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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 of Red Wing.

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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 solvency. 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 February 2, 2021 the number of Goodhue County residents who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine exceeded the number of positive lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Goodhue County. 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.

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Announcements

• **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.

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Love Potion #1

There's a 50's song that has the lyrics: "I took my troubles down to Madame Rue, you know that gypsy with the gold-capped tooth? She's got a pad on Thirty-Fourth and Vine selling little bottles of Love Potion Number Nine. I told her that I was a flop with chicks I've been this way since 1956, She looked at my palm and she made a magic sign, she said "what you need is Love Potion Number Nine" According to Madame Rue- you drink this potion and you won't be without a date on Friday night!

Diana Ross sang a song that had a chorus about love too, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love; no not just for some but for everyone." Our world does need love- I don't think a magic potion will do it. Our world has tried so many different ways to find love and happiness- yet many of us have missed it. We aren't happy, we feel alone and unlovable. While Love potion #9 isn't the answer- I would like to share the true 'Love potion #1' available to each of us.

John wrote in his little letter of 1st John these words, "Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. . . ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." John writes that true love- real, lasting, forever love comes from God. God showed His love for us when He sent His Son to take our place on the cross. He loved us so much that He gave His one and only Son for you and me, and for all people for all time. The world does need more love. It is something that there is too little of. We need to learn to show and practice it with the people we pass each day. (as Diana Ross sang)

As John continued, he said, "¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us." Since

God loves us that much; enough to send His One and only Son to die for us, we should love each other.

God loves me so much- and because of His love for me I should be loving others with the same grace and patience He has had for me. When I think of all the times that I have hurt Jesus... the times I said something spiteful, or the times when I hurt someone with a cruel word, or when I used to treat my parents disrespectfully or party so much I don't remember my drive home, and all the times when God was only 2nd thought or no thought at all in my day; I am so profoundly grateful and humbled that He loves me now and He loved me then! I am undeserving of His Love. All He has desired for me, for all humankind, is to be in a relationship with Him- but in those days, before I really knew Him, I just blew Him off. Yet His love was there all along.

As I became an adult I discovered His love through the eyes of my Grandparents, my daughter, my son, the Pastor, and the people at the church I began to attend. I hadn't experienced that kind of love before- acceptance and totally unconditional love. They showed me God's love for me- and it blew me away! I had finally discovered true love- love that wasn't based on what I did or didn't do or based on my looks- thank goodness!- or based on some distorted pay back system. God's love was and is unconditional.

When we become of a follower of Jesus we discover that God is love. He is the essence of what love is and without Him Love wouldn't even exist. When we accept the truth of the gospel- that we are sinners and that Jesus Christ is God's Son; He

lived, died, and rose again to set us free- then we are His followers; and His love lives in us. There are times when it is tough to love someone. There are people that may be very annoying, or mean, or hateful to us or to the people we love, but Christ reminds us that He loves them too. He loved us before we were very lovable. And because His love lives in us, we can extend that same love to others. Is it easy? Nope! It can be downright difficult and feel impossible- yet we are called to love them like Jesus does. That's a tall order- we can only do that when we are filled with His Love.

As we love God, we are more able to love people that are created in His image. I like how John spells it out at the end of verse 20, "If we don't love people we can see,

how can we love God whom we cannot see?" If we can't love those people we see- people we rub shoulders with: maybe people we don't always agree with, or people that are different; in how they talk, or dress or look, how can we truly love the God that created them? Verse 21 leaves no mistake in interpretation this Valentines Month: Those who love God MUST also love their fellow believers! We are called to Love God and to Love People. As we celebrate the month of "love" may we learn to extend the same love that God has displayed towards us to all the people that He created and for whom He died for. Love one another as Jesus love you. Happy Valentines Day!




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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 understand 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 man did. Often I don't catch what Jesus is about, or understand what he has just said, or realize what he expects of me.

But in this story, Jesus doesn't look down on the man. Jesus 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 him.

