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Goodhue Living Classic Car Shows



Mark your calendars and bring your classic cars and pickups to Goodhue Living Monday nights July 13, August 10 and September 14 and enjoy food and music from 5-7 PM.

By Beth Brekke

Goodhue Living was originally opened and operated by Jaybird Senior Living until February 2026 when it became part of Elysian Senior Homes. Elysian is a privately held management company operating a growing number of senior housing communities. The company manages other nearby facilities in Red Wing, Lake City and Northfield with additional properties in Duluth and Chanhassen.

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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.

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Goodhue County Holstein Breeders Event to Celebrate 80 Years

By Beth Brekke

The Goodhue County Holstein Breeders held their annual meeting on March 2, 2026, something they've been doing since 1946. As they look ahead in their 80th year, they're looking back on a lot of memories, familiar names, and industry changes.

The Goodhue County club is a subdivision of the national organization, Holstein Association, USA, Inc. and the Minnesota Hol-

stein Association. The purpose of these groups is to unite and encourage dairy enthusiasts, promote the industry and curate information on the Registered Holstein breed. The first Holsteins were imported from Holland in 1852. Impressed by their milk production, breeders soon added Holsteins to their farms and in 1885 the national association was founded to track ancestry and maintain pedigree information. An application for regis-



tration is submitted for each animal who is then assigned a unique identification number and a registration paper that provides legitimacy to lineage and production information.

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Massey Days Summer Reunion



A new model Massey Ferguson tractor provided by Lodermeier Implement stands amidst an array of older machines displayed across the Joe and Jo-Jo Poncelet farm when they hosted the 2026 Massey Collectors Summer Reunion show.

By Beth Brekke

The 2026 Massey Days Summer Reunion was held June 18th, 19th, and 20th at the Joe and Jo-Jo Poncelet farm East of Bellechester. The annual show celebrates the Massey Ferguson farm implement brand and all of its 19th-century companies dating back to 1847. Over 100 Wallis, Massey Harris, Ferguson, and Massey Ferguson tractors, along with numerous farm implements and other branded items, were on display across the property.

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Summary of Jam-packed Volksfest Events



Avery Tipton reacts to being crowned Miss Goodhue 2026 during the coronation ceremony June 12th.

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Pastors Corner



By Pastor Eric Hanson,
St. Luke Lutheran Church

Every summer St. Luke hosts a Wednesday night worship service at Zion Lutheran (a tiny little country church building off of 360th Street). And every summer I try to do a sermon series that's a bit "off the beaten path." This summer we're engaging the subject of "When God Says No" in the Bible. It's amazing how often God tells somebody "no" to a specific request and, it's a bit encouraging. Most likely, you also have heard a "no" or two from God in your lifetime. If so, you're in good company. Here's a short list of important people and communities in the Bible who have heard God's no: The Apostle Paul, Jesus, Moses, King David, the nation of Israel, and entire communities in Asia. Especially those first four. They are the Mt. Rushmore of important people in God's story.

So why does the same God who, through Jesus says, "I will do whatever you ask in my name," sometimes tell us no?

Well, for each person God's reasons are different. The "no" Paul received protected Christ's ability to spread the Gospel through Paul's work. The "no" Jesus received purchased salvation for us on the cross. The "no" Moses received allowed Moses to spend his final years resting and recovering from the Exodus. The "no" King David received allowed the next king of Israel to play a bigger role in God's story. The point is that God's no's are as creative and generative in His story (and ours) as His yes's. And, often-times, God's no to us is a yes to someone

else.

A few of the questions this should make us ask are: "Are we as interested in understanding God's no's as we are in understanding His yes's?" "Are we interested in engaging in the work God's no's call us toward?" "Are we interested in discovering who God's no's might be for? And, how they might actually be a yes for somebody else?" Rest assured, when God says no in the Bible, he is still enacting His gracious work among individuals and communities. The real question is, can we get past our need to hear a yes and be faithful to the unexpected—and maybe even

unwanted—path God's no is calling us toward?

If you get time this summer, go through stories of God's no's in the Bible. A quick google search will guide you to many of them. You'll see people responding with faith, people pushing back, people pushing back and then responding with faith, and every other response in between. But you'll always see God's love for His people. And may those stories deepen our own awareness & ability to see God's activity in His no's inasmuch as we're aware of God's activity in His yes's.

Announcements

• **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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God controls the nations. He raises up kingdoms and overthrows them. He gives politicians and other leaders positions of power and takes them down. Compared to the Lord, rulers on the earth are barely planted and rooted before they wither. All it takes is a breath from the Almighty to blow them away like chaff.

Rulers who try to defy God do not prevail. The arrogant may try to stand against the righteous God, but they will only be swept away.

Put your trust in God, our only true refuge and strength!

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Goodhue Living Classic Car Shows

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The Goodhue Living name and motto: Rooted in Community, will not change. Although there have been some changes in staff, care services remain the same.

June 15th saw the return of seasonal car shows to the property grounds. The display is a great opportunity for residents to spend time outside while viewing classic cars and trucks, enjoying live music and socializing with friends. The shows are also a great way for visitors to interact with Goodhue Living residents and staff.

Big River Barbecue food truck will sell food at each monthly event. Chester Proctor

provided music for the first show with Gary Froiland scheduled for July 13th, Mike (Rudy) Rudesill Music on August 10th and Kim Cote Music entertaining on September 14th. The September date will also celebrate

the 4th anniversary of Goodhue Living. The Monday night gatherings run from 5-7 PM in front of the building.

Please mark your calendars and bring your classic cars and pickups!

Habitat for Humanity House



The Habitat for Humanity house that was constructed by Goodhue High School students on an open lot behind Goodhue Market sits ready to be moved to its permanent home in Lake City on June 18th.

Bank Appreciation Event



Many people socialized outside Goodhue's First Farmers and Merchants Bank during their June 10th appreciation event. The 5 PM promotion avoided storms that threatened later in the evening, allowing everyone to enjoy the hot dogs, chips, cookies and dairy treats.



Hannah Gudknecht (front right), one of the Goodhue County Dairy Princesses attending the annual First Farmers and Merchants Bank's Goodhue location June Dairy month celebration, is ready to serve milk while employee, Katie Possehl (front left) offers lemonade.

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Massey Days Summer Reunion

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The Poncelets are members of the Massey Collectors Association and have hosted the travelling event four times beginning in 2006. In 2011 the show traveled to their farm and two others in Minnesota, and in 2020 the Poncelets hosted a delayed summer show in the fall when state COVID restrictions were lifted. This year's show was a huge success seeing nearly 100 visitors on Thursday, over 150 on Friday (mostly Massey folks), and over 150 on Saturday (mostly friends, neighbors, and family). Hosting the show is a major undertaking and while the Poncelets seem to have perfected it, they claim it will be their last. Jo-Jo says, "It's 20 years since our first and hopefully all had an amazing time."

The brand has a dedicated following around the world with the reunion drawing folks from as far away as England and Canada. United States visitors came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana.

Previously attending Massey Days in South Dakota and Kansas, Jim Meagher, Pembina, North Dakota came to Bellechester saying, "It's closer than most for me". He arrived on Thursday with his Massey-Harris Twin-Power 101, his most recent restoration. Jim has collected and restored many Masseys since 1990, having grown up around his dad's collection. He keeps all restorations as part of his own very large collection.

