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## Kenyon-Wanamingo Spring School Activities

The K-W school is planning a spring band and choir concert with the theme "Here Comes the Sun" for Thursday May 6th. The band concert will be held outdoors starting at 7pm so bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. The choir concert will be held indoors in the middle/high school auditorium. On Thursday May 13th the elementary school will hold their spring band and choir concerts at the Kenyon-

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## K-W Speech Team Students Compete

Sub Section Results from Saturday, April 10th: Sophia Culuris - 1st place Original Oratory, Ashley Rechtzigel - 1st place Great Speeches, Elliot Olson - 2nd place Serious Prose, Izzy Chmelik - 4th place Poetry, Jordan Blowers - 6th place Serious Prose, Aspen Donkers finished as 1st Alternate in Dramatic Interpretation.

Five members will compete in the Section tournament hosted by Byron on Saturday, April 17th. All meets this year have been held virtually with students competing from KWMS classrooms in rounds held through a platform similar to Zoom. The Speech team coaches are Heidi Hanson and Rebecca Kunesh.



## 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](http://threeriverscap.org) for more information.

• **Home Delivered Meals Available** Sunday-Friday, for more info call Dee Callstrom 789-4663.

• **Kenyon SEMCAC dinners** are served Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at Gunderson Gardens at 11:15a.m. to anyone 60 or older. A suggested donation is posted. Reservations are required by signing up the day before or calling Helen Aase at 789-5315.

Do you have an announcement?

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## 2021 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses

2021 Goodhue County Dairy princesses were crowned this weekend. They are Madison Bartholome daughter of Jim and Lisa Bartholome of Goodhue, Cassandra Hinsch daughter of Mike and Ann Hinsch, of Goodhue and Chelsey Lexvold daughter of Brent and Wendy Lexvold of Goodhue. They will represent the dairy farmers and dairy industry in Goodhue County for the next year.



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## HE is RISEN!!!

He is Risen- He is Risen Indeed. That is a traditional Easter greeting. "He is risen!" and the response is "He is risen, indeed!" This Easter tradition has a lot to say to us today as we prepare for Easter Sunday. The history behind it is pretty vague, but regardless of its origin it is a great way to greet one another on Easter. One of my favorite accounts of Easter is from Matthew 28:1-7, "Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. 2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. 3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. 4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. 7 And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

What glorious news!!! He is Risen from the dead! Just three days before, these same women- were on the hill of Golgotha outside of Jerusalem, where they saw Jesus die. Where they saw all their hopes dashed to the ground. They saw the prophet, the man they had followed some of them for three years- totally defeated and hanging

on a cross with criminals. They saw him carried off to this same tomb and left there.

They had no hope of seeing him again. They had lost hope. Yet, they wanted to do one last thing for this great teacher and leader among them and make sure he was buried correctly-- They gathered their supplies and waited until the Sabbath was over and then they could head over to the cemetery and take care of their friend and teacher.

As they approached the area, the ground shook—rocks are rolling around, the trees are swaying wildly, they lose their footing and stumble. Then they see and hear- He is Risen. It is a message full of meaning still today.

#1 – He Is Risen Means Jesus Is Alive. As believers we are saying that we believe that Jesus is still alive and living forever. Paul said that if the resurrection didn't happen, we are most to be pitied. But the resurrection of Jesus IS true, which means that Jesus is alive, which means that everything he promised will happen. It's not a myth, fairy tale, or children's tale. The disciples were firsthand witnesses- and Jesus appeared to over 500 people after his resurrection! That's very good evidence!

#2 – He Is Risen Means Jesus Is Reigning: Our risen Lord is just that – Lord. He sits on the throne of heaven, on the right hand of God the Father. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Our lives and the world may seem insanely chaotic but there is nothing outside of the sovereign rule of King Jesus. Politics can't stop Jesus. Our sin and weakness can't stop him. Satan can't stop him. One day all the world everything and everyone must bow before

the risen and ruling Christ. There is no better news than that.

#3 – He Is Risen Means A Man Sits Upon the Throne. This just blows me away! The incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ mean that a man, a human, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, is seated on the throne of heaven. Christ knows the struggle and striving and suffering that come with living in a fallen, broken world. He has been here and done that. He was tempted, it says in all ways that we too have been tempted. Yet, as He sits on the throne- he is approachable—I can walk up to his throne—and like a little child that crawls onto their daddy's lap, I can come to Him and share my heart, my hurts, my joys and my struggles and He will listen—and He understands. When we share with Him our anxiety over the uncertain times before us—He understands our burden and asks that He can carry it for us.

#4 – He Is Risen Means the Penalty for Sin Has Been Paid: We are all sinners—born into sin from day one. And God cannot let any sin to enter heaven. The punishment for our sin is death. Because of the love that God has for His creation He has provided us a way out—Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." It is free for us—but it cost Jesus His life.

#5 – He Is Risen Means Jesus Will Make All Things New: One day—as we join Him in heaven there will be: No more cancer. No more depression. No more COVID-19, no more wars or hunger, or shootings. Right now, we live in a dark and dying world, but the king is returning.

#6 – He Is Risen Means We Will Receive New Bodies. Right now, our bodies decay. Fall apart. Go to pieces. We are afflicted with migraines, heart disease, PTSD, Alzheimer's, and ALS. But this won't always be the case. Christ will return and we will receive new, resurrection bodies that don't feel the crippling effects of sin.

