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Announcements

- Wanamingo Senior Citizens meet the first Friday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Wanamingo **Community Center.** There is always a speaker or some type of entertainment. All Seniors are welcome and encouraged to come. If you need to sign up or cancel, please call Virginia Sabin at 824-2603.
- Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard invite you to become a member. Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Paul Rugg 507-824-3306, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.
- 2021 Goodhue County Health & **Services Immunization** Human Schedule, located at 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN. January through July 1st, Tuesday 1-4pm; August through December, every Tuesday 2-4pm. Clinics are walk-in. No appointment needed. For other times, call for an appointment 651-385-3200 or 1-800-950-2142.
- Hiawathaland Transit: Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit threeriverscap.org for more information

K-W School Board faces Budget Cuts

Budget cuts are the main focus as the Kenyon-Wanamingo school board look at the 2021-22 school year expenditures. At the January board meeting the board terminated the SRO contract for the coming school year as well as closing the Knight's Kids learning center. This will save nearly \$100,000 annually. The board also approved a salary cap for the board members saving nearly \$10,000 per year. The activity shuttle is also being scrutinized since the district is losing over \$10,000 annually on the service. A drop of thirty students this year has also cost the district



about \$200,000 in state funding.

The board will have to approve a financial plan by June 30th to maintain fiscal solven-



cy. The failure to pass the operating levy last fall has put the district in this position.

Goodhue County's COVID Vaccination Rates Surpass Positive COVID Case Rate

Goodhue County, Minnesota - On exceeded the number of positive lab con-February 2, 2021 the number of Goodhue County residents who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine

firmed cases of COVID-19 in Goodhue County.

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Kenyon and Wanamingo residents pay higher Trash fees

The 2016 Comprehensive solid waste agreement with Goodhue County leaves Kenyon and Wanamingo paying higher refuse costs. Under the plan all refuse generated in Goodhue county must be delivered to the Xcel incinerator in Red Wing. The incinerator there provides enough energy for heating half of the city pf Red Wing. A lawsuit filed last October in Minnesota District Court challenges the agreement claiming the requirement violates the U.S. Constitution's commerce clause. A Wisconsin based garbage hauler has handled refuse from Countryside Disposal, Advanced Disposal and Flom Disposal. These three haulers provide a third of their business. The new ordinance will double the tipping fees these hauler pay to deliver garbage. Flom Disposal has asked the city of Kenyon for a 25% increase in rates to defray the raise. The comprehensive waste agreement was designed to eliminate landfills in Goodhue County.

Wanamingo Discusses Combined WWTP

Wanamingo is one of five local communities exploring the possibility of a combined waste water treatment facility. The old and outdated WWTP will have to be addressed in the coming years and could mean an investment of up to five million dollars. The cities of Zumbrota, Pine Island, Goodhue, Mazeppa and Wanamingo are discussing the feasibility of building one new centrally located waste water treatment plant. A combined facility could save funds for each community in construction and operation and manpower. The downside is the cost of building the new facility and the volume of discharge from one location.

By March 31st the cities involved will have to come up with a cooperation plan and a feasibility study would follow to determine location and cost estimates. There is still no certainty that the state would approve such a plan. If the plans were to go forward it would require application for a bonding bill next year to allow construction in 2025. Many of the cities will need to upgrade their own WWTPs by that time anyway.





Obituaries

Bernard Benroy ("Bernie")

Bernard Benroy ("Bernie") Mattson, 82,



Mattson

of rural Kenyon passed away peacefully as the sun rose Monday, January 11, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.



Bernie was born June 12, 1938,

in Leon Township, Goodhue County, the son of Peter and Henrietta (Luhman) Mattson. He was baptized and confirmed at Spring Garden Lutheran Church. He grew up on a farm in Leon Township, attended District 49 country school and graduated from Cannon Falls High School in 1956. He was known as one of the "Spring Garden Boys" and treasured his many lifelong friendships. He joined the United States Army and served in the Reserves.

Bernie worked at the South St. Paul stockyards for several years, milked cows, ran a dehorning business with his brother, Don, along with serving in the Army Reserves. On June 8, 1963, he married Donna Bergum at Dale Lutheran Church in rural Kenyon. In 1965, Bernie and Donna moved to Donna's home farm and Bernie started his own dairy farm and also a hog farrowing operation for many years. The couple had three children, Pam, Lisa and Jeff and raised their family on the farm where they were all instilled with a very strong work ethic. Bernie milked cows with Donna by his side for 47 years until they sold the cows in 2012. He continued to raise crops and did not like to be considered "retired".

Bernie served on the board of the Kenyon Farmer's Elevator and Goodhue County American Dairy Association. He also was

long-time member of Dale Lutheran Church and was a past president.

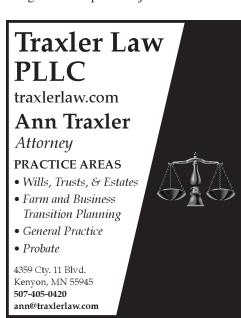
He enjoyed working on the farm, attending grandchildren's sports events and 4-H shows and visiting with friends and family. Bernie loved spending time with his grandchildren and especially enjoyed holidays and special occasions where all of the family would gather together. Most of all, Bernie loved Donna, his wife of 57 years. The two were always together and they are now again reunited in Heaven.

Bernie is survived by his children, Pam (and Tom) Donkers of Faribault, Lisa Mattson-Halvorson of Lonsdale and Jeff (and Jeannie) Mattson of Kenyon. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Adam, Ryan and Jason Donkers, Lucas and Jacob Halvorson and Max and Megan Mattson; one brother Morris (and Audrey) Mattson of Cannon Falls; two sisters, Darlene (and

Don) Mueller of Dresser, WI and Cherie Grunzke of Itasca, IL; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Mattson of Annandale and Marlene Mattson of Kenyon; several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Donna on November 20, 2020; parents, Peter and Henrietta Mattson; brothers and sister-in-law, Cliff and Jeanette Mattson, Merle Mattson and Don Mattson and brother-in-law, Jim Grunzke.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon on Friday, January 15th from 4:00 - 8:00 PM and at Dale Lutheran Church on Saturday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Dale Lutheran Church. The Reverend Heather Culuris officiated.

