

OPINION



Lisa's Lines

by Lisa Ingebrand

I write this column with a heavy heart.

My plan was to write about my daughter Anna's 10th birthday party, but the sorrow and pain felt for the family of Will Potter, the young husband, father, and Waterville firefighter, who passed away last week due to a car crash, weighs heavy on my heart... and on the hearts of many.

While I never personally knew Will, I've been working for the local paper for 16 years, and remember him from his time at WEM High School. I remember him as a jovial young man who always wore a big grin.

I had the grim job of pulling the fatal accident report, writing the story, and posting it to the newspaper's website.

It is the worst part of my job, but people want to know what happened. At some level, knowing what happened sometimes helps.

The next step in reporting on an incident such as this, is to reach out to those who knew and loved the deceased. It isn't easy.

Everyone deals with grief differently. Some want to talk about their loved one. Some don't and feel even being asked is an insult to their already aching hearts. Some are in shock and can't function. I've encountered all of these.

Nothing is right or wrong at that point.

I always try to honor the family's wishes,

and pray they see my reaching out as not being intrusive.

My goal is to honor the deceased with a nice story, including quotes about how they lived.

In the story about Potter's accident, you'll find quotes from Jeff Boran and Fire Chief Chris Meskan. Both men graciously provided quotes about Potter, a friendly and dedicated young man taken too soon.

You won't find a quote from Potter's young widow in the story. I prayed hard about this. And, ultimately, honoring her privacy and grief seemed more important given the timing of the accident, the funeral, and our publication date.

As a mother with two young daughters of my own, I can't even start to comprehend the anguish of losing your husband and parenting partner.

Words can't portray everything I wish to say to the family or the community at this time.

The firefighter's funeral on Monday was both beautiful and heart-wrenching, a well-deserved final salute to our fallen local hero, a daddy who will always be missed—and never forgotten.

My condolences to the Potter family.

New priest at St. Canice

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Life/Enterprise



Fr. Niehaus

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Fr. Tom Niehaus, who

The local Catholic community, including Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery, St. Canice Catholic Church in Kilkenny, and St. Patrick Catholic Church in Shieldsville, is under new leadership as of July 1.

Fr. Victor Valencia, who has led the parish for five years, has transferred to St. Jerome Church in Maple-

has most recently served at St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie, has taken on the leadership role in the local Catholic community.

According to Fr. Valencia, Fr. Niehaus has experience leading multiple parishes.

"With his charisma this faith community will continue to grow love for Jesus and strengthen in unity as a community," Fr. Valencia stated.

Free rides to county fairs

Need a ride to the county fair this summer? TRUE Transit is offering free rides to the Blue Earth, Nicollet and Le Sueur County Fairs again.

"Last year we had 20 new riders take advantage of this promotion," VINE Marketing and Communications Manager, Paige Schuette said. "This year, we're hoping to double that."

