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Fallen soldiers remembered in ceremony and run

Ret. Army Sergeant First Class Paul Hassing speaks during the Memorial Day program on Monday in Montgomery (top). Taps is played on bugle by Montgomery Honor Guard member Larry Parsons with the honor guard's Sergeant-At-Arms Gary Ruhland saluting (center left) and a rifle gun salute to deceased veterans performed (center right). Runners travel along Highway 12 north of Montgomery for the MN Patriot Run (bottom).



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Montgomery remembered its fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, with a prayer service, ceremony, and a run.

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church at 8:30 a.m. in memory of all deceased veterans.

A formal ceremony was conducted at the American Bar & Grill hall at 9:30 a.m. Montgomery Area Veterans Honor Guard member Steve Flicek acted as the master of ceremonies with fellow member John Grimm sprinkling the ceremony with a cappella vocal selections throughout the program, such

as "Sleep, Soldier Boy" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Only about 50 community members showed up for the program, almost all family members of a deceased veteran.

The program included a speech by Ret. Army Staff Sergeant First Class and former American Legion Minnesota Department Commander Paul Hassing, a reading of all area deceased veterans, a prayer, a tribute of wreaths placed in honor of fallen soldiers, a rifle gun salute by the honor guard to deceased veterans with Sergeant-At-Arms Gary Ruhland, and the playing of Taps on bugle by honor guard member Larry Parsons before the colors were retired.

A luncheon was had following the program at the venue.

Hassing's speech can be seen in the opinion section of this issue, which highlights the importance of the meaning of Memorial Day.

Coinciding at the same time as the Memorial Day program, veteran Ryan Bruzek led his third annual Minnesota Patriot Run with about 45 runners taking part this year. Runners started at the Montgomery Veteran's Memorial Park, stopped to place flags at the roundabout between Montgomery and New Prague at County 28 and Highway 13, and completed their run at the New Prague Veteran's Memorial.

City gets further evaluation on housing

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Two individuals stopped by to present further information to Montgomery's Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting, Nate Dorr and Breanne Kennedy. Dorr is the senior program manager of rural and tribal building capacity for the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF), and Kennedy is the owner and founder of Thrive Consulting.

Kennedy presented on removing barriers to housing development with a land use au-

dit, which was carried out by the GMHF for free, valued at about \$5,000.

"The idea was to provide a housing focused look at Montgomery's land use and zoning to help inform the city's comprehensive plan, look at potential sites for housing and give consideration to how city code is helping or hindering housing," said Dorr. "In other communities where we've done this, the city council or planning commission went ahead and worked with their staff and attorneys to update codes (e.g. smaller lots, smaller side yards and set back, re-

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Passion project hopes to be safe haven for neighborhood families and trading card participants



Jarrold Schoenecker photo

Thursday afternoon was the opening of The Wolf Den, marked by a ribbon cutting. Pictured, from the left, are Montgomery City Planner Joshua Mankowski; Ryan Wolf and, his father, owner Lucas Wolf; and Wyatt Harms and, his father, Montgomery Economic Development Authority Chairman Andrew Harms.

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Lucas Wolf, owner of The Wolf Den, 300 South 1st Street, hopes his new passion project will be a safe haven for area families surrounding Montgomery, as well as a trading card shop for the region.

The Wolf Den opened with a ceremonious ribbon cutting last Thursday, May 21, with family, friends; city staff, council and

board members; and some excited customers present to check it out.

"My hope is that it isn't just cards but a place to come hang out, do coloring, sidewalk chalk, and have fun," said Lucas Wolf. "I'll have a TV for cartoons and/or some speakers running music. I hope it becomes a nice safe place for kids to hang out."

While the shop technically is a storefront to sell trading card games and hosting com-

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Holy Redeemer graduates seven, says goodbye to two staff



Jarrold Schoenecker photo

Hayden Akerlund speaks to his parents and teachers at the graduation ceremony last Friday, expressing his gratitude. All graduates followed in suit in their own personal way.

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Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School (MHRCS) graduated seven 8th graders last Friday morning. The day started off with a graduation Mass at 8:30 a.m. where some of the students sang numbers during the service.

Following the Mass, a formal graduation ceremony was held in the church with family and friends present. Individual graduates stood up at the pulpit and expressed their gratitude to their parents and teachers, giving their parents a flower after speaking.

Holy Redeemer to 2



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City of Montgomery road projects, winter/summer stats

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Montgomery Public Works Supervisor Nick Filipek said at the May city council meeting that the 2023 Street and Utilities Improvement Project (SUIP) is 99% completed, and the 2025 SUIP is receiving its final wear course now.

The city is hiring M & W Asphalt to come in and do some spot paving repairs on the streets, including Stone Ridge, Deer Trail,

and North Ridge. This will come out of the department's regular street maintenance funds. "There's some areas that are falling apart, and we need to get them milled down and put back together to try and get five years yet before we have to start worrying about mill and overlay," said Filipek.

Filipek also offered up some statistics from public works. He said this winter the department spent 529 regular hours, and 322 overtime hours addressing snow and ice, and that the city used

480 tons of salt and sand, which is about 150 tons over what they usually budget. "It was a different year because it was nothing but a nuisance," said Filipek. "You get an inch of snow here, and inch and half there, two inches there, and it's a lot more product to keep the road safe."

Looking at summer mowing, Filipek says that the city cuts 48 acres and maintains an additional 56 acres of prairie grass. Of the 48 acres that are cut, a portion of 18 acres are also treated with fertiliz-

er and weed killer. All that work, minus the treatment of some areas, is done with three employees with three zero-turn lawnmowers and one larger 13-foot winged mower.

Pavement Maintenance Project

Council approved the lowest bid of \$321,630.50 by W.W. Blacktopping out of Mankato to do the 2026 Pavement Maintenance Project on the eastern two sections of the remaining SUIPs.

"I was pleasantly surprised at how under this came from the en-

gineer's estimates," said Mayor Thomas Eisert, coming in at about \$50,000 under estimates.