#7 – He Is Risen Means We Have A Sympathetic Great High Priest. We all want someone that understands how we feel and what we are going through. Jesus knows us inside and out (and loves us anyway!) The risen Jesus is our Great High Priest, taking us into the Most Holy Place, and praying on our behalf. Because he suffered, he can sympathize with our weakness and our pain. Jesus is near to us, helping us, praying for us.

#8 – He Is Risen Means We Have the Holy Spirit. Now that Jesus is alive, he gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Him. The Holy Spirit is no longer reserved for prophets and mighty men and women. He comes to all who believe, weak and strong, young and old, mature and immature. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are brought into a relationship with God. Jesus Christ sends the Holy Spirit to us and brings into the presence of the Father.

#9 – He Is Risen Means We Have Hope. We have hope because we see in Jesus Christ the agony of the Cross- and how great His love for us.

He is ALIVE! The resurrection of Jesus changes absolutely everything. Because He lives, we have hope for today, tomorrow and forever! He is risen! He is Risen indeed!



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Sunday School Update  
There will be a Sunday school event on April 18 at 10:00 AM that will feature games and treats for the whole family.  
There will be another Sunday school event May. Hope to see you there!  
"Growing Connections" Garden  
It is almost time to get into the garden! We will need lots more help this year with this ministry. To find out how you can help, contact Larry Enfield or Nicole Monroe.  
**Faith Growth Opportunity from Pastoral Intern Lucas**  
Lucas is hosting forums in May on what welcome looks like. What is Christian hospitality? How do we go about putting that into practice? What does that mean for how we relate to God?  
Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 AM at First Lutheran and on Zoom  
Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 AM at Vang  
Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM at Holden  
All are welcome to join in on any of those three dates.  
**Worship**  
April 18th- Dennison 9 am; Vang 11 am  
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*In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. — Genesis 2:9*  
In the school where I serve as a campus pastor and as an English teacher, we talk about metaphors and how important they are in a piece of literature. We also pay attention to imagery used by an author to show meaningful threads throughout a narrative. The Bible is God's Word to us, revealing to us the grand story of creation, salvation in Christ, and life with God and his people forever. The Bible is also a literary masterpiece, filled with imagery and metaphors that carry through in meaningful threads from beginning to end.  
For example, of the many trees described in the Bible, the two here in Genesis 2 are prototypes for other trees mentioned later on: trees that indicate life and fruitfulness, and trees that represent potentials for brokenness and disobedience. The tree of life presented abundant life and intimacy with God, while the other tree presented consequences connected with choosing and doing wrong.  
The tree of life especially prefigures many stories featuring hope, redemption, promise, and comfort, indicating that even from the beginning, people were not left to live here alone but were given a protected place of abundance and well-being. Emphasis is placed on the loving relationship between God and creation, summed up in the rich image of the tree of life—and later we find this tree again in the new heaven and new earth, where we will live with God forever (Revelation 22:1-2).  
*Prayer; Lord, thank you for showing us your loving and generous promises in the imagery of the tree of life. Guide us to hope and truly live in you always. Amen.*



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## Mona M. Boudreau

Mona M. Boudreau, age 92, of Faribault, died on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.



Private funeral services were held at the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault. The Reverend Jeff Sandgren officiated. Interment was at Maple Lawn

Cemetery.

Mona (Benson) Boudreau (Mrs. Donald) was born November 12, 1928 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester to Elmer O. and Hulda (Nelson) Benson. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hayfield, confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kenyon and graduated with the Class of 1946 from Kenyon High School. She was married to Donald Boudreau on May 26, 1955 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. Mona was employed at Wilson & Co. as a secretary for 5 years and

then at Faribault Daily News for 30 years as secretary to the publisher. She was a member of the Faribault Senior Center and a Volunteer at the Clothes Closet.

She is survived by two children, Bruce (and Jan) Boudreau and Kathy (and Paul) Stepka, all of Faribault; three granddaughters, Jennifer (and Andy) Lohrmann of Faribault, Kallie (and Jake) Smuda of Virginia Beach, VA and Jenna Boudreau, of Minneapolis; five great granddaughters, Olivia, Ellie and Georgia Lohrmann and Kenley and Maryn Smuda; two sisters in law, Mary Boudreau and La Donna Boudreau both of Faribault; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father in September 1970, her mother in March 1997, and her husband in August 1996.

Condolences for Mona's family may be sent to the Boldt Funeral Home, 300 Prairie Ave., Faribault, MN 55021.

Visit [boldtfuneralhome.com](http://boldtfuneralhome.com) for information and guestbook.

## Larry J. Wrolstad

Larry J. Wrolstad, 74, of Kenyon, died Monday, April 5, 2021 at Methodist Hospital, Rochester.



He was born April 29, 1946 in Faribault the son of Ennert and Donna (Christenson) Wrolstad. Larry graduated from

Kenyon High School. In 1966 Larry married Linda Marlene Anderson, the sweet waitress at Harry's Café his mom introduced him to. He served 4 years in the US Air Force where he was stationed in Guam for 6 months during Vietnam. After his military service he lived in Cedar Rapids, IA for 17 years, the Twin Cities and finally moved back to Kenyon in 1984. He worked as a crane operator until retiring in 2008. In retirement, he drove truck for McDonough and van for Held Bus Co until he was diagnosed with cancer in 2018.

