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Free Community Day September 27



Join area BSA Troops and Pack at the Rice County Steam, Gas, and Engine grounds in Dundas on Saturday, September 27 from Noon to 3:00p.m. Open to everyone!

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Northfield Celebrates Grand Opening of New Hasse Ryt-Way Arena

Courtesy of KYMN Radio News

The City of Northfield officially opened the new Hasse Ryt-Way Arena last Wednesday with an evening of ceremonies, tours, skating and community activities.

The grand opening was Wednesday, September 16 at the new 51,000-square-foot facility at 1900 Cannon Road.

The celebration began with the dedication of new artwork created by local artist Michael Sweere, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony with community partners. Visitors toured the arena, watched an exhibition by the Northfield Skate School and participated in a free open skate with members of the Northfield High School boys' and girls' hockey teams.

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Join Us for a Brand New Event Rice County Fall Festival

Courtesy of Northfield Arts Guild

In collaboration with the Studio ARTour and the Faribault Fall Festival, the Northfield Arts Guild presents: The Rice County Fall Festival!

The Rice County Fall Festival (RCFF) will

take place in various venues across Dundas, Faribault, and Northfield between October 2nd-4th....featuring classic elements of the Studio ARTour and Faribault's annual Fall Festival, live music performances, and projected video art- from local artists.

This work is funded in part by the Minnesota Humanities Center Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund that was created with the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Thursday 10/1

6:30 – 8:30 PM - "Writing Between the Lines: A Poetry Presentation & Workshop" Dance Studio, 2nd floor, Northfield Arts Guild 304 Division St. S, Northfield

Dundas City Council Proposes 9.96% Property Tax Levy Increase

At its September 14th meeting, the Dundas City Council proposed a 9.96% property tax increase for 2027.



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(submitted photo)

Dundas Oktoberfest Oktoberfest Cruise-In Rescheduled to Sunday, September 27

The Dawns Corner Bar Car Show and Cruise-In, which was as part of Dundas Oktoberfest events last weekend has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 27th, 11 AM - 4 PM. The Cruise-In event was rescheduled after the rain hampered some Oktoberfest Events in Dundas on September 19th. Guests were still able to get under the tents and enjoy some of the days festivities for this annual event.

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Friday 10/2

4:00 PM – SUNDOWN - Live music and dance performances! Bridge Square, Northfield

4:00 – 8:00 PM - Select Studio ARTour buildings open

4:30 – 6:30 PM - Friday Nite JAZZ! Jazz standards with a twist on the Chapel Brewing deck! Chapel Brewing at 15 Hester St, Dundas

5:00 – 7:00 PM - Live music in a Studio ARTour location

Bachrach Building at 318 Central Ave N, Faribault

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Scammers Continue Targeting Elderly Residents in Rice County

Courtesy of KYMN Radio News

Rice County residents are being urged to stay vigilant as scammers continue targeting older adults with increasingly sophisticated fraud schemes, according to local law enforcement and a recent report by WCCO-TV.

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How Do I Start Reading the Bible?



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Beep. Buzz. Beep. Buzz. Jack's phone alarm goes off, and the vibrating of it makes the phone push right off the nightstand. The phone plonks down on a stack of dirty laundry. The early 5:30 a.m. rise did not bother him like every other morning, because this morning it was his birthday. Even though Jack is in his mid-twenties, he still gets excited for this special day.

Jack rolls out of bed, grabs some leftover pizza from the fridge for breakfast, does a quick shave, walks the dog, drops off the rent check, and heads to work. A couple times throughout his workday he becomes almost like a child as he thinks, "I wonder what Mom got me for my birthday?! I can't wait to have her chicken alfredo and that German chocolate cake that oozes over with frosting!"

Jack sits down to have lunch with his coworkers, and his sister from Alabama texts, "Happy birthday, brother! Jesus loves you!" Jack smirks as he thinks, "Jesus, whatever." He texts back, "Thanks, Susie, I love you!" Another text rolls in from Mom. "Hi sweetie, Happy Birthday! So happy that God gave me YOU for my son!" He rolls his eyes, yet with kind fingertips Jack replies, "Thanks, Mom. Can't wait to see you!"

Jack's shift ends, and with an eager hop he gets into his car and makes his way to his mom's. As Nirvana plays over his dusty speakers, Jack starts to think about his father, who passed from suicide when Jack was just ten years old. "I wonder what it would have been like if he was still here . . ." Jack's heart sinks as he takes the last few drags from his cigarette. The smell of those Marlboros always reminds him of his dad. He pulls into his childhood driveway, and his mom is practically jumping off the deck with joy. Jack's excitement returns as quick as a heartbeat.

Jack smiles, turns down Cobain, and quickly pops a mint. He knows his mom dislikes his music and is not very fond of him still smoking. This does not bother Jack, though. He knows his mom has his best interests at heart.

Dinner comes and passes; it is scrumptious as always. Then comes the birthday gift. Jack's inner child is definitely front and center as he grabs the bright blue gift bag that has way too many ribbons of dark blue and

bright white.

He breaks through the packaging and unwraps the gift.

Jack knows instantly what this is. He pulls deep down into the core of his being to grab his happy voice and looks up, saying, "Wow, Mom, a Bible," with the fakest smile on his face. Jack thinks in the back of his mind, "What the heck am I going to do with this?" He doesn't let the annoying gift bother him, though. He and his mom then have some of that warm cake with vanilla ice cream as they watch the golden sun set.