There was an alternate for an additional \$37,290.00 that could have been approved with the bid to pave the lot at Park Manor Apartments but was not. City Administrator Brian Heck said that a lower bid was received than what W.W. Blacktopping quoted for the alternate and the city will be seeking that out separately.

Holy Redeemer from 1



The 2026 Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School 8th Grade graduates. Pictured, from the left, in the front row are Rev. Timothy Sandquist, Maxwell Velishek, Cailyn Meadows, Principal Kari Marsh, and Middle School Teacher Jennifer Floyd; and in the back row are Max Zamora, Hayden Akerlund, Sophia Gardner, Sam Leonard, and Kody Kriha.

Families with children in the school who were graduating their last child from MHRCS were also recognized for their support.

Students received awards before receiving their 8th grade diplomas. Awards included Singing Angels (Cailyn Meadows, Maxwell Velishek and Kayden Akerlund), Alter Server Award (all graduates), Spirit Award (Sam Leonard), Citizenship Award (Meadows), Presidential Excellence Award (Meadows), and the Presidential Achievement Award (Akerlund).

Principal Kari Marsh spoke to the graduates, sharing a story about Charles M. Schulz, the Minnesota born famous cartoonist of the Peanuts comic strip, and how he persisted even though he didn't have perfect grades and persevered. Marsh said, "Graduates, remember this when you leave here. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to have your full future figured out. You simply need to continue moving forward with faith, determination, and to trust in God."

All present were invited to refreshments in the church basement after the ceremony. This year's graduation time was a change from what was previously held at an evening ceremony. Rev. Timothy Sandquist said that the change was so that the entire school could participate in the ceremony.

MHRCS staff leaving Picha

Media-Tech Coordinator Rita Picha is retiring after 27 years with the school. She previously worked in St. Peter and also for Suel Printing Co. but decided she wanted to be a stay-at-home mom with her first child's birth.

"When our youngest daughter Chelsea started kindergarten at Most Holy Redeemer School, there was an opening for a full-time aide position in the fall of 1999. I took advantage of the opportunity as there were no newspaper-related jobs available locally," said Picha.

Picha enjoyed having the same schedule as her daughter, starting as an aide and playground supervisor. In 2004, computer room aide was added to her duties, overseeing technology classes. In 2008, the role of librarian was added to her duties as well.

"I'll miss many things involving students and staff, from reading to students in the library, to watching stu-

dents make Christmas Google Drawings in technology class, to school-wide activities such as Advent prayers, an Old Fashioned Christmas, Family Fun Night, dressing up as saints for Halloween and the special days designated during Marathon Week and Catholic Schools Week." said Picha. "I will NOT miss recess duty on days with a zero degree wind chill. I'd like to thank the teachers, staff, students and parents for letting me be a part of the Most Holy Redeemer family for these many years. There have been good days as well as bad days, but if the years on the calendar could be turned back, I'd do it all again. I truly believe this is where I was meant to be. It's the path God wanted me to take."

She says she's looking forward to sharing retirement with her husband, spending more time with family, reading, time on the patio, special projects that have been put off, and traveling.

Rev. Sandquist said, "We are grateful for her conscientious attention to detail and her flexible willingness to pinch-hit wherever needed. We hope she enjoys her well-earned retirement."

Marsh

Principal Kari Marsh has taken a position as principal with Notre Dame Academy in Minnetonka, reducing her round-trip commute by nearly a 100 miles every day.

"For the past four years, Kari has served MHRCS with heroic dedication, not only commuting 120 miles each day to and from the school, but also stepping up to fill in where needed," said Rev. Sandquist. "With an open office door, she was always ready to lend a compassionate ear to students going through struggles and to offer words of encouragement."

Marsh had a serious medical incident at the time we were supposed to receive comment from her, so Teaching Assistant Tracy Odenthal spoke on her behalf. First and foremost, Odenthal says, "Kari is in very good spirits," and it sounds like she will recover just fine. Prayers are requested for a good and speedy recovery.

It was three years ago when Marsh became principal for the school, also fulfilling the roles of teaching algebra, and 7th and 8th grade religion classes. With another teacher out for part of this year, she also took on

teaching 1st grade language arts and 1st and 2nd grade math.

Odenthal said, "I can tell you her favorite thing about MHRCS is the small family-like atmosphere. She has made a lot of close friends down here in her staff and parents that she will miss greatly. She has told us all how much she loves us and has loved working at MHRCS and that she will miss us all."

Rev. Sandquist said, "Serving as interim principal next year will be Dr. Connie Krocak. Dr. Krocak is a retired Catholic school principal with many years of experience. Most recently, she served as interim principal at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Excelsior. From 2015 to 2021, she served as principal of Holy Cross Catholic School in Webster. Because we are past the end of the normal recruitment cycle for Catholic school leaders, we are postponing the search for a permanent principal until December of this year. This timeline is most likely to provide the broadest pool of candidates."

Dr. Krocak holds undergraduate degrees in family and consumer science education, and anthropology from the University of Minnesota; a master's degree in education, curriculum and instruction from the University, and a doctorate of education degree from the University of St. Thomas.



Principal Kari Marsh (left) and Media-Tech Coordinator Rita Picha are both leaving the school after the school year is done. Marsh has taken a different job closer to home and Picha is retiring.

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Jordan woman injured in motorcycle crash

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Minnesota State Patrol (MSP), along with Montgomery police, fire and ambulance, and Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office, were called to a single vehicle crash at 8:24 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, between New Prague and Montgomery in Lanesburgh Township near Lake Pepin.

According to the incident report from the MSP, Sarah Koepsellschmieg, 34, of Jordan, was traveling north-

bound on Highway 13 on a 2013 Harley Davidson FLS Cruiser motorcycle when she lost control of the vehicle, and it landed on its side. Koepsellschmieg was transported via ambulance to Mayo Clinic Health Systems Hospital in New Prague with what the report said was non-life threatening injuries.