Interment was in Dale Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the Kenyon Color Guard.







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TRINITY LUTHERAN

Pastor Christopher Culuris Trinity Lutheran 301 2nd Avenue, Wanamingo 824-2155

February 14: Transfiguration of Our Lord istallation of Board and Committee Members 10:30a.m. Sunday School - Basement

10:30a.m. Worship Service 2:00p.m. Cannon River Conference Assembly via ZOOM February 17: 4:00 and 7:00p.m. Ash Wednesday Services wit Holy Communion at WLC

February 18: 7:00p.m. Book Club at Holder February 22: 7:30p.m. Sunset Home Annual Meeting via ZOOM
February 24: 7:00p.m. Lenten Service at Trinity

February 28: Second Sunday in Lent 10:30a m. Sunday School - Baser 10:30a.m. Worship Service

WANAMINGO LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Wanamingo Lutheran 130 West 3rd St., Wanamingo 824-2457 • www.TrinityWanamingo.org
February 14: Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:00a.m. Worship w/Installation of Council Members
2:00p.m. CR Conference Assembly via Zoom
February 17: Ash Wednesday
4:00p.m. Worship with Holy Communion; 7:00p.m. Worship
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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Who Then Can Be Saved?

Scripture Reading — Mark 10:17-31

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" — Mark 10:26

In reading stories about people like the man in this episode, people who don't really under stand Jesus, I'm tempted to look down on them. The man appears to have been wealthy, and he had a high opinion of how well he kept the law. But he seems to have had no idea that Jesus was simply calling him to give his whole life to God-or maybe he just didn't want to do that. I think to myself, "I guess he just doesn't get what it means to follow Jesus.

And yet I often respond to Jesus in the same way that nan did. Often I don't catch what Jesus is abo understand what he has just said, or realize what he

But in this story, Jesus doesn't look down on the man fesus looks at him and loves him, the Bible says.

I am so thankful that—even though the man had it all

wrong—Jesus didn't just dismiss him or condemn him. Instead, Jesus loved him and invited the man to follow

Right there is something wonderful I can learn from Jesus. When I don't understand his teachings, or when I misunder stand the truth about Jesus and his kingdom, there is still a loving invitation from Jesus to follow him

and keep learning.

Whatever else Jesus says to the man in the story, it's in the context of Jesus' love for a person who doesn't fully get it. That is reassuring to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for looking at me with love even when I have it all wrong. Instead of seeing what I have done, show me what you have done for me

LANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

David Krinke, Pastor 16640 Hwy. 60 Blvd.• www.landslutheran.com Wednesday 6:15 p.m. Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. at Everson Park

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STORDAHL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Pastor Kathleen Lowery 15049 Cty. 12 Blvd., Zumbrota • 732-5711 Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship

GOSPEL OF LIFE FAMILY CHURCH

"Preaching Jesus Christ and Him Crucified" 2010 Jefferson Road, Suite A Heritage Square Mall on Hwy. 3, Northfield Sunday 10:30a.m.; Wednesday 6:00p.m. www.gospeloflifechurch.org

NOTICE: Due to COVID-19 check your church website or Facebook page for updates

Obituaries

Elise Halvorson

Elise Halvorson, 85, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 22,

2021 at Deer Crest in Red Wing.

Elise was born on December 19, 1935 Colquitt, Georgia to William and Vera (Williams) Mock. She was raised, along with her 5 siblings, on a cotton and

peanut farm. Elise became a basketball player at an early age and this was something she enjoyed her entire life. She was especially proud of playing in the Georgia State Championship game for Miller County High school in 1953.

On December 4, 1954 she was united in marriage to Frederick Halvorson. They made their home in Wanamingo, Minnesota and had 2 sons, Fredrick and Kyle.

Her hobbies included playing in the Granny Basketball league, bowling, Bridge and especially watching her grandchildren grow up.

Survivors include, husband Fred of Wanamingo; sons Fredrick (Brenda) of Cannon Falls, and Kyle (Jody) of Wanamingo, grandchildren; Corey (Mike) Lande, Tucker (Anna) Halvorson, Tyler Christopher (Bettina) Halvorson. Halvorson, great-grandchildren; Leon and Claire Halvorson and Viveca Lande.

She is preceded in death by her parents William and Vera Mock; twin sister Eloise, and brothers Joe and Broughton Mock.

Due to the Covid epidemic at this time, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Blessed be her memory.

Online condolences may be left for the www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

LouAnn Paulette Erlanson

LouAnn Paulette Erlanson, age 62, of



Cannon Falls, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at her home with family and friends by her side.

LouAnn was born on June 12, 1958 to Llewellyn and Mildred Erlanson in

Virginia, Minnesota. Born with Down Syndrome, she greatly enjoyed attending special education classes at Northfield Public Schools and Laura Baker School in Northfield from the late 1960s to the early 1980s. She loved music and was a talented disco and old-time music dancer. She enjoyed working with her hands to create all sorts of crafts and to organize family pictures. She also enjoyed traveling and visiting with family and friends having traveled most recently to Norway, Yellowstone National Park, Colorado and Saskatchewan, Canada. She cherished weekly Bible Study meetings at Wanamingo Lutheran Church and Area 57

CoffeeCafe lunches afterwards. LouAnn will be most remembered for her infectious smile and laugh; she was a genuine role model of meekness and joy.

LouAnn was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Erlanson. She is survived by her father, Llewellyn of Cannon Falls; her sisters, Laureen Otto of Northfield and Valerie (Kirk) Lovsness of Ely; nephew, Andrew Lovsness of Cottonwood; niece, Molly Lovsness of St. Cloud; aunt, Bonnie Erlanson of Cannon Falls; uncle, Timothy Timm of Andover; and many cousins.