As Jack got home and stepped into his apartment, he greeted his sweet dog and put that blue bag (with the Bible in it) on a high shelf in his hallway closet. He never took it down. Five years went by, and his sweet mother passed. He came home from the funeral to the same apartment, with every possible feeling floating in his inner being.

He took off his suit coat and pulled open the closet. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw the bright blue bag from five birthdays ago. He took a step back not only with his feet but his mind too. He stood up on his tiptoes, reached far back with his hands, and pulled forward that gift bag.

Tears welled in his eyes as he grabbed the leather-bound Bible. His mother had inscribed his name in the lower left corner; Jack never noticed that until this day. Jack made his way to his small dining room table and opened the Good Book.

A letter was inside the Bible, another thing Jack had not seen. He opened the cream envelope and read the note inside:

Sweet Jack,

My lovely boy who I love more than anything in the whole world (aside from Susan), you are the most talented young man full of compassion, love, kindness, and joy. I know there have been a few hiccups along the way in your life, but nothing is too big for God. Nothing.

Jesus loves you, Jack. He loves you more than you will ever know. He is not mad at you. I am obviously not mad at you. Dad was not mad at you either. And with what happened with your dad, that was not on Jesus, my sweet son. That was Dad's free will. No shame, no guilt.

The words in the Book that is in the midst of you right now, Jack, are life-giving. If you take time to know Jesus and His Word (the Bible), it will radically transform you. Jesus changes everything.

I know you so well that I realize it might be years before you actually read this letter and potentially the Bible. If you do choose to pick up this beautiful Book, here's a little guidance in how to start reading it.

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Area Church Directory

The Heart Command

I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." — Romans 7:7

Most people agree that the commandments we have been discussing lately—about promoting justice, honesty, respect for others and their property, and more—offer clear, practical boundaries for living together in society. Guidelines like these are found in all kinds of societies around the world.

We might even think, like many of God's people in ancient Israel did, that keeping these commands is possible. But the law doesn't satisfy God's requirements for our hearts. The apostle Paul painfully realized this when he wrestled with the darkness in his own heart. Though he thought he had been able to keep these commandments through his actions, he was cut to the heart when he read, "You shall not covet." God commands that we show love not only through our actions but also with our hearts. By this standard, we are all guilty of failing to love others.

Thankfully, our heart problem can be solved. "While we were still sinners," Paul writes in Romans 5:8, "Christ died for us." Jesus is the only one who could ever satisfy the demands of God's law for perfect obedience and love. And since we are forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice for our sake, the Holy Spirit gives us new hearts directed toward loving God and our neighbors.

Our new life in Christ moves us beyond mere outward obedience. By trusting Jesus, our restless hearts find true satisfaction in him alone, so that we can truly love others.

Jesus, thank you for rescuing us. By your Spirit, fill our hearts so that we can love others as you have loved us. Amen.

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10:30 am Worship Service (10:00 am in summer)

9:15am Sunday School

How Do I Start Reading the Bible?

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Where do you start reading the Bible? Read the book of John and read some of the Psalms simultaneously. Perhaps one chapter of John and one Psalm a day.

What happens if something you read does not make sense? A lot of things will not make sense right away. This is okay! Take your questions and turn that into studying the Bible. Get your hands on a good commentary; that will help.

What if you skip a whole bunch of days reading the Bible? No worries! Just pick up where you left off. Jesus is not legalistic.

Can you talk to Jesus? YES! Tell Jesus everything on your heart, including the things you read about in the Bible. Tell Him all the things that excite, confuse, and even make you upset. Do not hold anything back from Him.

Will Jesus speak to you back? YES! When Jesus speaks, He will speak with the Bible or the principles of the Word. The more you are in the Bible, the more confident you will be of His voice. Also, Jesus will speak with the tone of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). He will never speak with condemnation, guilt, or shame.

What if you do not feel Jesus? You may not always feel the Lord, but that does not mean He is not there. Trust the Bible and what it says, not your feelings.

What kinds of things does the Bible say? The Bible says so many things! Here are a few of my favorites:

- You are loved: Ephesians 3:14-19
- When you make a big oopsie (aka sin): 1 John 1:9
- When you are sad: Psalm 34
- When you are angry: Genesis 4:6-7
- Needing guidance: Isaiah 55
- Needing reassurance: Joshua 1:9
- You can have salvation through Jesus: Romans 10:9-10
- With love, Mom.

Jack, with continued watery eyes, kissed his mother's note. He started reading John 1 and Psalm 1 that very night and has never stopped reading the Bible. If you are not sure where to start in the Bible, just like Jack, do what his mom says. These words from Jack's mom can be for you too. My sweet friends, Jesus loves you more than you will ever know.

Dundas City Council Proposes 9.96% Property Tax Levy Increase

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The city estimates the increase of the city portion of a resident's property taxes on a

\$300,000.00 home would be around \$105.00. This is the preliminary budget amount. The final amount will be voted on in December. The proposed levy would amount to an increase of approximately \$196,000.00 for the city budget. The previous year's levy totaled \$2,171,619.00. Some of the items the council discussed relating to the increased levy amount includes employee wage and benefit increases, police and capital projects expenses. The council also approved the levy for the Dundas Economic Development Authority, which is authorized to support economic development purposes in the city.



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Gary David "Cecil" Hutton

Gary David "Cecil" Hutton, 74, of rural Kenyon, died Monday, August 24, 2026, at his home.



Cecil was born February 18, 1952, to Cecil and Marian Hutton in Northfield, Minnesota. He grew up on the family dairy farm near Little Prairie, Dundas. Cecil grew up doing chores and milking cows from an early age with his parents and five brothers. He was active in the Full O'Pep 4H club showing dairy cattle and he wrestled in high school.