Meagher's story is similar to Joe's, whose father was a local Massey dealer. Poncelet's collection includes a total of 145 tractors in various states of restoration. He had 18 of his 34 Massey Harris GP 4-wheel-drive tractors out and running and 16 of his total Wallis collection scattered across the yard. Many of Joe's tractors were labeled with signs describing their unique contribution to the show including information on how many were manufactured and how many are known to still exist. Humorous signs such as "Wallis in need of repair waiting area" or "Always needing just one more wheel/rim/tire" were also



Joe considers this 1919 Wallis K3 the most rare tractor among the 145 in his collection.

found on some projects-in-progress. His 1919 Wallis K3 is considered the most rare in his collection, with only 380 ever made. It had been shedded and unseen for 60 years.

Almost 75 of Joe's tractors were out and about with more than 30 brought in by others. Jo-Jo arranged to have Lodermeier's bring a new Massey Ferguson tractor which sat next to Joe's two Wallis Cub models, showcasing the difference over 105 years.

While the show mainly focused on the antique tractor, there were also Massey branded bicycles, chainsaws, snowmobiles, signs, advertisements, toy tractors, and manuals. Representatives from Steiner Tractor Parts Inc. of MI gave out some freebies. Other vendors from WI and IA were on site selling crafts and memorabilia and commemorative shirts designed by S&S Miller of MN were available to purchase. Also of interest were demonstrations by Betty Beltz churning butter and Diane Franke weaving rugs.

A Food truck from either Don's Crumble Beef, Fiesta Mexicana, or the Goodhue Lions was available each day. Sloppy Joe's made with burger from Goodhue Market headlined the Thursday evening meal. A Friday night banquet catered by Lake City Fresh Market took place at the Bellechester Community Center and Saturday evening's pulled pork came from Huettles.

After the event wrapped up with dancing and live music by the band, County Line Drive—which features the Poncelet's nephew, Brandon Stanek on lead vocals and guitar—Jo-Jo reflected, "We could not have done it without my son and his wife, Joe's brother and partner, and my sister and hubby."

Next year's show is in Viroqua, WI. For more events and information, visit www.masseycollectors.com.



The weight may counter a load on the front bucket of this tractor, but does not provide the most comfortable seating.



Inside a shed on the Poncelet farm, Massey branded chainsaws, bicycles, toys, and memorabilia were on display. Below the signs decorating the wall is a row of tractors in Joe's collection.



A display of bicycles that were made by the Massey Harris company.



Jim Meagher brought his most recent Massey restoration project from his home in Pembina, ND.

Goodhue County Holstein Breeders Event to Celebrate 80 Years

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Currently, there are more than 22 million animals registered in the Holstein Association's herdbook, most of which can be traced to animals originally imported from the Netherlands.

Goodhue County has a long and impressive history of Registered Holstein ownership. One notable breeder was H. August Lohmann, who purchased his first Registered Holsteins in 1913 and 1914. He farmed near Zumbrota and built his entire herd on these few animals, receiving recognition as the top production herd in the state in 1954. This lineage formed the base of herds owned by his sons, Martin and David, and son-in-law, Lloyd Tangen. The Tangen herd is still producing milk in the Wanamingo area.

The Larry and Barb Lexvold herd earned the top spot among Minnesota herds in 1997. They were pictured with two of their Holsteins on the October 1998 front cover of the breed's national magazine, Holstein World. The Lexvolds' high producing cows and successful embryo transfer program brought visitors from overseas to their Goodhue area farm. Their herd's genetics allowed them to sell bulls to artificial insemination companies, influencing the breed across the world.

Jerry Mahoney and his son, Keith, built an award-winning herd of high type and production cows on their farm near Cannon Falls. Both Jerry and Keith served multiple terms on the Minnesota Holstein Association board. Greg Mahoney branched out with Ziggy-View Holstein farm near Pine Island. Greg was recently recognized as a 40 year member of the national association.

Bruce Heydmann of Zumbrota attained 50 year member recognition. William Heydmann introduced his young son to the Junior Holstein Association. Bruce exhibited the

Grand Champion Registered Holstein in the 1972 Minnesota State Fair 4-H show and the 1974 FFA dairy show. The same cow earned top honors in the District Holstein show and Minnesota State Junior Holstein show. Bruce went on to serve as the Goodhue club's secretary for 30 years and continues to be active in the organization and dairy farming.

Like Bruce and then his children, many area youth participate in the junior association. Goodhue County youth have won numerous state awards including their highest honor, Minnesota Distinguished Junior Member. They are active in conventions, knowledge bowl and working with sale and show animals. As adult advisor, Pat Irrthum (Wanamingo) organized and implemented the first club-sponsored youth show in 1985. The popular show is held during the Goodhue County Fair and is currently managed by Pat's grandson, Clint Irrthum and his wife, Erica.

This is just a small sampling of memories as it would be nearly impossible to list all of the influential members, top herds and special awards of Goodhue County breeders through the years. One known fact is the charter members of the organization had the vision to gather dairy enthusiasts and take advantage of all the things membership had to offer. Fourteen years after organizing, they began operating as a non-profit with official articles of incorporation dated October 26, 1960. Yearly meetings were held in various locations including the Edgewood restaurant by Cannon Falls, the Covered Bridge restaurant in Zumbrota, Sawyer's Inn in Goodhue and Bridgett's Café in Zumbrota.

The January 27, 1986 meeting held at the Goodhue Lion's Community Center celebrated the 40th anniversary of the club. There were approximately 80 people in attendance. Speaking at the event were Dick Kunau, county agent at that time, and charter board members, Carl Kunde (president), Donald Lohmann and Martin Lohmann (directors). Others on the original board of directors were, Arnold Weibusch (vice president), H. August Lohmann (secretary/treasurer), and J.E. Korsten and Ernest Johnson (directors).

The club began hosting a dairy animal sale in 1948, holding one or two sales almost every year until 1993. A summary of the 1956 sale shows the top animal sold to Fran-



Clint and Marcus Irrthum of Wanamingo showing a dairy heifer in the 2006 Goodhue County Junior Holstein show at the county fair. The show was established in 1985 by their grandmother, Pat Irrthum and is currently managed by Clint and his wife, Erica. The show operates under their parent organization, Goodhue County Holstein Breeders, which is holding an 80th anniversary celebration on July 14th.

cis Maas of Medford for \$385.00. Advertised as Goodhue County Fair's champion male, Blu-View Ike Salo Follow On was consigned by C.J. Vangsness of Kenyon and Robert Lexvold of Zumbrota. The annual sales were a social event and raised money for club activities.

In 1994 the club turned to holding a raffle to raise funds. Members gathered at the Covered Bridge Park Pavilion in Zumbrota for a picnic and the prize drawing. Holder of the winning ticket received either a calf or cash. Variations of the raffle ran for about 10 years. Other popular fundraising events include cowpie BINGO and silent auctions. Money raised by the club is used to support the junior Holstein show, donate to other youth dairy activities, sponsor awards and host the district dairy show held during the Cannon Valley Fair. They have also helped promote the dairy industry and dairy products by sponsoring Goodhue's Udder Run and creating a parade float.

The number of dairy farms across the country has been on a steady decline for decades. The rural population had already decreased

by 16 percent in the 1940's. Even so, the Goodhue County Holstein club believed in the dairy industry, the Registered Holstein cow and the people that cared for them when they held that first meeting in 1946.

A lot has changed since that first meeting, including computerized records, the semen freezing process and artificial insemination, genetic testing that analyzes the DNA of an animal to determine what genes they actually possess, economics, and herd size and numbers. What hasn't changed in 80 years is a desire to improve and carry on a legacy, honor member accomplishments, and enjoy fellowship with each other.

The annual Twilight Meeting is a long-standing tradition of fun on the farm. A dairy judging contest, entertainment, and cake and ice cream are part of the family-friendly evening that's open to the public. The date and location change yearly depending on which member volunteers to host the event. Finding a host is becoming increasingly difficult with the current county membership standing at just 22. Not all members are actively dairying and not all dairy farmers are members, although all are welcome to join, whether they own Registered Holsteins or not. Interested non-farm individuals and county businesses are also encouraged to support the club.