Special thanks go to Heartland Hospice Services of Rochester and Pastor Christopher Culuris of Wanamingo.

Arrangements were entrusted to Mahn Family Funeral Home of Zumbrota. Due to pandemic limitations, a Burial Service was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Wanamingo Lutheran Church Cemetery and attended by the immediate family. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations are preferred to Wanamingo Lutheran Church, 130 3rd St. W., Wanamingo, MN 55983.

Elaine Ann Delilla Dummer

Elaine Ann Delilla Dummer, 86, of

Kenyon,



Friday, January 22, 2021 at her home. She was born April 4, 1934 in Hector, the daughter of Paul and Mabel (Barnick) Peris. Elaine attended country school and later graduated

died

Hector High School. She worked at the local dime store, restaurant and gas station. On June 9, 1956 she married Gerald Dummer at St. John's Catholic Church in Hector. The couple made their home in Hector until moving to Sanborn in 1962. They later moved to Fairfax where Elaine worked as a cook at the St. Andrew's Catholic School. In 1980, they moved their family to Kenyon and Elaine enjoyed working at the flower shop and Cenex.

Elaine was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir and was active in women's groups. She enjoyed knitting, baking, canning, dancing and gardening and she loved flow-

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Dummer of Kenyon; children, Gary (and Gayle) Dummer of Ellendale, Karen (and David) Lawson of St. Anthony, Dale (and Jackie) Dummer of Edina, Dan (and Missy Sviggum) Dummer of Kenyon; grandchildren, Kristine (and Jon) Svoboda, Lisa Dummer, Megan (and Fiance Tony Menke) Dummer, Darren Lawson, Kelly Lawson, Austin Dummer, Jack Dummer, William Dummer, Kasey Dummer, Riley Dummer; great grandchildren, Levi Svoboda and Lo Svoboda.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Courtney Dummer and brother, Russell Peris.

Memorial services were held Tuesday,

January 26, 2021 at 11am at St. Michael's Catholic Church with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Kenyon.

Aaron Martin Berg

Aaron Martin Berg, 46, went to his heav-



enly home on Monday, February 1, 2021, from St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester Minnesota.

Aaron was born April 25, 1974 to Vernon and Jeanne (Peterson) Berg in Zumbrota. While

growing up Aaron enjoyed working at the Wanamingo swimming pool, refereed sports, spending time with family and friends, played baseball and was manager of his High School football team.

On May 6, 2000 he was united in marriage to Jessica Hinrichs. They made their home in Zumbrota and had three lovely daughters; Morgan, Addison and Emma. They were later divorced.

At the time of his passing, Aaron was employed as a driver for Midwest Transmission Center in Zumbrota. In his spare time, he enjoyed all sports, playing softball, playing darts, watching the Minnesota Vikings, bartending, going to Wisconsin Dells, and most especially spending time with his daughters and family and friends.

Aaron was an organ donor and through this gift he has blessed many people with a more quality of life.

Aaron is survived by; his mom, Jeanne Berg; sister Angie (Travis) Wibben; daughters, Morgan (Collin Metling) Berg, Addison and Emma Berg. Nephews; Seth and Sawyer Wibben, Lucas Erickson and niece Lauren Erickson; special friend, Becca Christianson; and many aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by; his father, Vernon Berg; paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents; cousins Dr. Natalie Beissel and Bruce Berg; and many aunts and uncles.

A visitation for Aaron was held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday evening, February 5, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota. Face masks and social distancing were observed.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 6, but due to Covid, attendance of his service was invite only. The service was live streamed on FaceBook on Lands Lutheran Church page.

Everyone was invited to attend a celebration of Aaron's life at the V.F.W. in Zumbrota immediately following the burial on Saturday, approximately 1:00 P.M.

The Berg family wishes to thank the staff at St. Mary's Hospital and the First Responders for the wonderful care given to our son, brother and dad.

Blessed be his memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family.

Joel Ole Vold

Joel Ole Vold, of Cannon Falls, was called



home to Jesus on Sunday, February 7th, 2021.

Joel was born to Ole and Marian Vold on December 30th, 1940 in Faribault Minnesota. He is the oldest son

of 9 children. He attended country schools as a kid in Wanamingo, Kenyon and graduated from Cannon Falls High School. After graduating high school, Joel immediately joined the Army where he served active duty from 1959 to 1965. Following his active time in the Army, he worked construction at the Koch Refinery, where he later retired. After retiring, he worked various jobs given that he was unable to sit still. Joel spent his final years greeting people at Wal-mart in Red Wing.

After being discharged from the Army in 1965, he married the love of his life, Janet Egge on May 24th, 1968. The two went on to have four daughters. The family spent most of their years in Cannon Falls area. The family of 6 grew by 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Grandpa Joel soon become 'Papa Dodo', to every child he met and he grow to love that name.

Joel had many hobbies including feeding his birds, spending time at the casino, traveling with family, and most of all he loved to spend time with his loved ones. His love for travel started long ago, yet his favorite trip was his most recent trip to Norway. While there, Joel got to meet family and grow relationships. Joel also enjoy watching any sporting event and talking cars with anyone that would listen.

Survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Janet. Children - Dan (Patricia) Vold, Jenni (Dan) Felling, Barb Vold, Susan (Keith) Pelkey, and Missy Dahlenburg. Grandchildren (oldest to youngest): Christy (Jesse), Amanda, Joe (Bridget), Alyssa, Lizzy (Leif), Nikki (Josh), Ashley (Mitch), Samantha (Cody), Meghan, Alecia, Zack, Ryan (Allison), Matt, Brandon, and Emma. Great Grandchildren (oldest to youngest): Dawson, Lily, Mackenize, Lohgann, Izzy, Camren, Lyla, McKenna, Bennett, Morgan, Maxx, Brianna, Natalie, Brynlee, Noah, and two more on the way. Siblings: JoAnn, Christine, Karen, Sonja (Mike), In laws: Donna and Terri, Janet's siblings, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in Death by his Parents, Mother and Father-in-law Pete and Doris Egge, Siblings Katherine (John), Diane (Pat), Melvin and Chuck, Brother-In-Laws Don, Alvin and Calvin, Niece Kelly, Great Granddaughter Angel, and beloved cat,

Friday, February 12th, 2021 at Our Saviors Church in Cannon Falls, MN.