Larry loved riding and collecting Harley Davidson motorcycles. He shared this love with his family and often planned rides with them or rides that would take him to visit them. He also collected Allis Chalmers tractors, Lionel model trains and vintage toys. Larry enjoyed camping, boating and spending time on the water with his family. He was a fun guy who loved life and always kept his family first.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Wrolstad of Kenyon; daughter, Loretta (and Brett) Carlson of Rogers; son, Larry (and Amber Yang) Wrolstad of Minnetrista; grandchildren, Tanya (and Tim) O'Neil, Felicia Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Garrett Carlson, Clara Belle Wrolstad; great grandchildren, Nelson, Elaina, Bradlee, Navy, Preslee, Jameson; brothers, Jerry (and Patty) Wrolstad, Steve (and Donna) Wrolstad, Paul Wrolstad, Tom Wrolstad, Jon Wrolstad; sisters, Sharon (and Doug) Henke, Suzanne Stewart, Joan (and Robert) Nye, Cindy (and Steve) Oelkers, JoEllen Wrolstad, Laurie Ann McComas

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Wrolstad; sister, Mary Ellen Wrolstad.

Funeral services were held April 9, 2021

at 2pm at Holden Lutheran Church with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Holden Lutheran Cemetery.

## Bernard "Ben" Linaman

Bernard "Ben" Linaman, 90, of Kenyon, died Monday, April 5, 2021, in Colorado Springs, CO, after complications from a stroke.



Bernard Frederick Linaman was born January 20, 1931, in Bellechester, Wabasha County, to

Fred and Agnes

(Megears) Linaman. He was baptized in Bellechester. He attended country school through the 8th grade. On July 18, 1952, he entered into the United States Army where he was a cook. On June 18, 1954, he was honorably discharged and returned home.

On June 21, 1958, he married Glenora Voxland at Holden Lutheran Church. Ben and Glenora made their home south of Kenyon where he was a farmer for most his life before moving to town in 1993 from the family farm. Ben also worked at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, RYT-way in Northfield, the photo lab at Walmart in Owatonna and Treasure Island in Red Wing until he retired.

Ben was a member of Hegre Lutheran Church. He loved spending time in his wood shop making tables, shelves, canes, or any other project people asked of him. He was always building something. He also enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and traveling.

He is survived by two sons, Tommy (Denise) Linaman of Kenyon and David Linaman of Owensville, Missouri; one daughter, Lynette Linaman of Chanhassen; eight grandchildren, Fay (Todd) Crouse, Scott (Ashley) Linaman, Mark Linaman, Craig (DeeAnna) Linaman, Samantha Linaman, Andrew Linaman, Jessica (Runner) Chandler, and Casey Beam; twenty-two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim Linaman of Mesa, Arizona and Donald Linaman of Nevada; one sister, Donna Merkel of Spring Valley, Minnesota; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Glenora in 2002; his parents; three brothers, Louie, Fred and Frank; one sister, Helen Winslow.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be in Hegre Lutheran Cemetery.

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## Give Blood with the Red Cross during National Volunteer Month

With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential for hospital patients in need of transfusions. During National Volunteer Month this April, the American Red Cross is celebrating the blood, platelet and plasma donors who help fulfill its lifesaving mission and urging healthy individuals to join

them in giving.

Nearly 2.6 million Red Cross volunteer donors step up every year to ensure blood is on the shelves when patients need it. The generosity of these heroes has been especially impactful over the past year as they helped the Red Cross continue to meet patient needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Red Cross continues to urge healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give blood to ensure hospitals can meet patient needs. Schedule a donation appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

## Kenyon-Wanamingo Spring School Activities

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Wanamingo Elementary with the band concert outside starting at 7pm and the choir concert held afterwards indoors in the elementary school auditorium.

The K-W school play, "Beauty and the Beast" will be held starting Friday May 7th in the K-W high school auditorium at 7pm. There will also be performances on Saturday May 8th and 15th at 7pm and matinees on Sunday May 9th and 16th at 2pm.

There is interest in starting a K-W fishing club. The High School sport started in the south and has been growing in Minnesota in the past few years. It starts in May and

consists of bass fishing tournaments throughout the summer.

The Kenyon-Wanamingo Prom is scheduled to be held Saturday May 1st. There will be a Grand March at 4pm in the east high school gym and a dinner and DJ at the Red Wing Golf Club. An after Prom party is planned at the K-W high school.

Two GaGaBall pits are going to be constructed by the High School shop class and erected at each school location. Donations have been received for the funding of these. GaGaBall is similar to dodge ball but played in an octagon arena about 24' across.

As a special thank-you, those who come to give by April 30 will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice. Additional details are available at [rcblood.org/Gift](http://rcblood.org/Gift).

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to

help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody test and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

**Blood drive safety:** Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face masks for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities

#### Faribault

4/18/2021: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Elks Lodge Faribault, 131 Lyndale Ave. N.

4/26/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Church of St. Patrick Shieldsville, 7525 Dodd Road

4/29/2021: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Paradise Center for the Arts, 321 Central Ave.

4/30/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Faribo West Mall, 200 Western Ave.

#### Northfield

4/28/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., City Light Church, 2140 Highway 3 S.

