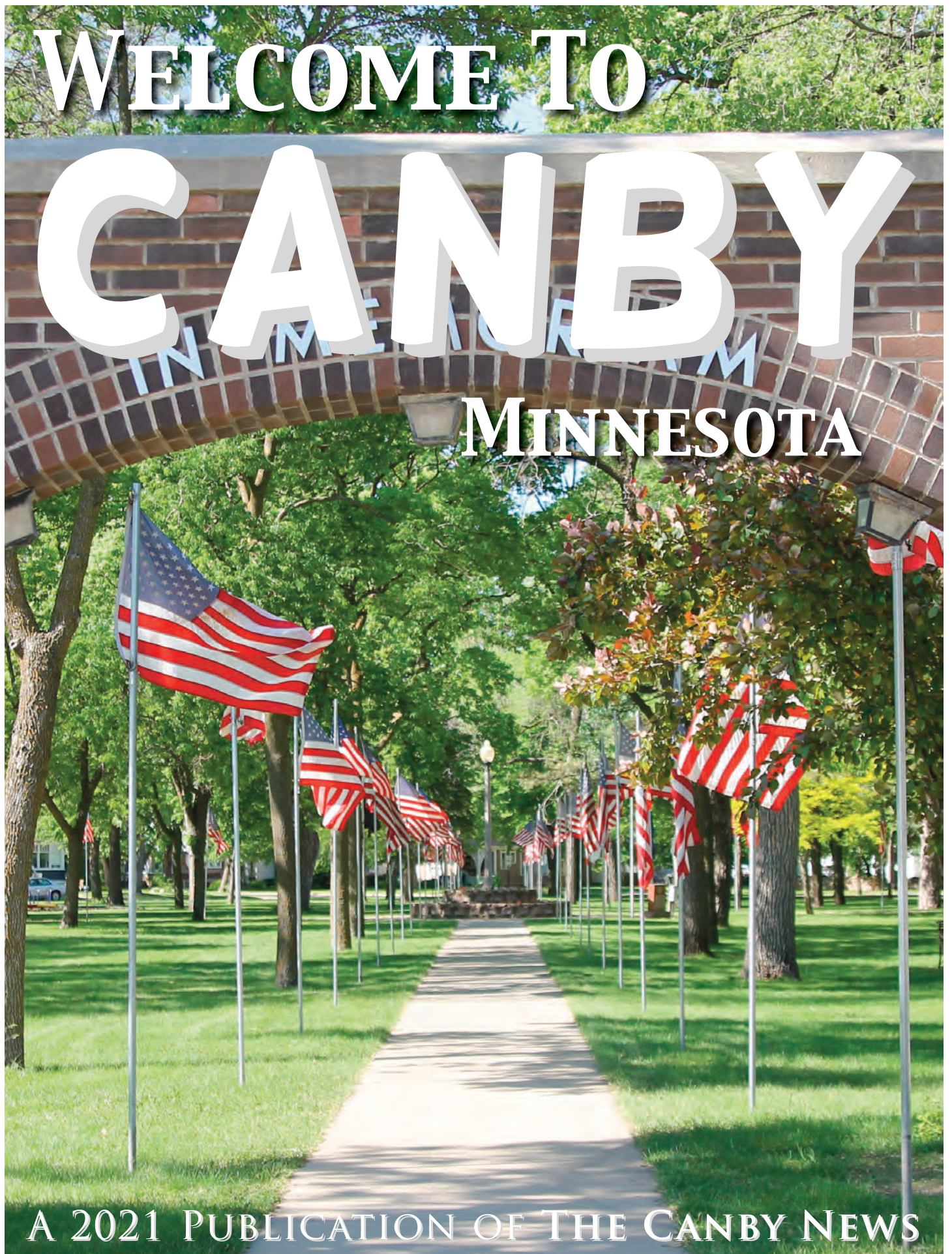




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Welcome to Canby

Welcome to Canby, Minnesota, a small town with a lot to offer!

Whether you're just visiting or here to stay, come with us on our stroll around Canby to see some of its historical sites and amenities. Join us at the fun events that happen throughout the year, and get active in the community with the numerous clubs and organizations - there's always something fun for you to get involved in!

Canby has a population of 1,795 (as of the 2010 census) and is located in the west-central portion of Yellow Medicine County at an altitude of 1,243 feet.

It is approximately 165 miles west of Minneapolis-St. Paul, 106 miles north of Sioux Falls, S.D., and 175 miles south of Fargo, N.D.

Two highways converge in Canby, U.S. Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 68.

One unique feature of Canby is its orientation to the world. Canby's streets do not go north to south and east to west; rather, they were built parallel to the railroad which cut through the area from northwest to southeast.

Some "insider knowledge" about the town:

- The KT - If you ask directions to the golf course, people will probably tell you it's two miles out on the KT. This stands for "King of Trails" and is the local term for County Road 13/190th Street. It runs north out of Canby for 12 miles and then ends at County Road 12.

- The Vo-Tech - Minnesota West Community & Technical College was originally called a vocational-technical school; it got shortened to "vo-tech," and that name has stuck.

- 1st Street - Canby has two 1st Streets. The one referred to most often is Highway 68, but 1st Street South is located just one block over and runs by the Sanford Clinic entrance and behind Canby Farmers Grain until it meets Poplar Avenue South.

- The four-way stop - While there is more than one four-way stop in Canby, THE four-way stop usually refers to the intersection of Highways 75 and 68.

- The Schott's building - The Schott's Corporation has not owned the building in some time, but it is still referred to by that name. It is now owned by Sanford and hosts events throughout the year. It is located to the northeast of Jim's Market. (We think it's time it gets an "official" name.)

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Canby started out as a one man town, literally, when John Swenson moved to Norman Township in 1872. He homesteaded on section 4 where he built a claim shanty and opened up a store in his cabin.

That was the start of Canby, and Swenson's list of job titles only grew from there. He was a settler, farmer, merchant, statesman, banker, lumberman, miner, and philanthropist.

Swenson was born in Norway in 1842 and moved to the United States in 1868.

When he moved here, Swenson did not speak a word of English and had no money; he actually was in debt for his ticket to America.

Swenson started off working in Wisconsin, where he learned English and married Olava Olson.

He and his brother, Charles, headed west in 1872 to find homesteads. They ended up in Redwood Falls and heard about the vast rich lands of western Yellow Medicine County.

Upon arriving, Swenson settled on Two-Mile Creek in Norman Township.

After deciding that farming would be "too slow," he traded his claim for one on which the city now stands. He opened up a store with roughly \$50 worth of merchandise and traveled to Marshall to pick up supplies.

In 1874, Swenson secured a post office for the growing community, suggested the name of Canby, and became Canby's first postmaster.

The railroad came to Canby in 1876, and on August 24, the

Canby station was built by the Winona and St. Peter Railroad Company.

Swenson began to branch out into other businesses, operating an elevator and flour mill, a lumber yard and implement business, and in his spare time, he invested in land.

Soon after, he founded a bank, and his banking interests spread to nearby towns and even to other states.

By 1882, Canby had a newspaper, two banks, two law firms, a flour mill, several general stores, two lumber yards, three hotels, a livery stable, a school house and two churches.

On the evening of Sept. 8, 1893, Canby suffered a very large fire that destroyed 23 business firms and five residences at an estimated cost of around \$150,000.

The surviving stores included A.M. Olson's general store, Mrs. Carri Landru's millinery store, the flour store of N.K. Landru and N.N. Smart, the lumber yards, elevators, hotels and school house.

According to the special edition of the Canby News on Sept. 9, the fire broke out in the butcher shop of Odland and Landru. Mr. Odland was filling an oil lamp when an accident caused the flame to spread.

Soon after the fire, Canby was filled with the sound of hammers as the rebuilding effort began.

There was another building boom in 1915 with about 50 new homes and the new light plant built.

Canby was struck by another fire on July 23, 1920, which caused \$275,000 worth of damage.

The Canby Flour Mills, the connecting elevators, warehouse, powerhouse, and office went up in flames.

Canby suffered yet another fire on October 15, 1960, when front street (1st Street today) stores were destroyed with a loss between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

A final fire on December 31, 1984, broke out in PK Egans Restaurant and also affected neighboring businesses.

In 1963 and 1965, Canby had severe flood damage. The 1963 flood started when 5.23 inches fell within three hours. The 1965 flood was due to melting snow and several inches of rain.

In 1979, Canby had 146 businesses in town with a population of approximately 2,154.

Since then, Canby has had businesses come and go, and the population has shrunk a bit to around 1,800.

Recently, the city has improved their municipal pool, infrastructure, and purchased the Canby Theatre.

The city keeps its downtown looking nice and has expanded its opportunities for industrial businesses.






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How Canby was named

John Swenson was responsible for naming the city of Canby in 1874. He chose to name it after General Edward Richard Sprigg Canby, an American army officer who had been killed the year before.

General Canby was born in Kentucky in 1817 and graduated from West Point in 1839. He served in the Mexican War from 1847-48. At the start of the Civil War, he was given command of the Department of New Mexico and defeated a confederate invasion attempt in 1862.