Right there is something wonderful I can learn from Jesus. When I don't understand his teachings, or when I misunderstand 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. Amen.



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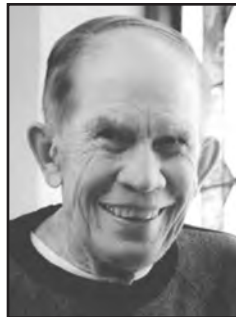
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Bernard Benroy ("Bernie") Mattson

Bernard Benroy ("Bernie") Mattson, 82, of rural Kenyon passed away peacefully as the sun rose on Monday, January 11, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.



Bernie was born on 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 life-long 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.

LaMae M. Erler

LaMae M. Erler, 91, of West Concord, died after a brief illness on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at Circle Drive Manor surrounded by her loving family.



She was born May 23, 1929, in Kenyon, the daughter of Stanley and Lillian (Sweland)

Markuson. LaMae was baptized as an infant at her home and was confirmed on November 14, 1943 at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. LaMae graduated from Kenyon High School in 1947. On August 16, 1953, she married Harold Erler at Hauge Lutheran Church. From that time on the couple farmed together until moving to West Concord in 1987. The most important part of LaMae's life was her family and taking care of others. Her gift was hosting events for her family and friends and making sure they always had something to eat. LaMae loved spending time with her grandchildren and took pride in attending their activities throughout the years. She enjoyed playing games including Uno, Bingo and spoons. LaMae also enjoyed traveling, cooking, baking and crocheting. She created many doilies and baby afghans especially for her grandchildren. LaMae was a member of the Minnesota Club and a 60-year member of the West Concord American Legion Auxiliary serving in various offices and president for five years. She was also a member of Moland Lutheran Church where she was active in WELCA. LaMae later attended Faith Community Church in West Concord.

She is survived by her children, Donna (and Larry) Fitzgerald of West Concord; Grant (and Barb) Erler of West Concord, and Bonnie (and Pat) Redican of West Concord; grandchildren, Vanessa (Nick) Haltvick, Grant T. (Sarah) Erler, Allison (Jacob) Rislov, Amber (Jerome) Ryan, Brad (Ashley) Fitzgerald, Haley, Kayce and Travis Redican; great-grandchildren, Preston, Laryssa and Reid Erler, Harrison, Stella, Calvin and Walter Haltvick, Emma and LaMae Rislov, Emelia and Syllas Ryan, and Jameson Fitzgerald; sister, Dorothy Nygren of Zumbrota; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Erler who died on May 5, 2009; angel baby Fitzgerald; sisters, Helen Mogren and Carol Kooiman.

Visitation was at Faith Community Church in West Concord on Thursday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral services were held Friday, January 15, 2021 at 10:30 AM at Faith Community Church in West

Concord. Pastor David Breederland officiated. Interment was in the Concord Cemetery in Concord Township.

Memorials are preferred to the West Concord Fire and Rescue Department, Concord Cemetery or Faith Community Church in West Concord.

A while on earth, forever in heaven, and always with God.

LaMae's family would like to share a special thanks to Circle Drive Manor and Seasons Hospice for their amazing and compassionate care.

Coletta Fay Flom

Coletta Fay Flom, 80, of Kenyon, died Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna.



She was born August 11, 1940 in Naper, Nebraska the daughter of Edwin and Frieda (Hermann) Nicolaus. The family moved to Minnesota where she was raised and graduated from Alexandria High School. Coletta married Kermit Flom in 1962 and they eventually moved to Kenyon in 1969. Coletta was an artist, art teacher and seamstress.

She loved restoring 19th century dresses, collecting antiques and glassware and restoring antiques as well. She was very involved with the Gunderson House, the Art Council and events in Kenyon such as the Sleigh and Cutter Parade. She made many costumes for theatrical productions in Kenyon and later at Shattuck in Faribault. Coletta was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church. She loved watching the Minnesota Twins.