Cecil attended Dundas and Northfield schools, graduating in 1970, and from there he attended two years of college at the U of M. Summer jobs driving spray trucks for AgriHelicopters in Owatonna led him to work towards his pilot's license. He traveled to Oklahoma to get his pilot's training at Allied Helicopters in Tulsa. From there, he sprayed crops by helicopter for 34 years. Cecil was a talented and hard working pilot who loved flying over the countryside. He often said, "You know there is a God when you see the

beauty of nature from the air."

Cecil married Robin Shimpach on October 10, 1981, after meeting her in a cornfield. They lived in Cherry Grove Township for four years and then moved to the Flom Brother's Farm in Sogn Valley. Here they raised three children, Neil (New Zealand), Vincent (Oregon), Tamsen (Minneapolis). Cecil was so proud of his children, and encouraged them in music, education and sports.

On the 40 acre farm, Cecil planted thousands of trees, beginning in the spring of 1986. He put in two dams, three ponds, a ball field, and many miles of fence for the horses. His goal was to have a wildlife refuge, which became a reality. He was awarded the Outstanding Woodland Manager by the Goodhue County Soil and Conservation District. The last few years he was delighted to have a pair of kingfishers nest by his ponds. Cecil was so proud of his farm.

Cecil loved bluegrass music, George Strait, Reba McIntire and barbershop music. He loved to sing, and was a tenor in his family's barbershop quartet, "Dad and His Lads". He sang with his dad, the "Real" Cecil, and brothers Duane and Darrell. Cecil loved to listen to St. Olaf and Concordia concerts online. College sports were another favorite

weekend activity, he'd watch online when he couldn't get to the games.

Talking and visiting with anyone and everyone he met was a favorite pastime. From the nurses and doctors at the hospital, to the farmers, grocery checkout workers, to people he just met, he loved to ask them questions and find out all about their life histories if he could.

In the last 10 years, Cecil struggled with his health. He tried to stay positive, and kept up with his mowing and upkeep on the farm the best he could. For years he had a giant garden up on the hill where he grew beautiful, huge vegetables that he sold at the Farmer's Markets in Cannon Falls and Dennison. He loved to feed the birds and planted some perennials down by his shed, where he had a feeding station he could see from his office.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Robin; sons, Neil (Charlotte), Vincent; daughter, Tamsen; grandchildren, Stella and Jules; brothers, Duane (Linda), Lynn (Dawn), Brian (Pam) and many nieces and nephews. Cecil was preceded in death by his parents, Marian and Cecil and brothers, Darrell and Paul.

A Memorial Service was held 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Holden Lutheran Church in Kenyon. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

he was supporting them. He also had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit. Never one to leave a dad joke on the table, Phil loved making people laugh, and he was always ready to share a good laugh with friends and family.

Phillip Lynn, the son of Donald and Ellen (Swenson) Forshee, was born on May 1, 1953, in Forest City, Iowa. He graduated from high school in Swea City, Iowa, and attended Iowa Lakes Community College. For many years, Phil worked as a National Meat Buyer for C&S Wholesale Grocers.

As a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan, Phil loved a good game day. He also enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, like going for long drives, doing jigsaw puzzles, taking casino trips, and enjoying a good steak.

He is survived by his daughters, Tiffany Hoffman of Helena, MT, and Jessica Forshee of White Plains, NY; siblings, Steve Forshee (Patricia) of Waseca, MN, Mary McMahon (Mike) of Goodyear, AZ, and Barb Morris (Michael) of Ames, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dawn; his parents, Donald and Ellen; and his brother, Jim Forshee.

A Celebration of Life service for Phil will be held at a later date.

Northfield Celebrates Grand Opening of New Hasse Ryt-Way Arena

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Facilities Manager Jayson Dwelle called the arena "truly a community building," noting that community partners have been involved throughout the project.

"There's nothing extravagant about the building, but it's been built the right way," Dwelle said. "Every part of this building is more functional, more accessible and more sustainable than our old building."

The arena was developed through a partnership involving the cities of Northfield and Dundas, the Northfield School District and private donors, with fundraising coordinated through the Northfield Hockey Association.

Named for lead sponsor Glenn Hasse, founder and former president of Northfield-based Ryt-Way Industries, the arena seats 499 spectators with additional standing-room space. It includes separate locker rooms for boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity teams, coaches' and officials' rooms, a dryland

training area, concessions, a pro shop, skate rental and a multipurpose room.

Accessibility improvements include an elevator, nursing room and accessible seating. The facility also includes media seating and an outdoor walking track.

Built in accordance with Northfield's sustainable building policy, the LEED Silver-certified arena features energy-efficient heating and cooling, advanced refrigeration, solar panels, high-efficiency lighting, water-conservation measures, an electric ice resurfacer and electric-vehicle charging stations.

Materials from the former Northfield Ice Arena will also live on. The old rink boards will be repurposed for a new outdoor rink on the north side of the building.

Sweere's three new mosaic pieces depict outdoor skaters and animals and were created with help from residents during public workshops. The artwork was funded through Northfield's Percent for the Arts program.

Phillip L. Forshee

Phillip L. Forshee, age 73, of Dundas, MN, passed away September 14, 2026.



Phil was a man who always put his family first. The close relationship he shared with his daughters, wife, and siblings brought him immense joy, and he was happiest when

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Dolly Parton

"Global icon and humanitarian, Dolly Parton, known to the world as a beloved singer, songwriter, philanthropist, actress, playwright, and author died peacefully August 25, 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee. She was 80 years old.