Visitation 11a.m. to 1p.m. Service 1p.m. Burial and Celebration to follow at a later Page 4 - WANAMINGO MESSENGER - February, 2021



KW Noble Knights of the Week for January 22, 2021

Front Row: Frederick Johnson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Scarlett Eggert, Gr. 2, Mrs. Renee Hildebrandt; Nori Fleming, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Harper Kerr, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Genevieve Hendrickson, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Parker Sletten, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek. Back Row: Audrey Albright, Gr. 4, Mr. Jake Wieme; Talia Johnson, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Zachary Pederson, Gr. 4, Mrs. Jena LeTourneau; Hayden Brown, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Parker Amundson, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland



Mrs. Tanya Short, KG and Ezra Noerenberg



Mrs. Tanya Short, KG and Luna Stewart



Mrs. Tanya Short, KG and Oakley Benbrooks



KW Noble Knights of the Week for January 29, 2021 Front Row: Taylor Groth, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Alaria Hunt, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Hunter Aronson, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Evan Peterson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Renee Hildebrandt; Aubriannah Imgrund, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs. Back Row: Jasper Ford, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Gwendalynn Hendrickson, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Isaac Mills, Gr. 4, Mrs. Jena LeTourneau; Ben Scheffler, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Bailey Evenson, Gr. 4, Mr. Jake Wieme



Lyra Blakstad, KG Mrs. Katie Valek



KW Noble Knights of the Week for February 5, 2021

Front Row: Reid Miner, Grade 2, Mrs. Renee Hildebrandt; Macey Fitcher, Grade 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Leia Patterson, Grade 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Madeline Engen, Grade 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Jack Priebe, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek. Back Row: Ashlyn Feyereisn, Grade 4, Mr. Jake Wieme; Stella Haugen, Grade 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Blane Helgeson, Grade 4, Mrs. Jena LeTourneau; Shauna Meyer, Grade 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Noah Carel, Grade 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Sadie Engen, Grade 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs

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Community

School Districts Across Minnesota to Celebrate School Bus Drivers Feb. 22-26

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week to bring attention to drivers' dedication and essential role during COVID-19 pandemic

Thousands of hardworking school bus drivers across the state are going above and beyond their duties during the COVID-19 pandemic as essential school district employees. To recognize this important profession, Governor Tim Walz has proclaimed Feb. 22-26 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Week in the state of Minnesota.

The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association and Minnesota Association of Pupil Transportation first teamed up in 2017 to create School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Minnesota to encourage school leaders, parents and students to celebrate the often-overlooked profession. This year's recognition has been expanded to a weeklong, virtual event. Content celebrating Minnesota's school bus drivers will be unveiled on dedicated Facebook and Twitter pages throughout the week.

"Minnesota school bus drivers are going above and beyond their typical duties to serve students and communities during this unprecedented school year," said MSBOA President Garrett Regan. "We are thankful that Governor Walz has declared February 22-26 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Week in Minnesota to help give school bus drivers the recognition they deserve."

Minnesota school bus drivers have taken on new essential roles during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve their communities, such as delivering meals and distance learning supplies to families, providing Wi-Fi connections, and transporting the children of first responders and healthcare workers to and from daycare. School bus drivers have also followed new, rigorous health and safety protocols to transport students to and from school safely during the pandemic.

"Not only do Minnesota school bus drivers play a crucial role in our school systems, but they have a positive impact on students," said MAPT President John Thomas.

"The pandemic has reinforced how caring and dedicated school bus drivers are. Many drivers have participated in activities like birthday parades and graduation ceremonies, showing how much they care about the students they serve."

School districts across Minnesota will celebrate School Bus Driver Appreciation Week in special ways, such as by passing out student-made thank you cards and providing food and beverages to bus drivers. The I-35W bridge in Minneapolis will also be lit yellow in recognition of School Bus Driver Appreciation Week on the evening of Feb. 21 and into the morning of Feb. 22.

About the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association

The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association (MSBOA) represents Minnesota's privately-owned school bus contractors who provide more than 60 percent of the school buses used to transport Minnesota children to and from school and school-related activities. Its members represent an average of more than 45 years of experience in the industry and are responsible for more than 400,000 students transported 233,000 miles per day.

About the Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation

Founded in 1975, the Minnesota

Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT) is a nonprofit association of school transportation professionals and industry leaders who promote safe and efficient student transportation within the state of Minnesota. MAPT encourages active participation by anyone interested in the safe and efficient transportation of Minnesota students and is a resource for all school districts throughout Minnesota.



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WHEREAS: School bus drivers are going above and beyond their typical duties to serve students and our communities during this unprecedented school year; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers have taken on new essential roles during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers have implemented new, rigorous health and safety protocols to transport students to and from school safely during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers have boosted community morale during challenging times; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers play a crucial role in our school systems and have a positive influence on a student's educational experience; and

WHEREAS: Kenyon- Wanamingo Schools appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety. This week, we recognize these worthy professionals.

Now, THEREFORE, I, BRYAN BOYSEN, Superintendent of Schools, do hereby proclaim the week of February 22-26, 2021, as:

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

in Kenyon- Wanamingo Schools.

