm — it kicks the door in with thunder and says "IM HOME". One day it's kind of winter, kind of not, kind of hot and the next you're standing outside watching lightning crack across the sky while wondering if you left something important out in the rain. More than likely you left the windows down in your vehicle letting the seats in your car get a much-needed drink.

April rain doesn't just fall, it commits. It turns every road, pasture, and "shortcut" into a full-body workout. You step outside thinking you're going to get one quick chore done, and next thing you know you're 6 inches shorter in the swamp. Walking becomes less of a stride and more of a slow, dramatic peel with every step. If you don't lose a boot at least once, were you even outside?



And then there's that smell — fresh green grass finally coming back to life.

The storms themselves are something else. Lightning flashing like you are getting your picture taken every 15 seconds, thunder booming like a toddler playing with a drum set, and the wind doing whatever it wants per usual. You stand there counting seconds between lightning and thunder debating if you should run or just accept your fate.

Meanwhile, the animals act like spring is the best thing that's ever happened to them. Cattle start moving around more, calves get the zoomies like they've been cooped up all

winter, and the horses feeling like they have never been touched before.

Spring isn't neat, and it definitely isn't easy. It's early morning sunrise, longer days, and mud everywhere. But it also means things are growing again, animals are thriving, and life is picking back up — just like you picking up your boot for the third time in one day to scrape the mud off even if your boots will never be clean again.

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The month starts off with April Fools' Day, but the real fools are the ones who spend the whole month playing in the mud right?

Minnesota Farm Bureau Recognizes 58 Sesquicentennial Farm Families in 2026

EAGAN, Minn. — In 2026, the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) is proud to honor 58 family farms whose legacy spans at least 150 years with the Sesquicentennial Farm award.

Established in 2008, the Sesquicentennial Farm award celebrates family farms who have sustained continuous ownership for at least 150 years, are 50 acres or larger, and are currently be involved in agricultural production. Since the program began, 681 families have earned this distinction, showcasing how Minnesota's agricultural strength has endured because of the resilience and commitment of multi-generational, family-owned farms.

Honorees will receive a commemorative certificate signed by Governor Tim Walz, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen and MFBF President Dan Glessing, along with an outdoor sign signifying Sesquicentennial Farm recognition.

A display featuring all Sesquicentennial and Century farms will be available inside the Minnesota Farm Bureau building during the 2026 Minnesota State Fair.

The Minnesota State Fair also announced its 2026 Century Farm award recipients on Friday, April 10.

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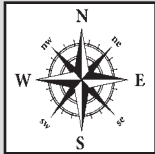
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By Terry Campbell

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

I can remember as a young kid when feed came in feed bags. Big burlap bags, some were softer cotton bags, and we brought livestock feed home from the feed elevator in them. Sometimes I would get to see them filling the bags with fresh ground feed. The feed came out of a hopper with a slide gate and the

man would wrap the top of the bag around the opening and open the slide and the bag would fill with feed, along with the fragrance of grain and molasses wafting out all over. Then he would wrap the top of the bag together and wrap a twine around and pull it tight. It was secure. They would throw it in the back of the truck and stack them high.

My dad would stack them in the feed room in the barn. I couldn't lift the bag, but I could open it and fill a pail to feed it to the livestock. One day I built some pallets out of 2 x 4's to stack the feed on. My dad commented that it seemed like a waste of effort. The bags were just as good on the floor. One day when I got home from school, he handed me a \$20 bill and thanked me for building the pallets. Seems like a water pipe leak had flooded the feed room that day. Those pallets saved a lot of feed.

Some of the bags were pre-filled and they had stitching across the top. There was a way to open them. My dad did it so simply. He just found the right string and pulled it and magically the string came apart. It looked so easy. I think it was really algebra because I never got it. It was necessary to open it properly as not to damage the bag. These were valuable and we returned them to the elevator each week to be refilled. I usually resorted to cutting the string with my jack knife until I

got the right one or completely removed the offending string holding the top closed. That trick would not be handed down because I could never master it.

I have come across some of these colorful bags around the farm. They bring back memories. A trip to the feed store was always exciting for an 8 year-old farm boy. I remember the jingles on KDHL radio for the feed companies. The Checkerboard song still rings in my mind. Purina Feeds were popular back in the 1960's. Now bags are easier. They have a tab one can pull and usually directions on how to open it quickly. And bags are paper or plastic and you dispose of them after the first use.

I remember my mom telling me about how housewives would clean the soft cotton bags and make clothes out of them. Feed companies during the depression would dye the bags colorful patterns. I don't imagine the burlap bags were used for clothing. I found a white bag used for oats with a picture of a stallion on it when I was young. It had escaped the mice in the granary and was in great shape. My mom sewed a drawstring in the top and I used it as a gym bag at school.

Another knot I was never good at tying was baler twine. Rolls of baler twine had to be connected every time they were replaced. I was too young to lift bales so I drove the



tractor and my neighbor Walt loaded the wagons. He would lift the new twine roll into the compartment on the baler and fish the end out of the center and tie them together. If it wasn't done right, it would jam when going through the knottter on the baler. He made it look so simple. Many years later when I was in charge, I discovered it was not as easy as it looked.

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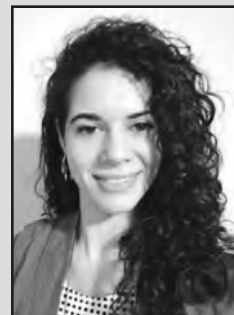
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A Minnesotan: May



By RosaLin Alcoser

Spring has finally sprung in Minnesota. Which means it's finally the point in the year when all Minnesotans emerge from the safety of our homes, where we endured the winter, and finally go outside to enjoy the good weather months. The thing that always wows me at this time of year is how suddenly green everything gets over night.

As someone who is not from Minnesota, but has lived most of their life here it is different than other places I have lived before. When I was attending college in the Ozarks the world would gradually become green somewhere between mid February

and mid March. When things that are not quite blooming here yet, such as tulips and daffodils are starting to come out. Whereas every year living in Minnesota I feel like we can go straight from the heart of winter to full on green some years.