She is survived by sons, Ed (and Karen Poppa) Flom of Maplewood, Jim (and Kathleen) Flom of Hudson, WI; grandchildren, Sharon Flom, Jack Flom; brother, Robert (and Valerie) Nicolaus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit Flom; brother, Verlin Nicolaus.

Private family services were held with Pastor Julie Rogness officiating. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery.

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 in 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 (Bettina) Halvorson, Christopher 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 family at 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, Lauren 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.

Ione Lundell

Ione Lundell, age 92, of Cannon Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at Cannon Rivers Senior Living.



Elaine Lundell was born at home, in Holden Township, on October 17, 1928, the daughter of Helmer and Gladys (Flom) Berquam.

She grew up in the Sogn Valley area and attended the District #54 country school, graduating from Kenyon High School.

On June 14, 1947, Ione was united in marriage to Wayne Lundell at Urland Lutheran Church. They made their home on a small farm outside of Cannon Falls, where Ione was a homemaker. Her passion was a large garden and lots of flowers. Canning enough tomatoes to get through the winter was a labor of love for her. In addition to her work on the farm, Ione was also employed as a nursing assistant and activities director at the Cannon Nursing Home for a number of years. After 40 years on the farm, Ione yearned for big city life, so she moved to a townhouse in Cannon Falls. Meeting many new friends, she ended up in a card group, playing five days a week. She also enjoyed Saturday morning coffee with her kids, and cooking her famous goulash hotdish. She could be found every evening at 6:30 in front of the TV in her recliner watching 'The Wheel', and loved playing along on the show Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader. Ione has been a member of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church for over 70 years, where she enjoyed being a member of the Bell Ringers. Ione also enjoyed china painting, bowling, bingo, needle-point, and entering exhibits at the fair.

Survivors include her seven children Ilene (Rick) Fox, Susan Iverson, Rodney Lundell, Debra (Jarle) Norstad, Mark Lundell, Colleen Scott, and Dawn Friedrich; grandchildren Robin, Jesse, Ben, Dylan, Tony, Tara, Nicole, Matthew, Lindsay, Derek, Brent, Courtney, Jennifer, and Dustin; 18 great-grandchildren; siblings Gerhard (Marion) Berquam, Donald (Glenna) Berquam, Gloria Peter, and Lois Burdick; brothers-in-law Dale Lundell, Floyd Budensiek, and Curt Duden; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Wayne, sons-in-law Craig Scott and Scott Friedrich; sister Helen Berquam; and brother Harland Berquam.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, 7459 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. There was a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Masks and social distancing were required. Interment was in the Cannon Falls Cemetery. Lundberg Funeral Home is assisting the family. Memorial are preferred to St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church.

Elaine Ann Delilla Dummer

Elaine Ann Delilla Dummer, 86, of Kenyon, died 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 from

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 flowers.

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 heavenly 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.

dren. 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, Oscar

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 date.

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

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COVID-19 Variants

Variants are common with a virus like COVID-19. Viruses constantly change through mutation, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time. Multiple COVID-19 variants are circulating globally. Variants first detected in the United Kingdom (UK), Brazil, and South Africa have been detected in the United States. The UK and Brazil variants have been identified in Minnesota. MDH and our partners are actively testing new positive test samples to continue to detect variants and learn more.

Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm stated, "We know that even as we

work hard to defeat COVID-19, the virus continues to evolve as all viruses do. That's yet another reason why we want to limit COVID-19 transmission – the fewer people who get COVID-19, the fewer opportunities the virus has to evolve. The good news is that we can slow the spread of all COVID-19 variants by using the tried-and-true prevention methods of wearing masks, keeping social distance, staying home when sick, and getting tested when appropriate."

There have been several cases in Minnesota of COVID-19 variants. "These cases illustrate why it is so important to limit travel during a pandemic as much as possible," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield. "If you must travel, it is important to watch for symptoms of COVID-19, follow public health guidance on getting tested prior to travel, use careful protective measures during travel, and quarantine and get tested after travel."

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 lev-

els. 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.