The MSP report indicated that Koepsellschmieg was not wearing a helmet, road conditions as being wet, and that the status of whether or not alcohol played a role in the crash as "pending."

Police report

Monday, May 18

Investigated a blight ordinance violation. (5)
Investigated a driving complaint, unable to locate.
Investigated a report of a missing person.
Assisted with a medical at Tri-City United High School.

Tuesday, May 19

Investigated suspicious activity/person in the area of North Ridge Drive, unable to locate.
Investigated a driving complaint on Mulberry Avenue.
Investigated a neighbor dispute.

Wednesday, May 20

Assisted with a harassment complaint.
Investigated a motor vehicle theft.
Assisted with a medical at Tri-City United High School.

Thursday, May 21

Traffic stop and issued a citation for cannabis open package.
Issued a parking ticket during prohibited hours.
Assisted with a medical at Traditions. (3)
Friday, May 22
Assisted with a medical on Deer Trail.
Arrested an individual for an outstanding warrant.
Traffic stop and issued a warning for an inoperable headlight.

Saturday, May 23

Traffic stop and issued a warning for an equipment violation.
Assisted an individual with missing property.
Assisted with a medical at Meadow Ridge.
Traffic stop and issued a warning for speed. (2)
Traffic stop and issued a citation for expired registration.
Arrested an individual for an outstanding warrant.
Traffic stop and issued a warning for expired registration.
Assisted with a medical at Traditions.
Investigated a driving complaint, unable to locate.
Traffic stop and issued a citation for speed.
Traffic stop and issued a warning for an inoperable headlight.

Sunday, May 24

Traffic stop for possible revoked driver, all clear.
Extra patrol request.
Investigated a report of a theft at the Montgomery Car Wash.
Assisted with a medical on 4th Street Southeast.
Arrested an individual for a violation of a no contact order.
Assisted an individual with a harassment complaint.
Assisted another agency with a motor vehicle crash.

Meals on Wheels

Monday, June 1 – Lasagna rollup with meat sauce, green beans, hot spiced apples, dinner roll with margarine, vanilla wafers, and milk.

Tuesday, June 2 – Baked herb chicken, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, dinner roll with margarine, chocolate pudding with whipped topping, and milk.

Wednesday, June 3 – Smothered chopped steak, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, sliced carrots, applesauce cup, wheat bread, and milk.

Thursday, June 4 – Scalloped potatoes with ham, whole kernel corn, tropical fruit cup, wheat bread with margarine, peanut butter cookie, and milk.

Friday, June 5 – Cheese egg bake, diced herb potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll with margarine, chocolate chip cookie, and milk.

Volunteer Delivery Drivers

Monday, June 1 – Jenny Turek
Tuesday, June 2 – Frandsen Bank & Trust/Kyle Buro
Wednesday, June 3 – Dennis Knapper
Thursday, June 4 – Cathy Moreton
Friday, June 5 – Jerome Holtz, and Julie Tritz

Your Montgomery Lutheran Social Services Meals on Wheels (LSS MOW) Site Coordinator is Mary Ross. Please call her at 507-479-1925 between 9 a.m.-12 p.m. the day before for menu changes and cancellations, or call anytime to inquire about receiving meals or about volunteering to deliver meals once or twice a month. The LSS MOW program operates Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, delivering meals primarily to adults age 60 and over. LSS MOW asks all participants to consider making a financial contribution to help meet their cost to prepare quality meals. However, participant eligibility is not dependent on ability to contribute towards the program. EBT (SNAP Vouchers) and county waivers are accepted.



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Through Sept. 19 — Genealogy & Research Center

The Le Sueur County Historical Society Genealogy and Research Center, 301 NE 2nd St, Elysian, is open F/SA, 1-4 p.m., through Sept. 19.

Through July 4 — Edward Curtis Display

Stop by the Arts and Heritage Center in Montgomery, Th-F 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-Noon to see a display featuring Edward Sherriff

Curtis, locally raised and St. Paul apprenticed Native American photographer. The display will feature photography prints of his work and Native American artifacts.

May 28 — Music in the Park

Head to Memorial Park in Montgomery at 6 p.m. every Thursday except July 2 and 23 to hear a free concert in the park. Bring your own lawn chair or use available seating. This week's group for the opening event is the Tri-City United High School Pep Band playing a variety of rousers. Also, enjoy the farmers market from 4-6:30 p.m. with a food vendor.

May 29 - TCU Graduation

See the special Graduation Section in this issue.

June 1

Summer Reading — See *Library Lendings*.
Creature Feature — See *Library Lendings*.
Montgomery City Council Work Session — Regular work session at 7 p.m. in city hall.

June 2 — Winery Blood Drive

Next Chapter Winery in New Prague hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn more and sign up for a time to donate at redcrossblood.org.

June 3 — Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. at city hall.

June 4

Animal Art — See *Library Lendings*.
County Board of Adjustment — Le Sueur County Board of Adjustment regular meeting at 3 p.m. in the Le Sueur County Government Center, 88 South Park Avenue, Le Center.

Public Works Advisory Board — Regular monthly meeting at 5 p.m. at city hall.

Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers — Regular monthly meeting at the American Bar & Grill in Montgomery at 7 p.m. (First Thursday of the month.)

Music in the Park

This week's group is Sawyer's Dream playing 1960's themed original works. Also, enjoy the farmers market from 4-6:30 p.m. with a food vendor.

Housing



Jarrod Schoenecker photo

Breanne Kennedy, owner and founder of Thrive Consulting, speaks to Montgomery's Planning and Zoning Commission at their May meeting about her evaluation of housing in the city.

duced parking requirements, increased density). Then some had hired another consultant to get into the weeds on the actual city code and resolution language."

Dorr says the motive behind land use policy updates is to find ways to ensure developers have clarity on potential sites that can be developed and also to reduce overall development costs so people can afford the housing better.

One such thing Kennedy noted was that in some areas adjacent to business areas, lot sizes could be smaller than what the city's code currently allows so a house could be built without a barrier of getting an exception.