And as we all know when that happens just depends on the year. I remember back in 2012 I went to junior prom the same weekend as Mothers day and we had a May blizzard that same weekend.

There are two things I still vividly remember about that May weekend in 2012. The first thing being my mother being woefully upset that it had snowed in May; despite that it was not the first year of us living here that it had done this. The second was that my prom date's mom had us stand in front of a dormant lilac bush in the snow, with no coats on in 30 degrees, for pictures. With the reasoning that it had been in bloom that weekend the year before and it was where she had planned to take the pictures. Needless to say we were cold.

My friends who went that same weekend remember having a snowball fight in formal wear and I remember being cold in front of a dead bush. At the end of the day it is still one of my favorite childhood memories where it snowed in May. Partly due to the fact that I'm able to tell it to people who haven't lived here long enough to know that this has happened.



Preventing Dementia



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Prevent dementia with movement and proper sleep: A recent study published in PLOS One highlights the significant role of regular exercise and adequate sleep in protecting long-term brain health. The research found that simple lifestyle changes, such as breaking up long periods of sitting and getting seven to eight hours of sleep per night, could reduce the risk of late-onset dementia by up to

25%. Conversely, prolonged sedentary behavior and poor sleep habits were linked to increased dementia risk. For example, sleeping less than seven hours raised the risk by 18%, while sleeping more than eight hours increased it by 28%. These findings emphasize that maintaining a balanced and active lifestyle can be as effective as some medications in reducing dementia risk.

The study analyzed data from 69 studies involving nearly 3 million participants over eight decades, focusing on how sleep, physical activity, and sedentary behavior starting at age 35 impacted dementia risk later in life. It revealed that sitting for more than eight hours a day increased dementia risk by almost 30%, while even moderate physical activity, such as daily walks, reduced the risk by an average of 25%. Researchers stressed that physical activity offsets dementia risks even when other factors, like cardiovascular disease or diabetes, are present. However, they cautioned that exercise alone cannot fully counteract the negative effects of prolonged sitting, underscoring the importance of combining multiple healthy habits.

Exercise benefits brain health by improving blood flow and oxygen delivery, which supports the brain's small capillaries and pre-

vents atrophy. Physical activity also releases brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a protein that enhances cognitive function, promotes neuron growth, and strengthens neural connections, particularly in the hippocampus. Additionally, exercise reduces chronic inflammation and beta-amyloid buildup, both of which are linked to Alzheimer's disease and dementia. While mentally stimulating activities like puzzles or knitting can also support brain health, they provide different benefits than physical activity, making a combination of both essential for optimal cognitive protection.

Sleep plays a critical role in brain health by allowing the glymphatic system to clear

waste, such as beta-amyloid, that accumulates during waking hours. Proper sleep also supports memory consolidation and helps regulate other healthy behaviors, such as managing stress, eating well, and staying active. Experts suggest that consistent, moderate physical activity and prioritizing quality sleep are more sustainable and impactful than intense exercise or elaborate health hacks. Together, these habits create a foundation for long-term brain health and reduce the risk of dementia, offering a practical and accessible approach to aging well.

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Medica Foundation Provides Emergency Funding to Support Access to Care in Red Wing and Southeast Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – The Medica Foundation announces a \$40,000 emergency funding grant to C.A.R.E. Clinic, strengthening access to essential health care services for residents of Goodhue County and surrounding rural communities.

The funding is part of a broader \$2.4 million emergency relief effort focused on stabilizing essential community support during a period of heightened uncertainty and growing demand.

C.A.R.E. Clinic serves uninsured and underinsured community members who often face economic and access related barriers to care. The clinic provides primary medical care, chronic disease management, preventive services, and coordinated referrals, helping ensure patients receive timely care in a supportive, communitybased setting.

"We've been listening closely to our grantees and engaging in rapid response conversations to understand what communities are asking for right now," said Shelly d'Almeida, Sr. Program Manager at the Medica Foundation. "This investment helps community clinics like C.A.R.E. Clinic continue delivering essential care at a time when more families have fewer options."

Overall, \$1 million was invested in current Medica Foundation grantees working to sustain critical programming in mental and chemical health, as well as early childhood health; \$500,000 was awarded to NAMI Minnesota (the National Alliance on Medical Illness) to help address rising mental health needs and support the long term strength of Minnesota's behavioral health infrastructure; \$500,000 was awarded to Federally Qualified Health Centers across the state – safety-net clinics that provide integrated medical, behavioral, dental, and behavioral health care,

often in multiple languages, for uninsured and underinsured populations; and \$400,000 funded both the Immigrant Rapid Response Fund through the Women's Foundation of Minnesota and the Economic Response Fund through the Minneapolis Foundation.

"Community partners across Minnesota are seeing rising demand for care at the same time funding is becoming less predictable," d'Almeida added. "Our responsive funding is helping ensure essential services remain available and communities aren't left without support."

In response to escalating behavioral health needs and continued pressure on community-based providers, the Medica Foundation increased its annual investment in mental and chemical health initiatives to \$3 million this year, reinforcing its long-standing commitment to advancing health equity across Minnesota.

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Hunger and GLP-1



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

America is a country filled with many contradictory challenges. While there are many in this country who are not sure where their next meal will come from, there are also millions who are overweight or obese. More than 30% of the population in the United States is obese, but excess weight does not mean nutrition needs are being met. An individual can be overweight and be undernourished. Vitamin and mineral deficiencies are commonly found as the root cause of health challenges among those who are overweight. Hunger can be a signal that the body is looking for more nutrients, but the convenient foods and snacks do not provide those nutrients. A common contradiction for many Americans is excess calories while missing essential nutrients.

When the human body is fed nutrient rich foods that commonly grow in the garden and on grass pastures, satisfaction signals are created with the production of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1). This protein signal is made in the human body by cells in the colon that respond to gut bacteria that are thriving on the nutrient rich food. These nutrient rich foods include: onions, asparagus, chicory, Jerusalem artichoke, green bananas, sauerkraut, kimchi, broccoli, turnip greens, carrots and beans. These foods contain fiber that the human body does not digest, but bacteria love. As the bacteria feed on the fiber from these foods, the bacteria produce butyrate, which is an essential fatty acid to support the health of the colon. A specific group of cells in the colon called L-cells respond to the increased butyrate and pro-

duce GLP-1, which signals satisfaction to the rest of the body.