To stay informed of local Goodhue County Vaccine information go to co.goodhue.mn.us/COVID19VaccineInformation. If you have COVID-19 related questions please call the Goodhue County Health & Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at (651) 385-2000. Hotline is available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

About Goodhue County Health and Human Services:

The mission of Goodhue County Health and Human Services is to "Promote, Protect and Strengthen the Health of Individuals, Families, and Communities." The department has four service divisions: Economic Assistance, Public Health, Social Services, and HHS Finance/IT. For more information on Goodhue County Health & Human Services, please visit www.co.goodhue.mn.us.

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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 encour-

age 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.

Kenyon and Wanamingo residents pay higher Trash fees

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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.

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

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WHEREAS: the City of Kenyon 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, DOUG HENKE, Mayor of Kenyon, do hereby proclaim the week of February 22-26, 2021, as:

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

in Kenyon.

Doug Henke, Mayor of Kenyon

K-W Noble Knights



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



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



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Mrs. Tanya Short, KG and Ezra Noerenberg



Mrs. Tanya Short, KG and Luna Stewart



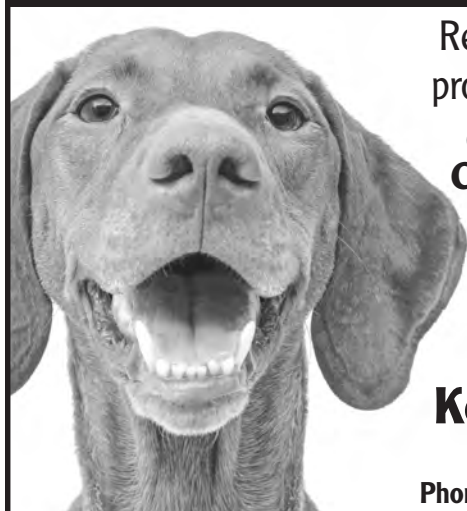
Mrs. Tanya Short, KG and Oakley Benbrooks



KW Noble Knights of the Week for 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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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of December 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members Dan Rehtzigel, John Mortensen, and Tom Gard.

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Lee Sjolander, Engineer Derek Olinger, Engineer Joe Rhein, Attorney Scott Riggs, Mary Bailey

Via Teleconference: Council Member Richard Nielsen

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADOPT AGENDA

Addition: / VIII / Legal / E / 1 / Resolution 2020-34 Maring Assessment Development Agreement

Motion by Mortensen second by Gard to approve the amended agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Henke to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 71694 through 71756; 3619E through 3639E; and additional checks 71757 through 71778.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/ PROLAMATIONS

Public Hearing: Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements within Lots 9 and 10, Block 2, Whitetail Ridge

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to open the Public hearing at 7:08 pm.

Attorney Riggs stated that this public hearing was required as a follow up to the approved combination of Lots 9 and 10, Block 2, Whitetail Ridge at last month's meeting. No public comments were received at the hearing.

Motion by Henke second by Mortensen to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Update of the status of Kenyon Senior Living facility. - Chris Knoll - Minnewashka Community Health Services

Chris Knoll, Minnewashka Community Health Services, provided an update on the conversion of Kenyon Senior Living Nursing Home to an assisted living facility. Minnewashka is the new acting manager of the Sunset Home. The official change over date is February 1, 2021. Knoll also reviewed his firm's effort to recruit another health care provider into the clinic space that is currently vacant.

ENGINEERING

Red Wing Avenue Project Update

Engineer Olinger stated that construction on Red Wing Avenue was completed as of November 18. Per the current contract, Wencil was contracted to complete the work

by November 14. The City could pursue liquidated damages for the extra four days amounting to \$6,200.00. The contractor feels they were justified in this overage due to the weather and the impact of COVID on their crew.

