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## From The Editor

December has always been a special month for me.

My brother and I celebrate our birthdays two days apart.

Fortunately, the celebrations occurred early enough in the month that there was enough distance from Christmas to not merge everything together. You know, we were assured two separate gift unwrapping events.

It wasn't just the celebrations that made growing up in Wayzata so special.

It also meant myriad winter outdoor activities to enjoy.

Sledding and ice skating topped the list.

I remember taking a sled up the hill to a nearby street/neighbor's yard and dodging trees on the way down. Enough runs down the hill assured you had a relatively safe place to travel.

And when it got too cold or simply too tired, that feeling of warmth after unbundling inside was always something to look forward to.

Nowadays, I enjoy those walks along Lake Street, perhaps after the sun goes down, when all you can hear is the crunching of the snow below your feet.

Nothing better than Wayzata in December.

*Nate Hedding*  
Editor in Chief

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# Lake Life:

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## December Fishing Report:

Water temperatures will be in the mid-40s and likely open water at the beginning of the month.

Live bait is the way to go (sucker minnows, fatheads, shiners).

If you find small perch, you'll find walleye.

This is a great month to start to get your ice fishing gear ready.

Black Lake and Seton are typically the first to freeze over on Lake Minnetonka.

But you have to wait until you have 2-3 inches of clear ice before venturing out and starting the ice fishing season.

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### WINTER LIGHTS

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska  
Throughout December

### FIRE ON ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, 12/2-12/4

### CHRISTMAS IN EXCELSIOR, 12/3

### HOLIDAY AT HILDE, 12/4

Hilde Performance Center, Plymouth

### THE NORTHERN EXPRESS, 12/9-12/18

Camp Fire Minnesota, Excelsior

### THE WIZARD OF OZ, 12/11-12/18

Blue Water Theatre Company  
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### UGLY SWEATER, CRAFT & GIFT SHOW, 12/18

### HANUKKAH, 12/18-12/26

### CHRISTMAS DAY, 12/25

### NEW YEAR'S EVE, 12/31

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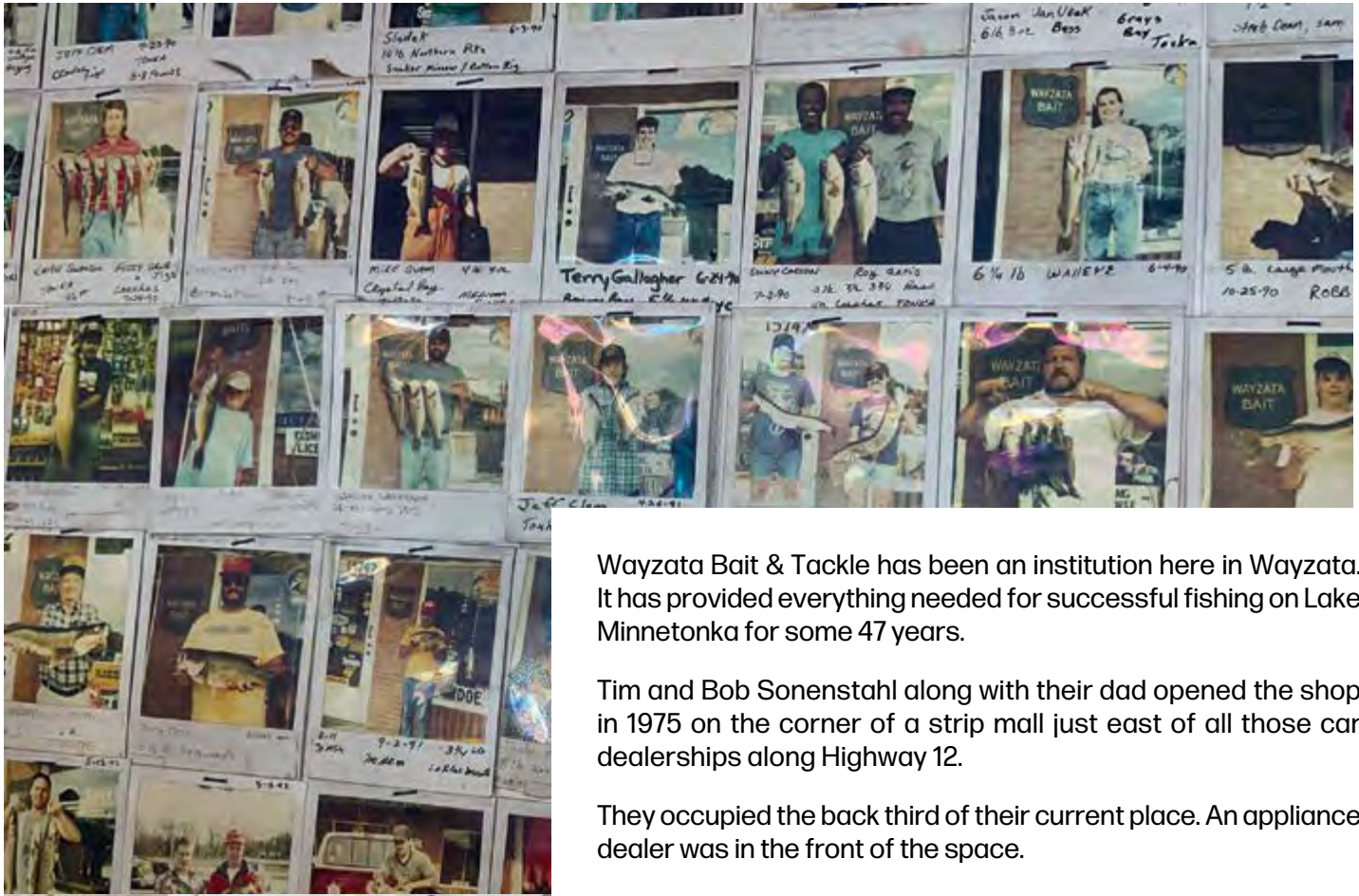
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# Neighborhood Spotlight: Wayzata Bait & Tackle