Current and former members, Jr members and interested area residents are invited to a special edition of the annual Twilight Meeting on Cow Appreciation Day, July 14, 2026. The event begins at 7 PM, hosted by the Jeff and Heidi Miller family at 28908 County 16 Boulevard, Goodhue. Planned activities include a history display and presentation, local Princess Kay finalist, Natalie Clemenson's butterhead on display, a silent auction, and cake and ice cream.

Questions may be directed to Dean Opsahl at 651-380-2773 or opsahl194@sleepyeyetel.net.





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North Dakota State University Students earn place on Spring 2026 Dean's List

Fargo, N.D. – The NDSU Dean's List for fall 2026 has been released. A total of 4,349 exceptional students earned a place on the list. A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify.

Jenson, Cole William, Goodhue, MN
Construction Management
Crosby, Avery J, Goodhue, MN
Physical Education

Breakfast on the Farm Successfully Promotes Dairy Industry

By Beth Brekke

Approximately 2000 people enjoyed breakfast and a beautiful day at Bombay Dairy near Kenyon on June 5th. The Wayne and Donna Lexvold family hosted the annual Breakfast on the Farm event featuring a complimentary egg bake by Fultons' Catering. The free food, including Hannisch Bakery donuts, GoGurt yogurt tubes, bananas, milk and water, was made possible through donations from over 40 local businesses. Of course it wouldn't be

Breakfast on the Farm without softserve ice cream, cheese sticks donated by Organic Valley, and Ellsworth Co-Op Creamery making batter-fried cheese curds on-site for a steady line of guests.

Visitors to the farm could speak with Goodhue County Sheriff's Department representatives and Goodhue County Dairy ambassadors. Watching cows being milked and trying out the Ag Cab Lab simulator were fun learning experiences. Millie the potbellied pig, young calves, a rabbit and kittens were popular in the petting zoo area and a bounce house and barrel rides kept kids entertained.

Breakfast on the Farm is organized and sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Goodhue County along with KCUE radio who did a live broadcast from the farm. Held each year during June Dairy Month, the event spotlights the importance of dairy farming in Goodhue County and the variety of dairy products available to consumers.



Ag business representatives, family members and volunteers served a breakfast of egg bake, donuts, bananas, cheese, GoGurt, milk and water from 7-11 AM June 5th.



Ellsworth Co-Op Creamery employees fried and served cheese curds to a never-ending line of Breakfast on the Farm guests.



Approximately 2000 people attended the 2026 Breakfast on the Farm event at the Lexvold family's Bombay Dairy near Kenyon.



Goodhue County Dairy Ambassadors, Garrett Pearson and Troy Clemenson try the barrel ride at Breakfast on the Farm.



A bounce house was one of many activities that kept kids entertained during Breakfast on the Farm.

GOODHUE COUNTY

BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support and donations towards Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm held at Bombay Dairy. Because of you, it was another successful dairy breakfast. We look forward to working with you in the future, promoting the Dairy Industry.

The Lexvold Family, Dairy Farmers of Goodhue County, and KCUE Radio

Summary of Jam-packed Volksfest Events

By Beth Brekke

2026 was a banner year for the Goodhue Volksfest. Aside from a storm threat that pushed the new Wednesday night pickle ball tournament to Monday, and a few passing showers, the weather was ideal. A full schedule of events entertained folks of all ages from near and far.

The first medallion hunt clue posted on Wednesday, June 10th and was quickly found the following morning by three of Michael and Dawn Klindworth's daughters.

Friday afternoon activities included the kids' Pedal Pull with 112 competitors, followed by the free bounce house party for kids up to age 12. Toddlers had their turn to bounce on Saturday morning.

Avery Tipton was selected as the new Miss Goodhue Friday evening. Pianist, Kaelynn Ryan provided background music and former

Goodhue royalty, Allison Arndt and Ashley Sherden introduced the ten candidates, and later had them answer a random question in front of the crowd and four judges. Mike and Dorothy Lodermeier were chosen as king and queen to reign over the festival and Peggy Hinsch and Lana Heumann were recognized for their promotional efforts by being chosen as parade grand marshals.

Twin Cities area group, PopRocks provided the main entertainment on the street Friday night. Just one of many performers that could be seen in the bars or on stage over the weekend, the ensemble entertains with lively music and fun costume changes.

Saturday's jam-packed schedule kicked off with the annual Udder Run, Road Rally, Burrito Breakfast, Car, Tractor and Quilt shows. The day was filled with sport events like a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, co-ed volleyball tournament, and beanbag tournament.

Cory and Amanda Ziemer of Mabel, MN came up from their home near the Iowa border to participate in the Gopher State pulling Club garden tractor pull. They plan to spend the summer travelling to 16 club pulls with their tractor named "Beaver Commander". They bought the machine partially modified before doing more work to make it compliant with the weight and hitch-height requirements for competition.

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Members of the Goodhue Jaycees work in the center of the street dance area. The Jaycees organization is responsible for organizing the annual Volksfest celebration.



The PopRocks ensemble in costume while headlining the Friday night street dance.



Vendors filled the community center and drew good crowds of customers on Saturday.



Rosie Park was the scene of bean bag and volleyball tournaments, a Wildcat Dance Team fundraiser selling pork sandwiches and nachos, and families enjoying the festivities on a sunny, comfortable Saturday.



Newly crowned Miss Goodhue royalty attend events throughout the weekend. (L-R) Attendant Eleanor O'Reilly, Miss Goodhue Avery Tipton, Attendant Mari O'Connor and Miss Congeniality Lillian Raasch.

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Along with the touch-a-truck opportunities in the school parking lot, kids of all ages were able to pet llamas brought in by Wild Pyle Acres of Hay Creek on Saturday. Kids' Coin Quest in Rosie Park Sunday morning was another new event for youngsters.

A photo booth near the food court on Saturday from 3-7 offered fun for the whole family. Food vendors included Little Piggies, Indigo ACAI bowls, Fiesta Mexicana, Wild West BBQ, Goodhue Lions, Grandma's Cookies and more.

The Saturday night street dance once again drew the largest crowd as it featured country music star, David Nail and country legend, Lonestar. The Rochester branch of Twin City Security (TCS) has helped monitor the larger events, recalling only a few minor incidents in the past several years. The Goodhue County Sheriff's Department and posse also keep things under control all weekend.

Sunday morning opened with the WELS area churches offering a community worship service at the high school and Dads Belgian



The Wednesday night pickle ball tournament was rescheduled to Monday, June 15th due to the threat of storms. The double elimination competition was sponsored by Royal Auto and Vine Haven Hardware. There were 19 teams of 2 players entered in the school's Spanish Club fundraiser. The funds were put toward a one-week trip to Costa Rica the first week of July. It is the first club trip since before COVID.

waffle feed hosted by the Lion's at the community center. Many local businesses and organizations participated in the afternoon parade as did the GHS Class of 1976 in celebration of their 50th reunion.

A cool and cloudy day turned warm and sunny just in time for the firemen to battle other departments while kids were delighted to play in the resulting overflow. Families then headed to Rosie Park for the last event of the weekend, Monty's Traveling Reptile Show. Living up to its advertisement as "An interactive and educational experience featuring amazing reptiles from around the world", it closed the festival on a high note.

Find more details in the accompanying photo descriptions, and the Goodhue Volksfest and Goodhue Jaycees Facebook pages.



Volksfest parade grand marshalls, Lana Huemann (left) and Peggy Hinsch. These ladies are known for their daily Facebook posts promoting Volksfest before, during and after the festival.



Goodhue County Dairy Ambassadors hand out treats during the parade.