The zoning audit showed that there is not enough vacant land available for demand, lot size and width don't match existing development pattern, that there isn't a clear allowance for modular building, that there are restrictive use districts, and that a mix of uses or multiple options for uses isn't allowed within the city code.

"Just driving around and looking at your aerial maps, there are a few sites that we think could be good housing sites but currently not allowed in the zoning. So the property owner wouldn't necessarily be looking for a housing developer for those vacant or underutilized sites because it's zoned business," said Kennedy. "You do want to be strategic about which sites, which zoning districts housing is allowed in."

One such site that was identified that could be uti-

lized as such are the two lots east of Dollar General along Milwaukee Avenue. Additionally, other lots adjacent to the city limits were also noted. In order for any housing to go forward on these sites, the owner has to also be willing to either build or work with a developer to sell the land for such a development.


Commission Vice President Pat Brockway brought up that he hasn't seen the need for so many additional housing units here like the housing study by Maxfield

Research completed for the city shows. Kennedy noted multiple reasons why there is increased demand for single and different housing, including divorce, seniors, and people not raising a family and buying housing later.

Maxfield's study showed a need for about 712 housing units in the city by 2035, with 313 for sale, 95 for market rate rental, 186 affordable or subsidized rental, and an additional 118 service-enhanced for seniors out of that.

Commission member Paul Brown said, "I think an important thing to remember is that people aren't having kids after high school anymore. There're living in an apartment and then finding a house. A lot of people are like me. They're single, in their 30's, they're finding their own house and then they're having a family. At that point, you got to be able to have houses like someone like me can afford."

This service provided by GMHF is at least some feedback for a direction to possibly explore further what the city can do to help attract and make possible more housing opportunities.



Library Lendings

at the Montgomery Public Library.
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Summer Reading — This year's summer reading theme is "Unearth A Story!" Sign-up begins at the library on Monday, June 1, and it runs through July 31. The program is for ages 3-18, and prizes can be won throughout for reading! Kids can choose a free book of their choice for registering.

Creature Feature — Monday, June 1, 1 p.m., ages 5 through adults are welcome to the library's Creature Feature event where participants will have the opportunity to get an up-close and hands-on look at a variety of fascinating and exotic animals through interactive activities. Free. Registration not required.

Animal Art — Kids ages 8-12 should head to the library on Thursday, June 4, 10 a.m., and do some animal arts and crafts. Create a unique animal using vibrant colors and patterns. Supplies provided. Free. Registration not required.

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Opinion

Montgomery's Memorial Day speech

By U.S. Army Sergeant
First Class (Ret.) Paul Hassing

Presented at the Memorial Day program on Monday, May 25, 2026, at the American Bar & Grill hall in Montgomery, Minn.



Ret. Sgt. Hassing

Welcome, everyone. Thank you for being here today as veterans, as family, and as a community to observe Memorial Day 2026.

To many across the country, this weekend is often marked by backyard barbecues, the opening of neighborhood pools, and the unofficial start of summer. But for those of us gathered here right now, we know that today is not a holiday of celebration, but a day of solemn remembrance. We are here to pause, reflect, and honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States.

I am truly honored but humbled to stand here before you and speak of the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, because words often feel so inadequate.

More than 1.3 million U.S. service members have died in American conflicts since the Revolutionary War. Behind that staggering number are individual people. They were sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and mothers and fathers. They were our neighbors, our friends, and our co-workers.

They left behind the comfort of their homes, the milestones of their families, and the promise of a long life in order to step in harm's way. They did so out of a profound sense of duty and a deep love for this country and its ideals. They answered the call when it mattered most, and in doing so, they gave their tomorrows for our today.

When we enjoy the simple things that we tend to take for granted and when we enjoy the everyday freedoms that define American life, we are experiencing the benefits of their sacrifice. The freedom to speak our minds, gather peacefully like we are doing right now, or simply waking up in a safe democratic society, we owe it to the fallen.

Freedom is never free. It has been purchased by the

blood, sweat and tears of those who never made it back home.

We also cannot speak of the fallen without acknowledging the heavy burden carried by those they left behind — the Gold Star families, the child that will forever be missing a parent, the spouse no longer having their life partner, or the parents grieving for their child who was taken much too soon.

These families bear a weight that only they can truly comprehend. They live every single day with the quiet pride of their loved one's service, but also with the permanent, aching reminder that someone is never coming home. Our hearts reach out to these families. We want them to know that we will never forget the price their loved ones paid, and we will always remember the sacrifice made by their entire family.

So, how do we, the living, honor these heroes? We honor them not just with monuments, or by flying our flags at half-staff until noon, but with how we choose to live our lives. We have been entrusted with the most important thing they left behind: the future of this nation. We honor them when we treat our neighbors with respect, when we stand united during challenging times, and when we participate actively in our local communities. We honor them by living our lives in a way that upholds the very values they fought and died to protect.

Furthermore, I encourage you to take this spirit of remembrance beyond today. Learn the stories of local Veterans. Teach the younger generations about why this day exists, and what it means.

As we go about the rest of our weekend, let us enjoy the beautiful day and the company of our friends and family, but let us do so with a heart full of gratitude. Let us carry the memory of our fallen heroes, and honor their legacy through our actions, our character, and our commitment to our country.

Thank you all for taking the time to be here today to pay your respects. May God bless our fallen heroes, God bless their families and friends, and God bless the United States of America.

That was the end of my speech, but Nichole Amor was killed in Kuwait on March 1st. She was a friend of the family. She was my daughter-in-law's first cousin. This morning, as I was leaving the house, I saw a message from her husband. If I could, I'd like to read it to you.

"Today the country pauses for Memorial Day. Flags will wave, and grills will light. Some will drink to celebrate a long weekend, some will drink to drown away the pain. People will gather with family and friends to smile and enjoy their freedoms.

But for some of us, today is not symbolic. It is personal.

On March 1, 2026, my wife, MSG Nicole Amor, was taken from us in service to this country alongside fellow soldiers of the 103rd.