In 1864, he took command of the military division of West Mississippi and captured Mobile, Alabama, in 1865, where he received the surrender of the last two confederate armies remaining in the field.

General Canby was murdered by Modoc Indians in California in 1873 while trying to negotiate a peace treaty between the U.S. Army and the Modocs. He was the only U.S. general to die in the Indian uprisings of the 1860s and 1870s.

Though he served in Minnesota from 1855 to 1858, there is no record that he had ever set foot in Yellow Medicine County, and Swenson, who did not arrive in America until 1868, could not have met the general, so his reasons for choosing Canby as the town's namesake are a bit of a mystery.



Lee Savold

Minnesota Boxing Hall of Famer Lee Savold was born in Canby March 22, 1916, and was a force to be reckoned with during the 1940s and '50s. Savold touched hands with some of boxing's biggest names at the height of his career.

Savold was known to be an expert feinter and possessed considerable jabbing speed and crushingly strong punching power, reflected in the all-time Minnesota record of 72 career KOs. Savold sported a career record of 97 wins and 38 losses, as well as 11 newspaper-decided bouts, with four wins, four losses and three draws.

He got his first fight at the age of 15 when he attended the county fair in Madison. Savold defeated his opponent and won \$25. Savold began boxing at 150 pounds in local fights, kicking off his boxing career with his 1933 debut fight in Sioux Falls, knocking out his opponent. In his late teens, Savold departed for the Twin Cities and had several unnecessary losses during his early career.

Savold's interest in boxing waned, but he returned to the ring in July of 1939, completely out of shape and lost by a clear decision.

Despite having clear talent in the ring from a young age, Savold had never stuck to a strict training routine, which, combined with lackluster management, did little for his career.

Fortunately, a major boxing promoter and pioneer of the National Wrestling Alliance Paul George offered Savold a contract. Over the next several years, he racked up victories across the country.

It was in the early 1940s when Savold began to truly reach his full potential, facing up against increasingly skilled opponents like Buddy Baer and Billy Conn, both of whom had more than 50 wins and less than ten losses under their belts at the time.

Savold was propelled to a top ten world boxing rating. In 1942, boxing promoter Jim Daly bought into the rising boxer's contract and earned Savold many fights at Madison Square Garden in New York, one of the most famous boxing arenas of the period.

After a short stint of semi-retirement, Savold was called in to face the Italian champion Gino Buonvino at the Garden after his opponent cancelled at the last second. The organizers of the fight were stunned when he knocked out Buonvino in a Garden record of 54 seconds; this record held until March of 2007. The victory brought Savold back into the spotlight.

In 1948, he traveled to England to face the reigning European boxing champion Bruce Woodcock. Savold blasted the champ with a rain of punches and simultaneously claimed the European title and the #1 world heavyweight rank. These claims were not accepted in the United States, and in a bout to determine the world champion, Savold faced the former world champion and boxing legend Joe Louis in the fall of 1951. Savold went into the fight at the age of 36, trading strong blows, but he ultimately was knocked out by Louis. This bout was the first professional prizefight displayed in theaters on closed-circuit television.

In the final bout of his boxing career in February of 1952, Savold faced the rising star, Rocky Maricano, who took the win via TKO, and Savold called it quits after a successful 20 year career.

After suffering a stroke at his home in Spring Lake, N.J., Savold died in a hospital one month later on May 14, 1972, at the age of 58.



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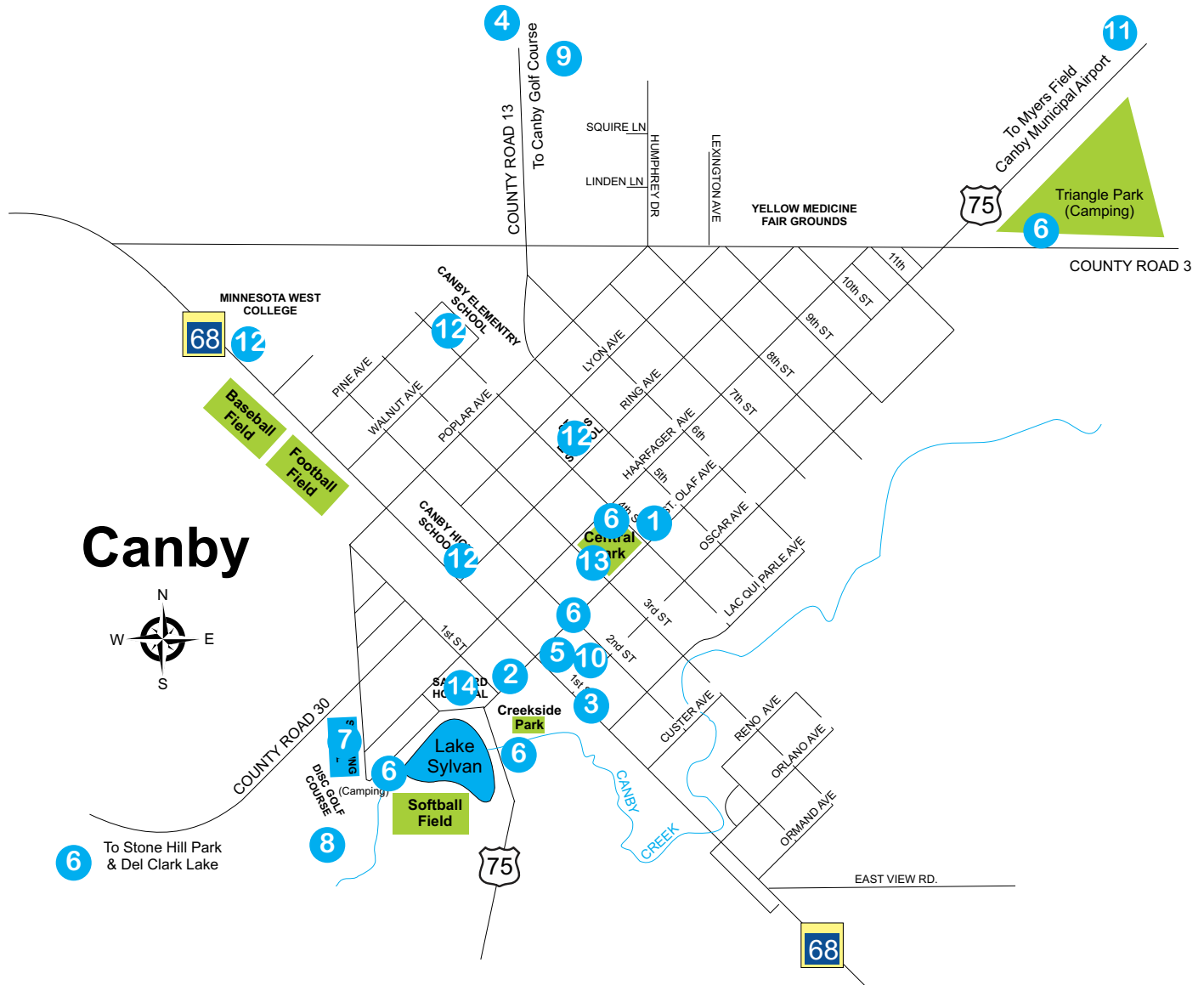
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- 1 LUND-HOEL HOUSE** - Built in 1891 by John Lund, the house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 and is one of Canby's best-known landmarks.
- 2 CANBY DEPOT** - Beginning service in 1876, the Canby Depot now holds information on the history of Canby and the Chicago Northwestern railroad.
- 3 LUNDRING SERVICE STATION** - Built in 1926, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986, and now privately owned, passers-by can enjoy its unique exterior.
- 4 BERCKES STATION** - A model shows where Berckes Station operated from 1942 until 1980.
- 5 CANBY THEATRE** - Doors opened for the Canby Theatre the first time in 1939 and again in 2015 after the building was purchased by the city and refurbished.
- 6 PARKS** - Canby is host to multiple parks, including Central Park, Sylvan Park, Stone Hill Park, Triangle Park, Creekside Park, and Birthday Park, each with their own amenities.
- 7 SWIMMING POOL** - Canby's swimming pool has recently been completely rebuilt and includes a zero entry area, figure-8 slide, diving board, and more.
- 8 CANBY DISC GOLF COURSE** - Designed by three disc golf enthusiasts in 2012, the disc golf course has held multiple tournaments and four leagues annually.
- 9 CANBY GOLF COURSE** - This nine hole course holds a par of 36 for men and 37 for women, with league nights for both on Wednesday and Tuesday, respectively.
- 10 CANBY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - This library, located in the city hall building, offers check-outs of books, movies, and more, along with public computers and fun programming.
- 11 MYERS FIELD** - Canby's airport features a 4,650 foot runway, self-service fuel, arrival/departure building, and expanded hangars in 2017.
- 12 CANBY SCHOOLS** - Canby offers a quality education with Canby Elementary, St. Peter's Elementary, Canby High School, and Minnesota West Community & Technical College.
- 13 CANBY FARMERS' MARKET** - Thursdays during the summer, a wide variety of garden produce and homemade items are offered.
- 14 SANFORD CANBY** - Quality health care is right next door with Sanford Canby Medical Center's clinic, hospital, wellness center, assisted living, and nursing home.
- 15 BUFFALO RIDGE RESORT** - This former blind school in Gary, S.D., now offers an array of amenities.
- 16 THE ALIBI** - One of Gary, S.D.'s, staples, this restaurant has expanded to include a family game room.