Bryan Boysen, Superintendent of Schools

CITY OF WANAMINGO GOODHUE COUNTY STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 21-014

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCLAMATION FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS: School bus drivers are going above and beyond their typical duties to serve students and our communities during this unprecedented school year; and

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WHEREAS: School bus drivers have boosted community morale during challenging times; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers play a crucial role in our school systems and have a positive influence on a student's educational experience; and

WHEREAS: The City of Wanamingo appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WANAMINGO: That February 22, 2021 - February 26, 2021 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Week in Wanamingo.

Adopted this 8th day of February 2021.

SIGNED:

Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Motion: District Second: Van De Walker

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Eric Dierks

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Ryan Holmes

Stuart Ohr

Larry Van De Walker

Goodhue County's COVID Vaccination Rates Surpass Positive COVID Case Rate

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Almost 4,000 Goodhue County residents have rolled up their sleeves to receive the COVID vaccine. This is an exciting moment in the COVID-19 pandemic for Goodhue County.

In Goodhue County, there have been more than 3,681 positive lab confirmed cases of COVID-19. Sadly, this includes 64 deaths related to COVID-19 that have been confirmed by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This number also includes 171 cases requiring hospitalization. This total number comes after almost twelve months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 ended with Goodhue County agencies receiving their first doses of the COVID vaccine in late December. In only 2 months, the number of vaccinated residents has exceeded the number of positive lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Goodhue County. As of Feb 3, there are 3,791 people who received at least 1 vaccine dose and 1,095 people with completed

vaccine series (2 doses) in Goodhue County. This is an exciting time and highlights the importance of COVID-19 testing as well as continued efforts by all Minnesotans to limit the spread of the disease.

Vaccine Allocation

Things are constantly changing so it is difficult to know how vaccines will be allocated in the near future. We are hopeful that vaccine allocations will increase at all levels including federal, state and county levels. Here in Goodhue County vaccines have been administered through health care systems, pharmacies and local public health. These agencies have been following the Minnesota Department of Health's priority group's allocation process.

Here at Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) we have hosted vaccine clinics for those priority groups who are eligible to be vaccinated. We are ready to offer vaccines to as many residents as we can as quickly as possible, but this is dependent on the supply of vaccine we receive. When it is your turn we highly encourage you to get vaccinated. Every shot helps everyone be safer and brings us closer to the end of the pandemic.

Vaccine information go to
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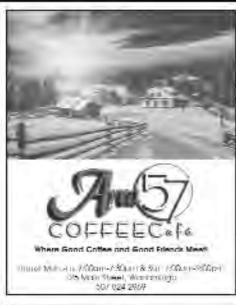
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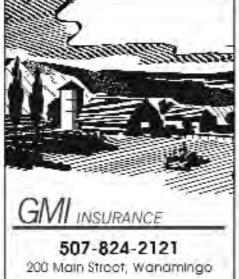
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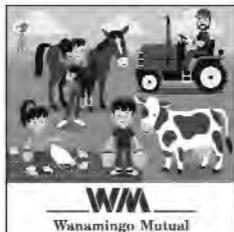








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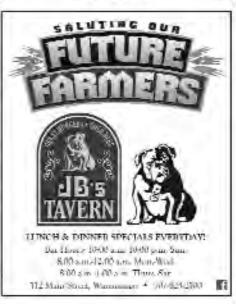
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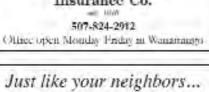
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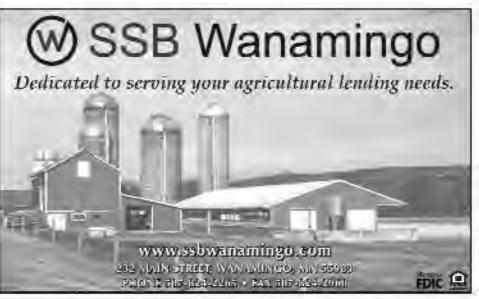
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CITY OF WANAMINGO City Council Regular Meeting Monday, January 11, 2021 7:00 P.M. Wanamingo City Council Chambers -**401 Main Street** Wanamingo, MN

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor Holmes, Council Member Jeremiah Flotterud, and Council Member Stuart Ohr by Administrator Boulton.

PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Eric Dierks, Stuart Ohr, and Jeremiah Flotterud

City Administrator: Michael Boulton Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Michele Vlasak - Kenyon Leader, Rex Welch, Jeff Sjoblom, and David Friese -Zumbrota News-Record.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT **AGENDA:** Dierks motioned, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-

PRESENTERS:

scheme

- A) Brad Kennedy reported on:
- 1) Spent a number of days trimming trees along Mingo View Drive and Hillcrest
- 2) Hockey Rink Replaced flood light bulb and have been building ice for the past two and a half weeks. The ice is skateable but will need additional layers
- Took down Christmas decoration/snowflake lights on Main Street 4) Replaced the 'Happy Holidays' Main Street light pole banners with the new 'Welcome to Wanamingo, MN' banners featuring the new City Logo and Branding
- 5) Cobus Peens has been working on refurbishing swimming pool picnic table and benches; including spot welding braces, spray painting braces, sanding all boards, and repainting all boards.
- 6) Plowed snow twice and sanded streets on a number of occasions
- B) Rex Welch reported on:
- 1) Requested to be able to look into forming a group to look at dirt bike trails in the nature trail area
- 2) Roughly 1,500 Minnesota State High School students participate in the sport
- 3) Thought that the Nature Trail area could create a roughly three-mile route

VanDeWalker liked the idea of additional use of the area. VanDeWalker stated that it was too bad that such a trail could not link up with other trails that go to neighboring communities. Holmes stated that his children would bike on such a trail. Boulton stated that the Nature Trail area was never intended for vehicle traffic or bike traffic. The area was intended for a quiet nature reserve with a looping trail. Boulton stated that Smokey Shelstad and Chuck Frederickson planted rows of evergreens and other trees for these purposes. Boulton stated that many residents use the trail for the intended purpose and may have issues with other uses. Flotterud asked if a dirt bike trail could be placed in the hay field area on the opposite side of the Zumbro River. Welch said that the bike trail may

work on the West side of the Zumbro River. Flotterud stated that he would prefer a bike trail on the west side of the Zumbro River in the hay field. Boulton stated that the Nature trail area adjacent to the walking path does need attention with cleaning up of downed trees. Holmes stated that volunteers should meet with the parks committee to discuss concept and bring back an approved plan to the City Council. Holmes said that the volunteers could work through Administrator Boulton to line up meetings. Sjoblom asked if there was potential liability for such a dirt bike path or would it be ride at your own risk. Boulton stated that liability is significantly reduced if no manmade obstacles or jumps are constructed for the path. Boulton stated that he would speak to the League of Minnesota Cities if the concept came to fruition.