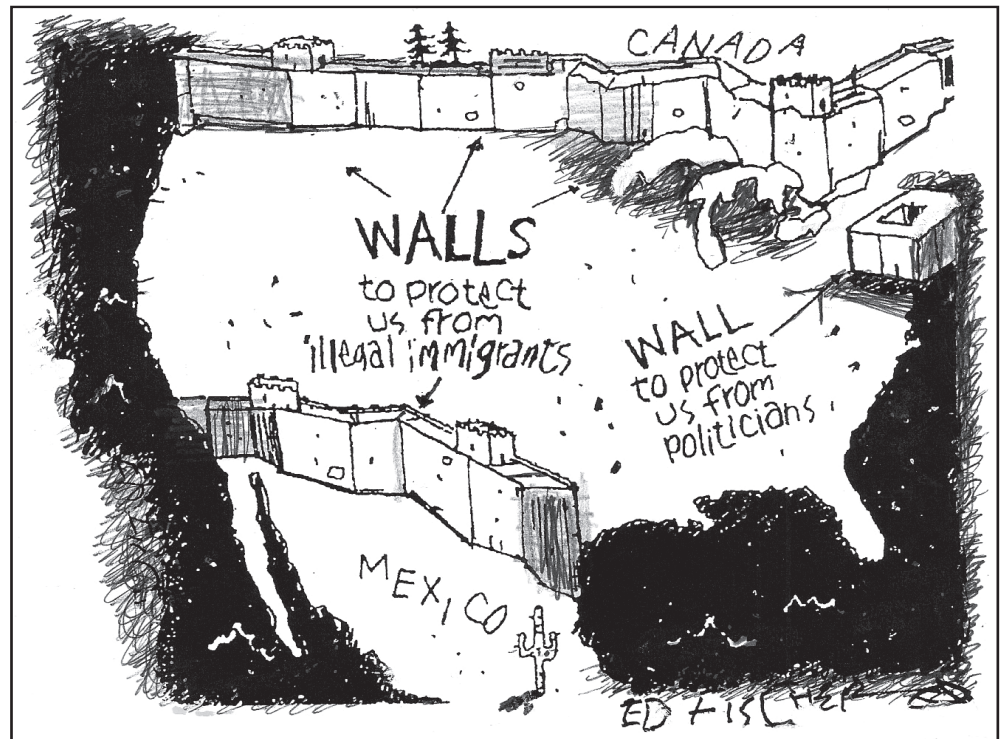
TRUE Transit is offering free rides to anyone in Blue Earth County on Thursday, July 26 to the fairgrounds in Garden City, anyone in Nicollet County on Friday, August 9 to the fairgrounds in St. Peter and anyone in Le

Sueur County to the fairgrounds in Le Center on Friday, August 16.

The bus will pick up people at their homes and drop them off at the fairgrounds and return them home all free of charge. Passengers decide what time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. they'd like to be picked up and dropped off.

Reservations are required three days prior to the fair and can be made by calling 507 388-8783.

More information about the promotion can be found online at truetransit.org or by calling 507 388-8783.



Those Were The Days

125 Years Ago
July 18, 1894

The steamboat with its new dredging attachment made a trial trip Thursday and did good work. Mr. Chubb thinks that a week or ten days will be sufficient to clear the upper portion of the lake of its vegetable growth. This will be an improvement and at a very trifling cost.

Three thousand impressions for the Morristown Press and 1,200 for the Le Sueur County Record were made at the Advance press rooms Thursday.

William Zimbrick, aged 23 was drowned in Lake German Sunday evening. He had a quarrel with some fisherman and threats were made. The body was recovered this morning with a bad wound on the face. Gun firing was heard. Co. Attorney Everett informs us that an inquest was held Tuesday, when the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

100 Years Ago
July 18, 1919

Auto back and side curtains repaired and new lights put in at Kalow's Harness Shop.

Among the real estate transfers in Waseca County was the August Kolander house and lots at the old Okaman townsite sold for \$500 to Gottlieb Rahn who now lives on the place.

Rudolph Antl and G.S. Warburton purchased new Chevrolet touring cars of the Elysian Auto Co.

75 Years Ago
July 19, 1944

The Simpsons are having about 20 women coming to detassel corn. Most of the women are from the Iron Range. They will be housed at Pope's cottages.

The only all-girl 4-H club in the county, the Tootin Tetonkas of Waterville, met at the Joan Luker home. Twelve girls answered roll call. Miss Krosch told about gathering milkweed floss. The girls plan to work on that project in the fall. Following the meeting, Mrs. Bemis and Miss Krosch led the group in outdoor games.

50 Years Ago
July 17, 1969

A nursing home meeting was held at the Waterville High School auditorium, July 15. The CM Corporation officers were present. The main order of business at the incorporator's meeting was the election of the Board of Directors. Nine

members were elected to the board. They are J.F. Hrdlicka, Arne Leen, Harold Preuss, Leonard Nelson, D.T. Palmer, Robert Greising, Ray Volkman, Mason Marzahn, and Edgar Eggers.