Supporters of the Republican Party candidates ready to walk the parade route.

(photo submitted)



Family gatherings and house parties can be found around town during Volksfest. (L-R) Nora Voth, Ryann Voth, Avery Buck, Paxton Buck and (not pictured) Brynlee Buck take advantage of their location behind the school to sell lemonade and flavored sno-cones. Nora and Ryann are the daughters of Brandon and Jessica Voth, Avery is the daughter of Cody and Erin Buck, Paxton and Brynlee are the daughters of Kelby and Brandi Buck.



Corey and Amanda Ziemer came from Mabel, MN to participate in the Gopher State Pulling Club competition with their machine, "Beaver Commander".

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Mark Pyle of Wild Pyle Acres talks to people about Poppie the Llama.



A Monty's Traveling Reptile Show helper carries a snake through the crowd to give them a better view.



Fascinated kids getting a close-up look at an alligator with his mouth temporarily taped shut for safety.



Brian Teigen of Montey's Traveling Reptile Show presented a very interesting and entertaining show of exotic animals to around 60 children and adults gathered in Rosie Park for the final Volksfest weekend event.



Serving line for Dads Belgian Waffles Lion's Club event Sunday morning.



After a cool start to Sunday, the sun came out and the street was bordered with children delighting in the spray and runoff from the annual area firemen's water fight in front of the fire hall.



Looking for money in Rosie Park during the new Kids Coin Quest event on Sunday, June 14th.

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Country Legend music group, Lonestar headlined the Saturday night street dance.



A huge crowd filled the street during the Lonestar concert.



The Saturday night crowd watched fireworks shoot over the stage between the David Nail and Lonestar performances.



3 Members of Lonestar on stage during Goodhue's Volksfest.

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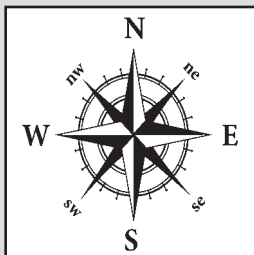
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

June Vacation



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.

June is a time lots of people take vacations. I came back to Minnesota early this spring on business and planned on heading right back to Tennessee to relax a bit longer. Right back turned into eleven weeks. So, a few days into June I was heading south again.

A lot had changed. The winter wheat harvest was complete and the corn crop had tasseled, silked and was way over my head. I fertilized the lawn before I left. The June rains had made use of the nitrogen in the fertilizer and my neighbor John had been mowing the grass almost weekly. I had to weed whip the dog run to knock back 2' of Switchgrass before letting the dogs in. They found an Armadillo carcass in the yard so they were entertained. I was standing in sandals cutting grass so the dogs wouldn't find any snakes. I figured I would shred a copperhead with the weed whacker before he could strike me.

Not having to deal with farm chores allows me to sleep late every morning. I kind of like it. I had a number of small projects to do around the cabin. Enough to stay busy but not get exhausted. We planned to spend the nice days on the river and rest up on the other ones.

Sundays are the same routine. Go to church and stop for groceries at the Piggly Wiggly on the way home. The first week was VBS at Big Rock Baptist Church. They had the assembly hall decorated with lights and posters, the staff had matching t-shirts and there were three inflatable bounce houses outside for the Sunday night kick-off. The kids got up and sang while dancing to songs, VBS is a big exciting thing in Tennessee. They had a record of over 160 attend the Wednesday evening session this year. Church is never boring in



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Tennessee.

I went in to the Sirloin Stockade one evening for steak. Not much beats a buffet with ribeye. The nice kids working the counter gave me the senior discount with-out even asking. One great thing about the youth in Tennessee, is how friendly and helpful they are. Everyone is "ma'am" or "sir" and they will take time to stop to carry on a pleasant conversation with anyone.

In the evening I sit on the porch and watch the sun set in the western sky, with a dog on each side of me. I look out over the trees to the Tennessee River and soak in the beauty. The crescent moon is hanging in the horizon with three planets lined up. They say they are Venus, Jupiter and Mercury. I see fireflies rising into the night sky like sparks from a camp fire. I doze off and the dogs are sound asleep on the cushion beside me.

I think about coming through Tennessee as

a child in the mid 1960's with my parents. Never dreamed I would live down here someday. I remembered the Appalachian Mountains, Civil War battle sites, stories about Daniel Boone, and other explorers who lived down here two centuries ago. Wondered about how rugged the wilderness was back then. Imagined what the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Shawnee Indians life was like in those days.

It is summer in Tennessee, every day hit 85 degrees. Air conditioning is a wonderful thing. Had to be unbearable in a teepee or a log cabin in the old days. But I enjoy it now. And being in the boat on the river on a hot day is much more bearable than almost anywhere else. The cool river breeze and a Bimini boat top make it a perfect day. As I head back, I experience the one certain shock. Gas was \$3.35 when we left Tennessee, \$3.85 back here in Minnesota.

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A Minnesotan: Hotdish



By RosaLin Alcoser

If I had to name one food that is distinctly Minnesotan I would say Hotdish. Then I would probably go on to explain that it's usually meat, with canned or frozen vegetables, combined with a can of soup and often topped with some sort of potato—the one I've seen the most is tater-tots. Now depending on your region of Minnesota is the real determiner of the salt and pepper ratio in the dish. However, that is really

what makes up the dish.

The most common one I've had is the tater-tot hotdish, but I do know that there are other kinds of hotdish.

After all there must be since there are competitions on who makes the best hotdish.

My family never makes hotdishes. No, for us is something that we only had if someone else had made it and it was at church. Since we are Minnesota transplants we did not make hotdish nor had we heard about it until we moved here. However, my husband is a born and raised tru Minnesotan. He and his family are Minnesotans who make and consume hotdish.

In fact my husband loves hotdish to the point that he desperately wants to go to Oronoco to get a flight of hotdish. When I told him that I had seen it on a menu while there without him two years ago he wanted to have a flight of four types of hotdish desperately. The only problem is every time he's been down in the area since it's been a Monday and they've been closed. At some point we will be there when it's open and hopefully it's still on the menu.

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Farm Girl Chatter Hayfields, Lake Days, and 250 Years of America

By McKell Lemmerman

There comes a point every summer when farmers start dreaming about two things: rain for the crops and a cold drink at the lake. Unfortunately, those two things rarely seem to happen on the same day.

Hay season is in full swing, and there is something special about the smell of fresh-cut hay drifting across the countryside. It is one of those scents that instantly says "summer." Unless, of course, you are on your tenth load of the day, covered in dust, sweat, and wondering why every field suddenly looks twice as big as it did yesterday.

The days start early and end late. Tractors hum across the fields, wagons fill up, and weather apps get checked more often than the mail. Nothing gets a farmer moving faster than seeing a rain cloud pop up on the radar when there are still ten acres laying on the

ground.

By the time the last bale is stacked, the only thing greener than the hayfield is the thought of heading to the cabin. There is something magical about trading the tractor seat for a pontoon seat. The sound of machinery is replaced by loons calling across the lake, and instead of watching weather forecasts for hay, we're checking them to see if it's warm enough to jump off the dock.

This summer feels a little more special as America celebrates its 250th anniversary. For generations, farming families have helped build this country through hard work, perseverance, and commitment to the land. While fireworks and celebrations mark the occasion, many farmers will be celebrating in their own way—finishing chores, making hay, and gathering with family and friends at the lake after a long day's work.

Of course, no farmer truly takes a vacation. Somewhere between fishing, swimming, and enjoying a sunset, someone is always looking at the future radar for the next projects to do when they arrive home.