There has been increasing popularity in medications that mimic the GLP-1 signal. These medications produce the signal that reduces hunger and results in a decreased desire to eat. These medications were first developed to aid those managing diabetes but have now become popular as a weight loss method as well. However, the original hunger signals that were suggesting nutrient deficiencies are now being ignored because of the artificial GLP-1 signal from the medication. The person may be losing weight and increasing nutrient deficiencies as well.

A report in the February 2026 issue of Clinical Nutrition presented recent cases of brain damage resulting from a depletion of Vitamin B1 following the use of GLP-1 medication. Thirteen cases were found in the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System.

All cases reported significant digestive issues related to taking the medication. While the digestive issues are a well-known side effect with GLP-1 medication, the nerve damage in the brain was a surprise. The damage was the result of significantly lower Vitamin B1 intake because of decreased hunger promoted by the medication.

Within clinical practice, I have seen many clients who are using GLP-1 medications continue to struggle with adopting healthy lifestyle choices that would promote satisfaction naturally. When nutrient rich foods are made a priority for each meal, natural GLP-1 will be produced and greater balance achieved. Without healthy lifestyle choices, a lifelong dependence on medication is the outcome. GLP-1 medications were designed as a lifestyle drug to be used for the rest of an individual's life. The current research reports are beginning to show the negative results.

A healthy weight is the result of healthy choices. A supportive community is needed to help make these healthy choices become a lifestyle. I have written in previous articles about healthy weight and continue to provide resources to support healthy lifestyle choices that can help you reach your health goals for the coming year. Nutrition is designed for healing. I can help you reach greater health freedom in 2026. Contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

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The Savvy Senior How to Prepare to Be an Executor of an Estate



By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,
My uncle recently asked me to be the executor of his will when he dies. I feel honored that he asked me, but I've never done this before and I'm not exactly sure what the job entails. What can you tell me about it?
—Helpful Nephew

Dear Helpful,

Being named executor is indeed an honor. It shows your uncle trusts you. But it can also be a significant responsibility, especially if his estate or family situation is complicated. Here's a look at what the role involves so you can decide if it's something you're comfortable taking on.

Executor duties

As executor, you'll be responsible for set-

ting your uncle's affairs after his death. Depending on the estate, your duties may include:

- Filing paperwork with the probate court to validate the will and officially open the estate.

- Locating and taking inventory of all assets.
- Paying outstanding bills, funeral expenses, and any taxes owed using estate funds.

- Notifying banks, government agencies (including Social Security), credit card companies, and the post office of his death.

- Preparing and filing his final income tax return.

- Distributing remaining assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Keep in mind that executor responsibilities and deadlines vary by state. Most state bar association websites offer probate guides or checklists that outline the rules where you live.

Get organized

If you agree to serve, one of the best things you can do now is help your uncle get organized. Make sure his will is up to date and find out where important documents are stored — such as deeds, financial account statements, insurance policies, passwords, and contact information for advisors. Having quick access to these items will save you time and stress later.

If the estate is complex, you don't have to handle everything alone. An estate attorney or tax professional can guide you through the process, and their fees are typically paid by the estate. To find qualified help, you can search directories at the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Prevent family conflicts

One of the biggest challenges executors face is family tension. Ask your uncle to clearly communicate his wishes to benefici-



aries ahead of time, including who will receive personal belongings and family heirlooms. Wills often leave these decisions to the executor, which can create unnecessary friction.

If he hasn't already, suggest he create a written list outlining how personal property should be distributed. Clarity now can prevent conflict later.

Executor fees

Executors are generally entitled to compensation, which is paid by the estate. In many states, fees are based on a percentage of the estate's value, often ranging from 1 to 5 per-

cent, depending on size and complexity.

However, if you're also a beneficiary, you may choose to waive the fee. Executor compensation is taxable income, while inheritances typically are not subject to income tax.

If you'd like a step-by-step resource to guide you through the process, "The Executor's Guide: Settling a Loved One's Estate or Trust," from Nolo, is a helpful reference and costs about \$32.

Serving as executor can be time-consuming, but with good organization and clear communication, it's a manageable responsibility, and a meaningful way to honor your uncle's trust.

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Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol



Question: *I just purchased a pull behind camper. I have never owned or pulled one before. I have been doing some research so I know what to do and expect. I thought it would be helpful as I know I am not alone in this situation. Can you write about this?*

Answer: If you pull a camper or trailer with your vehicle, you must maintain at least 500 feet of following distance from other vehicles.

When loaded, 10 to 15 percent of the trailer's weight should be balanced on the hitch between the trailer and vehicle. When correctly loaded, the trailer's floor should be level. After the first few miles, stop and check the hitch, tires, lights and load. Repeat this process at all rest stops.

Travel at a slower speed. Many trailers have smaller wheels that turn faster than your car wheels, causing heat buildup that can lead to trailer wheel bearing failure.

Remember that the brakes on your vehicle were probably not designed to handle heavy

trailer loads. A sudden stop at high speed could flip both the trailer and the car.

Speed up carefully, using a lower gear if necessary. Maintain enough following distance to prevent the need for sudden stops. When passing other vehicles, remember the additional length of your trailer and be aware that your ability to accelerate is reduced.

Wind and rain will affect your ability to handle and control a vehicle pulling extra weight. When towing a trailer or camper in wet or windy conditions, slow down more than you would normally do in such weather.

Allow plenty of room for turns. Long trailers will swing closer to the edge of the road than your vehicle.

Pay extra attention to your vehicle's cooling system when towing extra weight. Your engine will overheat more easily in warm weather, at high speeds and in hilly areas.