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Lund-Hoel House

The Lund-Hoel House is possibly Canby's best-known landmark.

It was built in 1891 by John Lund, a well-known realtor and mayor of Canby. The construction of the original portion of the house took less than two months, but it was not the palatial structure known today.

The servants' quarters were added in 1896, and the porches, balconies, decorative trim, and turret in 1900, along with the distinctive fence of field stones.

Lund did not live in the house for very long; it was sold to his sister, Mary (Lund) Hoel, and her husband, Olaf, in 1903 for \$10,000.

The Hoels lived in the house until they passed away in 1930. Their daughter, Nella (Hoel) Berg, married and moved away in 1931. She took with her much of the original furniture and many family heirlooms.

Nella retained ownership of the house and leased it to various families for more than a quarter century.

In 1958, Mr. and Mrs. William Richter, who had been renting an apartment in the house since 1954, began the process of buying it. They opened Richter's Board and Care Home, which usually housed three women residents on the main floor and seven men upstairs.

The Richters' daughter, Dorothy Pederson, did much of the cooking, cleaning, and household chores for the large "family" until increasingly strict state laws and new regulations every few months forced the home to close.

In 1975, the rumor around town was that the Richter mansion was for sale, with vague figures at mid-thirty to high forty thousand.

Kay Qualley, daughter of attorney John Qualley, urged her dad to "look into the possibility of starting a Canby museum." The actual price of \$18,000 was within reason, and Minnie Richter was pleased that her house might serve as a museum.

The Museum Encompassing the Canby Community Area (MECCA) was incorporated on June 9, 1975, and was made up of John Qualley, Dar Snortum, Richard S. Olson, Father Michael Guetter, Peter LaTourrette, Lester Benson, Del Clark, and Lois Atkins of Canby, along with Mrs. Marvin Bruns of Porter.

Fundraising efforts began with nearly \$5,000 donated in the first week. Only \$3,000 was borrowed to complete the purchase of the house.

Two historical experts inspected the house and declared it, "in very, very good condition considering its age." MECCA's restoration plan extended over a five year period at an estimated cost around \$50,000.

Hundreds of hours went into the restoring of the house over the next several years. The barn-carriage house could not be saved, however; it was demolished and rebuilt according to the plans for the original. The cupola remains from the original building, and a 1914 buggy was donated and restored and is now stored in the barn-carriage house. A 1909 wood-bladed windmill was also

placed in the yard.

In 1978, the house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

That same year, Andrew Berg, husband of the late Nella (Hoel) Berg, visited the house and expressed his desire to return many pieces of original Hoel family furniture to the museum. Until that time, there had been virtually no opportunity to acquire family heirlooms. Today, all Hoel furnishings are clearly marked with ribbons, signifying that they are original to the house. During his visit in 1986, Omer Hoel, youngest son of Rev. and Mary Hoel, suggested various re-arrangements of these pieces to where they were originally located in the house.

By 1983, the museum was beginning to look complete, and a final restoration grant arrived in the amount of \$14,524, but even with grants and donations, the museum struggled to keep up with the rising labor costs and perpetual maintenance.

In 1984, Andrew Berg died unexpectedly. Knowing of his plans to donate more items to the museum, his heirs allowed MECCA members to choose from items that the family did not wish to purchase. With a few hundred dollars, MECCA acquired the last of the available family heirlooms, including all of the pieces of stained glass for the window in the museum's front door.

The landmark field stone fence was rebuilt in 1986. Because of the hidden center core construction, which gives the appearance of stacked rocks, construction was very difficult.

After a single bid of \$52,000 was made and was not affordable, Orlando Menk was hired to do this job. He took down the entire fence, washed all of the rocks, and restacked those original rocks with a new cement core, choosing which one would fit best, one at a time, like a puzzle. The project took around four months.

Today, the house remains much as it was 100 years ago. The walls are papered, and all rooms have wall-to-wall carpeting except the kitchen, rear foyer and stairs, and bathroom.

The decor of each room is unique, with no continuity or harmony from room to room.

The exterior is painted the original "Lund dark green," which was re-discovered after layers of paint were scraped away.

The white "gingerbread" gable fans were discovered and saved when the old barn was razed.

One much talked about oddity of the house is the "door above the door." At one area in the house, there is a door high up in a wall above another doorway.

Once the major re-construction was complete, the house received minor upkeep as needed through the years such as paint, shingles, and work on the "gingerbread" trim.

More recently, the rear porch was rebuilt due to damage from an old well underneath it, and in 2011-2012, the windmill was taken down, reconstructed, and put back up.

The Lund-Hoel House is located on the corner of St. Olaf Avenue/Highway 75 and 4th Street.

Normal summer hours are Wednesday through Sunday 2-4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment in April, May, September, and October, but check the website for current information on hours.





Canby Depot

The Canby Depot Museum stands a half block south of the intersection of Highways 68 and 75 and holds much history of the city of Canby and also the Chicago Northwestern railroad.

Canby was the first town in Yellow Medicine County to have railroad service, and the depot actually pre-dates the town itself. The railroad tracks through Canby were built in 1873 by the Winona and St. Peter Railroad. It began providing service in 1876, and a depot building was built that same year with John Swenson serving as the first depot agent. Canby was not incorporated as a village until 1879.

In 1890, a hand-operated turntable was installed. It was one of only two in the state.

Canby's current building is actually the third depot to be built. Fire destroyed the previous depot buildings in 1895 and 1942.

After the second fire, a boxcar was used as a depot until 1945 when the current depot was built.

For 65 years, the town was completely dependent on the railroad for transportation, food, fuel, mail, and more.

The use of the building as a railroad depot came to a gradual end with the final passenger run on May 31, 1951, and the final freight run on Jan. 16, 1981.

In 1995, a group of people who were interested in the depot purchased a collection of railroad items from former Porter depot agent Chris Motschenbacher.

Five years later, in 2000, the group purchased the depot building and began restoration.

The family of Del Clark, the last of fifteen depot agents, donated items used in the depot agent office.

Today, the Canby Depot is overseen by a board of directors and serves as a visitor center and museum. Its mission is to promote the history of Canby, specifically through the lens of the railroad.

The waiting area of the depot holds information about the area and history of the city of Canby. Another room contains the archives of the Canby News. The warehouse portion of the building holds displays of historical items related to the depot, the railroad, and the town.

The museum boasts a large collection of military uniforms dating back to WWI. Current plans for the museum include a chronological display of photos and artifacts highlighting the agricultural and business development in Canby. The museum also houses copies of the Canby News dating back to the 1800s.

Each year, a breakfast is held outside the Depot during Canby's Hat Daze, and other fundraisers are held as well.

The Depot is open during the summer Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 2-4 p.m.



Lundring Service Station

The unique service station located on the corner of First Street and Oscar Avenue in Canby was built in 1926, and Oscar Lundring independently owned and operated it as a Sinclair Oil Company station.

At the time, Sinclair stations usually featured a brick exterior, steeply-pitched gable roof, and no canopies, so the English cottage-style Lundring station was a departure from the norm. It is covered in stucco and has a low-pitched, jerkinhead gabled roof shingled in such a way that it resembles heavy thatching. Other unique features are arched windows and doorways, shutters, window boxes, and an eyebrow dormer with fanlight window.

The house or cottage style stations came about as a way to blend into the residential districts they were often located on the borders of as oil companies sought ways to bring their product closer to the customers.

The Lundring station had modern pumps added in the 1950s which were later replaced with restored vintage Texaco pumps after the station had closed. A two-bay, flat-roofed addition was constructed in 1960 for servicing cars. The exterior was covered with stucco to match the original building.

It was used as a service station only until the early 1960s, but subsequent owners have maintained the unique building, and the Lundring Service Station was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

The building is privately-owned, but its unique look can be enjoyed by all who pass by.





Berckes Station

Berckes Station was built in 1942 by Henry Berckes on a two-acre corner of his farm land at the junction of Yellow Medicine County Roads 4 and 13.

Along with his wife, Elizabeth, they farmed a quarter section and ran the gas station and convenience store.

In three years time, Henry moved his family into Berckes Station.

While living there, Henry added on twice to provide living quarters for his family as well as building a barn for their horses.

Berckes Station operated nearly 40 years and closed its doors in 1980.

David lived on the family farm and built a replica of the station in his machine shop.

He used a picture and his memories to put together the model, including a "Grapette" soda sign on the door, model Phillips 66 gas pumps, and cars from the era.



David even included a Farmall "M" tractor, representing two bachelor farmers who would drive their tractors from bar to bar; Berckes Station was a stop they frequented.

David's work, photos, and information are placed inside of a wood, brick and plexiglas structure on the property where the station used to be.

Berckes Station is located five miles north of Canby on CR 13, or four miles west of Highway 75 on CR 4.