## Garden Thyme Craft Show

Saturday & Sunday, May 1 - 2 and May 8 - 9 from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.  
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Check out our Facebook page under "Potpourri Mill"

**DIRECTIONS FROM KENYON:** Go north on Hwy. 56 for 7 miles, then turn west on County 49 Blvd. Go 1/2 mile. Our cabin is right before Vang Lutheran Church.

**FROM NORTHFIELD:** Go east on Hwy. 246 to Dennison, continue east out of Dennison 3 miles, take a right on Hwy. 56 south for 2 long miles. Take a right heading west on Cty. 49 Blvd., go 1/2 mile. Our cabin is right before Vang Lutheran Church.

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# K-W Noble Knights



**K-W Noble Knights for March 12, 2021**  
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 Not pictured: Anthony Hauer, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl



**Ashlynn Amiot**  
 Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl



**K-W Noble Knights for March 19, 2021**  
**Front Row:** Sabin Varanelli, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; David Aguilar Garcia, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Emmot Putnam, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Beau Callahan, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Nathan Flom, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Mariah Brainard, Gr. 2, Mrs. Renee Hildebrandt. **Back Row:** Boe Aronson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Piper Rueger, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Parker Miller, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Sylvia Hedeon, Gr. 4, Mrs. Jena LeTourneau; Brady Christensen, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Crue Nesseth, Gr. 4, Mr. Jake Wieme



**K-W Noble Knights for March 26, 2021**  
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 Not pictured: Kyleigh Wetzstein, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers



**Lucas Potvin**  
 Gr. 2  
 Mrs. Renee Hildebrandt



**K-W Noble Knights for April 9, 2021**  
**Front Row:** Maverick Moechnig, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Tarynn Houglum, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Daniel Richards, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Leia Patterson, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Beau Callahan, Gr. 1, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Evelyn Nystuen, Gr. 2, Mrs. Renee Hildebrandt; Isaac Caron, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs. **Back Row:** Hunter Taylor, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Abel Eggert, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Jacob Flom, Gr. 4, Ms. Jena LeTourneau; Ace Laack, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Sydney Trapp, Gr. 4, Mr. Jake Wieme

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## Make a Difference in Southern Minnesota



**Tim Penny**  
So. MN Initiative Foundation

This past year has shown all of us what it means to serve others. Southern Minnesotans have stepped up to stock food shelves, provide support for children during distance learning and find creative ways to support businesses and nonprofits that are struggling. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we work to help our neighbors in many ways, including by placing people in service roles across our 20-county region through the national AmeriCorps program.

As a congressman, I voted to support the creation of AmeriCorps 26 years ago. I have been pleased to see how central this program has become to our culture of service in this country. AmeriCorps members commit their time in key areas of education, economic opportunity, disaster response, healthy futures, environmental stewardship and veteran support. More than 270,000 Americans across the country serve through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors each year to meet critical needs in communities – this has recently been expanded because of the needs that have arisen during the pandemic. Additionally, AmeriCorps is proud to boast more than one million alumni. SMIF has placed more than 600 AmeriCorps members throughout southern Minnesota over the past 26 years.

SMIF is the host organization for a program that focuses on early childhood development called AmeriCorps LEAP

(Learning Early Achieves Potential) Initiative. We place up to 20 members in early childhood settings across our region. Members work one-on-one and in small groups with young children, ages three to five, building social and emotional proficiencies to prepare for kindergarten success.

SMIF is also the host for the AmeriCorps VISTA program which helps build capacity for organizations dedicated to providing economic opportunities to citizens in low-income or poverty circumstances. This year SMIF placed three VISTAs across the region and is hosting an additional two VISTA members in partnership with Minnesota Farmers Market Association, Renewing the Countryside and Sustainable Farming Association. These two VISTAs are working on a Local Food Producer Sustainability Project. James Harren will be developing a needs-based assessment for local food producers to identify where they need support, while Maeve Mallozzi-Kelly will be doing the same thing for farmers and market managers. We are also pleased to be hosting two additional AmeriCorps members: Maddy Fisher is advancing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in the region through Lead for Minnesota, and Aliyah Grote-Hirsch is supporting SMIF with recruitment and marketing for the AmeriCorps LEAP program.

One of the things that I love about AmeriCorps is that it embraces members from all stages of life. One of our current LEAP members, Adriana Bermudez, is serving for a second year in her hometown of Northfield and is simultaneously earning her associate's degree. Her experience in the program has influenced her to pursue a career as an early childhood teacher. Another member, Maurya Torgerson, used to own a cosmetology business before she became a parent. Her time in AmeriCorps has been a meaningful stepping stone as she thinks about re-entering the workforce and earning a degree in social work.

Other AmeriCorps members, like Peggy Rankin who is in her fourth year of service through LEAP at the Sherburn PreK, are retired professionals looking to give back to their communities. Members who complete their service term receive an award which can be used for paying off student loans or furthering their education. Those members who are 55 or older can gift their award to a child or grandchild. Peggy Rankin gifted her education awards to grandchildren in college.

As we have experienced this past year, we are all invested in helping our neighbors and making this region a place we are proud to call home. It has been incredible to see the impact that AmeriCorps has had in on children and nonprofits in our region over the past 26 years.



