

JOYRIDE to recognize sponsors

Toward Zero Deaths traffic safety stakeholders seek to expand JOYRIDE program to decrease impaired driving in Le Sueur County and will recognize the 2022 JOYRIDE sponsors at a special event on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Le Sueur County Government Center in Le Center.

“The Le Sueur County JOYRIDE program is making a difference to save lives. Le Sueur County JOYRIDE program has delivered over 1,000 impaired people home safely,” said Tammy Stewig, Le Sueur County Emergency Management Director.

The recognition event will include Le Sueur County Toward Zero Deaths Safe Roads Coalition, Le Sueur County Sheriff’s Office, Minnesota State Patrol, regional traffic safety stakeholders, MnDOT and the Department of Public Safety.

“We are coming together to recognize the JOYRIDE program's success, plans to expand the program in the county, and to acknowledge community-led sponsors who recognized the need to decrease impaired driving and get people home safely,” Stewig said.

The South Central Minnesota Regional Toward Zero Deaths program brings area law enforcement, public health educators, engineers, and emergency medical and trauma services together to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and severe injuries to zero in south-central Minnesota.

The 13-county area encompasses Le Sueur, Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Martin, Nicollet, Nobles, Rock, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan counties.

Did you know?

- Nearly one out of every five deaths on Minnesota roads is drunk driving-related.
- In the last five years (2016 – 2020), there were 397 drunk driving-related traffic deaths in Minnesota, with 79 deaths in 2020 alone.
- 22,653 motorists were arrested for DWI in 2020, translating to nearly 62 DWI arrests per day in Minnesota.

Kid Friendly Food Program ages 1-18, August 20th

This program is for children living in the Waterville-Elysian area up to and including 18 years of age. The program is sponsored on the third Saturday of each month between the hour of 9:30 & 11:00 p.m. Next distribution is Saturday, August 20th.

Pickup occurs in front of the food shelf, volunteers will be there to ask how many children in the family, bags of kid friendly food will be given to each car.

There is no income eligibility for

anyone. All families with children will be accommodated, until supplies for that day are exhausted.

The kid friendly food program is for youth who are home for the summer and provides for easy access for preparing something for each child to get food to eat. Program is sponsored by donations from caring Waterville and Elysian area residents, for which we are most grateful.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the program may drop food off at the

Food Shelf or a cash donation may be sent to WE Share Food Shelf, P.O. Box 1, Elysian, MN 56028.

If you have a question, please contact Pat Nusbaum, coordinator, at 507-317-0532 or at pnusbaum@frontier.com

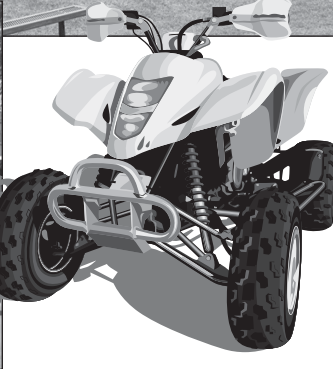
Food Shelf address: 132 Main Street East, Elysian, MN 56028

(At any time, anyone needing food, please contact the above e-mail or phone number. All clients are kept confidential.)


Hundreds participate in Kilkenny ATV Ride

Photos by Karen Remington

Nearly 250 machines and 450 people participated in the Kilkenny Fire Department ATV Run Saturday, Aug. 13. Stops included Beaver Dam Resort, Dillon’s Double D’s in Waterville, and the Toy Box Saloon in Kilkenny.



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ly involved in the New Prague and Le Sueur County communities and her focus has always been on how she can make things better for the other people. She makes us better,” Simon said.

Simon said he first met Chromy in the early 1960s when she was an adult leader for Lanesburgh Star 4-H Club and he was a child member.

She helped organize the first glass recycling in the City of New Prague, helped this club to be selected as the best Conservation Club in Minnesota, guided 4-H members and coached several of the club members to successfully compete at county, regional, state, and national contests. Chromy received the Golden Clover Award for more than 20 years of adult 4-H leadership.

Chromy has also been an instrumental part of Extension Homemakers’ Club, Council of Catholic Women, and the Czech Heritage Club. She was awarded the “Diamond Pin Award” for outstanding service to extension education. She has served as the vice president and president of the St. Wenceslaus Chapter of the Council of Catholic Women.

Chromy and her husband Stan joined the Czech Heritage Club in 2003 and Violet immediately joined the board of directors. The club serves Czech Country Minnesota in New Prague, Montgomery, Veseli, and Lonsdale and has expanded membership across the county. She is still an active board member.

There are many other ways Chromy has been an active community member. She joined Cursill in the 1970s and gave a number of talks on goals and study. She led the Rosary Rally at St. Wenceslaus Church in 2021. She is active in genealogy study and she has been an active blood donor for the Red Cross. In 2017 Chromy was named the Grand Marshal for the New Prague Dozinky Days parade.

Also during the Senior Citizens Awards Ceremony, Le Sueur County Century Farms and the Le Sueur County Farm Family of the Year (Domonoskes) will be honored.

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