Motion by Mortensen second by Gard to not pursue liquidated damages from Wencil construction for late charges for the period of November 14 to November 18.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Pay Request #7 – Wencil Construction

Motion by Gard second by Rehtzigel to approve pay request No. 7 to Wencil Construction in the amount of \$384,006.38 for work completed October 24th through November 20th.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Kenyon Business Park/Utility Extension Project Status Update

Engineer Olinger reported that A-1 Excavating has had the grading crew on site for the past month working on the right turn lane, stormwater pond, and new lots. When grading for the new Engel Drive, the contractor ran into soils that were very soft and wet. Some of this was expected and included in the bid, but an additional 400 feet of soft, wet soil was found when excavating. A portion of the storm sewer in this area will also require some stabilizing aggregate. Given these findings, the contractor requested a change order for an additional \$44,720.00 for stabilizing material. This amount is eligible for a 50% reimbursement through the BDPI grant, so the City's portion would be \$23,000, which would come out of the project contingency funds.

Pay Request #2 – A-1 Excavating

Motion by Henke second by Nielsen to approve pay request No.2 to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$376,746.33 for work completed through November 20th.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Change Order #3

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to approve Change Order #3 for the A-1 Excavating.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

LEGAL

Resolution 2020-31: Bigelow Homes Vacation of Utility and Drainage Easement

Attorney Riggs stated that the easements that run down the middle of the newly combined lots at 217 Whitetail Lane need to be vacated as discussed in the public hearing. No public comments were received at the public hearing. Riggs recommended approving this resolution.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Henke to adopt Resolution 2020-31 vacating the utility and drainage easement on the lot located at 217 Whitetail Lane.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Review Draft Amendment to Ordinance Section 1305 Regarding Winter Parking Regulations and Penalties for Parking Violations

Attorney Riggs reviewed the marked-up draft of the Winter Parking regulations. The proposed changes to the ordinance would increase fines and revise the wording for the criteria that the Police Department would use to tow vehicles during snow events. The Council wanted to make sure the public was educated on these changes via the quarterly newsletter, notification with the utility bills, social media, and the code red system.

Motion by Mortensen second by Henke to amend Chapter 1305 of City Code concerning winter parking regulation with the revised language that was drafted at this meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Review Draft Amendment to Ordinance Section 520.09 Residential Fencing and Screening

Attorney Riggs stated that this ordinance was revised following the recommendations of the Planning Commission, who had reviewed the ordinance and passed their recommendations on to the Council for approval. The eight-foot fence height in the back yard was reduced to a maximum height of six feet and the language was cleaned up and simplified to make the ordinance easier to enforce.

Motion by Gard second by Henke to amend Ordinance Section 520.09 of City Code regarding residential fencing and screening.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Review Draft Amendments to Ordinance Section 510.11 Regarding Flag Lots

Attorney Riggs stated that this ordinance was revised following the recommendations of the Planning Commission, who had reviewed the ordinance and passed their recommendations on to the Council for approval. The language of the ordinance was simplified to make it easier for City staff to enforce.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Henke to approve the amendments to Ordinance Section 510.11 regarding flag lots.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rehtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Appeal of Assessments for 930 Red Wing Avenue

Resolution 2020-34: Maring Assessment Development Agreement

Attorney Riggs stated that Resolution 2020-34 and the accompanying Development Agreement was created to remove a portion of the sanitary sewer and water main hookup assessment for the property located at 930 Red Wing Avenue.

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Matt Maring has appealed the proposed assessments for this property. The original assessment for the property related to the Red Wing Avenue reconstruction project was \$52,873.52. After review by City staff and the City Engineer, it was determined that a portion of the assessments, equivalent to \$10,193.96 for the undeveloped portion of their property, could be delayed until it is developed.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Henke to adopt Resolution 2020-34 deferring special assessments for the Red Wing Avenue improvement project against certain unimproved property.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-32: Adopting the 2021 Budget and Establishing the Tax Levy for Payable 2021

Administrator Vahlsing noted that the final budget summary was included in the packet. No comments were received at the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 1. The final budget shows a maximum proposed levy increase of 2.85% for 2021.