Still, those lake days remind us why we work so hard. The smell of fresh-cut hay, the satisfaction of a field baled before the rain, and a weekend spent at the cabin with family and friends are some of the best parts of summer. It's all about balance—working hard enough to appreciate the break and relaxing just enough to be ready to do it all again next week.

As we celebrate 250 years of America, here's to the farmers who keep it running, the



families who keep us grounded, the troops who made the sacrifice, and the lake days that remind us to slow down and enjoy what we have. Because even the hardest-working farmers need a day to smell something besides diesel fuel and dust.

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4 Holistic Health Tips Worth Bringing Into Your Life!



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

I have been around the wellness world long enough to remember when "holistic health" sounded like something only the granola crowd talked about. These days? It is everywhere, and honestly, I love that! We have circled back to ideas our grandparents seemed to know instinctively, only now we have the science to back them up. Below are four tips I keep coming back to, both for myself and for the patients and friends I care about. Pull up a chair. Let's talk health like the fellow enthusiasts we are.

Start From the Inside Out: Your Gut Knows More Than You Think

I'll be honest with you. For years, I treated

my stomach like an afterthought, something that only mattered when it growled or grumbled. Then I started paying attention, and what a difference it made. Your gut is often called your "second brain," and there's real truth to that. Trillions of tiny bacteria live in your digestive system, and they influence everything from your mood to your immune system to how much energy you have to get through the day.

The good news is that supporting your gut doesn't require anything fancy. Start by adding more fiber-rich, whole foods to your plate. Think leafy greens, beans, oats, and colorful vegetables. Fermented foods like yogurt, kimchi, and sauerkraut bring in beneficial bacteria that help keep everything balanced. I like to tell people that every meal is a chance to either feed the good bacteria or starve them. Small, consistent choices add up faster than you'd expect.

Here's the part that ties beautifully into chiropractic and whole-body wellness: when your gut is happy, your whole system tends to follow. Many people notice less inflammation, steadier energy, and even better sleep once they clean up their gut health. It is all connected, and your body works best when each piece is supported. So if you've been ignoring your digestion, consider this your gentle nudge to start listening.

Make Peace With Your Nervous System

This one is close to my heart. So many of us walk around in a constant state of low-grade stress, and we barely notice it anymore. Tight shoulders, shallow breathing, a racing mind at bedtime. Sound familiar? Your nervous system is running the show behind the

scenes, and when it's stuck in "fight or flight" mode, your whole body pays the price.

The beautiful thing is that you have more control over this than you realize. Simple practices can shift your body out of stress mode and into rest-and-repair mode. Try slow, deep breathing where your exhale is longer than your inhale. Even a few minutes can calm a frazzled mind. A short walk outdoors, a warm bath, or simply unplugging from your phone for an hour can work wonders too. These aren't luxuries. They're maintenance for the system that controls everything.

This is also where chiropractic care fits in so naturally. Your spine houses and protects your nervous system, and gentle, personalized adjustments can help your body communicate more clearly with itself. I've watched patients soften and exhale right there on the table, like their bodies finally got permission to relax. When your nervous system feels safe, healing happens. It's not magic, it's just how we're built.

Treat Sleep Like the Foundation It Truly Is

I remember a time when running on little sleep felt like a badge of honor. We bragged about it. What a mistake that was. Sleep isn't downtime, it's when your body does its most important repair work. Muscles recover, your brain clears out the day's clutter, and your nervous system resets. Skimp on it, and you feel the effects in everything from your mood to your aches and pains.

If your sleep has been rough, start with the basics. Keep a consistent bedtime, even on weekends, so your body knows what to expect.

Dim the lights in the evening and put the screens away at least an hour before bed. Your bedroom should be cool, dark, and quiet, almost like a little cave built for rest. These changes sound simple, and they are, but they make a genuine difference over time.

I'd also encourage you to think about how you sleep, not just how long. The right pillow and a supportive mattress matter more than most people realize, especially if you wake up stiff or sore. Poor sleeping posture can pull your spine out of alignment night after night. If you're waking up hurting, that's worth a conversation with your chiropractor. Good sleep and a healthy spine go hand in hand, and addressing both can change how you feel from the moment you open your eyes.

Keep Moving, Because Motion Is Medicine

Here's something I say all the time: your body was made to move. We've engineered so much movement out of modern life, sitting at desks, scrolling on couches, driving everywhere. And our bodies feel it. Stiffness, weakness, and nagging pain often trace back to one simple culprit, which is that we just aren't moving enough or in enough variety.

The fix doesn't mean you need to become a marathon runner overnight. In fact, I'd argue that gentle, consistent mobility work beats the occasional intense workout for most people. Stretch in the morning. Take walking breaks during your workday. Try yoga, swimming, or simply playing with your kids on the floor. The goal is to move your joints through their full range often, because joints that don't move tend to get stuck, and stuck joints lead to discomfort down the road.

This is where I get a little passionate, so bear with me. When your joints move well, your whole body functions better. Chiropractic adjustments can help restore motion to areas that have become fixated, and pairing that care with daily movement gives you the best of both worlds. Think of it as a partnership between you and your body. You keep things moving, your chiropractor helps keep things aligned, and together you build a body that feels good for years to come.

None of these tips require a complete life overhaul. That's the beauty of holistic health, it's the small, steady choices that build into something powerful. Pick one to start with this week. Your body has been waiting for you to pay attention, and trust me, it'll thank you for it.

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Facts from the Speaking of Cannabis Campaign

By Ella Slade

Cannabis is a species of plant that contains chemicals that can affect the brain. The plant contains over 125 different cannabinoids, which are chemicals that may affect the body. Hemp and “marijuana” both come from the cannabis family, but they have different amounts of cannabinoids. The plant contains over 125 different cannabinoids, which are chemicals that may affect the body.

Hemp is a cannabis plant used to make things like fiber, seeds, and hemp seed oil and contains much lower amounts of THC, the part of the plant that causes a “high.” Hemp is often used in products like foods, personal care items, and fabrics. However, hemp-derived THC edibles and THC beverages can be intoxicating and may have mind-altering effects similar to cannabis products. In contrast, cannabis (marijuana) is mind-altering and is used for medical or recreational reasons.

The primary mind-altering cannabinoid

found in cannabis is THC. Cannabis typically contains more THC, while hemp contains more Cannabidiol. CBD is a chemical in the cannabis plant that does not cause a “high.”

Cannabis-based products are available with differing cannabinoid combinations; some cannabinoids occur naturally, while others are manufactured and added to products, the health effects of which are not yet fully understood.

Today's cannabis products are often much stronger than in the past. Between 1995 and 2022, the delta-9 THC potency in illegal cannabis products quadrupled from 3.96% to 16.14%, and cannabis flower and concentrates in dispensaries can have THC concentrations of more than 40%. Today's products can possess over three times the THC potency compared to thirty years ago, which increases the risk of addiction.

Regular cannabis use during the teenage years and early twenties, when the brain is still developing, can cause physical alterations to the brain and negatively affect memory, concentration, and learning. It is also linked to mental health issues, with approximately one in ten users becoming addicted, a rate that increases to one in six if use begins before age 18.

Cannabis comes in many forms, which is why people use different names for it. Each form affects the brain and body differently, and some are much stronger than others. The consumption method, amount taken, THC



Speaking of Cannabis can help you explore additional resources to stay informed, along with trusted tools and guides.

potency, and prior experience all play a role in how cannabis impacts the body and brain.

The Speaking of Cannabis campaign aims to empower trusted adults with facts and communication tips to discuss these risks with youth. Adults are encouraged to:

- Understand how cannabis can affect the developing brain.
- Talk with teens about not using cannabis.
- Store cannabis products safely in their original, labeled, child-resistant or locked containers, placed high up and completely out of reach and sight of children and pets.