We are currently accepting full- and half-time applications for the 2021 – 2022 school year for AmeriCorps LEAP. For questions or to apply, contact Barbara Gunderson, AmeriCorps Director, at 507-456-0353 or [barbarag@smifoundation.org](mailto:barbarag@smifoundation.org). Learn more about AmeriCorps at [AmeriCorps.gov](http://AmeriCorps.gov).

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at [timp@smifoundation.org](mailto:timp@smifoundation.org) or 507-455-3215.



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## Decide, Commit, Succeed



By Harvey Mackay

President Dwight Eisenhower was raised on a Kansas farm, and he never forgot its lessons. In response to a difficult question put to him at the National Press Club, Eisenhower said it reminded him of an incident in his boyhood.

"An old farmer had a cow that we wanted to buy," Eisenhower recalled, "so we went to visit him and asked about the cow's pedigree.

"The old farmer didn't know what the word pedigree meant so we asked him about the cow's butterfat production. His answer was that he didn't have the foggiest idea. Finally we asked him if he knew how many pounds of milk the cow produced each year.

"The farmer shook his head and said, 'I

don't know. But she's an honest cow, and she'll give you all the milk she has!'

"Well," Ike concluded, "I'm like that cow. I'll give you everything I have."

President Eisenhower didn't just want to get by. He was committed to do his best. You can see when people are committed to a project or cause; they refuse to settle for anything less than their best. They are willing to learn and work hard.

Steel magnate Andrew Carnegie said people fall into three basic categories: those who did not do all their duty, those who only professed to do their duty and those who did their duty plus a little more.

If you make a commitment, you need to see it through. No slacking off, no excuses. Commitment must start from the inside out. Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do, long after the mood you said it in has left you.

"Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision and gives us the right stuff to turn our dreams into reality," said James Womack, founder and chairman of the Lean Enterprise Institute.

Some might be tempted to back off those dreams when the going gets tough – which it often does. But being truly committed provides the motivation to persevere, another word that is important in seeing projects and dreams through to the finish.

Commitment is a prerequisite to success. Commitment is the state of being bound – emotionally, intellectually, or both – to a course of action. Commitment starts with a

choice and is sustained by dedication and perseverance. Actions speak louder than words.

"There's a difference between interest and commitment," said Ken Blanchard. "When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results."

Lou Holtz, the Hall-of-Fame college football coach, believes there are four things any person or organization needs to be successful.

"First," he says, "you have to make a commitment to excellence. Second is complete attention to detail. The third thing is to have sound fundamentals, and the fourth requirement is discipline."

Lou says: "Have you ever seen a team run on the field yelling, 'We want to be number two?'" Everyone wants to be number one. Those who actually achieve it are those who are willing to put the blood, sweat and tears into their effort."

I will add another essential element of commitment: confidence in your ability to succeed. Ask any successful entrepreneur how often they questioned their judgment, their sanity. I'd wager that any who were truly committed had some moments of uncertainty. But they believed in their potential. As I've preached so many times, it's important to believe in yourself, even when no one else does.

I'm not sure how people can be totally

satisfied with themselves if they are not committed to doing their very best. Sure, there are

going to be failures, but that's no excuse for not trying your hardest. You can't hold back because of fear of failure.

I firmly believe that all human success is the result of persistent commitment. Not luck, not just being in the right place at the right time. Commitment is a decision that is easier to make than to see through. Commitment is what keeps you forging ahead once the initial glow has faded.

We'll go back to the barnyard for some perspective. A chicken and a pig were talking about commitment.

The chicken said, "I'm committed to giving eggs every morning."

The pig said, "Giving eggs isn't commitment, it's participation. Giving ham is total commitment."

**Mackay's Moral: Motivation is what gets you started. Commitment is what keeps you going.**

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## 10 Tips for Starting a Small Business



By Brett Farmiloe

Founder & CEO, Markitors

Brett Farmiloe is the Founder & CEO of Markitors, a digital marketing company that connects small businesses to customers through organic search. He enjoys converting insights from small business owners into high-quality articles for brands.

*What is your number one tip for starting a small business?*

To help you start your small business, we asked business leaders and entrepreneurs for their best tips. From surrounding yourself with experts to leveraging your comparative advantage, several tips may help you start your small business.

Here are 10 tips for starting a small business:

### Learn From Others In The Market

Learn from others in the market. The small business community accepts newcomers with open arms. If you put yourself out there, chances are people who have been in the game will be more than welcome to tell you about their experiences and share some insider tips. If you find someone in your community to be particularly inspiring, invite them to coffee or request a Zoom meeting so you can pick their brains. Their insight could be incredibly valuable.

-Elliot Greenberg, Wholesale Janitorial Supply

### Ask For Help

The best tip I would tell anyone starting a small business is not being afraid to ask for help. No one should be trying to reinvent the wheel by themselves. When you get stuck in with your business plan and don't know where to go, reach out to other business owners or mentors and get their insight into moving forward. Starting a small business can seem lonely, but many people are ready and willing to help!

-Jon Schneider, Recruiter

### Surround Yourself With Experts

There are so many aspects to running a small business, and there is no way you can do it all. I recommend looking for professionals who are hungry to work in a start-up environment and have skill sets that differ from yours. Together, you and your team's expertise can start your business on the right note.