Since that day, Memorial Day stopped being a date on the calendar and became a reality sitting at my dinner table, sleeping on my side of the bed, and echoing through the silence of my home.

There are no words strong enough to explain what it feels like to lose the person who was woven into every fabric of your life. The mother of my children. My best friend. The person who knew your soul so completely that life without them no longer feels shaped correctly.

People say freedom is not free. They are right. But most will never truly understand the invoice. The invoice is children growing up without their mother. It is a folded flag handed to a grieving family. It is two soldiers walking up your driveway that divides your life into before and after. It is learning how to carry unbearable love with nowhere left to place it.

Nikki was extraordinary, not because she wore the uniform, but because of the way she loved. Fiercely. Completely. Selflessly. She made the world feel warmer just by existing in it, and now the world is colder.

So today, while the country remembers the fallen, I ask you to do more than observe a holiday. Speak their names. Sit with the discomfort of what sacrifice actually means. Remember that behind every casualty report is a family whose world did not keep spinning afterwards.

My wife mattered. Her fellow Soldiers mattered. Every one of the fallen mattered.

And as long as I am alive, Nicole's name will continue to be spoken with pride, love, and a grief deep enough to prove how extraordinary she truly was.

I miss you my love, Joy Amor"



Messenger Memories

The "Messenger Memories" are compiled from the Montgomery Messenger archives.

Two businesses razed in county – 1906

120 Years Ago
June 1, 1906

TWO VILLAGES IN LE SUEUR COUNTY LOST BY FIRE

On last Saturday night, the creamery at Kilkenny was destroyed by fire. The cause, or origin of the fire is at this time unknown, but is supposed to be of incendiary origin. As far as can be learned, the building and machinery were fully insured.

Mr. Plepson, the young man who has been running the business, was meeting with the best of success, and we understand; that if he is given the proper encouragement by the business men of Kilkenny he will build a creamery at the old stand, and continue to do business in the same fair manner in which he is reported as treating his patrons in the past.

On Sunday evening the large plant and stock of goods of H. H. Flowers of Cleveland, was completely destroyed by fire, nothing being saved. We have been unable to learn whether or not the property was covered by fire insurance, but considering the business ability of Mr. Flowers, we feel perfectly safe in saying that the property was fully covered by insurance.

Mr. Flowers began business in a small way in the village of Cleveland a few years ago, as we have been told by selling Solid Comfort Plows; and by fair and honest dealing with all, and by letting his patrons know, by advertising, what he had for sale, he succeeded in building up the finest business in Le Sueur County. Mr. Flowers business, as compared with some of the other fellows of the village is a fair example of the man who advertised and the man who did not advertise.

100 Years Ago
May 28, 1926

TWENTY-TWO WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT GRADUATION

The annual graduation exercises of the Sherman High School will be held at the Casino in this city on Wednesday evening, June 2nd, at eight o'clock.

The Class of 1926 is one of the largest in the history of the local institution of learning, comprising twenty-two in all, eleven young ladies and eleven young men, who are as follows: Julia E. Benesh, Irvin B. Richter, Alvin W. Wolframsdorf, Virginia R. Havel, Stanley F. Kotek, Leota L. Parsons, Helen M. Plonshinsky, Angeline A. Meskal, Milton M. Malone, Eleanor V. Kubat, Edelgard P. Hauber, Rose M. Proshek, Agnes A. Odenthal, Louis F. Fierst, Emil F. Dolejs, Frank P. Cheezig, William F. Odenthal, Edward E. Kriha, Louis H. Kocina, Stanley J. Kaisersatt, Sylvia M. Humber, Marie A. Higgins.

The honors this year were awarded to Angeline Meskal, who will deliver the valedictory and Sylvia Humber the salutatory oration.

80 Years Ago
May 31, 1946

CONTRACT FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY NO. 21 LET

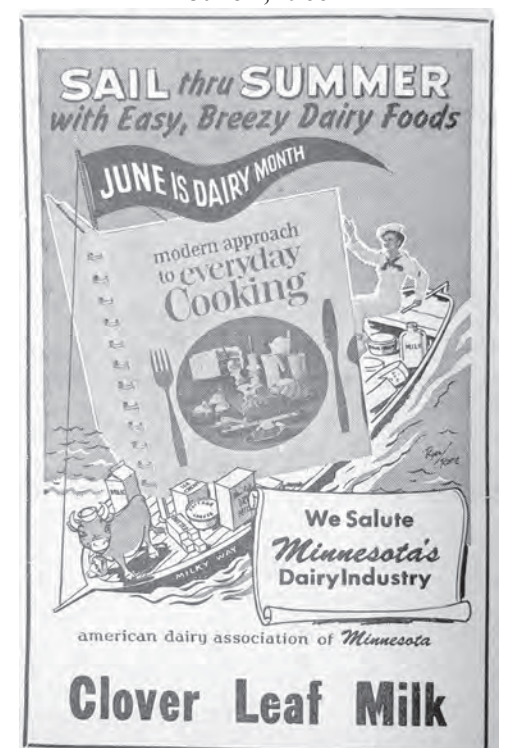
M. J. Hoffmann, Commissioner of Highways, announced that the contract for the construction of Trunk Highway No. 21, between this city and the junction with Trunk Highway No. 99, at the top of McCullough's hill, had been awarded to the Farrell Contracting Co., of St. Paul.

The contract calls for the construction of 8.1 miles of road and the job comprises

374,152 of excavation, 8,897 cubic yards of stabilized gravel, culverts, requiring 147 cubic yards of concrete, and 4 cattle passes at a cost of \$140,048.00.

It is expected that construction work will start at an early date and it should be completed by the middle of the summer.

60 Years Ago
June 2, 1966



40 Years Ago
May 28, 1986

MONTY-LONSDALE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES TOUR QUEEN OF PEACE HOSPITAL



More than 100 kindergarten students of Montgomery-Lonsdale Public School, along with their teachers Alice Onfskin and Nancy Zeither, recently toured Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague.