The Speaking of Cannabis initiative is supported by a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health Health Improvement Bureau and is featured as part of the Pre-

ferred Business sponsored content program.

Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona counties are partnering to inform adults through the website, speakingofcannabis.org.

This activity is made possible by a grant from the Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention program of the Minnesota Department of Health Health Improvement Bureau.

The Regional Cannabis Communication Campaign is part of the sponsored content program called Spotlight.

If you would like to connect with our Wabasha County Cannabis and Substance Misuse Prevention Collaborative, please reach out to Tina Moen, Wabasha County Coordinator at tmoen@co.wabasha.mn.us.

25th Mazeppa Daze next weekend

Mazeppa Daze is just around the corner. July 10th thru 12th will see the celebration in the Village in the Valley. Thursday at 7:00 pm will be the opening ceremony at the Field of Honor in Jaycee Park by the Mazeppa Honor Guard.

Friday will feature a parade at 7pm followed by a street dance, with live music by “Unhinged” from 8:30pm to 12:30am. A small fireworks display occur at dusk.

Saturday starts with a pancake breakfast at 6am and the softball and volleyball tournaments begin at 8am. The 5k Fun Run/Walk starts at 9:30am and there will be a tractor show from 10am to 5pm at Turbo's. There will be kid's games from 11am to 3pm. Duck races start at 2pm followed by Bingo at 2:45pm.

The Lion's BBQ dinner at Lion's Park will

be held from 4 to 8pm and the “Smokin' Coyotes” will be playing from 8pm to midnight. A large fireworks display is planned for dusk on Saturday evening followed by the drawing for the golf cart. Alternative date for fireworks will be Sunday night if rained out.

Sunday the softball and volleyball tournaments will start at 8am and the tractor pull will begin at 10am. The Fire Department water fights will begin at 11am at the fire hall. The weekend will close out with a classic car show from noon to 3pm on Sunday afternoon.

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Sheriff Announces Partnership with GovWorx to Enhance 911 Training, Quality Assurance, and Emergency Communications Readiness

Courtesy of Goodhue County Sheriff's Department

The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce a partnership with GovWorx to implement the CommsCoach platform within the Goodhue County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

The Goodhue County PSAP serves as the county's primary 911 communications center, where Public Safety Telecommunicators answer emergency and non-emergency calls, coordinate law enforcement, fire, and EMS responses, and provide critical support to first responders and the public.

The CommsCoach platform will provide advanced tools for hiring, training, quality assurance, simulation-based learning, and performance development. The system is designed specifically for emergency communications centers and will assist the Sheriff's Office in supporting employees throughout their careers—from applicant screening and onboarding to ongoing training and professional development.

"Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the initial first responders during an emergency," said Sheriff Marty Kelly. "Their ability to gather information, provide reassurance, and coordinate resources can have a direct impact on the outcome of an incident. This investment ensures our team has access to modern tools that support training, continuous improvement, and preparedness while helping us attract and retain exceptional employees."

CommsCoach combines quality assurance, training, simulation, hiring, and AI-assisted support capabilities into a single platform. The technology will allow the Sheriff's Office to develop training scenarios from real-world incidents, provide enhanced coaching opportunities, improve consistency in call handling, and strengthen operational readiness across the communications center.

As part of the implementation, GovWorx will integrate with the county's Computer Information Systems (CIS) computer-aided dispatch system, creating opportunities to leverage real-world incidents as part of on-

going training and performance improvement efforts.

Funding for the GovWorx implementation is being provided through Minnesota 911 Special Revenue Funds administered by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Networks (ECN) Division. The investment reflects Minnesota's continued commitment to supporting innovative technologies that enhance emergency communications and improve service to the public.

"The 911 profession continues to evolve, and our responsibility is to ensure our telecommunicators have the tools, training, and support necessary to succeed," said Emergency Services Captain Chad Steffen. "This partnership represents an investment in our employees, our operations, and ultimately the residents and visitors we serve throughout Goodhue County. By leveraging dedicated 911 funding, we are able to bring

innovative technology into our communications center while remaining good stewards of public resources."

Sheriff Kelly added, "Our mission is to improve and maintain the quality of life we enjoy and ensure that Goodhue County remains a safe place to live, work, and visit. Investing in our people and providing them with the best available tools is essential to fulfilling that mission."

"The commitment Goodhue County has to the continued professional development of their telecommunicators is remarkable and should be commended. The decision to invest in their telecommunicator, this is exactly the kind of leadership that changes retention, performance, and morale. We are proud to support that mission." Scott MacDonald, CEO and Co-Founder of GovWorx.

Implementation activities are currently underway and will continue throughout 2026.

Goodhue County National Night Out

Courtesy of Goodhue County Sheriff's Department

National Night Out is just around the corner, and we are excited to once again get out into our communities and visit neighborhood gatherings across Goodhue County!

National Night Out is one of our favorite events of the year because it gives us the opportunity to connect with residents, strengthen community partnerships, and spend time with the people we serve. Whether you're hosting a block party, neighborhood cookout, or community gathering, we would love the opportunity to stop by.

If you are planning a National Night Out event, please take a few minutes to register your party and request a visit from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. Simply scan the QR code on the flyer or use the registration link provided.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/s6CXZAv1i4>

Register your party today and help us make this year's National Night Out another great success! Please complete by July 21st.

We look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating the strong communities that make Goodhue County such a great place to live.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH 2026

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Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes

City Hall ~ May 13, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Kyle Flom and Nick Flom - Flom Disposal, David Meyer – Rochester LRS (Lakeshore Recycling Services)

Remote: Bob Vose, City Attorney; Corey Boyer and Matt Heslin – 4M Fund/LMC; Ray Bollhauer – American

Legal Publishing; Ross Huber - Harter's Disposal

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

Council member Nagel suggested the guest speakers go first and move those items up and old business to the end. Motion by Brunkhorst to amend agenda by moving old business after new business, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April 22, 2026, City Council meeting minutes made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Bills

Council discussed a couple payments for disposal fees from the city-wide cleanup day. The manageable loss was attributed to the increase in tonnage with three full dumpsters and extra city tires. Mayor Schmit suggested that next year the city could add a fee for tire disposal to cover all or a portion of that cost. A motion was made to approve the bills by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

New Business

4M Investment Program Presentation (Matt & Corey)

Matt Heslin is Relationship Manager and Corey Boyer is Vice President, Investment Services of PMA Financial Network LLC which serves as the Investment Advisor to the 4M Fund Benefits sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities investment program for public entities. They discussed investment solutions for operating reserves; reviewed investment options, safety, fee structure and cash flow modeling. Onboarding would involve the city passing a resolution and setting up accounts for access to portal and reporting. Bond proceeds are managed by 4M and track separately ensuring compliance with IRS rules. To proceed they would need a capital improvement and/or some kind of budget cashflow to gather the city's information. Once the plan is in place, there is follow up with annual updates. Council requested the presentation be sent to them to review.

Codification Presentation – Ray Bollhauer, Esq./President – American Legal Publishing

Ray Bollhauer, President of American Legal Publishing presented a proposal for comprehensive ordinance codification using the Minnesota Basic Code as a foundation, customized with city ordinances from the past 50 years. The \$7900 includes preparing draft for approximately seven months, council has 60 days to review, final product delivered in

1 year, including legal report and five printed copies and a searchable pdf. The additional option for online searchable code is \$695 for setup and \$595 for annual hosting. City would fully own the code and can request work/pdf versions. All city code and uncodified ordinances would be reconciled into the new code. Ray would provide necessary electronic copies and support for review. Future additions to completed code would be additional charges per page and the numbering for inserts would include a letter extension to the current page number. Attorney Vose stated that he is familiar with their work in case his assistance was needed to review it.