Motion by Nielsen second by Mortensen to adopt Resolution 2020-32 adopting the 2021 budget and establishing the tax levy for payable 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Update on Former Ambulance Garage Renovations

Police Chief Sjolander updated staff on the police department renovations. They are 98% moved in, computers and phones are working, and the signage is up. The graphic was removed from the old building today.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-33: Committing Capital Fund Balances

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the general accounting standard (GASB 54) requires all public entities to set year end Capital fund balances before the end of the current year contingent on audited final

numbers. The final year-end capital fund amounts will not be known until the 2020 audit is completed.

Motion by Rechtzigel seconded by Mortensen to adopt Resolution 2020-33 committing capital fund balances.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - No

Motion carried 4-1-0.

Approve Transfer of Fire Department Year End Remaining Funds to Capital Fund

Administrator Vahlsing stated that council approval is needed to move the year end Fire Department budget balance to the capital fund. The actual transfer amount will be determined by the auditors as part of the 2020 audit.

Motion by Mortensen seconded by Henke to approve the transfer of fire department year end remaining funds to capital funds.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - No

Motion carried 4-1-0.

Approve Transfer of Street Maintenance Year End Remaining Funds to Capital Fund

Administrator Vahlsing stated that council approval is needed to move the year end Street Maintenance Department budget balance to the capital fund. The actual transfer amount will be determined by the auditors as part of the 2020 audit.

Motion by Rechtzigel seconded by Henke to approve the transfer of street maintenance department year end remaining funds to capital funds.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - No

Motion carried 4-1-0.

Project Fund Balance Transfers

Administrator Vahlsing requested Council approval for two interfund transfers. The first one was a transfer from Fund 409 to Funds 430 and 208. There was a remaining balance in the Trondheim Road Project fund of \$100,000. Fund 208, the Fire Hall project fund, would receive \$59,787 and Fund 430 1st Street reconstruction project fund would receive \$40,435. The second transfer would eliminate the remaining negative balance of

\$19,241 in Fund 430, 1st Street reconstruction project fund. The auditors recommended transferring \$1492 from fund 601, \$15,660 from fund 602 and \$2,089 from fund 605.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Gard to approve the project fund balance transfers.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Kenyon Police Dept – Use of Force Policy Revision

Chief Sjolander presented the proposed revisions to the Force of Use policy. The State of Minnesota POST Board requested all law enforcement agencies to adopt revisions to their Use of Force policy.

Motion by Henke second by Gard to approve Kenyon Police Department's Use of Force policy revision.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

2021 Tobacco License Renewals Kenyon Market

River Country Co-Op (Speedway) Kenyon Municipal Liquor Store

Motion by Mortensen seconded by Henke to approve to approve the 2021 tobacco license renewals.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Discuss Adoption of Administrative Policy 32 – Covering City Council issued iPads.

Administrator Vahlsing reviewed the proposed iPad policy that would cover the use of City issued iPads.

The policy will be on the January agenda for possible adoption.

Holiday City Office Closings

We are requesting approval for City Offices/Library to close on Thursday, December 24 at noon

and the Library to close on Thursday, December 31 at 4:30 pm.

Motion by Henke seconded by Rechtzigel to close the City Office and Library on Thursday, December 24 at noon and close the library on Thursday, December 31 at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Wednesday, December 23rd @ 2:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 12th @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Administrator Vahlsing thanked Lee, Linda, and the PD for their patience with the move. He also thanked Councilmen Nielsen and Mortensen for their years of service on the Council and welcomed Molly Ryan and Mary Bailey.

Councilman Rechtzigel stated it was a pleasure serving in the Council with both Richard and John and gave his congratulations to the two new members.

Councilman Mortensen commented on how quickly the last five and a half years on the Council had gone by. Being on the council was very interesting and a lot of fun. He encouraged everyone to stay positive and test negative.

Chief Sjolander thanked everyone for putting up with him through the move. He stated that the Council is amazing and thanked them for all the work they do.

Mayor Henke stated he had learned a lot for Councilman Mortensen and thanked Nielsen for his 18 years of service.

Councilman Nielsen thanked everyone who took part in the last election and thanked everyone he served with.