20 Years Ago
June 1, 2006

CITY APPEALS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT'S DECISION

The SWCD reviewed a request by the city to trade wetlands and/or buy more time to clean up the area located southwest of Montgomery, by the fertilizer plant on Highway 13. However, the county's Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) denied it, enforcing the cleanup deadline of September 1, 2006.

At their meeting, Montgomery councilmembers said they would appeal the decision. It was discovered the wetlands had been used illegally as a dumping ground for many years by private parties. Unaware of this, the city sold the land to the fertilizer plant more than a year ago.

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TCU 5th, 6th, Middle School Chorus hold Spring Sing



Mike Mallow photo

The Tri-City United Middle School Chorus sings "We Know the Way" from Moana during their opening set after intermission during the school's Spring Sing, held at the TCU Performing Arts Center May 21.

Wolf Den from 1



Jarrod Schoenecker photo

Owner Lucas Wolf helps customers out inside The Wolf Den on grand opening day.

community play for Pokemon and Magic: The Gathering (MTG), it will also be open for like-minded things. There are already trading card game-related paintings being sold from an artist out of the Twin Cities, but

Lucas Wolf hopes that he might find some other local artists to sell their related types of creative work as well in the shop on consignment. Things that are family friendly of course.

If you are a collector or enjoy playing trading card games, this is a likely respite considering the next nearest similar location is in Jordan. Lucas Wolf said that he often frequents La Nette's

across the street where he says he has received many questions about what trading card games are and what the shop will be. He says, "It's just cards. Think of it as something fun that you used to do as kids." If you don't know, he encourages you to stop in, explore and ask questions.

All ages are encouraged to come in for their weekly community play sessions with Friday being for Magic: The Gathering, and Saturdays being for Pokemon play — each beginner friendly and open during their store hours.

The shop is only open during limited hours of 4-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 12-6 p.m. on Saturdays. "I'm trying to make the hours so I can still hang out with my family," said Lucas Wolf. He is still working full-time as computer programmer, something he has poured into his website for this business.

Lucas Wolf, a 2006 graduate of Jordan High School. He first started in construction, doing woodworking and building houses for almost nine years. Then he took a big turn when he went back to school to get a generic computer programming degree at Hennepin Technical College in 2013. After graduating, he transitioned into that field.

"My mother passed away, and I sold her car, so I got some money from that. I sold three golf carts, which gave me enough money for the inventory in the store, just bootstrapping it," said Lucas Wolf. "I'm using what I learned in the last 15 years into automating my hobby and figuring out how

to do stuff to make my business work, like starting an LLC and other things."

What was just a hobby is now a passion project. "I just hope I can make enough to keep the doors open," he said.

His wife, Alyssa Wolf, supports his new adventure. They live together with their two children, Ryan and Lilly, in Lonsdale. Ryan Wolf is definitely excited about it. "My son is already meeting a bunch of kids here," said Lucas Wolf. "It's an excuse to get together and hang out some place that's safe."

There are still remnants of the bait shop that was there prior, something that will be worked on over the next months as the shop develops further.

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Sports



Pitcher Caleigh Hoefs drives one down the infield Tuesday to advance runners in the fifth inning, bringing one of her teammates home to increase the score to 5-0 in favor of the Titans.



Titan Senior Isabella Jones steals home after an error by Maple River in the Tuesday, May 19, match-up in Lonsdale. This came after Jones had already stole second base.

Jarrod Schoenecker photo

Mallards drop two last week

Montgomery Mallards 1, Lonsdale Aces 12
The Montgomery Mallards suffered a tough 12-1 defeat against the Lonsdale Aces on Friday, May 22, after a challenging first inning.

Lonsdale struck early, bringing across 11 runs in the opening frame. The Mallards struggled to find momentum at the plate, finishing the night with just one hit. Kyle Hintz provided that lone offensive bright spot, going 1-for-2 with a walk. Derek Christenson crossed the plate to score the only run for Montgomery in the sixth inning.

On the mound, Brandon Gentz provided solid depth out of the bullpen, tossing 5.1 strong innings of relief while striking out five batters to quiet the opposing bats.

Montgomery Mallards 4, Union Hill Bulldogs 8
Despite out-hitting their opponent eight to six, the Montgomery Mallards fell 8-4 on Sunday afternoon against Union Hill.

The offense showed flashes of productivity throughout the game but ultimately left too many runners stranded on base and walked too many Bulldog hitters to overcome the deficit. Dylan Westerman and Chris Johnson sparked the offense from the lineup, with each batter collecting a pair of hits on the afternoon to lead the team. Max Krautkremer provided the primary muscle in the middle of the batting order, driving in two runs to lead the Mallards in RBIs, while Johnson also contributed an RBI to the offensive effort.

On the mound, Krautkremer fought through four tough innings, allowing four hits and four earned runs while walking five before turning the game over to Derek Christenson and Johnson.

Place	Class	Team	DRS Points	Wins	Losses	Overall Win %
1	A	New Market	12.0	4	1	0.800
2	R	Union Hill	11.0	4	1	0.800
3	R	Webster	10.5	5	0	1.000
4	C	New Prague	7.5	4	2	0.667
5	A	Fairbault	5.0	2	1	0.667
6	C	Veseli	5.0	2	4	0.333
7	B	St Benedict	4.0	2	3	0.400
8	B	Lonsdale	4.0	2	4	0.333
9	B	Prior Lake	3.5	2	3	0.400
10	B	Montgomery	3.5	2	4	0.333
11	B	Shakopee	0.0	0	5	0.000
12	A	Floko	0.0	0	1	0.000

Go to our website to see the DRS Baseball roundup with an outlook of some of this year's teams.

Softball tourney yields three shutouts

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The Tri-City United (TCU) played three games in the Section 2AA Tournament last week and all three ended in shutouts.