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION:

21-001 = Approving 2021 Appointments & Legals: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

21-002 = Setting 2021 City Council Meeting Schedule: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0 - 0.

21-003 = Authorizing Temporary Liquor License for the Fire Relief Association snowmobile run: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that the Fire Relief Association would like to have the license in case they are able to have a scaled-back event. Passed 5-0-0.

21-004 = Approving 2021 Updated Wanamingo Emergency Management Plan: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that he and Gregg Erickson, the Wanamingo Civil Defense Director, had reviewed and made the necessary changes. The changes were mainly in the contacts and contact information. Passed 5-0-0.

21-005 = Authorizing a Temporary Gambling Permit for the Wanamingo Fire Relief Association: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-

21-006 Approving Financial Authorization: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

21-007 = Appointing Fire Department Officers for 2021: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by VanDeWalker. Boulton stated that the changes from 2019 would be adding a Treasurer (Advisor) position - Carl Majerus, 1st Responder Director Blake Hilke (removing Trudy Voegele), additional Safety Officer Jeremy Kiffmeyer, and adding Josh Schaefer (removing Trevor Aase) as a Training Officer. Passed 5-0-0.

21-008 = Extending and Emergency -COVID-19: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing - Mayor Holmes opened hearing on Zoning-Energy Production Conditional Use Permit at 7:22PM. Jeff Sjoblom stated that he had hired Wolf River Electric out of Isanti (Bloomington) for the proposed solar array project. Sjoblom stated that his desire was to lower his longer-term energy bill. His currently monthly bill is over \$300/month. Sioblom stated that he looked into a subscription to a local solar field but the savings were less than one month's worth of energy usage. Sjoblom stated that it would be roughly a 10-year pay-off; paying only for installation costs. Sjoblom stated that the proposed solar array would be place on the south side of his detached accessory building (machine shop). Sjoblom stated that this side of the roof can't been from the road. Sjoblom stated that he plans to paint the roof of the building black and paint the siding gray. Xcel Energy is required to buy back excess power (at discounted rate) that is produced and not used onsite. Sjoblom stated that there was a 26% rebate (federal tax credit) on the up-front installation costs for 2020. Ben and Bekki Bakken provide written input stating that they have no problem with any neighbors looking into solar panels in areas that are not visible from their home or Mingo View Drive. Boulton stated that he and Council Member Ohr had examined the site and attempted to view the south side of the building roof and could not see it from anywhere on Mingo View Drive, the WWTP, or the nature trail. No Further Public Comments Offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at

21-009 = Approving Zoning-Energy Production Conditional Use Permit for Jeff & Katie Sjoblom at 2127 Mingo View Drive: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. The Council agreed with the staff recommendations:

The following standards apply:

That if the Solar Array is damaged beyond repair or the system becomes obsolete it will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove the system and properly dispose of the solar array system.

This conditional use permit is in effect for the property on 2127 Mingo View Drive and assigned to the current and/or any future owner of the property. The conditional use permit may be revoked by the City following written notice to the property owner if the conditions of the permit as listed herein are not met and/or maintained. The conditional use permit will expire if/when the use of the property is changed.

The conditional use permit shall be recorded at the Goodhue County Recorder's Office.

Passed 4-1-0 (Flotterud).

Administrator Boulton provided information from Northland Securities on possible refinancing bond(s) opportunity. Administrator Boulton has been working with George Eilertson of Northland Securities regarding the refinancing of the Wanamingo 2010B (2002 Street & Utilities Improvements) Series Bond, 2014A (2005 Construction) Series Bond, and the 2014C (Cenex 4th Addition) Series Bond with a current aggregate interest of 3.37%. If approved, the three would be joined into the 2021A G.O. Refunding Series Bond (\$960,000) with an aggregate interest of 0.88%. There would be a \$63,600 savings or 6.24% sayings on the life of the bond. Boulton asked if there were any objections to proceeding with a refund resolution at the February City Council meeting. Flotterud stated that the refund was a nobrainer. Holmes was amazed that the City

could get a 0.88% interest rate on the current debt.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing - Mayor Holmes opened Ordinance #195 - 2021 Fee Schedule Hearing at 7:31PM. Administrator Boulton went over the anticipated changes from 2020 Fee Schedule for the proposed 2021 fee schedule including increasing the water hook-up fee from \$500 to \$550, increasing the sewer hook-up fee from \$650 to \$700, increasing the water meter cost from \$260 to \$290, increasing the water usage rate from \$5.75/1000 gallons to \$6.00/1000 gallons, increasing the sewer usage rate from \$6.75/1000 gallons to \$7.00/1000 gallons, increasing the monthly garbage fee from \$14.00/month to \$14.25/month, and increasing the monthly recycling fee from \$6.18/month to \$6.30/month. The increases to the water and sewer hook-ups will be utilized in facility upgrades in the near future. The increase to the water meter fee helps to cover increases to the actual costs of the water meters and readers. Boulton stated that the proposed increases (4.34% to user rates) to the water would bring in \$5,900 in new revenue while the increases (3.70% to user rates) in sewer would bring in \$6,200 in new revenue. The garbage and recycling monthly increase reflect the yearly contract increases with Waste Management. Throughout the year, including the budgeting process the Council has discussed and has recommended the above changes. The City Auditors recommend that the Council review sewer/water rates and make small adjustments regularly to capture revenue as opposed to large jumps. The waste water treatment plant will need upgrades in the near future which could cost millions of dollars. The plan is to replace the Mingo View water tower while adding a second chemical building in 2022 which will cost over \$1 million. Administrator Boulton explained that the City has been waiting four years on the new permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the waste water treatment plant. The City knows that when this new permit is issued, there will be a timeline to meet new requirements. The plant will likely need multi-million-dollar upgrades to meet these requirements. The City needs to start building a larger fund balance in waste water fund before upgrades become reality. Administrator Boulton said estimates are between \$5 million to \$8 million for plant upgrades with \$150,000 to \$250,000 yearly debt service costs. In past years the City has netted \$50,000-\$70,000 per year, after operational expenses. The fund has a current estimate balance of \$385,000. Administrator Boulton stated that the Council should review and make small yearly increases over the next few years to build up the fund balance. No Public Comments Offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:37PM. Ordinance #195 - 2021 Fee Schedule -