In late 2020, a large cross sculpture was put up on the site in dedication to Henry and Elizabeth Berckes.



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Canby Theatre

The Canby Theatre - opened in 1939, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, closed in 2012, and refurbished and reopened in 2015 - is a true story of a small town banding together to save something important to them.

In 1938, the existing buildings were removed to make way for the construction of the Flieder brothers' new theater, along with an adjacent store and apartment building.

Original construction estimates of \$25,000 in September of 1938 quickly rose to \$65,000 by the next summer, but on Nov. 15, 1939, the Canby Theatre opened. Over 1,000 people attended the grand opening showing of "Hollywood Cavalcade" in what was proclaimed the "most beautiful and most modern (theater) in the northwest, excepting only the Twin Cities." (*Canby News*, Nov. 10, 1939).

Among the cutting-edge innovations credited to the new theater were the air conditioning system which supplied the theater with humidified air at the proper temperature, both summer and winter, seats which were the "newest development in seating," and new projector lamps which produced high intensity light.

Following the grand opening, the *Canby News* of Nov. 17, 1939, ran the following story about the momentous occasion: "Heralded by a flood of congratulations from Canby businessmen, movie officials, film stars, and former residents, the new Canby Theater opened its doors Wednesday afternoon while the high school band played a serenade. Telegrams of congratulations were received from Jeanette MacDonald, Lionel Barrymore, Ray Milland, Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston, Mickey Rooney, Greer Garson, Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette - The Three Mesquiteers and Roy Rogers. Many bouquets of flowers were received from Canbyans and were used to decorate the theatre. Last week merchants took over the issue of the *Canby News* to wish the Flieder Brothers success ... More than 1,000 persons attended the opening shows and the unanimous opinion of those who saw the interior of the theatre for the first time was that Canby had the finest show house in western Minnesota."

Seventy-some years later, the theater was in desperate need of an upgrade. The 35mm projectors were out-dated as the film world changed to digital. The building was also falling into disrepair.

In 2012, the theater closed its doors, perhaps for good.

Canby's citizens didn't let that happen, however.

In 2014, the city bought the building and began the extensive updates.

The roof was repaired, and the heating and cooling system was upgraded. Theater one (the larger of the two theaters) was completely refurbished, including a new digital projection system, sound, and seating (which was paid for by sponsorships of individual seats).

In addition, the lobby was completely redone, expanding the conces-

sion area and moving the ticket booth back to its original location between the doors.

The marquee received considerable attention as well, and with the help of grant money, it was completely restored to its original glory.

The Canby Theatre had its grand re-opening on April 2, 2015, featuring "Furious 7" with more than 600 people in attendance opening weekend.

In December of 2015, the Canby Theatre was named "Best Movie Theater in Minnesota" by WCCO after a viewers' choice vote.

Theater two remained on 35mm for about a year after the re-opening, but once the main theater was up and running, attention turned to the smaller one, and in 2016, it was also fully digitalized. This allows a movie to be moved to theater two after the first weekend or two, making room for another new movie to be brought to theater one.

The most impressive aspect of the enormous theater project was that it was done without taxpayer dollars. That was the goal from the beginning, and through numerous donations and fundraisers, it has been accomplished with the help of an occasional "loan" from the city.

An added bonus to all the work of converting over to digital is that there is now equipment available for deaf or hard-of-hearing and blind individuals.

For the past several years, in addition to showing a variety of new movies, the theater has spent the fall months showing classic movies, ranging from 1939 to 1990s films, and spanning every genre. There have also been performances by bands and magicians on the stage in the main theater.

In early 2021, the Canby Theatre lost its long-time best advocate with the passing of Michael Tesch. Jeff and Elise Ferguson have stepped up to manage the theater in his stead.

Theater show times vary but can be found on Facebook at Canby Theater. The theater is located at 109 St. Olaf Ave. N.





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Parks

The city of Canby boasts many parks ranging in size from many acres to a couple hundred square feet.

Perhaps the best-known is **Central Park**, located on main street.

This park is host to many events during the year, including Hat Daze and Music on Mondays, as well as many private get togethers. The park spans an entire city block, with walkways stretching from corner to corner and meeting in the center of the park at a tiered flower bed.

A large picnic shelter, many tables, and a newly updated playground are some of the amenities of Central Park.

On patriotic holidays, American flags are put up along Highway 75 and the walkways in the park.

Canby's largest park area in city limits is **Sylvan Park/Swimming Pool Park**, which cover the entire southwest corner of Canby.

Sylvan Park includes Lake Sylvan, with a baseball diamond and a kids' playground on the east side of Canby Creek and a large tree-dotted area with a pergola and picnic shelter on the west side. A footbridge spans the creek, connecting the two sides of the park.

Swimming Pool Park includes the Canby municipal pool, along with horseshoe courts, another kids' playground, and tennis courts.

Canby's disc golf course works its way around both Swimming Pool and Sylvan Parks, and a walking/bike trail begins along Lake Sylvan and passes in front of the swimming pool before heading out of town to Stone Hill Park.

Covering most of a square mile, **Stone Hill Regional Park** is the largest park in the Canby area and is located just southwest of town on County Road 30/210th Avenue.

The main feature of Stone Hill Park is Del Clark Lake, a man-made lake with a swimming beach, two boat launches, fishing peninsula, and docks.

The rest of the park features campgrounds, picnic shelters, and walking trails.

At the northeast side of Canby, between Highway 75 and County Road 3/220th Ave. is **Triangle Park**. This little park is bordered by trees and features camping, a picnic shelter, and a pond. Recently, the organization With Angel Wings has added a playground and is working on a remembrance garden as well.

Creekside Park is located along Canby creek just after it crosses under Highway 75, it is tucked in a shady area behind the parking lot next to Sanford's Hentges Center.

It features only a few small picnic tables but provides a beautiful, relaxing place to escape, perhaps to bring a quick lunch during the work day.

Canby's smallest park is **Birthday Park**. It is located at the northern corner of the intersection of St. Olaf Avenue/Highway 75 and 2nd Street.

Two sides of Birthday Park are bordered by the True Value Hardware building. The park is just a tiny oasis with a walkway, gardens, two lamp posts, and a covered bench.

It was created by the Canby Federated Women's Club in 2004 to commemorate the 125th birthday of the city and is a fun addition to downtown Canby.



Canby Swimming Pool

The Canby Public Pool was first built in 1958 and opened the following year.

In 2002, renovations were made to the wading pool, but the rest of the pool remained as it was until 2017 when the Canby City Council approved rebuilding the pool.

Among the features of the renovated pool are a diving board - an item lost in many pools due to the regulations - a large figure-8 slide, and basketball hoops.

The pool was redesigned to have a zero entry section and amenities for smaller children.

Each year, there are swimming lessons for children and exercise for adults.

There are also free-swim events held during special events in town, such as Hat Daze and National Night Out.





Canby Disc Golf Course

Canby's disc golf course was established in 2012; it was the idea of three individuals who enjoy playing disc golf.

Brian Bormann and Dave and Kristian Leppke have traveled around the area playing disc golf at over 150 courses.

When driving by one day, they noticed the corridor of trees behind the swimming pool and thought it would make a good disc golf hole.

Originally, they tied strings to trees to figure out where the holes would start and finish.

Then, Bormann talked to Canby's then city administrator, Nicholas Johnson, who was very supportive and helped get the fundraising as well as finding good baskets for the course.

Each hole has a sponsor, which is posted on the diagram of each hole by the cement tee pads.

The course was designed in an effort to incorporate every aspect possible, including the corridor of trees, elevation changes, a river and lake, and several holes that can be made in one throw.

Swimming Pool Park and Sylvan Park were a great location, having bathrooms, a playground, the pool, softball field, and horse

shoe courts.

Once the design was figured out, Bormann ordered all the supplies, and with the help of David, they installed everything. Kurt Olson poured the cement.

The Canby disc golf course gives a great challenge for any player in the area. It has a great flow, and disc golf is an affordable and fun pastime.

The course starts near the swimming pool playground, then stretches around behind the swimming pool and back up and around to finish at hole four - which is near where hole one starts. From there, hole five starts across the street by the picnic shelter. The course then stretches down the hill and across Canby Creek, back up along Sylvan Lake, up and down the side of the hill to where hole nine's pin is on the other side of the picnic shelter from hole five's tee.

There are multiple leagues held throughout the year every Sunday at 4 p.m. for any disc golfer to join. A tournament is typically held for all ages at Canby Hat Daze.

Playing the course is free, unless you count losing discs in the lake.



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Canby Golf Course

Two miles north of Canby on County Highway 13 is the Canby Golf Club.

This course was designed with 18 holes in 1921 with the first handicap tournament being played in August of that year.

The following year, the club reorganized the course and laid out a nine-hole sand green course on 42 acres of leased land.

Following little use during World War II, the Canby Junior Chamber of Commerce took over operations of the clubhouse in 1947.

Fundraisers in 1947 and 1956 raised \$2,000 and \$8,400, respectively, and allowed for the club to be a sports center and a place for meetings, Bridge and area gatherings.