In their opener, the Titans defeated Maple River, 5-0, behind a two-hit shutout by pitcher Claire Hoefs. Thursday, May 21 the Titans faced No. 1 rated Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (LCWM) and were handed a 10-0, five inning loss. Two days later, Randolph shutout TCU, 4-0, at Caswell Park in North Mankato. This ended their season with a 10-9 overall record.

In the win over the Eagles, Hoefs allowed just two hits, struck out 11, and walked three.

Hoefs, Laynee Blaschko, Lexie Berger, Lily Traxler, Taylor Haecherl, and Layla Sycks had the team's six hits. Berger, Sycks, Cristina Cruz, and Caleigh Hoefs each knocked in runs. Mya O'Brien scored twice.

In the loss to the undefeated Knights, LCWM pitcher Nettie Parson tossed a perfect game, facing only 15 batters in five innings and throwing 41-of-56 pitches for strikes.

Caleigh Hoefs started and went 4 1/3 innings, allowing eight earned runs on 11 hits.

The Titans faced another outstanding pitcher Saturday when Stella Pangel limited them to five hits in pitching a shutout. All-State catcher Allie Gillette and Amelia Davis did most of the damage, both hitting home runs which accounted for all the runs.

Collecting singles for the Titans were O'Brien, Blaschko, Traxler, Berger, and Caleigh Hoefs.

The remaining four teams who played Tuesday included LCWM, Le Sueur-Henderson and Belle Plaine, who play the first game and the winner will face St. James. The Section 2AA Championship is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 in North Mankato.

Hartwig sets two conference records

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Tri-City United (TCU) junior Kaitlyn Hartwig held the 100-meter and 200-meter dash Big South Conference records, setting them last season as a sophomore.

She outdid herself Tuesday, May 19 at New Ulm

High School, breaking both sprint records in the Big South Conference Championships.

The speedy sprinter won the 100-meter dash in 12.44, .17 faster than a year ago and the 200-meter dash in 25.62, .33 faster than last season.

The Titans also won a pair of relays, including the

4 x 100-meter and the 4 x 200-meter relay, which also broke the conference record.

The 400-meter relay team of seniors Eden Krocak and Guadalupe Lopez, sophomore Jillian Houn, and eighth grader Cami Hartwig won this race in 52.21. The 800-meter relay team of Houn, and the Hartwig sisters, Cami, sophomore Carly, and Kaitlyn, broke their 2025 record with a time of 1:44.24, which was almost two seconds faster than last year's time.

TCU had a very good meet, placing third overall with 126 points. State power St. Peter won the meet with 182 points. Runner-up went to Fairmont with 133 points. Fourth through eighth went to Belle Plaine (98.5), Marshall (79), Waseca (36), New Ulm (31.5), and Worthington (12).

Placing second were Carly Hartwig in the 200-meter dash (25.98), Cami Hartwig in the long jump (16-feet, 4 1/4-inches), and junior Hanna Caron in the shot put (35-feet, 8 1/2-inches), a career best.

Placing third were Houn in the triple jump (34-feet, 4-inches), freshman Nyadek Ruei in the high jump (5-feet, 2-inches), and junior

Louise Stock in the long jump (15-feet, 8 3/4-inches).

Placing fourth was Caron in the discus (102-feet, 1-inch).

Placing fifth was the 4 x 400-meter relay team of Lopez, sophomore Natalie Gonzalez, and eighth graders Claire Claffey and Isla Stock (4:28.75) and Stock in the pole vault (9-feet).

Placing sixth were Carly Hartwig in the high jump (4-feet, 10-inches), Stock in the 100-meter low hurdles (17.43), and Claffey in the 400-meter dash (1:03.76).

Placing seventh were Houn in the 100-meter dash (13.25), freshman Mara Livingston in the 1,600-meter run (5:58.70), senior Morgan Meier in the discus (94-feet, 10-inches), and senior Lucy Fleek in the shot put (31-feet, 11 1/4-inches).

Placing eighth were junior Kirra Flicek in the 300-meter hurdles (53.18) and Meier in the shot put (30-feet, 3 1/2-inches).

The Titans will now compete this week in the Section 1AA Championships Wednesday, May 27 and Friday, May 29 at St. Peter.

Freeman wins Big South Conference shot put title



Mike Mallow photo

David Black hands off to Cooper Sladek in the 4 x 800-meter relay during the track and field boys and girls Varsity Big South Championship May 19 in New Ulm.

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Tri-City United (TCU) junior Corday Freeman dominated the shot put competition during the Big South Conference Track and Field Championships Tuesday, May 19 at New Ulm High School.

Freeman's top throw of 52-feet, 7 1/2-inches was near five feet farther than runner-up Parker Maloney of St. Pete, giving the Titans their lone conference championship.

The Titans scored 40 points to place eighth in the eight-team meet. Belle Plaine was the champion with 168 points. They were followed by Fairmont (101), Waseca (93), St. Peter (85.5), Marshall (79.5), Worthington (75), New Ulm (59), and TCU.

Sophomore Eric Borchart had two top five performances, placing third in the 200-meter dash (22.89), which was 16

tenths of a second behind the champion, and fifth in the 400-meter dash (53.87).

Placing fourth was junior Soren McNamara in the pole vault (11-feet, 6-inches).

Placing fifth was senior Grant Fitterer in the 3,200-meter run (10:25.59).

Placing sixth was the 4 x 800-meter relay team of Fitterer, senior David Black and eighth graders Cooper Sladek and Patrick Duchene (9:24.36).

Placing seventh was junior Keith Sexton in the triple jump (37-feet, 9 1/2-inches) and placing eighth in the long jump (18-feet, 6-inches).

Junior Toren Kelly placed eighth in the shot put (40-feet, 9-inches).

Placing ninth were freshman Caden Brown in the 110-meter high hurdles (19.15) and Freeman in the discus (108-feet, 1-inch).