Question: *In your last Ask a Trooper article, you provided some information on pulling trailers. Can you talk a little more about trailer requirements?*

Answer: Here is some additional information on trailer requirements:

- Maximum length — 45 feet
- Maximum width — 8 feet 6 inches
- Maximum height — 13 feet 6 inches
- Tail lamps — two red
- Reflectors — two red
- Rear license plate lamp — one white

The 102-inch width limit (8 feet, 6 inches) for recreational vehicles does not include attachments that do not extend beyond the vehicle's exterior rearview mirrors if the recreational vehicle is self-propelled.

The width of a trailer may not extend beyond the exterior rearview mirrors of the

towing vehicle.

Type A, B or C motor homes may not be longer than 45 feet. The general length limit for single-unit vehicles is 40 feet.

All trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 pounds or more must be equipped with brakes.

All recreational trailers must have a clearly visible plate with current registration.

A safety chain must be permanently attached to the trailer and fastened to the vehicle used for towing.

Question: *We are starting to see a lot more fog with spring time. Can you provide some advice for driving in those types of conditions.*

Answer: This is a great topic. Here is some information from the National Weather Service for driving in fog. If you must drive in foggy conditions, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Make your vehicle visible to others both ahead of you and behind you by using your low-beam headlights since this means your taillights will also be on. Use fog lights if you have them.
- Never use your high-beam lights. Using high beam lights causes glare, making it more difficult for you to see what's ahead of you on the road.
- Leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to account for sudden stops or changes in the traffic pattern.
- To ensure you are staying in the proper lane, follow the lines on the road with your eyes.

▪ In extremely dense fog where visibility is near zero, the best course of action is to first turn on your hazard lights, then simply pull into a safe location such as a parking lot of a local business and stop.

▪ If there is no parking lot or driveway to pull into, pull your vehicle off to the side of the road as far as possible. Once you come to a stop, turn off all lights except your hazard flashing lights, set the emergency brake, and take your foot off of the brake pedal to be sure the tail lights are not illuminated so that other drivers don't mistakenly run into you.

Question: *I have a question for you. We are looking at renting a moving truck and I noticed it doesn't have a rearview mirror since the back is blocked by the box of the truck. What is the law in regards to this?*

Answer: All passenger vehicles must have rearview mirrors. When it comes to vehicles like rental moving trucks, which do not allow a view through a rear window, they must have an additional side mirror. Pickup trucks, often used for hauling, must also have an extra side mirror. This side mirror helps you see clearly when obstructions/loads/materials block the rearview mirror.

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)

Build a Safer Community: Move Over for Flashing Lights

In Minnesota, moving over is a simple yet powerful way to show respect for those who serve and protect us. When you see flashing lights, you are approaching someone's "office." These lights are a signal that someone's life may be at risk and responders are working hard to help. Just as we expect a safe place to work, law enforcement, paramedics and tow operators need room to do their jobs safely.

Lives Behind the Sirens

The Ted Foss Move Over Law is named in honor of State Patrol Corporal Ted Foss, who was tragically killed in 2000 by a passing vehicle while on a traffic stop.

Move over: When you see flashing lights on a road with two or more lanes going the same direction, move over one full lane to give responders room to work. This includes moving over for vehicles such as ambulance, fire, law enforcement, road maintenance and construction vehicles.

Slow down: If traffic doesn't allow for a lane change, you must slow down and pass with extra caution.

Disabled vehicles: This law also protects people in stalled or disabled vehicles with their hazards on.

Stay Focused, Stay Safe

It's natural to be curious when we see activity on the roadside, but staying focused is the best way to help.

Eyes on the road: Resisting the urge to "gawk" helps prevent secondary crashes and keeps traffic flowing smoothly.

Avoid the distraction: Sometimes drivers unintentionally steer toward what they are looking at. Keep your eyes on the clear path ahead to ensure the safety of those working on the shoulder.

Whether you are driving for personal or professional reasons, it is important to remember our role in keeping Minnesota's first responders safe. By staying alert and giving them space, we can help ensure everyone makes it home safely. Together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.



Safe Actions Save Lives

With construction season kicking off and "spring fever" in the air, it's time for an important reminder to motorists to slow down and stay alert behind the wheel. This week marks National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), and this year's theme, "Safe Actions Save Lives," serves as a vital reminder that together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths. The annual campaign is held at the start of construction season to encourage safer driving through work zones and to remind road workers of the importance of staying alert.

The stakes are incredibly high — in 2023 alone, nationwide, nearly 900 people died in work zone crashes. Notably, the vast majority of those killed were the drivers and passengers themselves. To drive this message home, the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Office of Maintenance is partnering with the Office of Traffic Engineering and Construction to set up a powerful, visual display on I-35. They placed 54 barrels, each one representing a fallen MnDOT worker, along a mile-long stretch on the right shoulders between Forest Lake and Faribault. The display also includes message boards that read: "Each Barrel Equals One Worker Fatality, Drive with Care, We Rely on You."

Share these work zone safety tips with friends and family to help them understand the dangers road workers face every day. Understanding that the risks are real can change the way people drive.

Eyes up, phone down: Distracted drivers are the biggest threat; maintain constant 360-degree awareness and face traffic whenever possible.

The "Exit Plan": Always have an escape route in mind and stay alert for screeching tires and horns.

Be seen: Ensure your high-vis PPE is clean, in good condition and worn correctly.

Park smart: Use work vehicles as a buffer between the crew and traffic and keep all activity and equipment within the designated work zone whenever possible.

Whether you earn a living on the roads or travel them to get home, it is vital to stay focused — especially in work zones. Your life and the lives of others depend on it. Together we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.



2026 Promotional and Swearing-In Ceremony

Courtesy of Goodhue County Sheriff's Office

On April 7th, the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office had the honor of hosting our 2026 Pro-

motional and Swearing-In Ceremony at the Red Wing Elks Lodge.

This special evening marked an important milestone as we welcomed new members to our team and recognized those stepping into new roles within the office. Each individual took an oath to serve with integrity, uphold the Constitution, and protect the communities of Goodhue County with professionalism and dedication.

Under the leadership of Sheriff Marty Kelly, the ceremony highlighted what this profession is truly about—service, trust, and commitment to something greater than ourselves.