During this time, there was an addition of an adjoining 35 acres, and a new nine-hole course was designed by a course architect. With the addition of a watering system, the greens were now actually green.



In 1959, a new well was dug, and the clubhouse moved to its present location, atop the highest land on the course; that year, they welcomed 75 members.

Remodeling of the clubhouse began in 1970 with stock sales and an FHA loan; these remodels included an improvement to the heating and air conditioning, a new kitchen, and carpeting.

A series of fund raisers in the late '70s and early '80s allowed for the installation of an underground irrigation system for the fairways, and it was upgraded in the 1990s to be electronically programmable.

The club became licensed to serve alcohol during the 2016 season, and this allowed for the course to afford a full-time groundskeeper and also pursue other water sources to keep the course looking better every year.

The course is a par 36 for men and a 37 for women due to some variation in pars and tees. The men's league is played on Wednesday nights. Women's league is Tuesday nights.

There are cart sheds available for rent, as well as carts for rent during the golf season.



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Canby Public Library

A public library was established in Canby around the year 1915 with the current location, attached to the Canby city hall, built in 1959.

Besides the wide selection of books for all ages, the Canby Public Library has DVDs, audio books, magazines, and e-books. There are also computers, laptops, and iPads available for public use.

In 2003, the Canby Public Library became a part of the Pioneerland Library System. Through this system, the library has access to nearly 17,000 books, plus over 2,000 DVDs and 550 audio books. Items can also be requested from any library in the state of Minnesota.

Many programs happen at the Canby Public Library during the year. There is a summer reading program for children and a winter reading program for adults. There are also story times, an adult book club, teen programming, and various other programs made possible through the state's Legacy funds.

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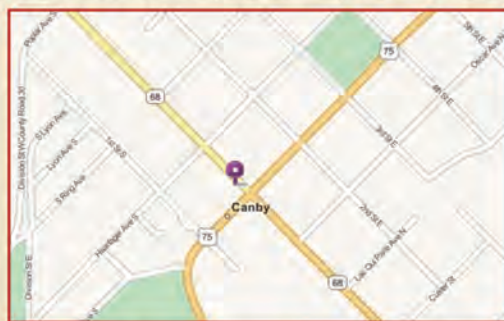


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Myers Field

Myers Field was first constructed in 1961 as a 2,500 foot turf landing strip and was paved in 1977. The runway was expanded in 2005 from 2,500 feet to 4,650, and the hangar was expanded in 2017.

The airport is named after Dr. John Myers, who served on the Canby City Airport Commission for many years and flew a blue and white Cessna. An image of his plane is on display at the entrance of the field.

There are 20 stalls at the airport, and in 2016, the airport fueled nearly 400 different aircraft. There are both 100LL and jet fuel available from a self-service station, as well as an arrival/departure building.

Myers also has a pilot certificate examiner on site.

For the past 13 years, the airport has hosted a Father's Day air show in connection with Canby's Hat Daze. The event is always free to the public and has had many great pilots perform. There are also airplane rides available as well as local groups raising funds by offering meals to attendees.



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Canby Schools

Public Schools

Canby's first school was established in December 1877 with Andrew Ouverson as the teacher. It was run on the second floor of the Gustav Erickson home.

In 1880, a two-story, four room school was built where Our Saviour's Lutheran Church now stands.

On June 25, 1887, petitioners succeeded in organizing the Independent School District No. 30.

The first school board was elected on July 9, 1887, with members, A. L. Houghton, A. M. Olson, A. Gilbertson, E. F. Lesner, A. A. Wattnen and F. G. Wells.

A new school was erected in December 1895 and was razed in 1867 for a new high school addition.

The first senior class graduated in 1897; they were Bjaina Landmark, Sophie Landmark, Gertrude Potter and Florence Train.

With enrollment increasing, the school was added onto again in 1905.

Canby continued to grow, and an addition to the high school was built in 1916, at the cost of \$67,000; it was dedicated on April 30, 1918. At the time, the enrollment was 477, 146 students in high school and 331 in the rest of the grades.

In 1946, another addition was approved, and in 1950, the board approved a bid of \$235,845 for the gym-auditorium addition.

The elementary school was built and ready for opening in 1961, and the junior high/high school was updated at the same time.



The newest addition was added onto the high school in the form of a new cafeteria in 2002.

Canby Elementary received a new roof and library (the old courtyard) in 2016.

Catholic School

The overcrowded classrooms at Canby Elementary were alleviated somewhat with the opening of St. Peter's Catholic School in 1955. At the time, it was reported that country students outnumbered city students two to one.

The Sisters of Notre Dame of Mankato provided the teaching staff, and they only taught up to grade six to start. Two years later, seventh and eighth grade were added.

The first graduating class of St. Peter's in 1958 had 14 students.

In the school year of 1977-1978, the seventh and eighth grade classes dissolved and began enrolling into the Canby Public School District.

Post-secondary

Canby's hometown option for post secondary education came about in 1962 when the state board of education approved Canby as a site for a vocational school. In the summer of 1965, Minnesota West Community and Technical College's Canby campus was completed, and 114 students walked its halls for class on August 30.

The initial name of the school was Canby Area Vocational-Technical School, and it went through several names - Canby Area Vocational-Technical Institute, Southwestern Vocational Technical Institute - Canby Campus, and Southwestern Technical College - Canby Campus - until 1997 when the Worthington Community College and Southwestern Technical College combined to form the current Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

In 1969, the campus was expanded upon, doubling its size to 40,000 square feet. This was also the first year that high school contests were held, bringing 300 students to the campus. They added on the diesel and truck mechanics building in 1973, the auto mechanics building in 1974, the ag building in 1975, the architectural drafting building in 1976, and the diesel and farm equipment mechanics building in 1979.

The Canby campus currently offers programs in dental assisting, diesel technology, electrician, and wind energy technology.



Canby Farmers' Market

The Canby Farmers' Market was started in 2019 by Ted and Amanda Berckes to fill a need they saw in the community for a regular place and time for local gardeners to sell their produce.

The market is open each Thursday from 4-6 p.m. beginning July 8 and generally runs until early October. It is located at the picnic shelter in Canby's Central Park.

Local vendors offer a variety of items for sale at the market. In addition to the fresh-from-the-garden produce, shoppers may find baked and canned goods, honey, eggs, coffee beans, jams, kettle corn, cotton candy, soaps, plants, and other homemade goods.





Sanford Canby

Sanford Canby Medical Center and its team of health care providers have established a tradition of health and healing, recognizing the importance of treating people where they live.

Currently, about 300 employees provide health care services through the clinic, hospital, nursing home, assisted living, home care services and dental clinic.

Several providers have been living and working in the area for 10 to 20 years, enabling patients to establish life-long relationships with their medical team.

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Offering a wide array of services for people of all ages, the Sanford Canby Medical Center campus includes a wellness center, assisted living and long-term care facilities as well as a dental clinic.

Certified as a level IV trauma hospital, Sanford Canby Medical Center is also an acute stroke ready hospital. It offers medical, surgical and emergency care. Services continue to grow as 2016 saw a remodel of rooms for outpatient care. New construction also took place in the emergency department with construction of two trauma rooms, an exam room, nursing station and decontamination space.

Emergency care is available 24 hours a day. Surgical services include same-day and inpatient surgery, including a certified registered nurse anesthetist on staff.

Sanford Canby Medical Center operates Sanford Canby Clinic with physician areas of expertise including family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, preventative medicine, and more.

Additionally, a team of doctors provides outreach service in many areas such as cardiology, nephrology, ophthalmology, gastroenterology, urology, orthopedics, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and more. The medical staff at Sanford Canby Medical Center includes two medical doctors, three physician assistants and one nurse practitioner.

For those needing services in the home, Sanford Canby has a Medicare-certified home care agency. Sylvan Place includes 19 secure one- and two-bedroom apartment units and is designed to provide ages 55 and up with as much independence and privacy as possible along with the security of a facility adjacent to the hospital. On-site skilled nursing care facilities are provided in Sylvan Court, which provides direct access to hospital, physician clinic and specialty outreach clinics.

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Buffalo Ridge Resort, Gary, S.D.

Buffalo Ridge Resort and Business Center was once the first South Dakota school for the blind and was a collection of nine buildings on 37 acres in Gary, S.D. For more than 60 years, it served as the state's educational facility for blind children.

In 1895, Gary, S.D., lost its status as county seat and offered the Deuel County courthouse building to the state to be used as a school for the blind. Because the original building was unsuitable for a school, the citizens of Gary raised money to build a two-story brick structure. The school opened in 1900 and was the 42nd school for the blind in the nation.

Average enrollment at the school was 55 to 60 students per year. From the beginning, the course of instruction offered at the school followed closely what was taught in the common schools of the state. In addition to the regular curriculum, braille was taught, as was physical education, industrial work, piano tuning, broom making, chair caning and upholstery, as well as domestic science.

The school was self-supporting with its own dairy, hogs, beef, chickens, and gardens. The garden produce was stored in the root cellar, which is now the wine cellar for the Rock Room Bar and Grill. The students were a big part of the community, and people in town would often give the students rides to wherever they needed to go.