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Montgomery Horseshoe Club Team Standings for Wednesday, May 20

Class A	W	L
Cyndi Stepka/Colleen Szabo	32	04
Mark Telljohn/Neil Knopf	32	22
Eugene Palma/Dan Hrabe	24	12
Denny Keogh/Rob Bjorklund	19	17
Greg David/Jim Shimota	09	27

High Ringers Class A	W	L
Rob Bjorklund	70	
Neil Knopf	52	
Colleen Szabo	43	
Denny Keogh	41	

High Percent Games Class A	W	L
Rob Bjorklund	54	
Neil Knopf	40	
Colleen Szabo/Denny Keogh	32	

Class B	W	L
Josh Gare/Linda Gare	22	14
Steve Ellman/Brandon Ellman	15	39
Jerry Hagel/Pam Hill	11	07
Daniel Weiss/Ashley Weiss	08	10
Mike Brockway/Jose Valdez	08	28

High Ringers Class B	W	L
Jerry Hagel/Ashley Weiss	24	
Linda Gare	19	
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 11. Zoning Code of The Montgomery City Code adding Solar as an Accessory Use in the Community Commercial (B-1) District, on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter. The hearing will be conducted at Montgomery City Hall located at 201 Ash Avenue S.W.
 Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Code Amendments are encouraged to attend the hearing. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to Brian Heck, City Administrator, at bheck@cityofmontgomerymn.com or Joshua Mankowski, City Planner and Economic Development Specialist, at jmankowski@cityofmontgomerymn.com. Comments can also be submitted by mail to 201 Ash Avenue S.W., Montgomery, MN 56069.
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Crossword of the Week

CLUES ACROSS
 1. Streetcar
 5. Take ___ of it!
 10. SW Asia peninsula
 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
 14. One who revitalizes
 16. Indicates position
 18. Dishonorable man
 19. Singer King Cole
 20. Short-tailed marten
 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
 25. Dirt
 26. Superconducting super collider
 27. Not good
 28. A way to sink
 30. Unwell
 31. Follow orders
 33. Deep ravine
 35. Perfumery practice
 37. Indian film director Sultan
 38. Member of U.S. Navy
 40. Wing-like
 41. Very fast airplane
 42. Slang for cigarette
 44. Most cars still need it
 45. Political war chest
 48. Cools down
 50. Diminish toward one end
 52. Indigenous person of Thailand
 53. Combined
 55. Container
 56. Expression of satisfaction
 57. Thou
 58. Return a favor
 63. Go over once more
 65. Removed
 66. "Silence of the ___"
 67. Comedian Rogen
 10. Semitic peoples
 11. Designs anew
 13. City associated with Jesus
 15. Cool!
 17. Bank employee
 18. Central nervous system
 21. Standardized piece of text
 23. A type of fever
 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
 27. Threaten persistently
 29. Aspirations
 32. Baby's eating accessory
 34. Actress Thurman
 35. Turn into bone
 36. One who saves you
 39. Consume
 40. Swiss river
 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
 44. Categories
 46. Expressed amazement
 47. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
 49. Greek war dance
 51. Bland, semi-liquid food
 54. Regard in a specified way
 59. Taxi
 60. Naturally occurring solid material
 61. Feline
 62. Post-burning residue
 64. Elevated railroad

CLUES DOWN
 1. Children's game
 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 3. Own (Scottish)
 4. Female follower of Bacchus
 5. Subsidies
 6. Protects from weather
 7. Spanish municipality
 8. Supermarket chain
 9. Domain name
 10. Standardized piece of text
 15. Cool!
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Chilly day for Lonsdale street fair



Jarrod Schoenecker photos



Many partook in the sights and sounds of the Lonsdale Chamber Street Fair & Business Expo.

Jarrod Schoenecker
editor@montgomerynews.com

It was a chilly afternoon and evening for the free and family friendly Lonsdale Chamber Street Fair & Business Expo on Tuesday, May 19.

Despite the unseasonably colder weather, many came out to Ash Street Northeast to check out the alpacas, bouncy house, inflatable archery range, live music, demonstrations, business booths, and vehicle fair.

The vehicle fair started being apart of the celebration last year. It included a variety of vehicles for young persons to explore, including golf carts, a garbage truck, Lonsdale police and fire ve-

hicles, and even the armored vehicle from Rice County Sheriff's Office.

A business passport card was given to all entering the fair to be punched by local businesses. Those that completed it were entered into a drawing to receive one of a handful of different prizes donated by the businesses, such as a decorative windmill. Many businesses had freebies up for grabs, whether that be a snack, mocktails, or other branded trinkets.

It was a great opportunity for businesses to connect with the community and answer questions.

There were also a handful of food trucks offering different food and beverage options.

TCU 2026 Senior Mural — 'Sunscape'



Submitted photo

The 2026 Tri-City United High School senior mural is complete. Each year some senior students work on recreating a piece of artwork by another artist. This year's piece is "Sunscape" by contemporary artist Erin Hanson. Hanson's Sunscape is a painting of the coastal landscape of Acadia National Park at sunrise in Maine. It will be hung in the school alongside the other past year senior murals. The students that worked on this year's mural, from the left, are Kailey Young, Forest Omen, Breanna Erickson, Jules Rotter, Lily Traxler, Isabella Jones, Kaylee Gogerty, and Caleigh Hoefs.

Young at Heart For Older Adults & Their Families

May is Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month

Every year in May, Older Americans Month recognizes the contributions of older adults across the nation. Their time, experience, and talents enrich the lives of those around them.

While raising families and building careers, older Americans also gave back to their communities in a variety of ways. In their lifetime, times have changed and they continue to volunteer and serve their neighborhoods in their own ways. Whether they mentored children, volunteered at a soup kitchen, or served their country, each one deserves recognition for their commitment.

Older Americans Month also serves to raise awareness concerning elder abuse and neglect. As we age, the risk of abuse and neglect increases. We must be sure resources are in place to protect our older population from the risks of abuse and neglect. One way is to maintain involvement in community activities and social activities. It helps to maintain our overall health and vitality.

Older Americans Month History

President Gerald Ford proclaimed Older Americans Month in 1976.

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