-Brad Sacks, More Than Gourmet

### Understand How Financing Will Play A Role

Financing a start-up comes with many dif-

ferent options, from venture capital to a loan from the local bank to an unsecured business loan. Challenge yourself to think about which financing option is best for the business and at what point you'll seek financing to fuel business growth. By developing a financing plan, small businesses can better execute a strategy that can scale with the capital needs.

-Grant Ferguson, Unsecured Funding Source

### Organic Search Traffic

I only started Markitors and hired our first employee after we ranked on the first page of search results for the term "digital marketing company." Once we ranked on the first page for our target keyword, we could sustainably and predictably grow the business because we knew we could expect a certain level of leads each month. To start a small business, you need marketing to support the growth. SEO and organic traffic are a great way to build a strong foundation.

-Brett Farmiloe, Markitors

### Bring On The Right Team To Support Your Weaknesses

Before jumping into entrepreneurship, you need to have focus. What solution are you going to offer to satisfy what problem and for whom? Many business owners start a business without really knowing who their target market is, what challenges or problems they have, and how their solution is to that problem. Then, they try to be everything to everyone, and that will not work. Be very clear on the purpose of your business. This will help define your marketing and mission. Know and understand what skills or knowledge you need to have to undergo being in business. Bring on the right support team to complement your weaknesses. (If you don't know anything about accounting, you shouldn't do it. Bring in someone passionate about accounting). Know what resources you need to have to uphold your solution.

-Steve Feld, Biz Coach Steve

### Reduce Uncertainty And Increase Certainty

Starting a business is all about reducing uncertainty. Does my idea work? Is there a large enough market for this? Does my marketing strategy work? Many questions, few answers. This is normal for a new business as there wouldn't be an opportunity if everything would be clear from the start. Still, you need to focus on reducing uncertainty by validating your assumptions early on. Run tests and go into conversations with potential customers as early as possible.

-Peter Thaleikis, Bring Your Own Ideas Ltd.

### Don't Be Afraid To Hire Professionals

I recommend having a professional assist with launching a new business. Business owners are talented at their trade but may not be well versed in what goes into opening a business. Having professional assistance saves time in researching and knowing what to do and when to do it. It also minimizes the risks of not being familiar with federal, state, or city regulations required for the specific industry. Lastly, it will save money in the long run as a professional can provide best practices and cost-effective solutions.

-Kimberly Bogues, Flourish Business



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### Know Your Audience

It is possible that you are putting lots of effort into your business and still failing to grow. One of the causes of failure is that you are putting your efforts in the wrong place. That's why it's necessary to understand the area in which you want to start your small business and your target customers. One of the best ways to find your target audience is by first thinking about the specific needs your product or service fulfills. Identify the pain point, and then determine who has those pain points. For example, if you start a business that designs websites, your next step would be to find out who needs a website that would likely have trouble creating one. In the above sit-

uation, your target audience is likely small business owners. Understanding your target audiences will help you advertise more efficiently as you know who your target audience is and how to reach them and save you from wasting your money on an uninterested audience.

-Oliver Andrews, OA Design Services

### Leverage Your Comparative Advantage

To start a successful business, define the comparative advantage you have over other aspiring entrepreneurs and leverage it. Whether it's specialized knowledge, a talent for selling, or a vast network of business contacts, use them to benefit your company. You may structure your operations or define target customers in a way that will utilize those assets.

-Michael Sena, Senacea



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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 9th day of February 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members Dan Rehtzigel, Molly Ryan, Mary Bailey, and Tom Gard.

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Lee Sjolander, Engineer Derek Olinger, Attorney Scott Riggs, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Michelle Vlasak reporter for Kenyon Leader, Scott Quamme, and Todd Greseth

The Oath of Office was read by Mary Bailey.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CITIZEN COMMENT

Scott Quamme stated that he would like to write a letter on behalf of VFW Post 141 requesting to loan a static display for the Veteran's Park from the National VFW organization. Quamme was seeking support from the City for this request. Administrator Vahlsing stated that he and Mayor Henke would sign a letter of support.

County Commissioner Todd Greseth was present to see if the City had any concerns for him since he was newly elected to this position.

### ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Gard second by Henke to

approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Henke second by Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 71892 through 71984; 3655E through 3678E; and additional checks 71985 through 71996.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

### PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS

#### School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Henke read the "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day" proclamation.

Motion by Ryan second by Rehtzigel to adopt the School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Proclamation. Motion carried 5-0-0.

### ENGINEERING

#### Red Wing Avenue Project Update

Engineer Olinger stated that Bolton & Menk have been working on the "as-built drawings" for the Red Wing Avenue project. These plans will be given to Public Works and KMU when the project is completed.

#### FEMA Flood Repairs

Engineer Olinger reviewed the FEMA flood repairs project. Bolton & Menk's survey crew recently completed the topographic survey for the design. When the design is finished and the necessary permits are obtained, the project will be sent out for quotes. Construction will be completed this summer.

### LEGAL

Review Draft Amendments to

### Ordinance Section 845.01 Regulation of Trees

Attorney Riggs stated that he ran into some issues with this ordinance, so it will take some more time to complete.