Goodhue County Posse Coverage for Volksfest

Goodhue County Posse Security coverage for Volksfest is again welcomed as council appreciates their presence. The Posse is present from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on both evenings for \$1,200. A concern was raised about cleanup requirements for horse manure. Last year staff received confirmation from the Posse that they only clean up after parades. Council directed staff to clarify cleanup expectations again this year with hopes that they would clean up areas of manure left on the street behind them after the event. Item was tabled for the next meeting.

Garbage RFP Review/Selection

Multiple haulers, (Flom, LRS, and Harter's) appeared and presented bids for City garbage and recycling services. Waste Management submitted a bid but was not present at the meeting. Major discussion points were fuel surcharge formulas, difference in service levels/rates, can sizes, pickup day preferences and free services.

Council requested a sample bill from each bidder based on April's actual tonnage for residential accounts for a comparison. Hauler's typically get the permit if dumping at the solid waste campus in Red Wing which reduces their rate from \$138 to \$128 per ton. Tonnage should be the same cost for each hauler. This item is tabled for the work session in June.

Old Business

Goodhue Community Fire Truck Association Joint Powers Agreement

Council reviewed the new document. Again, there was concern about potential for larger contributors to be overridden. Exhibit A (map and formula) is needed to clarify each member's share. Ongoing delays reported in receiving this from the association. Review precise wording in 3.1 n. relief association benefits by removing "Members". Council agrees to wait for Exhibit A before final approval and council member Kurtti to follow up with association for map and supporting data.

Budget/Actual Report

Council seeks clarification on fund structure. Income/expense tracking and how to better visualize and allocate funds.

The city uses state-mandated small city accounting; general fund is main repository, with departmental breakdowns for tracking but not separate accounts per revenue source.

Council requested more detailed sub-fund tracking for reporting to better align revenues/expenses and support future investment decisions, such as for the 4M program.

Staff to consult with neighboring cities and the League of Minnesota Cities on possible

reporting improvements.

Consideration of new breakdowns for next budget cycle.

Sewer bond update

There is no update. We will know more on Monday, May 18, 2026.

Committee Updates

Mayor Schmit announced that the Gas Commission is seeking a new member.

Public Works Update

Projected sewer plant pump install date is June 11, 2026, baseball field drainage is being monitored, parking lot work and ongoing maintenance as usual.

Administrator Update

Administrator Redepinning received a Dollar General land inquiry and responded that it was slated for future housing on identified parcels and have not heard back.

The NZSSD was recommended to be added to Minnesota Senate Congressional Direct spending lists for 2027.

(Klobuchar and Smith)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:25 pm by Council Member Kurtti, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk

Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes City Hall ~ May 27, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa Redepinning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Roger Ballstadt, Lynn Nardinger, Trevor Sullivan-GCSO

Remote: None

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 Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

• Motion to approve the May 13, 2026, City Council Work Meeting Minutes

• Motion to approve the bills (Check #040723-040730 totaling \$9,102.20)

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

Old Business

Joint Powers Truck Association

Agreement

Ongoing review of the agreement and its attachment clarification over "Appendix A" vs. "Exhibit A". Document aligns with described formula: 50% based on population, 50% on buildings not land. Awaiting review and official communication from legal representatives. No final action until the lawyers have reviewed the document. Approval targeted for June 10 work session.

Goodhue County Posse Coverage for Volksfest/Cleanup

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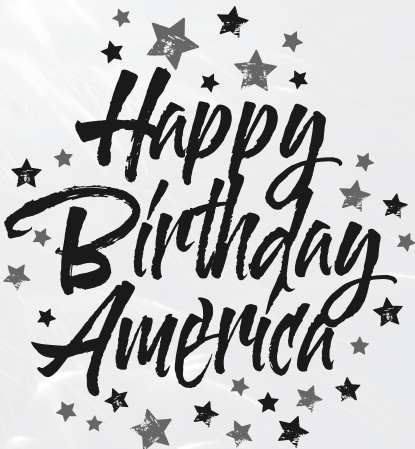
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In lieu of hiring an additional Posse member to clean up after Volksfest Friday and Saturday events, it was proposed to hire a local 9th grader or two for a fund raiser for the school DC trip. City can coordinate with Dawn Klindworth for logistics. A motion was made by Kurtti to offer \$100 per session for four sessions totaling \$400, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Recodification

Discussed significant update and consolidation of city ordinances since 1976. Interested in choosing basic codification package (~\$7,900) with legal review at the end. Concerns were raised about the unexpected legal fees and page overage charges. Funding would come from the general fund or savings from overbudgeted plow truck purchase. Council suggested that a committee be formed with two council members and the City Administrator to review questions before engaging the city attorney to minimize costs.

Council requested that staff see what nearby cities, like Pine Island, may have needed for legal fees and page count costs incurred from their codification process and ongoing maintenance expenses. Council decided to proceed with codification and review again at the June work meeting.

New Business

Development Agreement –

City of Goodhue & Goodhue County
Habitat for Humanity

This agreement is for the city to be a pass-through for the \$55,000 grant to Habitat for Humanity for building a new home on their vacant lot. Council expressed concern that construction was allowable under current MPCA regulations. Tabled the agreement until June work session to confirm compliance with city engineer, Jason, and Habitat representative, Bob Hawley.

Liquor License Renewal –
2nd Street Pub

Motion to approve liquor license renewal for 2nd Street Pub, made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Liquor License Renewal –
The Corner Bar & Grille

Motion to approve liquor license renewal for The Corner Bar & Grille, made by Nagel, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Resolution 26-06 LG230 application to
conduct off-site Gambling –
Goodhue Lions Club request for
approval of raffle at the
Chicken BBQ August 16, 2026

Motion to approve resolution 26-06 LG230 application to conduct off-site gambling for the Goodhue Lions Club raffle at Chicken BBQ on August 16, 2026, made by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Resolution 26-07 Approving list of
Election Judges for the Primary and
General Elections of 2026

Motion to approve Resolution 26-07 List of Election Judges for the Primary and General Elections of 2026 made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0.

Committee Updates - The Flower Committee is working on getting flowers planted Saturday behind city shed and community is invited to help.

Public Works Comments – Ongoing pool preparations

Administrator Comments - None
Council Comments

Council member Nagel received feedback from a resident about swimming lesson sign up being not very efficient, lines were long, cold outside and some confused by payment method this year and others wondered why they could not sign up online. Suggestions include making forms available online, separate days for pool pass vs. lessons, improve payment communication, and work with wildcat care to streamline block registration again in future. City staff was given short notice that Wildcat Care had staff turnover and chose not to include swimming lesson sign-up at their registration, thus there were a lot more at the sign-up day at City Hall. The city nor the pool has ever accepted a card payment method and the sign up is first-come first-serve to get the time/day slot they need.

Council asked that staff communicate with Wildcat Care to continue participation in lesson registration and potentially revise registration process for next season.

Mayor Schmit asked if anyone knew why an excavator was sitting on the road to the pool. Administrator Redepinning informed that there was a demolition permit approved to remove the trailer house and garage on the corner. Mayor reminded staff to check the zoning ordinance to confirm that nothing can be built on the lot.

Mayor Schmit talked to John Ramboldt about power to the pole for lighting the Memorial. John Ramboldt is funding and coordinating the lighting installation. City's only involvement is possible minimal utility fee increase.

Council member Nagel asked if we had received any sample invoices that were requested from the garbage disposal companies. The only one that has returned the request is LRS.