Wayzata Bait & Tackle has been an institution here in Wayzata. It has provided everything needed for successful fishing on Lake Minnetonka for some 47 years.

Tim and Bob Sonenstahl along with their dad opened the shop in 1975 on the corner of a strip mall just east of all those car dealerships along Highway 12.

They occupied the back third of their current place. An appliance dealer was in the front of the space.

When the dealer moved to another location, the bait business saw an opportunity.

“Tripled our size in two year’s time,” Tim Sonenstahl.

Business was booming during the 70s and 80s.

“At one point we had 12 guys working for us,” said Sonenstahl. “All you had was Burger Brothers and us. There was nobody else around. There wasn’t Gander Mountain, Cabela’s. We were it.”

Tim and his brother Bob don’t just sell bait, lures, rods, and reels - they know fishing and they have the stripes to prove it.

Tim got a taste of tournament fishing at a young age.

“I have fished tournaments since I was in high school,” said Sonenstahl. “I fished against a lot of the pros when I was 17.”

Bob was a whiz on the water too.

“My brother Bob in 1979 and 1980, won the state walleye championship back-to-back,” said Tim Sonenstahl. “Back then, that was top of what we had here in Minnesota.”

Aside from all the fishing stuff, the thing the Sonenstahls really enjoy is all of the relationships they have made over nearly 50 years.



But this era of serving anglers is coming to an end.

The owner of the building has plans to knock down the strip mall. Several other businesses have already moved out.

Bob will likely retire.

“Bob and I have been here seven days a week for years,” said Sonenstahl.

Meanwhile, Tim and his son Parker will likely find another shop to work for.

They will also do reel repair on the side for the loyal customers they have worked with over the years.

“That’s the hard part is that I’ve formed relationships with these people,” said Sonenstahl. “I know what they buy, the types of lures they like. Pretty sad in a way.”

We are all busy this time of year, but it is worth a visit to Wayzata Bait & Tackle.

The clock is ticking. Soon, the doors will be locked and the building will be gone.

*“We’re here until the bulldozers show up,” said Sonenstahl.*



**Left side images, top to bottom:**  
Polaroids of Customers’ Catches  
Brothers Bob and Tim Sonenstahl

**Image above:**

Storefront along the frontage road as it is today

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### Neighbors Save Lady's Life, Home During Blizzard

Neighbors saved the life of a woman and her home during a blizzard that hit the area last night.



### Voting Heavy; McElman Wins Wayzata Race

The election in Wayzata was held last night and the results were announced this morning.

### Junior Highers Perform in Thanksgiving Pageant

The junior high school students performed in a Thanksgiving pageant last night.

### Sacred Concert To Be Presented by Church Choir

A sacred concert will be presented by the church choir on Sunday afternoon.

### St. Hubert Music Contribution

The St. Hubert choir has made a contribution to the local music festival.

### Tenney Hear Rejection of Rural Tax Hike

Members of the Tenney family heard the rejection of a proposed rural tax increase.

### Mercury Lines Open New Era

The Mercury Lines have opened a new era in the shipping industry.

### Area Home Makers Like Friday Shopping Night

Area home makers are enjoying a new Friday shopping night.

### Chief Bill Berry Honored For Fire Prevention Work

Chief Bill Berry has been honored for his work in fire prevention.

### PTA Meeting Will Feature Hymns, Carols

The PTA meeting will feature hymns and carols.

### Wages to Rise

Wages are expected to rise in the coming months.

### Long Lake, Wayzata Given Yuletide Trim

Long Lake and Wayzata have been given a Yuletide trim.

### City Cares Daily Wind, Cold is Exting Snow

The city is caring for the daily wind and cold, which is extinguishing the snow.

### Your Shopping Expense

Consider your shopping expenses carefully.

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### Local Legion Celebrates Party

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### Here Friday! The '53 FORD

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### The Value of the People

The value of the people is a topic of discussion in this article.

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### TB News is Out This Week

News about tuberculosis is out this week.

### District Court Upholds City in Water Rates

The district court has upheld the city's water rates.

### Services Held for Bill Holst

Services were held for Bill Holst.

### Local Christmas Play is Tomorrow Evening

A local Christmas play is being performed tomorrow evening.