OFFICIAL OBITUARY
of Dolly Parton
1946-2026

Dolly is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years Carl Thomas Dean (1942 – 2025), her mother Avie Lee Caroline Owens (1923 – 2003), and father, Robert Lee Parton, Sr. (1921 – 2000).

A rhinestone life that shone bright enough for the world to see, Dolly will forever stand as an inspiration not only through her timeless music and prolific songwriting, but also her wit, warmth, and kindness that made us all feel like family. Dolly Parton's legacy is one of love, compassion, and resilience.

With a seven-decade career, she inspired multiple generations of artists and fans with her music and an unwavering commitment to making the world a better place. Her songs will continue to resonate with people of all ages, and her philanthropic work will have a lasting impact.

At Dolly's request, a small, private service was held for immediate family. Dolly's fans and friends from around the world are encouraged to pay tribute to Dolly on social media by tagging @DollyParton or by leaving a message at www.dollyparton.com

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at www.imaginationlibrary.com

Credit: Dolly Parton Social Media



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Utilizing Rice County Beacon to Learn About Your Land



By Emmie Scheffler,
District Technician

through Rice County Beacon.

Rice County Beacon is an online mapping and information tool from Rice County that is free to the public. It is known for viewing tax and parcel ownership information, but also provides information that can be used for conservation planning. In order to find information on a spot, there are two ways to get to the site. First, go into the search tab and search by address. The second way is to go to the map tab and zoom in to the area you want to look at. On the left-hand side of the screen, there will be a column with different layers that can be used on the map for information.

Important layers to look at for conservation planning are under the "Water Resources" section. This layer shows the protected and intermittent streams through the DNR. This data is important to know to better inform if a state-mandated buffer or special permitting is needed through State agencies if any type of work is to be completed in that area. The ditches layer helps inform if the land is on a county ditch. The National Wetlands Inventory is a map showing wetland locations and classification defined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This layer is a good starting point to indicate if there is a wetland on the site, however, further review for work should be looked into by the Rice SWCD and the Farm Service Agency. Lastly in this section is the Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA). This layer indicates all of the DWSMAs in Rice County. These areas sometime have special funds

A common thing the Rice SWCD office looks up for landowners is information about their land. What some do not know is that they can look at this information themselves



Landowners can use the Rice County Beacon website to look up natural resource information about their land.

available for programs through the Rice SWCD office and have stricter fertilizer management through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Landowners may also find useful information for conservation planning under the "Planning" section. The soils layer is a guide on the soil types for a site. More in-depth information can be found on Web Soil Survey if needed. The CPI (Crop Productivity Index) layer gives a general idea of how well the soil will perform growing crops. This is an average per county section, however, and not on individual parcels.

Once a site is found and the layers that are wanted are on the map, there are tools to use to help make a map to export. Measuring of

area and length can be done, and there are markup tools available. Once completed, the map can be printed or saved as an image.

There are other services out there that can go into more detail on the different layers Beacon has to offer; however, it is a great resource for starting out exploring more about different parcels of land in Rice County. Find more information about how to use the Beacon tool and create maps at <https://www.rice-countymn.gov/183/Using-Maps>.

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

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Scammers Continue Targeting Elderly Residents in Rice County

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The warning comes after a Northfield woman was nearly tricked into sending \$30,000 in cash to scammers. According to WCCO-TV, employees at Graphic Mailbox in Northfield became suspicious when the woman appeared unusually anxious and was

prepared to spend \$500 to overnight a package to Texas. She told staff the package contained cookbooks, but further investigation revealed it was actually filled with cash.

Employees contacted their manager and local police, who intervened before the package was shipped. Authorities learned the woman had been convinced that her financial accounts had been compromised and that sending the money was necessary to protect her funds. Because the shipment was stopped, the woman recovered both the \$30,000 and the shipping fee.

Rice County Sheriff Jesse Thomas said these kinds of scams are not uncommon and often target elderly residents. He noted that victims are frequently pressured through fear, threats, or intimidation to act quickly without verifying information. In some cases, resi-

dents have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars to fraud schemes.

Thomas encouraged anyone who receives a suspicious call, email, or message to contact law enforcement or their financial institution before sending money. He emphasized that residents should be especially cautious if they are asked to withdraw large sums of cash,

purchase gift cards, or keep a financial transaction secret.

One simple step can help prevent many scams: ask for a phone number and independently verify who is calling. Scammers often avoid providing contact information or cannot withstand closer scrutiny.

Sheriff Thomas said residents should trust their instincts and seek help if something feels wrong. Even reporting small suspicious incidents can help authorities identify fraud trends and potentially prevent others from becoming victims.

Free Community Day September 27

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Rice County Fall Festival

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Saturday 10/3

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10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Open Stitch at Northfield Yarn. 314 Division St S, Northfield

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6:00 – 7:00 PM - Live Music by Regional Musicians! Imminent Brewing, 519 Division St. S, Northfield

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Observations in a Hospital Cafeteria



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.

A year ago, I had an hour to pass waiting for someone at St. Mary's Hospital. I was looking for something to do while they had a test and

took the occasion to walk to the patient and visitor cafeteria for lunch. As I sat there with my sandwich and a drink I observed others in the room. It was a rather sobering hour of reflection. A hospital does not catch you at the best in your day.