Mayor Comments - None
Public Comments - None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:35 p.m. by Council Member Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0. Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk

Goodhue City Council Work Meeting
Minutes

City Hall ~ June 10, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Schmit, Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Jeanine Nagel, Katti Kurtti, Eric Brandt

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa Redepinning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Jason Mandelkow, Public Works Director, Lynn Nardinger-Lions Club, Roger Ballstadt-Goodhue Fire Truck Association, David Meyer-LRS

Remote: None

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

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Council member Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 27, 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 Kurtti, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Old Business

Joint Powers Truck Association Agreement

Council found more ongoing confusion regarding the final contract version that was received.

Communication issues between attorneys lead to delays. The most current version was identified as version 11 and council decided to move forward despite the lack of corrections to the wording for Appendix vs. Exhibit. Council reviewed past changes with the version 11 at hand. Motion by Kurtti to accept version 11 of the Joint Powers Truck Association Agreement along with Appendix A, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Garbage RFP Review/Selection

Council reviewed detailed breakdown of garbage and recycling prices, including surcharges and fuel price impacts. Council and LRS settled on a 3% per year increase on base rates for the five years. Surcharges (fuel/disposal) are separate from base increases. David, from LRS clarified billing for commercial accounts, dumpster rates and disposal. Transition plan for new contract includes new cans, transition communications, and special accommodations for elderly/disabled residents. Determined they should be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Also discussed rates for residents and how that will be handled, annual spring clean-up and festival services. A motion was made by Brandt to accept the LRS proposal with 3% base rate increase included in the contract, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Investment Options

Mayor Schmit suggested the city focus more on money they currently have. Council discussed moving certain amounts of city

funds to higher-yield savings of 3% interest for balances over \$100K. Operational needs were a concern and the need for clearer fund structure and reporting to match income sources (ie. dog licenses) to expenses. A motion was made by Kurtti to move \$80,000 to a savings account with 3% interest, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

Recodification

Council recognized the urgent need to update and codify city ordinances to prevent legal issues. Discussed the cost, page limits, and ongoing maintenance required. A motion to move forward with codification and schedule council review before sending to lawyer made by Kurtti, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

New Business

Approve Application and Permit for a 1 to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Lions Club on August 16, 2026, at the Chicken BBQ

Motion to Approve Application and Permit for a 1 to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Lions Club on August 16, 2026, at the Chicken BBQ made by Nagel, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approve Resolution 26-08 Approving a Lawful Gambling LG230 Application to Conduct Off

Site Gambling for the Lions Club on September 13, 2026, at the side-by-side ride.

Motion to Approve Resolution 26-08 Approving a Lawful Gambling LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for the Lions Club on September 13, 2026, at the side-by-side ride made by Brandt, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 5-0-0.

Bonding Bill/NZSSD Update

The NZSSD received \$12 million in state funds, less than hoped, with other funding pending. Federal grant of \$2 million is in progress. Funds used for land purchasing and engineering are still waiting for disbursement.

Development Agreement/Habitat Home Addition/Infrastructure Limits

More clarification was discussed about the previously split lot allowing for an additional Habitat for Humanity home. The infrastructure (sewer/water) capacity confirmed for now but near limits. The required costly water and sewer line connection for new

home is responsibility of Habitat for Humanity. No additional sewer mains can be added until the new sewer plant and distribution are in place. Motion to accept the development agreement with Habitat for Humanity made by Brandt, seconded by Nagel, with Brunkhorst abstaining, motion carried 4-0-1.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director, Mandelkow, reported that there is a broken service line under the street by the bus garage. It is a galvanized line so it will need to be replaced, and Aslakson's will do street repair. The service line replacement project was awarded to H&M Underground. The City will process a resolution for next meeting. Goodhue was selected for a state program to inspect 50 unknown service lines at no cost. Sidewalk repairs are delayed due to permit issues. The sewer plant pump replacement is in progress; minor unanticipated expenses are due to the extra valves needed.

City consulted with ISG to begin drafting a comprehensive plan focusing on maintenance and community amenities. Emphasis is on council setting priorities for infrastructure and community space projects. This plan will aid future grant scoring and long-term budgeting. It may take 4-5 months to complete. Council members can brainstorm/prioritize needs before next work session.

Administrator Comments

The Lions Club issued a \$10,000 check to the City of Goodhue, which is a portion of their required 10% gambling net profit, and the balance is expected around October.

The state demographer revised the city population to 1,315 (448 households) so records and signage need updating.

Discussion about improving access to city alerts by posting on Facebook and in newsletter. There are currently 114 alerts

subscribers.

Ongoing dog issues are addressed in newsletter and alerts.

Volksfest preparations: The Sheriff Department will be using the City Hall restroom for the weekend. The Volksfest committee did not include the Pool games in their request for the event. Therefore, funding and labor

needed clarification and will make sure this part of the festival is included in the application next year.

Council Comments

Council discussed reporting improvements such as matching income and expenses for transparency and future planning for infrastructure and community growth.

Council member Brandt asked about upcoming training opportunities and staff referred to the League of Minnesota Cities. Any training opportunities that staff sees comes up will be forwarded on to council.

Mayor Comments - None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:34 pm by Council Member Brunkhorst, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/
City Clerk

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The offices for which Affidavits of Candidacy can be filed are those of three Council Members and Mayor for the City of Goodhue. Two Council Members elected for regular four-year terms, one Council Member for a special 2-year term and Mayor for a two-year term.

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Lori Luhman
Goodhue City Clerk

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spot removers, adhesives,

acids & bases.

Exotic Batteries-

Ni-Cad rechargeable, Button,

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1. Last name behind Waldorf Astoria
6. Hawaiian flower garland
9. What beanstalk did
13. Pack animal
14. Charged particle
15. Lacking guile
16. Lumen per square meter, pl.
17. Crime scene evidence, acr.
18. Roast host
19. *Unalienable ones in the Declaration of Independence
21. *Colony that originally abstained from voting on inde-
23. Baba of "One Thousand and One Nights"
24. Parsley or basil, e.g.
25. Mountain peak
28. *Four Declaration signers were alums of this CT Ivy Lea-
30. Most mature, as in fruit
35. It must go on?
37. Small brook
39. "...to assume among the powers of the ____"
40. Cap and gown accessory
41. Where there's trouble
43. Rani's dress
44. Useful quality
46. Volcano off Sicily coast
47. State on Old Glory
48. Dionysus' follower
50. Dems' opponents
52. Not divisible by two
53. Like certain people's glasses
55. Australia's flightless bird
57. *First Declaration of Independence signer
61. *Self-evident ones
64. Not a minor
65. "____ it or lose it!"
67. Songs for two
69. Formally surrenders land
70. *Last name of the only brothers to both sign the Declara-
71. Last Supper cup
72. "If you only ____!"
73. Boy
74. Item in diary

DOWN

1. *____ men are created equal
2. Talk like a drunk
3. Fare ride
4. Opposite of alpha
5. In a foolhardy manner
6. Jar covers
7. Long, long time
8. Stupid or silly
9. Risque
10. Puerto ____
11. ____ and anon
12. 168 hours
15. Rookie
20. Beauty pageant winner's headgear
22. Make a blunder
24. Serfdom, archaically speaking
25. Indian black tea
26. Capital of Tibet
27. One's entourage
29. *Liberty's partner
31. Permission to leave
32. Muse of love poetry
33. Nickname for a certain violin
34. *Certain George, with The
36. "...in the course of human events..."
38. Like TV's famous ranger
42. Candle shape
45. Fortune teller's deck, pl.
49. Who is Bugs Bunny talking to?
51. Blemish
54. Cranial bones + facial bones
56. Driver's 180
57. Bypass firewall, illegally
58. Yemeni port
59. Classic art subject
60. Ball of yarn
61. Started during the Ryder Cup, e.g.
62. Miami basketballer
63. Cookbook direction
66. Shining one in "America the Beautiful"
68. Sylvester Stallone's nickname

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