#### Lot Split Application - 618 County 13 Blvd. (PID 66.700.0080) - River Country Cooperative

Resolution 2021-04: Approving Minor Subdivision of City of Kenyon Property Administrator Vahlsing stated that River Country Co-op was seeking approval to split off a .52-acre parcel from their larger parcel 66.700.0080 located at 618 County 13 Blvd. They have a purchase agreement for Parcel A of the split. The planning commission approved a variance for this non-conforming lot sizes in December.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to adopt Resolution 2021-04 approving the minor subdivision of City of Kenyon Property. Motion carried 5-0-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### City of Kenyon Strategic Plan Update

Administrator Vahlsing presented a revised Strategic Plan based on feedback from the annual EDA meeting in January. Two steps were added to Section D concerning possible future parks and trails.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Pay Equity Compliance Report

Administrator Vahlsing noted that all Cities and Counties are required to submit Pay Equity reports every three years to the Department of Administration. The report showed the City was in compliance with the Pay Equity requirements. The State will determine final compliance.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve the Pay Equity Report. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Metronet Proposed Installation of Citywide Fiber/Internet System

Administrator Vahlsing stated that Metronet was interested in constructing a City-wide fiber optic system that would

provide internet, phone and video services. Their proposal is in the preliminary stages. At this time, the City will return the draft agreement back to Metronet for their response.

#### Vaccination/Dispensing Site Cooperative Agreement with Goodhue County Sheriff's Department/Emergency Management

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Goodhue County Emergency Management Office requested authorization to use the Kenyon Fire Hall as a COVID-19 public vaccination site. Vaccinations would be conducted on Fridays starting in February. The County would be responsible for clean-up and disposal of waste after each use of the Fire Hall.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to approve Goodhue County Emergency Management office's request to use the Fire Hall as a COVID-19 vaccination site. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Kenyon PD Eyewitness Identification Procedure

Chief Sjolander requested Council approval of the Eyewitness Identification procedure that is required for Police Departments by the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Bailey second by Henke to approve the Kenyon PD Eyewitness Identification procedure. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th @ 2:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th @ 7 p.m.

Board of Appeal & Equalization: Thursday, April 15th @ 5:00 p.m.

#### COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Administrator Vahlsing welcomed Mary Bailey to the Council.

Councilman Rehtzigel welcomed Mary. Councilman Ryan stated that she is enrolled in the Institute of Elected Leaders through the State of MN and it is very informative.

Chief Sjolander stated that these are tough times in public safety. If you see his co-workers, give them your encouragement.

Councilman Bailey stated she is happy to be here and will hopefully learn a lot.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0-0. Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Douglas Henke, Mayor

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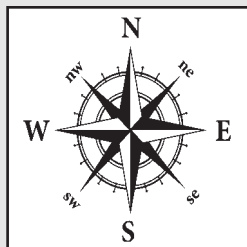


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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes



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.

I am sitting on my front porch this morning with my dog. Eating a granola bar and drinking ice water. The morning sunrise is beautiful. The only sounds I hear are the birds singing in the branches and a distant rooster crowing. Our neighbor has peafowl and the lonesome call of a peacock can be heard from time to time. The daffodils are smiling at the sun with their cheerful yellow petals everywhere. There is a magnolia tree beside the house and light pink blossoms are opening up in the warm spring releasing a fresh fragrance.

low petals everywhere. There is a magnolia tree beside the house and light pink blossoms are opening up in the warm spring releasing a fresh fragrance.

It is a peaceful time of the day. I love to relax here in the morning and again late in the evening and think. I look at nature and I reflect on miracles all around me. It is such a wonderful experience to take in all that is welcoming the creation we live in. Then I think about something from church Sunday morning.

One woman related about her week, and how she was at the hospital with her dying mother. The family was there and they were praying for a miracle. For two days the elderly lady had not opened her eyes or said a word. A nurse came in to check on her mom and the family went out into the hall to visit.

Suddenly they heard her call out and the daughters rushed back into the room. Their mother opened her eyes, looked at them and smiled. "Do you see the angels?" she asked. With that she closed her eyes and then she was gone. Carried by angels from this life to her eternal home. That, I would say is a miracle.

## A Minnesotan: In the Cities



By RosaLin Alcoser

Back in the late fall there were two things that I said I would not be doing ever. The first was change jobs in the middle of the pandemic. The second was move in the winter. So of course I did both this year.

My parents moved in February of 2019 during a polar vortex which they described to be one of the most difficult moves that they have ever moved and they have moved a lot. After hearing all about that move back when it happened I decided that if I moved back north I would never ever move in the winter.

February of this year I moved from northwestern Minnesota to the Twin Cities on one of the coldest weeks of the year. Needless to say while it was not a polar vortex nor was there much snow moving in the dead of winter was not in my original plans for this year.

I definitely did not plan on moving during the pandemic to go from fairly remote, sometimes, news reporting to an in person marketing job. However, over all the moving on one of the coldest weeks of the pandemic went well. Even if it does mean that I now have to be a city person for the foreseeable future.

## Maple Syruping



Teri Knight



The sap is flowing! It's not too late to tap your trees for some golden goodness. Although it looks like water coming out of your tree! You don't have to have Sugar Maples to make some great syrup. The only difference is the percentage of sugar content in the tree sap.

Years ago we tapped Silver Maples that produced delicious stuff. You can also tap Boxelder trees. So, apparently there is one good thing from a Boxelder tree.

You need about 40 gallons of maple tree sap to make 1 gallon of pure maple syrup.