A family with three teenage kids was sitting by the wall. They were all focused on talking and eating and sort of ignoring the one child, a boy in his late teens. He just sat there lost in thought not touching his food. The rest seem oblivious to his plight. I sensed that his mind was in a much darker place than his family was aware of. A young person should be filled with plans and dreams of the future and not staring down the dark tunnel of hopelessness.

A woman in her early thirties was sitting all alone at a small round table. She looked haggard and worried and seemed to be shouldering her sadness all by herself. There was a look of trepidation and fear etched in her face. The whole food thing was more of a distraction than a necessity, one was supposed to do it whether you were hungry or not. At noon you found food and then tried to tell your body to consume it because it was needed. Even if your body didn't want it or was ready to reject it.

A couple that looked to be in their sixties were sitting right behind me. While moving a chair to get more comfortable, the man bumped into me and said he was sorry. Then we struck up a conversation. He had been a working man all his life and a diagnosis had brought him to Rochester. They had exhausted all the remedies that the medical community had to offer, and he was resigned to the fate he was facing. His concern was



more of how his wife would fare in the future without him. He didn't show any bitterness or remorse for the health problem that he was facing, but just a practical factual assessment of the situation. What was interesting was that he wanted to talk to me about Jesus. He didn't believe that his life was particularly worth holding on to, but that there was something better awaiting him. He wanted to be sure his wife was cared for after he was gone and also share the comfort that he felt about where he was going.

The fourth couple sat at a small table to the left of me and I deduced that they were an old farm couple. He wore a seed corn hat and she was in a farm wife's house dress. They were finishing the meal and she was concerned that the extra packets of condiments were not wasted but taken home for a future

use. A practical woman, being sure that nothing was wasted even though her body was wasting away from something she had no control of. He was uncomfortable in the surroundings, unsure of what he was going to do without her company in the future and completely helpless in the current situation.

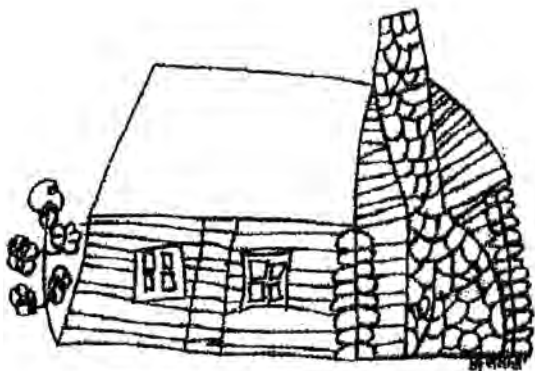
I felt a sense of somberness looking around because I had lived through these age groups in my life. I had stopped at this cafeteria to pass an hour of time during my busy day and now I was witnessing four lives possibly watching what little time they had left slip through the hour glass of life. It is good to look at others through a different lens and feel empathy for what they may be going through. And take the time and effort to be kind because you never know what their life may actually be like.

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A Minnesotan: Pumpkin Spice Monsters



By RosaLin Alcoser

The longer I live in the Cities I have become more and more aware of what my husband likes to call the pumpkin spice monsters. A pumpkin spice monster is one who goes crazy for pumpkin spice as soon as it is out and consumes as much as is humanly possible before it goes out for the season or the store runs out.

I have probably noticed this due to the fact that I am now around more coffee shop and large box stores than I was in my younger days. Due to the amount of spe-

cialty seasonal items coming in pumpkin spice that should not come in pumpkin spice that have been made in recent years. I am happy to report that so far I have not seen any pumpkin spice soap, cat products, or trash bags this year. It could still happen, but it hasn't yet.

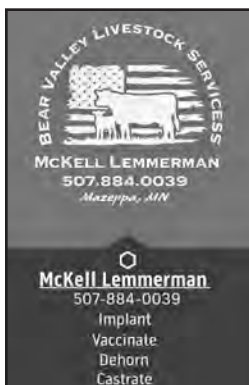
I do enjoy pumpkin spice in my coffee or in a baked good. I just rather have it in the fall and not before Labor Day when they come out. However, with that being said I do typically get one when it first comes out to guarantee that I get one from the coffee shop. Since the pumpkin spice monsters exist and it might not still be there when I'm ready to enjoy it in mid September. Once that happens I make a small batch of pumpkin spice syrup at home for coffee and call it a day.

This year I got one from Caribou on the first day it was out. In the middle of August. I walked in at 8 AM on a Thursday and the store was crazy busy with people ordering pumpkin spice coffee drinks in such profuse. To the point that one of the people working behind the counter looked me dead in the eye and said "people gotta have their pumpkin! Pumpkin! Pumpkin! Pumpkin!" with the franticness of someone over run by a title wave of people.

Now all there is for me to do at least, is wait until mid to late September to see if there is any left or if the pumpkin spice monsters have consumed it all before October this year. In which case I will buy a can of pumpkin and make it myself.

Farm Girl Chatter Behind the ears, Keeping Cattle in the Landscape

By McKell Lemmerman



There's something about learning life from behind the ears of a horse that you can't learn anywhere else.

There's no steering wheel, gas pedal, or button you can push to make a horse do exactly what you want. You have to learn to communicate. You

have to learn how to feel. You have to learn when to ask and when to simply let the horse do its job.

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Highway 56 and Goodhue County Road 9 converted to four-way stop September 21

DENNISON, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation converted the intersection of Highway 56 and Goodhue County Road 9 into a four-way stop on Sept. 21 as a way to reduce vehicle crashes.