We are incredibly proud of:

- Our newly sworn deputies and staff
- The families who stand behind them
- The traditions that continue to guide our



work

A special thank you to the Red Wing Honor Guard for their professionalism in presenting the colors, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks - Red Wing Lodge - For hosting this meaningful event.

Moments like these serve as a powerful re-

minder that behind every badge is a promise to serve with honor, courage, and compassion.

Help us congratulate these outstanding individuals as they begin (or continue) their journey with the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Huneke Presented with "Service Above Self Award"

Courtesy of Goodhue County Sheriff's Office

On Tuesday, April 21, Chief Deputy Huneke was presented the Red Wing Rotary Club's "Service Above Self Award". This award is given annually to one representative each from the City of Red Wing, Goodhue County, and the Red Wing High School District, who best exemplify the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". Chief Deputy Huneke will receive \$200 to donate to the charity of his choice and a Service Above Self plaque with his name for a year.

Chief Deputy Huneke was nominated for the award by Sheriff Marty Kelly who said, he "truly embodies the spirit of 'Service Above Self.' His dedication to his profession, his community, and the people he serves is exceptional. He leads by example, gives generously of his time, and makes a lasting impact on everyone around him. It is with great respect and appreciation that we recognize him with this well-deserved honor."



Congratulations Chief Deputy Huneke!

Goodhue County Sheriff's Office GCSO Calls for Service Highlights April 1-15

Deputies handled 595 calls for service during April 1–15. A total of 58 citations were issued across the county.

- Burglary and vehicle theft at a farm equipment business near Wanamingo involving forced entry into outbuildings and a stolen service truck.
- Deputies responded to a weapons violation in Dennison where a male was reported flashing a handgun; arrest made and a firearm recovered.
- A missing juvenile case from a youth program. Juvenile located by the Investigations Division.
- Deputies recovered a disassembled shotgun found in a ditch along Hay Creek Trail.
- A trespass incident in Frontenac resulted in a citation after a subject refused to leave a taped construction zone.
- Crews responded to a structure fire near Cannon Falls involving an outbuilding and loss of livestock.

DWI / DUI Incidents:

- DWI arrest at Hwy 52/County 11 Blvd in Pine Island.
- DWI arrest in the Red Wing area at County 2/County 5.
- 4th degree DWI & carrying pistol while intoxicated on Hwy 52 near Pine Island
- Deputies assisted State Patrol with a DWI stop near Hwy 52/County 12.
- A DRE/DUI evaluation was completed for RWPd in Red Wing.
- A Drug related DWI arrest occurred at Bench St/Tyler Rd in Red Wing.
- A 4th degree DWI (.08+) was cited in Hay Creek Township.
- A 4th degree DWI + pistol under influence citation was issued in Pine Island Township.

The top High-Speed Enforcements - citations issued:

- 94 mph in a 65 — Pine Island
- 94 mph in a 65 — Pine Island Twp
- 91 mph in a 65 — Leon Twp
- 89 mph in a 65 — Minneola Twp
- 86 mph in a 65 — Leon Twp

ADC Jail Bookings: 10



SMIF

Paint the Town Road Trip



By Alissa Oeltjenbruns, vice president of philanthropy and community vitality at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Spring in Minnesota can usually be described as more of February, but with a little less snow, with freezing temperatures, brown landscapes and winds that will keep everyone wearing their winter coat. The warm days we do get are but a cruel trick, disappearing again so fast that it makes us wonder if we imagine them. But as we creep toward the end of April and into May, we start seeing more rain showers than snow flurries, with more warm days and green grass and things starting to bud. This is the perfect time of year to take a little road trip around the region to check out the interesting murals, public art and restored historic buildings that small towns have to offer, many funded by Southern Minnesota Initia-

tive Foundation's (SMIF) Paint the Town Grant.

If you were to start on the western side of the region, you could stop in Truman to check out the four new murals volunteers recently completed. The murals are located around the downtown area, and the one in the park even includes 25 local children's handprints. Volunteers also used paint to spruce up Graf Park, the school, the campground and the swimming pool in time for Truman's 125th celebration. "People appreciate what we have done, and they really like the new look of Truman," says Cathy Sorenson, spruce up committee coordinator.

Next you could head to the central part of the region to the Janesville Carnegie Library to see their new mural in their children's section. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 for its local significance in the themes of architecture and education. It was nominated for being a well-preserved example of the 65 libraries founded in Minnesota by Andrew Carnegie's philanthropy. The new mural not only brightens up the children's area and makes it more welcoming to young patrons, but it also keeps a historic building updated and preserved, something that is important to the local residents.

While in the area, you should also stop at Farmamerica in Waseca, where Paint the Town Grant funds have been used to restore several of the historic buildings, including where the 2025 presidentially pardoned turkeys, Gobble and Waddle, reside. After that, take a quick drive through Waseca to see the vibrant new mural on the south side of the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center, depicting a colorful landscape with fruit and vegetables, making it an eye-catching piece of art. "This helps make more people aware of where our non-profit is located, easier to



find and makes a warm and welcoming impression on all who see it," says Cindy Kolander, executive director.

As you continue heading east, make a stop in Byron to see the transformation of their preschool outdoor learning area. What used to be just black top is now public art featuring colorful games, movement pathways and dynamic learning elements specifically designed to support the developmental needs of young children. "This project significantly contributes to our community's overall vitality by enhancing public space, fostering educational engagement and strengthening civic connection," says Katie Schmitt, enrichment and marketing coordinator at Byron Community Education.

Finally, you could end your day driving through the driftless region. As you take in the beautiful landscape from Highway 52, you will see a mural for the city of Fountain, population 408, designed as a marketing tool to be visible to all travelers, right where the

speed limit drops to 40 mph until you are past the mural. This is a great place to stop for a selfie with the mural, and since it's the start of the Root River State bicycle trail, you might consider bringing your bike to better enjoy a beautiful spring day. The mural also serves as a jumping off point for other community projects. "The mural is such a bright spot in our landscape," says Tammy Danielson, Fountain city council member.