Interestingly, the United States and Canada are the only countries in the world to produce maple syrup. Interestingly, only 19 states produce Maple Syrup. It's a completely natural food, meaning nothing is added. Only water is evaporated from the sap. You need several freeze/thaw periods for a good sap flow. So the temps need to drop below freezing at night and then rise above during the day.

A tapping tree should be at least 10 inches in diameter from 4 feet above ground. You can generally get 10 to 12 gals of sap per tree. So if you have a few Maples in your backyard, you could make yourself a good batch of maple syrup and there is NOTHING like the real deal.



Silver maples tapped

March is a key month for sap flow as the trees stop flowing once their buds set. Many area parks tap trees and some of them have yearly pancake breakfasts, except for this year and last... alas!

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, [www.gardenbite.com](http://www.gardenbite.com), that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Besides all that, Teri is News Director at KYMN Radio and can be heard weekdays on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM The One, From Northfield, MN.



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- Hedgehog of video games
- And so forth, acronym
- \*Oscar-nominated black and white movie
- Treeless plain
- Grazing field
- Moses' mountain
- Sty sounds
- Nelson Mandela's org.
- Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
- \*Posthumous nominee
- \*Anthony of "The Father"
- "What's up, \_\_\_\_?"
- Huge pile
- Protestant denom.
- Feed storage cylinder
- Load again
- Relating to ear
- Flighty one
- Proclaimed true without proof
- Musician David Lee \_\_\_\_
- Ascetic holy Hindu
- Eastern European
- Plural of #10 Down
- 500 sheets
- Looking for aliens org.
- Kitchen whistler
- Wails
- Bad-mouth
- Medieval torture device
- Pied Piper follower
- Poliburo hat fur
- \*Daniel of "Judas and the Black Messiah"
- Raspberry drupelets
- Fuss, to Shakespeare
- Void, as in marriage
- Defective car
- Given name of Jack Kerouac's Paradise
- \_\_\_\_ of Honor
- Adam and Eve's first residence
- Money in Myanmar
- Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.

DOWN

- Undesirable roommate
- Medley
- Grannies, in UK
- Tattooed
- Universe
- Panache
- \*Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9 Across
- Secret storage
- Stole fur
- One opposed
- Indian restaurant staple
- U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
- Soaked
- DNA and RNA
- Argonaut's propeller
- Shared work surface at an office
- \*Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
- Be sorry for one's wickedness
- Pita, in UK
- \*Like Roberto Benigni's fictional son
- Husband to a widow, e.g.
- Checked out
- Stradivari competitor
- \*"Fences" winner and "Ma Rainey" nominee
- Poker ante
- \*"Nomadland" director
- Shadow
- "The Trial of the Chicago 7" screenwriter
- Greek "t"
- Sandwich sausage
- Necklace lock
- Radio receiver
- Nutritious leafy green
- Got A+
- Ice on a window
- Happening soon, old fashioned
- Caffeine-containing nut tree
- Editing arrow
- Chinese monetary unit
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## New Study Highlights Higher Profits for Ag Water Quality Certified Farms

*Farmers also saw other improved financial metrics*

A new study by the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence shows that farmers enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) had higher profits than non-certified farms. This marks the second year of data highlighting improved financial outcomes.

The “Influence of Intensified Environmental Practices on Farm Profitability” study examined financial and crop production information from farmers enrolled in the Minnesota State Farm Business Management education program. The 64 MAWQCP farms in the study saw 2020 profits that were an average of \$40,000 or 18% higher (median of \$11,000) than non-certified farms. The 2019 data showed an average of \$19,000 or 20% in higher profits (median of \$7,000) for certified producers. Other key financial metrics are also better for those enrolled in the MAWQCP, such as debt-to-asset ratios and

operating expense ratios.

The two years of data serve as an early indicator of a positive return on investment for whole-farm conservation management farmers implement in order to become certified.

“The Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program is a double-win for the state,” said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. “We see that certified farms have a major impact on our environment for the better; now we also know that those farmers see better economic outlooks which helps our ag economy. I encourage all farmers and landowners to look into the advantages of certifying their land.”

“While this study is in its infancy, capturing two years of data and 3% of the Minnesota database, it does look encouraging that producers who are water quality certified enjoy an increase in farm profitability,” said Keith Olander, Executive Director of AgCentric. “As we expand this dataset in future years, we will look to incorporate enterprise level management data that may explain more about what is driving these profit levels.”

To view, download, or request a copy of this report, visit [agcentric.org](http://agcentric.org).

The MAWQCP is a voluntary program for farmers and landowners that protects the state’s water resources by putting farmers in touch with local conservation district experts to identify and mitigate any risks their farm poses to water quality. Producers going through the certification process have priority access to financial assistance.

Since the program’s statewide launch in

2016, 1,038 farms totaling over 734,000 acres have been certified across Minnesota. Farms have added 2,095 new conservation practices, which protect Minnesota’s waters. Those new practices help to reduce of greenhouse gas emissions by over 40,500 metric tons each year. That annual saving is equal to 4.5 million gallons of gasoline, or 44.6 million pounds of coal, or eliminating more than 100 million miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.

The program is on target to meet Governor Tim Walz’s goal of enrolling one million acres by the end of 2022.

Farmers and landowners interested in becoming water quality certified can con-

tact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit [MyLandMyLegacy.com](http://MyLandMyLegacy.com).

About the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water. Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of ten years. The program is available to farmers and landowners statewide.

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