2nd Reading - Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

Administrator Boulton provided an informational memo on potential regional sanitary sewer treatment plant. Over the past few months, City staff members represent-

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ing the communities of Goodhue, Mazeppa, Pine Island, Wanamingo and Zumbrota have been meeting monthly to discuss sanitary sewer treatment needs within the communities. Each of the communities have aged sanitary sewer treatment facilities that are in need of upgrades or replacement facilities in the upcoming years. The goal in meeting to discuss each community's needs and to gage the interest of a possible regional sanitary sewer treatment facility.

Some of the perceived benefits of a regional sanitary sewer treatment facility approach include;

Larger facilities gain an economy of scale to install larger, more robust systems both for equipment and for electrical and control systems. This should lead to increased treatment reliability.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) typically supports regionalization and provides grants (as applicable) to each community to help fund lift stations, force mains, and the regional wastewater treatment facility.

One single point of discharge into a public water which promotes public health.

Better utilization of resources such as specialty equipment.

Staff efficiencies and possibly better wastewater operator retention.

Potential for additional staff and backup resources

With the large area covered by all the communities it gives the treatment plant designers an opportunity to evaluate the point of discharge of the treatment plant with the MPCA staff and select the most advantageous (least stringent discharge limits) location for the facility and outfall.

Reduced sampling and testing quantity from the facility and only one wastewater discharge permit to manage and comply with

Decreased financial pressure on each of the communities as the debt and bond capacity is associated with the sanitary sewer district and not the individual City.

Forming a sanitary sewer district is a process that takes time to develop. Many items such as allocating costs, looking at funding possibilities, assessing each com-

munity's current sanitary sewer collection system, delivery of the City's sewage to a possible regional facility, projected sewer rates and timing need to be evaluated as a sanitary district is considered.

A virtual informational meeting is scheduled for Feb 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by the City of Pine Island. This will be a posted meeting where all Council members from each of the cities will be able attend and receive additional information and discuss the feasibility of forming a regional sewer district.

Boulton stated that the City Council should gather as much information as possible over the next few months regarding a potential regional sanitary sewer treatment facility. Boulton stated that much of the decision will be based on how much Federal and State money can be obtained to offset the high construction costs for both a plant and collection system. Boulton stated that estimates for a plant are well over \$25 million while collection system costs have been estimated at \$1 million/mile. A Wanamingo stand-alone plant is estimated to cost between \$5-\$8 million. Boulton also estimates that the City will need to address \$2-\$3 million to reduce inflow and infiltration of ground water into the current City collection system no matter if the City has its own plant or takes part in a regional

Administrator Boulton provided a memo on tax forfeiture parcel with special assessments. In 2017 the Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer's Office notified the City that parcel number 70.152.0380 was tax forfeited by Clement Opportunities LLC (Conrad Clement). The golf course and outlots were sold to Randy and Trish Amundson in 2018. The parcel was intended to be where the golf course club house was built.

The City reconstructed the east side of town waste water collection system in 2004-2005. Nelson Drive and the expanded waste water collection lines were constructed in 2006. The reconstructed waste water collections system was designed to gravity flow the east side of Wanamingo and eliminate current and future waste

water lift stations.

The benefitting properties, including the golf course lots were assessed for these improvements. The City Council, City Staff, and Conrad Clement (original developer) agreed to place the golf course development parcels' assessments all on the future club house lot. The thought behind this was that once the club house was built the rest of the parcels would be developed.

Conrad Clement became a partner and eventual owner of the golf course development, including the future clubhouse parcel. Conrad paid the \$152,535.93 back taxes and assessments on these parcels, including \$80,201.05 of special assessments on parcel number 70.152.0380. No other special assessments or property taxes were paid on parcel number 70.152.0380 by Mr. Clement. Mr. Clement kept current the property taxes on rest of the golf course development.

Randy and Trish Amundson purchased the golf course development minus parcel number 70.152.0380 in 2018. Micki O'Keefe previously spoke to the Amundsons about the forfeiture process from the county side of things. Micki advised the Amundsons to touch base with the City about the special assessments that were put on that parcel. City staff advised the Amundsons to put a plan together regarding the parcels. The county's records show at the time of forfeiture there was \$170,314.68 in special assessments outstanding.

After tax forfeiture, the county auditor cancels all of the following real property taxes and special assessments due and remaining unpaid on each parcel:

- 1. Delinquent real property taxes, penalties, costs, and accrued interest for all years under tax judgment.
- 2. Real property taxes due in the current year along with any penalties for late payment.
- 3. All special assessments levied before the tax-forfeiture and scheduled to be paid in past years, the current year, or in future years along with any penalties, costs, and accrued interest.