In 1957-58, the idea of relocating the school surfaced. The major downfalls were the need for additional facilities at Gary and the lack of travel experiences for the students as well as the desired proximity to a college.

In 1961, the school was moved to Aberdeen, and the main buildings were then used as a supervised living home for the elderly. Since the early 1980s, the buildings had been vacant. Although vandals, weather, and vermin had taken a toll on the structures, most were considered structurally sound, and none of the buildings had been altered. The beautiful neoclassical and classical-revival designed complex includes classrooms, administration offices, dormitories, barns, boiler building, playground, unique water fountain in an old flower garden, and a gym/auditorium with a stage.

In December of 2008, Joe Kolbach, a local entrepreneur, purchased the campus from an estate. On Dec. 12, 2008, the residents of Gary, S.D., and the surrounding areas gathered in the south dormitory auditorium for a community meeting to give their input into future activities that could tie into the facility. Restoration of the buildings and the reestablishment of Lake Elsie began in December of 2008 with a completion goal of Gary's annual 4th of July celebration in 2009.

The project started in phases and began with the first two dormitory buildings, which were built in 1910 and 1924. The boiler and administration buildings were renovated at a later date.

Buffalo Ridge offers lodging in the Herrick Hotel or the Talking Waters Campground along with dining and entertainment at the Rock Room Bar and Grill. The grounds and ballroom are also a popular venue for weddings.



The Alibi, Gary, S.D.

The Alibi in Gary, S.D., has been a staple cafe in the community for the past 40 years.

In the past several years, the basement has been transformed into an arcade room where kids can play throughout the day. Parties and special events can also be held in this area.

The assortment of activities available in the room include air hockey, foosball, darts, Nintendo Wii, arcade games, and a variety of puzzles and board games.

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Chamber of Commerce

The Canby Chamber of Commerce has helped connect businesses and the community for many years.

They put on five different events throughout the year - Spring Showcase in April, Hat Daze in June, Crazy Days in August, Fall Fest in September, and Hometown Holidays in December.

There are around 60-65 annual members of the Canby Chamber of Commerce, and they meet the second Wednesday of each month at 12 p.m., usually at P.K. Egans, but sometimes at other member businesses who are willing to host the meeting.

The Chamber's goal is to support local businesses, connecting them with the community and the surrounding communities to help boost their business on event days. They also try to provide fun events and entertainment during events to the public at no cost.

The current Chamber president is Jason Anderson.

If someone wishes to join, please get in contact with him or any other member of the Chamber.

Spring Showcase

The goal of Spring Showcase is to help provide an opportunity for businesses to hold a sale and bring in more customers overall.

Hat Daze - June 19-21

Hat Daze is typically held Father's Day weekend and began back in the late 1970s.

The theme of hats began with Jane Lanners' many hats; people decorated their storefronts with hats, and citizens would wear a vast assortment of hats. Prior to that, there was a new theme every year.

The Chamber sells raffle tickets each year to help provide cash to bring in bouncy houses for children to play on for free. Usual events and attractions include an inflatable 5k hosted by Sanford, a Hat Daze Disc Golf Tournament at Sylvan Park's course, a 3-person golf scramble at the Canby Golf Course, and a kids' fishing derby at Del Clark.

A multitude of other events take place on the downtown streets and all throughout Central Park, with multiple vendors providing food and entertainment.

A parade makes its way from the elementary school, along the back side of Central Park, and on to the swimming pool; the Canby Fire Department hosts water fights following the parade.

This event is more focused on the community than the businesses, and any funds raised by the Chamber during Hat Daze pay for the entertainment that is free for the public.



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Crazy Days - August 7

Businesses coordinate with the help of the Canby News to get sales lined up and set their goods out on the sidewalks downtown for people to look at and purchase.

This is an event that is hosted by the Canby Chamber of Commerce but driven by the local businesses.



Fall Fest - September 18

Fall Fest started out in Sylvan Park and was coordinated to have events with the pool and multiple fun events run by organizations like Canby 4 Kids and The Connection. More recently, the events have focused in Central Park to go along with new events that are held downtown.

The past few years, there has been a car show held along Highway 75 in front of the Canby Theatre. The theater shows special movies as well as other entertainment.

The Canby Golf Club has hosted a scramble golf tournament in past years as well.



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Hometown Holidays - December 4-5

Hometown Holidays has a multitude of events ranging from a vendor sale to Santa's workshop.

The Women's Festival is sponsored by Sanford Canby Auxiliary at the former Schott's building, with a variety of vendors offering their goods.

Lancer Lanes has offered free bowling, sponsored by the Canby Chamber of Commerce, that afternoon as well.

Both Saturday and Sunday offer a chance for people to join in the free movie showings at the Canby Theatre.

Starting in 2016, there was a kids shopping mall held at P.K. Egans; a room is set up just for kids to go in and purchase gifts for parents and loved ones with help from Canby High School students, while parents are able to go into a separate room to have goodies and relax and talk.

Santa Claus is available later in the day at Santa's workshop.

There is also a parade of lights held downtown on Highway 75 and around Sanford Canby to Lake Sylvan, where the tree on the corner is then lit.

The Living Nativity, while not a Chamber event, has moved downtown to coincide with the Hometown Holidays events.

Canby's Living Nativity will celebrate its 29th year in 2021.

Started in 1993, it was the idea of Mary Homan (then Lipinski) and based off a similar event in Springfield. The idea behind the event was to promote Christmas shopping in Canby.

The first performance took place Dec. 19, 1993, on the corner lot on 1st St. and Haarfager, where Canby Inn & Suites now stands. It was held in that location until 2009, when it moved to Water Billboards and then to the corner of St. Olaf and 2nd Street in 2016.

From the beginning, it has been an all volunteer event which includes all churches, and everything is donated.

The event goes on, no matter what. The second performance the very first year took place in a snowstorm, and another year, it was too cold to bring the live animals, which have been included in every nativity except that one.

While the 2021 date has not been set, if possible, the nativity will be held along with the parade of lights once again.

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Yellow Medicine County Fair

The first Yellow Medicine County Fair was organized in August of 1881. Forty acres of land outside of Granite Falls was bought for \$500 the following June with the fair held in the fall.

After a few years in Granite Falls, interest waned, and the fair was moved to Canby where the Yellow Medicine County Fair Association was organized July 9, 1900. They purchased 22.5 acres of land on the north edge of Canby at a price of \$840.

Horse racing was the main attraction of the early fairs, and the fairgrounds had a half-mile race track on which the races were held. Over the years, interest declined, and in 1931, horse racing was dropped and gradually replaced with motor events.

In 1932, the Canby VFW and American Legion took over the YMC Fair Association which was having financial difficulties. They ran the fair for ten years until the fair association was re-activated in 1942. In 1947, county residents voted 1,170 to 1,059 to purchase the fairgrounds from the VFW and American Legion.

Buildings were added to the grounds over the years with a livestock show pavilion in 1939, 4-H building in 1949, grandstand in 1954, dairy building in 1955, school house museum in 1959, pole-type judging barn in 1962, and grandstand addition in 1970. In more recent years, the previous Pavilion building was burned and replaced, a new grandstand was built, and the "Heritage Center" was built to hold arts and cultural type events.

Originally held during the week, the fair later became a weekend event, taking place Thursday through Sunday.

The fair was cancelled a few times over the years due to outbreaks of infectious diseases such as polio when it was felt to be too dangerous to gather a crowd of people together, and 2020 was another such year with the fair cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Returning in 2021, this year's fair will take place July 22-25, and attractions include baja races and tractor pull in the grandstand, polka and bluegrass bands, many 4-H events, a kids pedal pull, antique tractors on display, juggling, magic show, balloon artist, and more.

The fair is also an opportunity to witness the talents of those in the community and, in turn, show off your own projects. Youth can

join 4-H and enter their projects in numerous categories. The open class is available for anyone to compare their baking, needle crafts, garden produce, arts and crafts, or photography against others in the area.

Admission to the YMC Fair is free. There is no charge for gate admission or parking, and most of the events, except for the grandstand shows, are open to the public free of charge.

Due to this, the YMC Fair Association relies heavily on contributions from area businesses, organizations, and individuals, along with grant money and county funding to cover the costs of putting on the fair.

The YMC Fair Association's board is comprised of members from Yellow Medicine and bordering counties. Meetings are held January through June along with a review of the fair in August and the annual meeting in November.

The YMC Fair can be found online at www.ymcfair.org or under Yellow Medicine County Fair on Facebook and can be contacted by email at ymcfair@gmail.com.





Independence Day, Gary, S.D.

Gary, S.D., holds an annual Independence Day Celebration the week of July 4.

The celebration is typically held in the days leading up to the Fourth of July with events going on all day long on July 3.

Kids events take place at City Park and include a kiddie parade, turtle races, pedal tractor pull, fishing derby, and games such as sack races, water balloon toss, and egg races. There is also a soap box derby race held.

Other events during the celebration include an ice cream social, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, street dance, entertainment at the Rock Room, tractor pull, watermelon eating contest, fire department water fights, fishing derby, and fireworks.



Ice Fishing Tournament

In January of 2019, the first annual fishing tournament was held at Del Clark Lake, sponsored by the Canby Sportsman's Club and Canby Fire Relief Association.

It included a 24-hour tournament, the only of its kind in the state of Minnesota, as well as a 2-hour tournament. Prizes were given for the largest fish in five different species. More than \$7,500 worth of prizes were given away.

Besides fishing, there were kids events, a bonfire on the beach, burger feed, minnow races, and Sno Bear rides.

The event continued to build on its success, and the fourth annual tournament will take place Jan. 28-29, 2022.



Porter Harvest Festival

The Porter Harvest Festival is an annual event held the third weekend of August. The 2021 dates will be Aug. 20-22.

Typical events held during the weekend include a medallion hunt, lawn mower fun run, crowning of the senior citizen king and queen, vendor and craft fair, 5k cross country race, kids pedal tractor pull, kids carnival, bean bag tournament, and more.

The north versus south co-ed softball game is always a highlight.

Visit Porter's web-site www.portermn.org or check out the Facebook page - Porter Harvest Festival - for more information.



Tour de Kids Bike-a-thon

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gary, S.D., is the beginning and ending location for a bike-a-thon held each year. This year's event is planned for sometime in August.

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In 1985, the Canby Community Scholarship Plan was established through the Blue and Gold Foundation and began giving scholarships to graduates. At least \$500,000 has been given out since then.

There are not many schools that go to the lengths of having a scholarship program within the community, and those that do exist are not as large as Canby's.

The goal of the Blue and Gold Foundation is to give each graduate a \$1,000 scholarship. This is to help them go on to a post secondary education, whether it be a college, university, vocational or technical college or any other accredited program.

It all started with the goal of a single individual, Paul Ruth. He wanted a community-run organization to be able to provide hope for future generations to come.

Ruth worked together with a core group of people, Bernie Ailts, Bernard Madsen, Lloyd Kopperud, Millard Hayek, Dr. DT Nelson, Fran Beecher, Jody Olson and Richard Birk, to establish the Blue

and Gold Foundation.

To raise funds, the foundation conducts fundraisers, accepts cash, stocks, bonds, securities, appreciated property, real estate and grain.

This is where the people of Canby come in and become donors to the Blue and Gold Foundation.

Those who have sponsored at the Orange (\$1,000 to \$5,000), Blue (\$5,000 to \$10,000), Gold (\$10,000 to \$25,000), or Platinum levels (\$25,000+) are displayed on the wall outside of the new gymnasium at Canby High School.

Each year, the students receive their diplomas and are given the scholarships during graduation. Graduates receive scholarships in a multitude of price ranges, from several hundred to over a thousand dollars.

Among the 38 graduates for 2020, 32 scholarships were given out, bringing total scholarship payout by the Blue & Gold Foundation to nearly \$600,000 since its inception. This would not have been possible without the generosity and support from members of the community and the hard work of Blue & Gold board members.

For information on the Blue & Gold Foundation and how to donate, please get in contact with Nancy Bormann.

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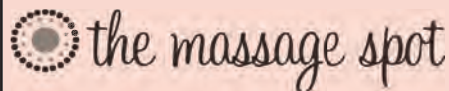
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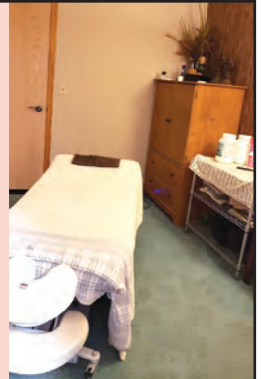


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The Canby Fire Department has been protecting the community since January 22, 1886, back when 20 men organized a hook and ladder company.

Canby's first foreman was E.S. Williams.

That March, the new hook and ladder rig arrived, and according to the news at the time, "The trucks are light and easily moved, hooks, ladders, rubber buckets, axes, etc..., and have their places and everything is conveniently arranged. We now have something for protection in case of fire, and in a village composed principally of wooden buildings a hook and ladder company will fill all requirements."

Also in March, the firemen had enough in their treasury to purchase blue flannel shirts with red shields, and in May, they were able to buy caps and belts.

The Canby fire hall was built in 1986, and Fire Chief Derrick Ruether is one of the 25 volunteers on hand to go out when the call comes in.

Besides the city, the Canby Fire Department provides services 10 townships as well; they are Florida, Fortier, Freeland, Hammer, Hansonville, Marble, Norman, Oshkosh, Providence and Werge-land.



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CAMA Ministries Building

The CAMA (Canby Area Ministerial Association) Building is located across from the fairgrounds and is divided into three parts with each serving a different aspect of the community. This former church building was donated to CAMA upon the closing of the church. The churches involved in CAMA are Antelope Hills, Bethel Lutheran, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Full Gospel, Nicolai Lutheran, Our Saviour's Lutheran, St. Leo Catholic, and St. Peter's Catholic.

The Connection Youth Center

The Connection Youth Center started in 2002 with the Canby area churches coming together to offer a place where children could go after school and during the summer.

It used to be housed directly on main street in downtown Canby but moved to the CAMA Ministries building several years ago.

The new location is closer to both Canby Elementary and St. Peter's Elementary, and students no longer have to cross a highway to get to its doors.

There is a large room inside for children to play in, a sitting area for snacks to be served from a stocked kitchen, a cemented area that is to be renovated for games, and a fenced play area in the back of the building.

Currently, there are between 20-30 kids that utilize The Connection regularly, and children can be dropped off for a day here and there if needed.



Community Enrichment Center

The Community Enrichment Center is the newest addition to the CAMA building. It provides a space for groups or organizations to meet or to offer enrichment and educational opportunities.

The room can comfortably seat 14-18 people and includes a large screen TV, kitchenette, and bathroom.

For information on upcoming events, check out Canby Area Ministerial Association - CAMA on Facebook.



Antelope Hills Furniture Ministry

The Antelope Hills Furniture Ministry is located in the rear of the CAMA building and offers furniture, appliances, and household items to anyone in need.

Donations of items which are no longer needed can be brought to the ministry, and they will then be given to a person who is in need of that item.

Pastor Steve Maas of Antelope Hills Christian Church is the contact for the furniture ministry. He can be reached at pastorsteve116@yahoo.com or 605-881-9024.





Summer Rec.

Canby's summer recreation program has been around for more than 40 years and is still going strong.

Some of the early programs were baseball, softball, arts and crafts, and swimming lessons.

Today, summer rec. has grown to many different activities, with multiple age groups for many of the activities.

Currently, there are classes for young artists, youth games, team games, golf, volleyball, soccer, fishing, baseball, theatre, disc golf, baking, wrestling, science, basketball, and dance.

Additional summer offerings include swimming lessons, The Connection, Yellow Medicine County 4-H, Country Twisters gymnastics, and the Sanford Power Program.

To sign up for programs or if there are any questions, please contact Shelly Frank at 507-828-8443 or check out the Facebook page - Canby Summer Recreation Program.



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Canby 4 Kids

Canby 4 Kids is a local non-profit organization focused on providing fun activities and opportunities for the Canby area youth.

Anyone can volunteer to be a member of Canby 4 Kids. The organization is responsible for displaying the flags on the main highways in Canby on all national holidays. They hold an annual fundraiser where local area businesses donate to the organization, and there are several roller-skating events, which help raise money to sponsor other activities.

Canby 4 Kids sponsors events such as the Easter hunt, Christmas movie, and National Night Out. They also provide scholarships for Legionville and a Canby High School graduate.

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YAMS

Canby YAMS started up in 2007 as the brainchild of Brian Skogen.

It began with the help of a Drug-Free Communities grant from Yellow Medicine County in an effort to help cut down underage drinking and to establish youth groups within the schools.

The group started out with 11 kids and Skogen as advisor; now, there are around 90 kids that are a part of YAMS.

YAMS stands for Youths Against Misusing Substances and holds events for students in high school and elementary to participate in.

Each year, the group hosts Kids Night Out at the high school for fourth through sixth graders, putting on multiple different stations of games for the elementary students to enjoy with high school students overseeing and leading the groups.

There is also a field party held on coronation night at Armitage Memorial Football Field with powder puff football, food, and multiple different activities.

They hold multiple bean bag tournaments each year, have a section of highway they have adopted to keep clean, host a movie night, do radio ads, have held a cookie bake in the past, and do multiple charity fundraisers such as gathering food (We Scare Hunger and YAMS Squash Hunger) and clothing and school items (Operation Christmas Child).



High schoolers and Skogen also go to their younger classmates and talk about YAMS.

Canby's YAMS has been a blueprint for other schools to follow, and after funding fell through at the state level, the county put forth an effort to help keep dollars coming in for the successful organization.

For more information on YAMS, please contact Brian Skogen at brian.skogen@canbylancers.org.

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Canby Area Arts Council

The mission of the Canby Area Arts Council (CAAC) is to support and promote the visual, literary, and performing arts by providing programs and events in order to benefit the community.

Originally sponsored by the city of Canby and founded in 2013, it is now a member-driven 501c3 organization.