Dusbabek's Market, Waterville - Sirloin Steak, 98 cents a pound; Sliced Bacon, 49 cents a pound; Potato Chips (box) 39 cents. - We Give Gold Bond Stamps.

25 Years Ago
July 21, 1994

Knotty Pine Resort on "Old Highway 60" between Waterville and Morristown is now owned and beautifully remodeled by Sharon and Ronnie Unga, formerly of Sumner, Iowa.

Now is the time
— TO BUY —
BLANKETS
SINGLES—DOUBLES— COTTON—WOOL—and PART WOOL
Use Our Lay-Away Plan
IT'S THE EASY WAY TO PAY !
LUTHER'S STORES

This advertisement for Luther's Stores appeared in The Waterville Advance on July 19, 1944.

Area Church Schedule

Thurs., July 18 - Wed., July 24, 2019

WATERVILLE

Cannonville Community
20092 Tetonka Lake Road
Bible Believing
* Nondenominational *
507-384-2181
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Church Service; 9:45 a.m. Christian Fellowship.

Evangelical United Methodist

Pastor Kathy King
• Thurs: 6-8 p.m. VBS.
• Sat: Church Auction.
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

First Baptist

• Sun: 8:45 a.m. 1st Worship Service & Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m. Coffee Connection; 10:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service & Kingdom Kids.

Holy Trinity Catholic

Father Michael Ince
• Sat: 5 p.m. Mass.
• Sun: 10:30 a.m. Mass.

N. Waseca Lutheran ELCA

Pastor Kristen Anderson
40430 120th St., Waseca
507-234-6463
• Sun: 8:45 a.m. Worship.

St. Andrew's Episcopal

210 W. Lake St.
507-720-7251 • 362-8256
Handicap entrance in back
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer. Snacks/Coffee/Fellowship follow service.

St. Peter (Bell) Lutheran

Rev. Russell Grabau
• Sun: 10 a.m. Worship/HC.
• Wed: 7 p.m. Joint Elders Mtg. at Bethlehem.
• Mon. thru Fri: (July 22-26)

VBS 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Supper 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran LCMS

Rev. David Mumme
• Thurs: 1 p.m. Shut In Calls.
• Sun: 8 a.m. Family Bible Class; 9 a.m. Divine Service.
• Wed: 7 p.m. Divine Service.

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Bethlehem Lutheran
Rev. Russell Grabau
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Worship/HC.
• Wed: 7 p.m. Joint Elders Mtg.

St. Andrew's Catholic

Father Michael Ince
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Mass.

United Methodist

Pastor Dean Wolf
• Sun: 9 a.m. Worship/HC; 10 a.m. Fellowship

MORRISTOWN

Bethlehem Lutheran
Pastor Travis J. Loeslie
• Thurs: 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast; 10 a.m. Bible Study in the Park, Morristown;
• Exec. Committee Mtg. • Sat: 9 a.m. A.A. Mtg.
• Sun: 9 a.m. Divine Service/HC; 10:30 a.m. Bible Class.

Peace United Methodist

Pastor Elden Eklund
507-331-8901
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Church Service with Sunday School and Fellowship to follow.

• Wed: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time at the Church.

Trinity Lutheran

North Morristown
Rev. Juan Palm
507-685-2307
Handicap Accessible
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Bible Class; 9:30 a.m. Worship.
• Wed: 8:40 a.m. Chapel.

KILKENNY

St. Canice Catholic
• Sun: 9 a.m. Mass.

St. John's Lutheran

Vacancy Pastors
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CLEVELAND

Church of Christ
www.clevelandchurch.net
507-931-5924
900 State Hwy 99, Cleveland
Randy Hardy, Interim Pastor
• Sun: 10 a.m. Worship Service.

St. Paul's Lutheran on German Lake ELCA

P O Box 219,
Cleveland, MN 56017
10 mi. W of Waterville or 10 mi. NW of Elysian
Pastor Richard Jorgensen
507-332-8066
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