On Monday, Sept. 21, the MnDOT sign shop installed signs for the new four-way stop, which include signs in advance of the intersection warning of the stop ahead as well as other temporary signs that will warn of the changes. On Tuesday, MnDOT maintenance crews installed raised medians at all four legs of the intersection to provide additional awareness to approaching motorists that the intersection requires a stop.

Traffic at the intersection was temporarily changed earlier this summer during a construction project on Highway 56 south of the intersection. A detour of Highway 56 forced vehicles to slow at the intersection because of the detour to the south.

Previously, Highway 56 had thru traffic and County Road 9 had stops. However, the intersection saw a spike in crashes in 2025. A



short time later, MnDOT and Goodhue County implemented some immediate changes to help drivers better recognize and understand the intersection, which included:

Larger sized stop signs on County Road 9 for enhanced visibility. “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signs were also installed to provide additional notice to County Road 9 drivers.

STOP AHEAD and stop bars were repainted on eastbound and westbound CR 9 to provide enhanced pavement marking guidance to drivers.

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It is that time of year in the Master Gardener World



By Lorrie Rugg
Master Gardener Coordinator,
Rice and Steele Counties

It is the time of year for you to apply to be in the class of 2027 Interns for the Master Gardener Program.

You can find the link to the application at z.umn.edu/StateMG2027app.

Applications will be accepted until October 01, 2026.

What does applying to the program mean? The Master Gardener program has 2 parts. The first part is the online coursework that begins the first week of January. It is a 13-module course through the University of Minnesota. They do one module a week, and it lasts through the first part of May. There is a short quiz after each module that is open-

book. Don't let that scare you - you take the quiz until you get the questions answered correctly.

After the coursework has been completed, the second part of the program kicks in. That part is Community Service hours. During your Intern year, you must complete 50 hours of service. How do you get that accomplished? You do that by helping the Master Gardeners with the projects they are involved with. We have a Teaching Garden at the Rice County Fairgrounds that is a labor of love for the Master Gardeners. We are continually working in the garden to make it better. We host a Garden Day program in March at St. Olaf College with a variety of speakers. We give away trees and shrubs for an Arbor Day promotion. We have a booth in the Garden during the County Fair and also at Passport to Agriculture held here at the Fairgrounds.

We do have monthly meetings, and that also counts as Community Service hours. So there are many ways to get those 50 hours the first year. Once those 2 parts are completed in January of 2028, you become an Active Master Gardener. In the following years, we as active Master Gardeners have to complete a minimum of 25 hours of Community service and get at least 5 hours of additional education through classes or webinars.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in and have more questions, send me an email, and I would be more than happy to have a conversation about the program. My email address is brow3298@umn.edu.

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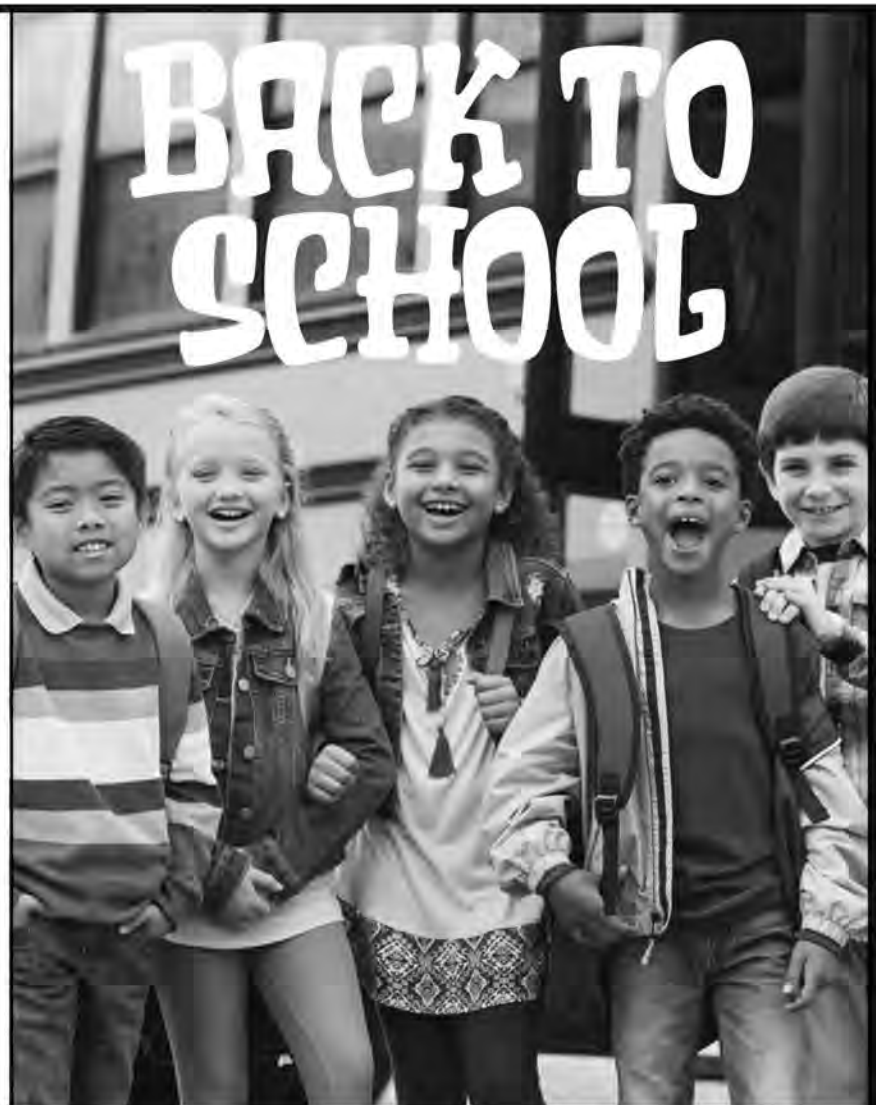
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Big Giants 4-H Club Gives Back