The County staff took a memo in 2018 to the County Board meeting asking for approval to sell this parcel to the adjoining land owners. The estimated market value of the property is currently \$2,000. The proceeds that the county receives from any sale would be split per Minnesota Statute



regarding the forfeited land sale fund. But obviously there would be unpaid special assessments after the split of funds is done. No action was taken by the County Board as they wait for direction from the City. Minnesota Statue allows a city to recover the amount of any special assessments canceled at the time of forfeiture.

In September 2020 Ron Liu requested that the Wanamingo Council address the special assessments against parcel number 70.152.0380. Mr. Liu has interest in the tax forfeiture lot. Mr. Liu has spoken to the Amundsons regarding future development in concept. Mr. Liu and the Amundsons will need to have further discussions before moving forward.

Mayor Holmes and Administrator Boulton recommend leaving \$170,314.68 in special assessments against parcel number 70.152.0380. The City should wait for the Amundsons to present a development concept of the parcels that surround the lot in question. In drafting a development agreement, the City could use the special assessments owed against the parcel as leverage in negotiations. This area will benefit by being able to connect to the waste water collection system utilizing gravity rather than pumps and/or a lift station. The Council agreed to wait until a development concept plan is presented before considering removal of the assessments from the parcel.

Administrator Boulton presented the 2020 Wanamingo Outstanding Indebtedness Report. The Wanamingo EDA paid \$24,000 in principal in 2020 and owes \$376,000 at the beginning of 2021. The City paid \$567,000 and added \$581,000 in principal in 2020 and owes \$4,108,000 at the beginning of 2021. The report has been submitted to Goodhue County According to the MN State Statutes.

Boulton initiated discussion on the annual City Council/Staff Appreciation Dinner. Boulton stated that it would be difficult to have a large public gathering. Boulton stated that the City Staff requested to have a scaled-back version of the dinner at the Wanamingo Community Center. Boulton requested that the City Staff and Council put on a small appreciation dinner. Boulton stated that the City could purchase \$150-\$200 worth of groceries and that he would seek volunteers to cook and prepare the diner. The Council agreed that this was the best route. Boulton will put a date together for late January or early February.

*Sanitary Sewer District Joint Meeting with Zumbrota, Pine Island, Goodhue, Mazeppa, and Wanamingo – 2/3/2021 at 6:00PM – Wanamingo City Council Chambers (GoToMeeting video conference)

*Next City Council meeting on 2/8/2021 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 7:54PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor Michael Boulton, City Administrator

Commissioner Corner

Hi everyone, I am your newly elected County Commissioner for district 3 here in Goodhue county. It has been a whirlwind for the last 2 months, trying to learn about this position. I am very excited to be representing you at the county level. Our number one concern at this time is the health and well-being of our citizens of Goodhue County. Covid-19 has had us in it's grips for the last year and we are moving in the right direction to get this under control. I want to thank all the different departments and staff who are working on managing and distributing the vaccines. You cannot imagine all the work that has gone on over the last few months to get us to this point. Even with all the planning, things



Todd Greseth Goodhue County Commissioner District 3

are changing almost on a daily basis, so please be patient while you wait. A few projects that are going on now is the Ditch 1 project in Kenyon Township, there is information on the website or give me a call and I can fill you in on the progress. We are updating our park at Lake Byllesby, and working on the Nielsen Memorial Preserve near Kenyon. As always our roads and bridges are a concern and we are working to keep us as well as we can. Please feel free to call me with any concerns 507-319-9550 or my e-mail is todd.greseth@co.goodhue.mn.us. Thank you for your confidence in electing me to this position and contact me any time.



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THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

ACROSS

1. "You're the 5. Horse color

8. Interesting person, acr.

11. *Feeling of the heart

12. Nevada city

13. City in Belgium 15. Use a whisk

16. Greek H's

17. *Popular Valentine's Day delivery, pl.

18. *"Love means never having to say you're sorry" movie

20. Ballpark calls

21. Strong adhesive

22. Greek letter N, pl.

23. Lord's subordinate

26. Given to drinking

30. Ovine mom

31. Old storage medium

34. Fairy-tale beginning 35. Politician Pelosi

37. Tokyo, once

38. Bone hollows

39. Sky bear

40. Fitted with a name tag, e.g. 42. "Ever" to a poet

43. With more seeds

45. Attic

47. Summer sandwich?

48. Fraternity letter

50. Medieval headdress

52. *Only day more popular than Valentine's for card giving 56. Like blue sky

57. Walk the Pacific Crest Trail, e.g. 58. Samoan money

59. *Dionysus' pipe-playing companion 60. Affirm

61. Give off

62. Plays for pay

63. *Color of Valentine's Day 64. *Lovers' reunion

DOWN

1. Cry like a baby

2. Canyon sound

3. Convict's weapon

Conical dwellings

5. Get on juice diet, e.g.

6. Opposite of binary

7. Like a gossipmonger

8. Exterminator's target

9. Change for a five 10. Part of T.G.I.F.

12. Like an abridged classic

13. Tiler's paste

14. *"I Will Always Love You" singer

19. Stupefied

22. Us, in Mexico

23. *Cupid's mother

24. In the know

25. Common thing? 26. Smoke plus fog

27. Lay to rest

28. Rocks at mountain base

29. *Symbol of Valentine's Day

32. Infantry's last row

33. Roulette bet

36. *Chocolatier, pioneer of the heart-shaped box

38. _ apple

40. Risk something

41. Between eggy and eggiest 44. Feeling worse than before

46. Gave away

48. Thin piece

49. Annoyed

50. Russia's alternative to caesar

51. Aries or Taurus, e.g.

52. Burn to a crisp

53. MADD member, colloquially

54. Climbed down, as from a carriage

55. Fill beyond full

56. Pharaoh's cobra



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- -\$50.00 minimum deposit is required to open the account. -One (1) monthly direct deposit, ACH credit or ACH debit posted and settled
- Twelve (12) debit card transactions posted and settled
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- · At least 1 direct deposit or ACH transaction
- · At least 12 debit card purchases
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