We always love seeing Paint the Town Grant projects come together. They not only make for a vibrant road trip, but show the creativity and local pride of people in our region. As the weather continues to warm, we encourage you to get outside, snap a pic at a Paint the Town project and take in the feeling of care for a space that comes from community collaboration.

I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at alissao@smifoundation.org or 507-214-7023.

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Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes

City Hall ~ March 11, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Schmit, Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Jeanne Nagel, Eric Brandt, Katie Kurtti

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa Redepinning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk,

Jason Mandelkow, Public Works Director, Pete Grimsrud-News Record

Remote: Bob Vose, City Attorney

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

Amendment to the agenda is to move the “EDA-Plan-Meeting” Process to third item for convenience of

Attorney Vose. A motion to approve amended agenda made by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 25, 2026 council meeting minutes made by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Bills

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

New Business

Fire Truck Association Joint Power Agreement

Council discussed discrepancies between different versions (version 3 vs version 5), with concerns over incorrect voting (7 of 10 members vs 14 of 20) members with capital M “Members” meaning communities and lowercase meaning individual board members. Lack of clear document ownership and control between the city’s attorney (Bob Vose) and the Fire Association’s attorney (Bob Ruppe).

Council member Kurtti requested that the document have more control with track changes and a summary of changes for transparency. Also needed was an accurate map (Exhibit A) showing the fire service territory.

Council agreed that the Fire Association’s lawyer should control the master document, but the city will provide requested changes and require the latest version for review.

Council asked the attorney Vose to contact the Fire Association’s attorney to obtain the latest version, confirm version control, and submit city’s requested changes. Council is requesting final review after the changes.

Garbage Bid Update

The city is soliciting bids for garbage collection, as the current contract expires at the end of August. The City will mail bid information to interested parties and advertise for a month to ensure competitive responses. Attorney Vose confirmed current process is compliant with state law. Council agreed the bid application can place on consent for approval at the next meeting.

EDA Plan – Meetings

The Economic Development Authority will revert to meeting only as needed. The ongoing function is administering the façade grant program. Grant opportunities will be monitored by all council members and staff (previously handled by Todd Keiffer of CEDA). Council agreed to notify staff for EDA topics to be added to the agenda as needed.

Pool Manager/Lifeguard Recruitment Update

There are two Pool Manager candidates and four Lifeguard applications so far. Emphasis

was on manager presence, keeping the pool open during scheduled hours, improving communication and scheduling. A new app called “Sling” was tested and may be implemented this year for helping with the pool staff coverage. There is a persistent challenge of staffing late in the summer due to sports and school. Suggested incentives/bonuses for staff who work the full season. Council also reviewed pool concession sales, need for better inventory and sales tracking. Suggesting a POS system like Clover or Square. Staff investigated this option last year and it was costly. Public Works Director noted that there are upcoming maintenance needs for the pool floor and tile joints. Quotes will be obtained and repairs done as weather allows.

Review Emergency Plan/designate local emergency contact for Goodhue

Council reviewed and updated emergency contact information and roles in the city’s Emergency Operations Plan. Council member Brant stressed noting the need for formal approval from the Fire Association to use the fire station as a Emergency Operations Center once the Joint Powers Agreement is finalized. Council members and staff agreed to update committee members and replace city clerk with administrator. Council member Kurtti also noted the need for version control of the document with summary of changes and clarification of attachments/maps of the plan. Council discussed having an EOP committee meeting once a year to make necessary updates. Also confirmed that emergency alerts and communications are accessible in Spanish and other languages.

Safety Program

The City’s previous group safety training arrangement (with Zumbrota and MMUA) was deemed non compliant by MMUA so the city must start with a new provider. The proposal is to contract with IEA of Rochester for its OSHA/safety program which includes on-site training, policy updates, safety committee establishment, and job hazard analysis. IEA suggest starting with the nine days of training and that it can be adjusted as needed. Goodhue Gas Commission will continue with MMUA for gas related training but will participate in IEA for OSHA related topics. Council agreed that we need to move forward with this immediately and added it to consent for approval at the next meeting.

Financial Reporting

Council requested more detailed, regular (monthly) reports showing budget vs actual for main expense categories and funds, even if a month delayed due to reimbursements. The need for better tracking of restricted/earmarked funds (e.g. Lions fund/truck-plow funds, sanitation district, etc.).

Council asked if idle funds could be moved into higher interest CD’s and getting back to them about this. Also suggested inviting bank reps to advise on the City’s financial health.

Ag Day Road Closure Request

Council was familiar with the request and added to the consent agenda to be approved at the next meeting.

Façade Payment Request for Vine Haven Hardware

Council reviewed the receipts and agreed to reimburse Vine Haven Hardware for the \$2000 façade grant. Request will be added to consent for approval at the next meeting.

Committee Updates

Council member Brunkhorst reported that the Zumbrota ambulance received a new rig that replaced a 2014 model. Discussed the per capita payment schedule and budget impacts for future years.

There will be more information after the next meeting in August.

Mayor Schmit reported that the Gas Commission is looking at upgrading gas meters to implement remote meter reading and that project is funded by CD interest.

Public Works Update

The city will be excepting spring quotes for labor and equipment rates for excavation services. It is standard practice to except them all so we can use whoever is available. All public works vehicles, including dump trucks, are inspected and logbooks are maintained.

City Administrator Update

Administrator Redepinning provided updates on savings account balances and the need to maximize interest on idle funds. Council member Kurtti asked if statement balances and depreciation schedules for city vehicles and equipment could be provided. Staff will work on getting the information

Council Comments-Confirmed EDA meeting details that will meet and will be added to agenda only as needed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:46 pm by Council Member Nagel, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/
City Clerk

Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes City Hall ~ March 25, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Schmit, Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Eric Brandt, Katie Kurtti

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa Redepinning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Jason Mandelkow, Public Works

Director, Pete Grimsrud-News Record, Deputy S. Baack-GCSO, Sam Hinsch, John Possehl, Gavin Hokanson, Treyben Kehren

Remote: Council Member Jeannine Nagel

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Kurtti, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 11, 2026, work meeting minutes made by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Bills

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

Consent Agenda

- Approve Garbage Bid Application
- Approve Safety Program Agreement with IEA
- Approve Ag Day Road Closure Request
- Approve payment for Façade Payment Request from Vine Haven Hardware

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Brandt, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0.