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This year, the Big Giants 4-H Club of Northfield provided opportunities for 4-H members to explore civic engagement through a series of community service projects for the Northfield Community Action Center (CAC). Their projects were showcased as the club's Community Pride Project at the Rice County Fair and earned them a trip to show it at the Minnesota State Fair, Aug. 27–Sept. 7. Activities included a hands-on grocery store scavenger hunt, delivering hundreds of pounds of food, helping clean and date-check items, and assembling holiday meal kits. These activities prepare 4-H'ers to lead, serve and take on challenges

Grocery Store Food Shelf Scavenger Hunt

On Monday, May 11, the club held its May meeting activity — a Grocery Store Food Shelf Scavenger Hunt at Cub Foods in Northfield. Club officers led teams through the store, with each group given a set budget and limited time to find the most-needed items for the local food shelf. Thanks to Thrivent Community Impact cards, teams focused on basic food needs, personal hygiene items and baby

supplies.

The activity was fun, engaging, and purposeful, and the club officers did a great job leading the groups. Beyond the shopping, 4-H members walked away with some powerful lessons:

- Teamwork matters — working together across different age groups helped everyone get to know each other and is a powerful growth activity.

- Budgeting is hard — shopping for a family on a budget meant making many tough choices, and these items aren't cheap.

- Every family is different — needs vary, and compassion grows when you see that firsthand.

- Community pride is real — there's nothing quite like the feeling of doing something meaningful for others.

A special thank you goes to club parents for their guidance and help, and to the employees at Cub Foods, who were welcoming and supportive.

"Shopping in teams was a great way to work together, and it helped us think from different perspectives," said Sam Harner, Big Giants 4-H Club secretary. "It allowed us to experience the decisions families make every time they walk into a store."

Following the event, the club delivered a total of 303 pounds of food, hygiene items and baby supplies to the Northfield Community Action Center.

Hygiene Kits

"I never realized everything that the Community Action Center provides for our community," said Faith Kelly, Big Giants 4-H officer. "In the past, we collected food and



baby supplies, but I never thought about the other needs of the family."

The club assembled 20 hygiene kits for the adults and children. Kits included:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Bars of Soap
- Hygiene wipes

Members voted to match the funds from the Thrivent Community Impact cards to maximize impact and double the number of kits provided to the food shelf.

Volunteering at the CAC

Over Christmas break, several 4-H members gathered at the food shelf branch located in the Northfield Community Education Center to help food shelf staff with a variety of tasks. They cleaned shelves, checked dates on food items and reorganized the center's storage areas.

"What the food shelf needs changes all the time," said Gunnar Johnson, Big Giants 4-H Club president. "This time it wasn't donations — it was getting the shelves cleaned and the supplies organized so the staff could find what families needed."

Holiday Meal Kit Delivery

At the December meeting, the Big Giants 4-H Club assembled food kits for the Northfield Community Action Center, totaling 285 pounds of food!

- 30 green bean casserole and cornbread

kits

- 30 stuffing, mashed potatoes/gravy, and corn kits
- 30 sugar cookie mix/frosting and brownie/frosting kits

"The food was purchased using funds received through the MN 4-H Food Partner Challenge Project grant," said Olive Perryman, Big Giants 4-H club member and the youth leader who applied for the grant. "I always enjoy collaborating with the Northfield food shelf and helping my community."

As part of the grant, Olive also developed a video of the activity that was submitted to the Minnesota 4-H office.

The Big Giants outlined the above projects on their community service poster at the Rice County fair and were awarded a reserve champion for these efforts! They will be displaying this poster at the State Fair.

"We are so proud of these 4-H'ers and grateful for the opportunity to serve our community together," said Rachael Johnson, Big Giants 4-H Club Leader. "These experiences teach our youth that they have the power to make a real difference right here in Northfield."

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Transverse rumble strips were installed on eastbound and westbound County Road 9 to alert approaching drivers of the intersection.

Vegetation was cleared in the southwest and southeast corners near Highway 56 and County Road 9 to further lengthen sightlines.

The crash details were analyzed and MnDOT led discussions with law enforcement, first responders and others to develop additional plans for changes to reduce crashes. The four-way stop was developed from these discussions.



MN DOT installed new signage on Highway 56 and County Road 9 east of Dennison on Monday September 21st, 2026 converting the intersection to a four-way stop.

Eat Sauerkraut for Good Health!



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

The Wonders of Sauerkraut: When it comes to supporting your body from the inside out, sauerkraut is one of those humble foods that quietly does a lot of good. Its biggest gift lives in raw, unpasteurized versions, which are loaded with live probiotics. These friendly bacteria help balance your gut flora, and that matters more than most people realize. The fermentation process also breaks down fibers and natural sugars, so your body can absorb nutrients far more easily. Add in the active enzymes that support your gastrointestinal function, and you have a food that genuinely helps digestion run smoothly. On top of that, sauerkraut delivers a solid dose of vitamin C, vitamin K1, and iron, giving your body real nutritional value with every bite. Since a healthy gut microbiome strengthens your natural barrier against harmful pathogens, this simple fermented cabbage becomes a quiet ally for your immune defenses too. And here

is the part I love: it offers plenty of dietary fiber with very few calories, so you get all these benefits without the guilt.