### City Orders Enforcement of Sign Ordinance Jan. 1

The city has ordered the enforcement of its sign ordinance starting on January 1.

### County League Meets Friday

The county league will meet on Friday.

### Home Ec Pupils Give Style Show

Home economics pupils gave a style show.

### Florists Place Finishing Touches on Yule Work

Florists are placing finishing touches on their Yule work.

### Wayzata Old Main Holiday

Wayzata Old Main is celebrating the holiday.

### Firemen Halt Blaze, Prevent Catastrophes

Firemen have halted a blaze and prevented catastrophes.

### Last Rites Held for Gust Carlson

Last rites were held for Gust Carlson.

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### Sunday School Sets Christmas Party

Sunday school is setting up a Christmas party.

### Church Council Sets at Pattern Lake

The church council has set a pattern at Lake.

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## County Commissioner Enjoys Christmas Role of St. Nick



## Area Churches Plan Special Yule Services

## Funeral Services are Held for Carl Schiebe

## Last Rites Held for Signe Larson

## Double Accidents Puts Two in Local Hospital

## Headlines Review Old Year

## Baptist Choir Will Present Yule Cantata

## Residents Like Church, Family Part of Christmas

# Wayzata History

OUR COMMUNITY, DECEMBER 1952

I find it interesting to take a stroll down memory lane from time to time.

This month, we're transporting back 70 years to December of 1952.

What was life like in Wayzata back then?

The Minnetonka Herald archives paint the picture.

Of course, the holiday season was all the buzz, but there were plenty of interesting happenings.

The front page of the December 4, 1952, newspaper included a headline "Bell Telephone to Lay Cable on Lake Bottom". The cable was set on the ice for workers to connect sections. The ice was then cut, and the cable was dropped to the bottom of the lake. The Wayzata end of the cable was just east of the Depot. In all, more than six miles of cable were used to connect Wayzata, Excelsior, and Deephaven.

Meanwhile, the front page of the December 11 weekly included "Local Stores Have Wide Variety of Gift Items". Wayzata Pharmacy featured Russell Stover candies while one of Community Drug's specialty was a large selection of toys - likely the biggest in the Lake Minnetonka area at the time. The Foursome had unique baby clothes kits while Ronning's Jewelry boasted bronze pieces including ash trays, cigarette boxes, and stationery sets. Times have certainly changed.

"Santa Comes To Town" was a headline on the front page of the December 18 Minnetonka Herald. The article mentioned the annual children's Christmas party at the Wayzata Theatre hosted by owner Lyle Carisch. Cartoons and a visit by Santa were a part of the celebration.

The December 25th edition of the newspaper included many holiday wishes from local businesses including notes from the Minnetonka Boat Works, Louise clothing store, and Vodegel's grocery store. Meanwhile, Jarnes Motor Company promoted its 1953 Dodge Coronet V-8, "The Action Car For Active Americans".

A blast from the past from 70 years ago when the local newspaper was a must-read and 10 cents a copy.

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are aware of others and business partners in Area. We wish you  
a happy holiday at the Village Home. We wish you  
would be your business, family and good will  
and would you have wishes for Christmas with the Wayzata  
Wayzata Market  
1952

Images Courtesy of Minnetonka Herald

HAPPY  
*holidays*

# Trinity Church Wayzata: Bringing Us Together

SERVING THE COMMUNITY



There's a new kid on the block here in Wayzata.

Trinity Church Wayzata had its first public worship in October.

"Several years ago, some Wayzata families began to believe God wanted them to start a church with a renewed vision for what a church can be for its members and for its city," said pastor Matt Ryman. "Having been inspired by certain churches in other cities, with a particular approach to ministry, they set out to start a similar church here."

Wayzata's church history goes way back. The first official church building was built in 1881.

Trinity does not have a building of its own. It is currently holding services at Wayzata West Middle School. The plan is for Trinity to have its own church one day.

"We've been warmly welcomed by the Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce, various local leaders, West Middle School, and several of the established churches," said Ryman.

Ryman and his wife Hana have been married for 17 years. They have four children.

Although Ryman is ordained in the Presbyterian Church

in America, Trinity is a non-denominational church.

Ryman and his family moved to the area this past summer from Florida.

"We are inviting friends, neighbors, and co-workers to get involved and we're spreading the word about TCW online and through the mail. Most importantly, we're working hard to ensure anyone and everyone who gets connected with us feels truly welcome to come as they are."

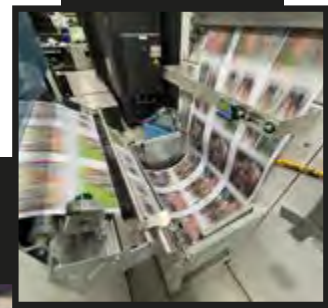
You may have seen members of Trinity out and about in the community.

The church is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is involved with Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP).

"We are participating in Wayzata's big events (James J. Hill Days, The Chilly Open, etc.), we're discussing the needs of the area with local leaders, school board members, and church leaders; and I'm serving as a chaplain for the Wayzata Police and Fire departments," said Ryman.



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