Old Business

Fire Truck Association Joint Power Agreement

Discussion focused on lack of clear definition and use of capital vs lowercase “m” throughout the contract; frustration over lack of redlining to track previous changes; voting thresholds that could be overrun by

smaller entities; language regarding collection of fire service charges, GIS mapping issues for service boundaries; terms of contract are 5 year term to be reviewed every three years with a minimum one-year withdrawal notice. Council Member Brunkhorst made a motion to approve the agreement with the Goodhue Community Fire Truck Association Joint Powers Agreement version 6 with stipulation that the contract be formally revisited in three years, seconded by Kurtti, with 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried 4-1-0.

Emergency Operations Plan Draft

Council reviewed the redlined draft. Most changes were contact information. The Fire Chief responded to staff that once the Joint Powers Agreement is signed, he sees no problem with the Fire Station being part of the Emergency Operation Center so long it is operational during the emergency. Council suggested clarifying or omitting traffic control points and changing Natural Gas to Goodhue Gas Commission. Corrections can be made, label it a version number, document changes and present it at next meeting.

New Business

Volksfest Requests

Treyben Kehren presented the usual requests including the Jaycee’s request for approval of the temporary on-sale liquor

license for the street dance beer tent. Security will be provided by the same company as last year. Mayor suggested the organization try to encourage age of servers to be at least 21 and monitor it closely. The Jaycee’s are also requesting approval for a 2-day raffle that covers two raffles, one during each dance for both nights and winners do not need to be present to win.

Motion to approve the Jaycee’s Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Volksfest made by Brandt, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0

Motion to approve Resolution 26-05 Approving Goodhue Jaycees 2-day Raffle Request made by Kurtti, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion to approve the Goodhue Community Fund Volksfest event request was made by Brandt, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0.

Resolution 26-04 Approving Goodhue-Bellechester Rail Riders Raffle Request

Motion to approve Resolution 26-04 Approving the Goodhue-Bellechester Rail Riders Raffle Request made by Nagel, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Ordinance 203 – Regulating nonessential water usage upon critical water deficiency as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 103G.291, subd. 1 and 2.

Considered housekeeping per the state/DNR requirements. Motion to adopt Ordinance 203 – Regulating nonessential water usage upon critical water deficiency as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 103G.291, subd. 1 and 2 made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Committee Updates

Mayor Schmit reported that the Gas Commission approved the purchase of 300 electronic gas meters/readers and will start installation on the larger farms, then homes with access issues.

Public Works Comments

The dump truck has retired. Searching for a replacement vs. expensive repairs. Sewer plant had issues again with rags and wipes clogging it.

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Goodhue City Council Meeting

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Administrator Comments

Council member Kurtti asked if the reminder for not flushing flushable items could be included in the newsletter. The reminder to not flush “flushable” wipes down the drain is in the April newsletter.

Council Comments

Council has ongoing concerns about the lack of adequate weather shelter for trailer park residents. The city has not received or approved a compliant plan. Council would like to discuss this more at the next work session.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:19 p.m. by Council Member Kurtti, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0. Respectfully submitted, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/ City Clerk

Bellechester City Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2026 @ 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

Acting Mayor Mark Gerken opened the regular city council meeting at 6:00.

Roll call was taken: The council in attendance: Acting Mayor Mark Gerken, Council member Jake Gilsdorf, Rich Majerus, and Nick Keller as well as City Clerk Lisa Redepinning and Treasurer Kyle McKeown. Absent was Mayor Jody Gordon and City Engineer Matt Mohs. Also present was Jon Hueneke and Jonathan Luhman.

Approve or Amend of Agenda – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Nick Keller to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting

were reviewed and motion was made by Rich Majerus with a second by Jake Gilsdorf to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed with a motion by Nick Keller with a second by Rich Majerus to approve and pay the bills as presented with Arndt bill for snow plowing to be submitted at a later date. Motion carried.

Old Business:

• Update on Consideration of Requested Use of Remaining Grant Funds – 2 bids were received for Bob Cat with snow blowing removal attachment. We have \$150,000 of grant funds left. Finish mower - zero turn mower, and GPS system were approved by Rural Development. Ramp, doors and steps with railing needing to be fixed at Community Center bids were received for ADA compliancy. The city can be the general contractor for these updates. Camera system request was rejected. Motion was made by Nick Keller with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the ADA repairs purchases presented to use remaining funds with the possibility of adding the steps repair to the list. Motion carried. Motion was made by Nick Keller with a 2nd by Jake Gilsdorf to approve the locator equipment above. Motion carried. Motion was made by Jake Gilsdorf with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the zero turn mower. Motion carried. Motion was made by Nick Keller with a 2nd by Jake Gilsdorf to approve the L35 Bob Cat with snow blower and bucket. Motion carried with Mark Gerken noted he opposes this purchase.

• Law Enforcement Contract Expectations – Rich spoke to Goodhue County Prosecution on the ordinance violation from last year. The ticket was not done properly and was dismissed. Rich mentioned the possibility of GCSD doing the violation steps as part of their service. More information will come next month.

• Community Center Plans – water heater needs replacing approximately \$2700. SE

corner of the concrete front steps, north side concrete of front steps are in need of repair. We need more details on the plans for the building as far as repairs needed. Motion was made by Rich Majerus to refund the legion the donated money with a 2nd by Jake Gilsdorf. Motion carried.

• Summer Mowing – Pay. Motion was made by Nick Keller with a 2nd by Jake Gilsdorf to approve returning and starting pay both of \$15/hour. Motion carried.

New business:

• Approve Cooperative LSL Agreement Between City of Lake City and City of Bellechester. Motion was made by Nick Keller with a 2nd by Rich Majerus to approve the Cooperative LSL Agreement between City of Lake City and City of Bellechester. Motion carried.

• Approve Resolution # 2026-01 Application to the MN Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Funding for a Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Nick Keller to approve Resolution #2026-01. Motion carried.