One of the best-known functions of the CAAC is Music on Mondays. This series of varied musical performers, all with a tie to the area, will feature Charlie Roth and Matt Fockler on June 14, the Larry Olsen Band Jun 28, Jazz with Ross and Pete July 26, and Mario Callens Aug. 9. All performances are in Central Park.

A new offering from the Arts Council this year is the "Art in the Park." Workshops will be held throughout the summer in Central Park. They include plein air painting July 10-11, play with clay for adults and youth Aug. 7 and 21, and intergenerational field and farmland mixed media workshop Sept. 11.

Other events where the CAAC has worked to promote arts in the community include art displays in the windows of downtown businesses during Hat Daze weekend in June, encouraging conversation about arts in the community, and occasional art presentations in various locations during the year.

Current information and updates can be found on Facebook - Canby Area Arts Council MN or Instagram - @canbyareaartscouncilmn. Or email canbyareaartscouncil@gmail.com with questions. Watch for more to come.



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4-H

4-H began in Yellow Medicine County in 1912 with the formation of the Burr Bustlers Club, one of the oldest clubs in the state.

The motto of 4-H is "To make the best better," and the slogan is, "Learn by doing."

Canby High School was one of only 10 schools in Minnesota to receive \$2,500 from the state to add departments for the teaching of agriculture, home economics, and manual training. This laid the groundwork for 4-H in the county. The next year, in the first "school fairs," Canby youth demonstrated bed making and showed samples of bread and clothing articles.

By 1928, an active group of 4-H girls met each week during the summer. They put on style shows and dress revues.

Currently, the county has around 115 4-H members forming six clubs with two of them

based in Canby.

4-H youth development offers age-appropriate hands-on learning in both short- and long-term projects and activities including 4-H clubs, special interest groups, after-school programs, community service, and more.

Around 80 members bring projects and livestock to the county fair and participate in other events at the fair such as a cook-off competition, senior premier livestock showmanship, archery exhibition, and more.

4-H isn't only about the county fair, though. During the year, after-school programs and project exploration days were offered, involving many additional youth.

4-H clubs also perform various types of community service such as beautifying the community through painting or planting flowers, cleaning road ditches, helping provide gifts to children at Christmas, and more.

A big plan for 4-H in Yellow Medicine County is to expand the program by offering interest-specific programming. One of these programs already ongoing is the Yellow Medicine 4-H archery project which began in the summer of 2016. This group met each week during the summer with a volunteer leader to learn the skill of archery.

The hope is to expand the shooting sports project to include firearms as well.

To learn more about 4-H in Yellow Medicine County, contact Alicia Webb, 4-H program coordinator, at 320-669-4471 or aawebb@umn.edu.



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VFW

Clark-Hanson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 117 of Canby was established on April 8, 1919.

It was the third post instituted in Minnesota, with the other two being in St. Paul and in Minneapolis. It is also the first in outstate Minnesota and the first in the nation to be organized in a small town.

The post started with 16 charter members, Otto Peterson, William Schwandt, Orin Ferguson, Elmar Maas, Louis Eagen, Ivan Fleming, Orrin Lund, Henry Johnson, John Bowe (the first commander), Henry Overson, Goodwin Tyler, Andrew Drengson, Monte Loosemoore, Marion Westcott, Edwin Erickson and Milo Foss.

Canby's post was named in honor of the first two Canby soldiers killed in action in France.

The VFW first met at a hall on the Yellow Medicine County Fairgrounds; it then moved to a room behind Canby Drug, then to the VFW (which was Doc's Cafe and is now Heroes Sports Bar & Grill). Now, their meetings are held every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Canby Community Center in city hall.

Canby's VFW also had a last man's company started up on September 2, 1946, with 72 original members. They met each year since the start to hold a reunion and have a meal together. Paul Miller was the last of the original 72 still living, and a memorial plaque is displayed at Heroes with the original bottle of wine they all signed at the start of their company.

Post No. 117 participates in Canby's Memorial Day and Veteran's Day programs; they also help out other VFWs with participation for color guards.

They, along with Canby's VFW Auxiliary, work with the youth of the city by sponsoring the Voice of Democracy and youth essay program. Each year, they also put on Poppy Day.



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VFW Auxiliary

Canby's Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary was instituted in 1932, and they meet every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Canby Community Center in city hall.

The organization had up to 146 members at one time, but now membership is in the 80s.



Canby's Auxiliary spends time working with the youth of the town, giving out the Young American Award to kindergartners and pencils to second graders for learning the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other activities they work with youth on are the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essays as well as a patriotic art contest.




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Lions Club

The Canby Lions Club was founded in 1975 and is still going strong, with meetings held every second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at PK Egans. There are currently 21 members.

They raise funds by running the concession stand at Canby Lancer football games and selling tacos at basketball games and hot chocolate during Canby Chamber of Commerce events.

The main areas they donate to include an annual scholarship, Canby High School's post prom, the Spanish club trip to Puerto Rico, Lions Leader Dog Program, Lions Diabetes Program, Legionville, and, most recently, a tree drive for the Canby community. They also collect used shoes for the Soles for Souls program every other year, clean ditches, and collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled. They have helped with projects around the town as well, including benches at Sylvan Park and the welcome signs that grace the edges of Canby.

Anyone wishing to join the Lions Club can attend their monthly meeting or get a hold of any of the current officers.



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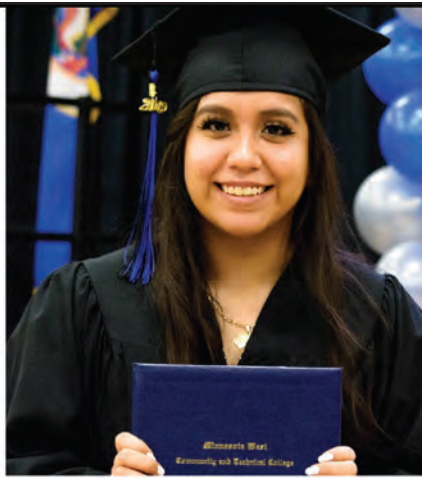
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Girl Scouts

Canby Girl Scout Troop #37920 is open to any girls in grades K-12. It is currently run by four troop leader volunteers. They do all kinds of arts and crafts, work on skill building and leadership skills, and make new friendships. They have taken field trips to Disney on Ice and build a bear workshop and plan on doing more field trips in the future. They do fundraisers like nuts and chocolate sales in the fall and cookie sales in early spring!

Canby Girl Scouts are always looking for troop leader volunteers, and enrollment to join the Girl Scouts is open all year long. They offer financial aid for membership fees, troop dues, materials needed, events, camp, etc.

The Girl Scout mission statement is, "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place!"

To learn more about the Girl Scouts, contact Erica Arends at 507-841-4760, or email her at ericalynnearends25@gmail.com.

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Rotary Club of Canby

The Rotary Club of Canby began in 1946 when a group of business and professional men decided to start a service club in Canby.

Representatives from three major international service organizations - Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis - were invited to present facts about their organizations. On Aug. 19, 1946, Rotary was chosen, and the first officers of the club were elected.

Among the service projects during the first year were street signs, an airport feasibility study, a planning commission for the city, and picnic tables for Lake Park. Over the years, the projects have varied widely, but the service to the community has remained constant. Projects visible in the community today include picnic shelters, the fountain in Lake Sylvan, and the bistro tables in downtown Canby.

The program which invites high school seniors to attend meetings began in the fall of 1948 and continues today.

Rotary stresses the importance of the four-way test for thoughts, words, and deeds: 1 - Is it the truth? 2 - Is it fair to all concerned? 3 - Will it build goodwill and better friendships? and 4 - Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Currently, Rotary has 30-plus members and meets every Thursday at noon at PK Egans restaurant.



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Sons of Norway

The Sons of Norway began in 1895 in Minneapolis and is the world's largest ethnic fraternal benefit society with over 380 lodges and more than 50,000 members.

Canby's Sons of Norway lodge, Vennskap 554, was started Sept. 11, 1976. Meetings are held at the Canby Community Center the second Monday of each month, September through June, with potluck picnics held in July and August. The program often features historians, cultural skills, authors, demonstrations, music, genealogy, or Nordic cultural topics followed by a short business meeting, socialization and refreshments.



Members of the organization receive the award-winning Viking Magazine each month, and the Sons of Norway website offers an online Norwegian language course along with resources for development of cultural skills, travel discounts, and insurance products.

Members contribute to the commu-

nity in a number of ways, including the annual soup supper in November, providing a community Syttende Mai celebration, and driving the Viking ship in parades.

Two grant-sponsored fundraisers provided musical programs to secure donations for the development of the Canby Theatre. The Canby Community Center was given a projector and a large screen, along with cushioned folding chairs. In addition, canned food items and cash donations are gathered for the Canby Area Food Shelf.

Each year, Vennskap prepares cancelled stamps for Tubfrim, a Norway-based organization which uses the proceeds from sales of the stamps to improve the quality of life of children with disabilities.

Vennskap earned the Lodge of the Year honor three times in 11 years based on programs and community involvement.

Visitors are always welcome at Vennskap programs, and anyone interested in Nordic culture may become a member.

For additional information, contact Randy at 223-7573.




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