Councilman Gard wished both John and Richard the best of luck. He congratulated the home owners on Gunderson Blvd. and in the City for their light displays and great holiday spirit.

Attorney Riggs stated that it had been an honor to work with both John and Richard.

Engineer Rhein congratulated the Mayor and newly elected council members. He stated it was a pleasure working with both Richard and John. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Engineer Olinger stated it was a pleasure working with both Richard and John.

Motion by Mortensen second by Nielsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Mortensen – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant
Douglas Henke, Mayor

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 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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**A Minnesotan in the North:
Snow Boots**



By RosaLin Alcoser

In Minnesota it is a fairly common practice, as in I have seen a lot of people do this over the years, for people to wear their snow boots and carry their dress shoes when it is snowing and they have to go somewhere where they will need their dress shoes. Then change shoes when they get there.

This is just a practical practice that many Minnesotans have adopted over time to keep their feet warm and dry... unless you're a pastor from the Caribbean and

have lived in Minnesota for 20 years.

One Sunday morning when we had about three or so inches of snow come down before the night before my mother and I both did this as we got ready to go to the church. My father on the other hand did not.

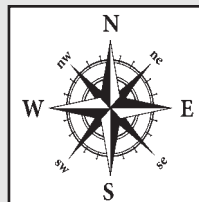
Since it was not spouse to snow there was a chance being way up north like we are that the church parking lot would not be plowed when we got there; after all the pastor always has to get there first. So I reminded my father that he should wear his boots to which he replied that he would not need them.

Except the parking lot had not been plowed out yet and he decided to shovel paths in the parking lot so that people would not have to walk in the snow.

After people got to church he was telling them all about how he had to shovel the parking lot and how his feet were now cold. I could hear all of this from where I was in the sound booth.

So into the social hall I popped saying, "don't take pity on him. He was told to wear his snow boots and bring his shoes so that if he had to shovel his feet wouldn't be cold and he told me, 'no, I don't need my boots.' So don't take any pity on the pastor because he was told." Then back to my sound booth I went while people laughed at him.

*Changes in Latitudes,
Changes in Attitudes*
**Soft Spoken
Sweet Southern
Sunshine**



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell.

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

There is a language all of its own in the south, and a curious delivery by the natives who have coined the expressions. Sometimes you get the idea and other times you haven't a clue.

My first exposure was the kindly looking lady working at the local landfill. You were to pull onto the scale to declare what you were hauling but you didn't have to

weigh leaving after unloading. So, I pull up with my truck and trailer and got too far on the scale. After asking what I was delivering, she smiled and sweetly said, "Honey, you pulled up too far on the scale. If you do it next time I am going to have to come out there and kill you."

You get used to terms of endearment. The ladies are effusive in buttery words. It is "how you doin' love, what can I get you darlin', what'll you have dear, how are you honey." Don't think that you are special because they say it to everyone. You will sit down at the booth in the diner with your wife and the young waitress steps up to take your order, looks you right in the eye and calls you sweetie. Whoa girl, we kind of reserve those words for the special lady we are with where I came from. One day while paying for my lunch at the local café, one of the elderly matrons walked through the door, looked straight at the cashier and said "how are you beautiful?"

Well, you get used to it. And you actually start to really enjoy it. A kind word and a pleasant demeanor brightens up the day. But don't start thinking that those southern belles are pushovers. I still remember the first summer we were in Tennessee, and a little old lady was describing encountering a copperhead in her yard. She said, "I emptied my .380 on him and then came back out with the 12 gauge and blew his head off.



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 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
 4. 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 eggst
 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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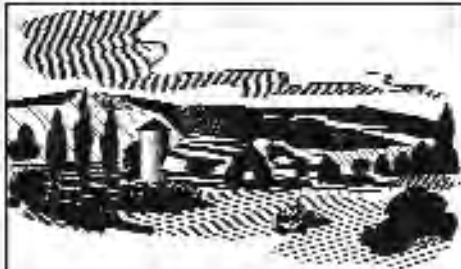


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