• Jonathan Luhman - Property Inquiry – Wants to purchase the lot across from the community center and place a shed on the property. Nick read the ordinance for residential zoning for this lot. With there being no house currently, a shed cannot be placed on a lot without a dwelling on the same lot.

• Tree Trimming – branches are hanging over roads. If the branches are hanging over city property, we can trim them. Speaking to

residents is the best approach. We should consider hiring this out. We will consider contacting a company to come to look and give us information and cost to have done possibility in the fall.

• Extra funds/pay loan or keep in saving accounts. Figures were presented along with comparisons. More discussion will be done.

• Utility billing – billing questions were clarified.

Engineer Report – None

Clerk Report – Motion was made by Rich Majerus with a 2nd by Jake Gilsdorf to move interim savings account to new savings account and close the account. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – quarterly bills will be sent and curb stops will be painted and flagged.

Water/Wastewater/Facility Report – discussion on a property commercial account and raising the yearly water rate. Leaking water meter at a residence was also discussed. Kyle will contact fire department about burning around the ponds. Storage for new equipment was discussed.

Mayor Concerns: Mark inquired about baling the pond area and getting it lined up again this year.

Council Concerns: None

Adjourn

Motion was made by Nick Keller with a second by Jake Gilsdorf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lisa Redepinning – City Clerk

Goodhue Pool

Goals of Each Swimming Lesson Level

Level 1 goals: The students should be comfortable in the water, get their heads wet, successfully doing their front and back floats by themselves, getting a fully submerged object 2 times, and making combined arm and leg actions making forward motion on both front and back.

Level 2 goals: The students should be able to tread for 15 seconds along with having the basic movements of the front and back crawl at least half way down the length of the pool.

Level 3 goals: The students should be able to make it down one length of the pool doing their front crawl, back crawl, and elementary backstroke along with treading for 30 seconds. Students should also be able to make a head-first entry into deep water in kneeling position.

Level 4 goals: The students should feel comfortable swimming from wall to wall in the deep end. They should start to develop their strokes and swim for longer periods of time.

Level 5 goals: The students should be able to swim both the distance required for level 5 and have all of the swimming strokes of the front crawl, backstroke, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and sidestroke perfected.

Level 6 goals: The students should be able to swim the distance required to become a fitness swimmer mastering all of the swimming strokes learned previously for the front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, and butterfly. Students should be able to tread for 5 minutes.

2026 SWIMMING LESSON SCHEDULE

GOODHUE POOL

Session 1: June 1 - 12

9:45 – 10:15 Level 1, Level 3, Level 5
10:30 – 11:00 Level 2, Level 4, Level 6
11:15 – 11:45 Level 1, Level 3, Level 4
12:00 – 12:30 Level 1, Level 2, Level 5

Session 2: June 15 – 26

9:45 – 10:15 Level 1, Level 3, Level 5
10:30 – 11:00 Level 2, Level 4, Level 6
11:15 – 11:45 Level 1, Level 3, Level 4
12:00 – 12:30 Level 1, Level 2, Level 5

Session 3: July 6 – 17

9:45 – 10:15 Level 1, Level 3, Level 5
10:30 – 11:00 Level 2, Level 4, Level 6
11:15 – 11:45 Level 1, Level 3, Level 4
12:00 – 12:30 Level 1, Level 2, Level 5

2026 Goodhue County
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

Tuesday, May 5	Kenyon Goodhue Co. Shop 1005 Hwy 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 19	Wanamingo Casey's - Hwy. 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 30	Zumbrota Park-N-Ride Parking lot	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 7	Pine Island Pine Island High School	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 14	Goodhue Community Center	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 21	Cannon Falls Lake Byllesby Park	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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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 to prevent large crowds at the collection events listed above. There is a 20 gallon per person per day limit at the Red Wing drop-off. Thank you for your cooperation.

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1. Ionic and Corinthian predecessor

6. Good times

9. Al fodder

13. Offer two cents

14. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.

15. Interior designer's concern

16. Not fiction, pl.

17. Big head

18. Fear-inspiring

19. "Good Times" mom

21. "The Sopranos" mom

23. Possessive pronoun

24. Gumbo pod

25. Protrude

28. Catcher's catcher

30. *Marvelous Midge Maisel's first name

35. "Metamorphoses" poet

37. Chows down

39. Millionaire maker

40. Time for eggnog

41. Sure sign of fire

43. "Frasier" actress Gilpin

44. TSA PreCheck alternative

46. Mosque V.I.P.

47. Arabian bigwig

48. Received salary

50. At the apex

52. Masseuse's office

53. "Where the Red ____ Grows"

55. Likewise

57. "Arrested Development" mom

61. "Fresh off the Boat" mom

65. Circumvent

66. French vineyard

68. Open disrespect

69. Dewey Decimal System, e.g.

70. 252-gallon cask

71. Cause anxiety (2 words)

72. Back talk

73. Extra point

74. Vanish without this
- DOWN

1. Take of a hat, e.g.

2. Traditional October birthstone

3. Puerto follower

4. Opening, colloquially

5. #55 on periodic table

6. Part of an eye

7. "Married with Children" mom

8. Investor's asset

9. Hold as a conviction

10. Unit of land often featuring a home

11. Load sixteen tons, e.g.

12. Geometry calculation

15. Divert from course

20. Between washes and styles

22. Casino's pull

24. Foot rest

25. "Stranger Things" mom

26. Throat dangler

27. Mosaic artist

29. "Friday Night Lights" mom

31. Tug-of-War gear

32. List entries

33. Like anchor aweigh

34. "Schitt's Creek" mom

36. Martin of Rat Pack

38. 3-handed card game

42. Bring character to life

45. Response to stimulus

49. Ctrl+Alt+____

51. Lemony cream dessert

54. Right-hand page

56. Academy Award

57. Orchid garlands

58. Forearm bone

59. Cow chow, pl.

60. "Beware the ____ of March"

61. "The Handmaid's Tale" mom

62. Letter before kappa

63. Nile dweller, for short

64. Writer Rice

67. ____-D.M.C.

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