The good news does not stop at digestion and immunity. Sauerkraut contains vitamin K2, which plays a fascinating role in directing calcium into your bones rather than letting it settle into soft arterial tissues, supporting both bone strength and heart wellness. It also delivers antioxidants that help combat cellular damage and reduce inflammation, something anyone focused on holistic health can appreciate. If you want to enjoy the full range of these advantages, reach for the refrigerated, unpasteurized options, since those preserve the live probiotic cultures that pasteurized versions lose. Just keep one thing in mind: fermented cabbage can be high in sodium, so enjoy it thoughtfully as part of your overall wellness routine. A little goes a long way toward feeling your best!

Chiropractic care for neck and back pain:

If you have been living with neck or back pain, you already know how much it can steal from your day. Chiropractic care offers a natural path to relief by focusing on the root of the problem rather than just masking it. When the bones of your spine become stuck or shift out of their proper position, they can irritate nearby nerves and create real discomfort. Through gentle, precise adjustments, a chiropractor helps guide those joints back into alignment. Many patients feel a noticeable difference after just a few visits, and the beauty of it is that your body does much of the healing on its own once the pressure is

eased.

Pain relief is wonderful, but the real gift is getting your life back in motion. When your spine is aligned and your joints move the way they should, everyday activities become easier, whether that is picking up your kids, hitting the gym, or simply turning your head to check your blind spot while driving. Over time, consistent care helps restore mobility and supports long-term function, so you are not just feeling better today but building a stronger foundation for the years ahead. Think of it like tuning an instrument: small, regular adjustments keep everything working in harmony, helping you stay active and comfortable.

What draws so many people to chiropractic care is that it is a safe, drug-free approach that treats you as a whole person, not just a

set of symptoms. Instead of reaching for medication that only covers up the pain, chiropractic focuses on helping your body heal naturally and function at its best. Your care can include posture guidance, stretches, and wellness habits that prevent problems from creeping back in. Suitable for all ages and gentle enough for the whole family, this holistic approach is about more than easing neck and back pain today. It is about supporting your overall wellness and keeping you feeling your best for the long run.

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An Inconvenient Study



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Science is a powerful tool. A tool can be used for good, or it can be used improperly, which can result in significant harm. True science is the observation of causes and reactions in a controlled setting, or in a setting carefully described to understand probable cause. We have grown up in the age of science. We are

familiar with the idea of looking for clues as we watch our favorite detective shows and murder mysteries on TV. However, many of us do not take the time to look for clues ourselves, but we trust others to tell us what the evidence is. There is no shame in asking questions. When evidence is presented, questions should be asked, just like questions are asked in TV shows. When it comes to science and your body, you need to be the one to ask the questions.

Questions have been asked for many years regarding the effectiveness of vaccinations. To evaluate the evidence, the United States government established the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) (<https://vaers.hhs.gov/>) in 1990 as a database for reporting adverse events directly related to a vaccination. Since 1990, more than 2.5 million adverse events have been reported. This number of adverse events certainly justify asking questions, but how to answer those questions is more challenging.

The gold standard, or “ideal” situation, for scientific study is to have a control group and a test group. In asking the question, “Is this vaccine safe to give to a child?” – how do you have a control group and a test group? Would a parent volunteer their child to be the test subject of an untested substance? Typi-

cally, the answer is “no.” So, how do we evaluate the safety of a vaccine? Since vaccines have been around for more than 50 years, there are records that can help bring clarity to this question. Those documents are now becoming part of public record.

A new documentary titled “An Inconvenient Study,” (available on YouTube) presents the recent history of an important research project designed to evaluate the safety of childhood vaccinations. The study completed by the Henry Ford Health Systems of Michigan reviewed the health history of 18,000 children. Sixteen thousand were vaccinated and two thousand were unvaccinated. The results showed a 250% increased risk of chronic health problems among vaccinated children compared to unvaccinated children. The complete study was published on the US Senate website by Senator Ron Johnson because the original researchers were not willing to publish the results. This documentary provides access to the resources for each of us to be able to ask more questions.

In a follow-up podcast (<https://www.westonaprice.org/podcast/>) #555, Del Bigtree noted there are additional studies that have been done that show increased risk related to vaccinations. A 2017 science article authored by Mawson evaluated vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children in Mississippi and found increased rates of chronic illness among the vaccinated. Another study authored by Lyons-Weiler in 2020 looked at children in Oregon and those who were vaccinated had more doctor visits and illness compared to those unvaccinated. Another 2020 study authored by Hooker and Miller observed increased risk for asthma, ear infections, or

developmental delay with increased number of vaccinations received. Science is providing an answer to the question, “Is this vaccine safe to give to a child?” The answer raises even more questions and a lot of intense emotions.

Another important question to ask is, “What additional ways can I help my child have a strong immune system and be as healthy as possible?” Nutrition is designed to support a healthy body. The immune system cannot do its job without the right vitamins and minerals. A vaccination never provides vitamins and minerals to help the immune system get stronger. When you feed the body what it needs to grow strong and respond quickly, then you will have less illness and chronic disease. While this article focused on the impact of vaccinations on children, the same question must be asked about vaccinations at any age. There is no shame in asking questions.

As a nutrition specialist, I can help you learn how to strengthen your immune system using the whole foods and vitamins your body needs. Finding the resources for true health can be located right in your local grocery store. Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. A No Charge Consultation is available for you to ask your questions and begin to get some answers. Nutrition is designed for healing. Contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net.

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