

****Approved to participate in the "Adopt a Family" program. Agreed to make available \$400-\$450 for this project. (We provide the shopping and wrapping action)**



Irv and Nancy Nehring celebrated 46 years of married life this past week.

Congratulations!

Nate Redalen,

Al Lun introduced Nate as representing Township government in MN. He says there are 18 townships in Olmsted County. How many counties in MN? 83, I think. How many townships? 1781

As one can tell, this is the next step in our governmental tree. Federal, State, County, Township, City and where next?

That is the pecking order in governing. Townships maintain approximately 39% of MN roads (over 55,000 miles) as well as 6,000 bridges of which 400 are on the deficiency list.

Roads and bridges are the largest expenditure for townships. \$170 million per year. The MN Association of Townships is asking the state for \$20 million more.

Nate emphasized the importance of broadband technology for rural as well as urban. They are left behind currently.

He had a few comments about annexation of city expansion. It is always a conflict with the city being the ultimate winner with law on their side.

It was very interesting to hear the little known or publicized activities of the townships. If you have any specific question, call or write the MN Assoc. of Townships.

(Sorry, no photo)

Time to Lighten up again:



