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Announcements

• **The Kindergarten Roundup Mini-Session for 2021-22 Kindergarten students will be held on Friday, May 14, 2021.** Students will attend a short classroom session with their teacher and classmates. Sessions will be held in the morning and the afternoon. We will also hold a short parent meeting at the beginning of these sessions. Families will be notified of the schedule. If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2021 and have not yet been contacted by the school district, please call the K-W Elementary School Office at 507-824-2211.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** 6/7/2021: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Michaels Catholic Church, 108 Bullis St.

• **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.

• **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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K-W Students Perform "Beauty & the Beast"



Front: Stellen Kylo, Arin Kylo, Lila Huschle, Holly Carlstrom, McKinley Budhan, Katie Van Epps; Background: Riley Huschle (plate), Rebecca Elzen (fork)

The K-W high school theater department presented the musical *Beauty & the Beast* this weekend at the Kenyon High School auditorium. There will be another performance this coming weekend on Saturday at 7pm and on Sunday at 2pm. (additional pictures on page 6)

Berne Wood Fired Pizza Announces Season Lineup

The Berne Wood Fired Pizza will return for the tenth year with a full line-up of music and pizza. Their schedule starts Wednesday June 2nd and continues each and every Wednesday through August 25th. This year they will be offering advance registration through Eventbrite, an online event sales platform. You may reserve seating for groups of 2, 4 or 6 people for the evening concert. Walkups will be seated based on availability. Bring your own chairs with you. Take out orders will be filled as well. There are six different varieties of pizza available with prices at \$20 and \$23 cash, exact change please. Pop, water, ice cream and chips are sold on site. You may bring your own beverages in as well.



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Dollar General Seeks to Reshape Small Towns

**By Brian Depew
SMALL TOWNS**

Dollar General has become a ubiquitous feature of America's small towns. The discount retailer is opening new stores at a rate of 1,000 a year.

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Jean Ann Finstuen

Jean Ann Finstuen, 75, of Pine Island, died on Monday, May 3, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Marys Campus. She was born in Faribault on February 8, 1946, to Wilfrid and Jessie (Beucler) Caron. She attended

Faribault High School. On June 3, 1977, Jean was united in marriage to Lorrie Finstuen. The two made their home in Pine Island. She worked at the Rochester State Hospital, Zumbrota Nursing Home, Pine Haven Care Center, and Samaritan Bethany as a trained medication aide, certified nursing assistant, and physical therapy assistant. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed watching birds, reading romance novels, and watching Hallmark movies. Over the years, Jean cherished her special puppies, including Charlie, Tiny, Pepper, Daffy, and Peanut.

She is survived by her loving husband, Lorrie; daughter, Dawn (Rick) Anderson; son, Thomas (Angie) Finstuen; step-son, James (Danniell) Finstuen; seven grandchildren, Alex (Samantha), William (Elizabeth), Brandon (Clara), Mercedes, Broc, Lauren, and Jack; four great-grandchildren, Claire, Ezra, Nia, and Royalty; three sisters, Theresa (Lyle) Hoaglund, Kathy (Butch) Schwartz, and Debbie Olson; two brothers, Joe (Georgie) Caron and Duane Caron; sister-in-law, Delores Caron; brother-in-law, Larry Borst; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilfrid and Jessie; two brothers, Roland

(Pat) Caron and George Caron; one sister, Janice Borst; one brother-in-law, John Olson; step-son, Brent Finstuen; and her first husband, Ken Gunderson.

A private family graveside service will take place at the Pine Island Cemetery. A celebration of Jean's life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneral-home.com.

Stephen W. Berge

Stephen W. Berge, age 69 of Kenyon formerly of Faribault died on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at The Emeralds at Faribault.

A celebration of Steve's life was held at the Faribault Elks Lodge on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Stephen Wayne, first born child of Wayne and LaDonna (Helgeson) Berge, was born January 3, 1951 at St. Lucas Hospital, Faribault. Steve lived in the Faribault area all his life and had a passion for hunting and the great outdoors. Weekend hunting with his dad was something he looked forward to and this continued until his dad's illness prevented it, but there were still many cribbage games and casino runs. Steve also enjoyed little league baseball and was an excellent pitcher. Often asked why he didn't continue to play he said then he couldn't go hunting as much. Basketball came later in high school, which became his game of choice. Stephen met his future wife, Donna Rae

Heyer at a friend's home. He knew the moment he met her that she would be his wife. After graduating in 1970 from Faribault Senior High, they were married May 8, 1971.

Steve worked several jobs while in school, the Wilson plant, Treasure Cheese Caves and Clark Gas Station. After his marriage, he worked at McQuay Inc., Bremer Construction and ABC Bus, of which he was the proudest. Steve always felt that he helped build the company to what it is today. There was no secretary at the time and only a couple of full time employees. Unfortunately, after 9-11 Steve was laid off from his job because of economics. He was the second longest employee there at that time. He continued his employment with Faribault Foods until he was forced to retire because of health reasons. Steve loved to play cards of any kind and was good at it. He made golfing a way of being with old and new friends. Most of all, Steve loved his family. Being a great "fixer" and organizer, he spent many hours helping his family to perfect their homes. He was a very creative man who could take a stone and make it into a mansion. He has left many projects undone and a lot of knowledge kept that he could have taught.

Some of his proudest moments were when he knew his name and legacy would be carried on by his two sons, Raymond and Michael (and Kari) and his daughter, Victoria (and Markus) as they blessed him with six Berge Boys, Nolan, Tristan, Neya'Miah, Chayton, Alexander and Talon. There were special ones in his life, but the two that gave him the most memories were Austin Kay Johnson and Logan Swanson.

Steve is also survived by his siblings, Mark (and Tracey) of Lewiston, TX, Debra (and Mike) Kelly of Faribault, Dean (and Cathie) of Gulf Breeze, FL, Cheryl of Brooklyn Park, Michelle (and Jeff) Turner of Faribault; aunts, Marian and Roselynn Helgeson of Faribault, Delores Helgeson of California and Karen Berge of Omaha, NE; nephews, nieces, cousins and special friends, Robert and Jan Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother in law, Raymond and Eleanora "Pat" Heyer; uncles, Lyle Berge, Jim, Darwin, Howard, Roland (and Pat) Helgeson; aunt, Charlotte Helgeson Ronning and two grandchildren.

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... — Revelation 6:2*

What does it mean that the rider on a white horse "held a bow"? Are we to imagine a soldier who has the training to kill with a bow and arrow? Or perhaps we picture a hunter, with bow in hand, standing over a downed deer.

It is tempting to read God's story that way. But if we did, we would think the first rider is all about bringing death and destruction. To read the story that way would miss the surprising good news that the One who is skilled with a bow is God. He has worked with a bow for a long time.

In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we find a promise that God gave to Noah after the great flood. "I have set my bow in the clouds" God said, "and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth" (Genesis 9:13, NRSV). We usually understand the bow in the Genesis story as being a "rainbow." But it is the same word that is used in this story in Revelation.

In other words, the first horseman, Jesus, is armed with God's covenant promise. His goal is to bring God's promises for the renewal of creation to every part of creation.

Prayer
Lord, our Lord, you surprise us with your promises and your determination to bring life and healing to your creation. Thank you for so loving this world that you gave your one and only Son to give us life. Amen.

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Obituaries

Stanley Joseph Nord

Stanley Joseph Nord, 91, Dennison, MN, passed away April 13, 2021, at Three Links Care Center in Northfield, MN.

A video recording of the service may be viewed at the end of this obituary.

Stanley ("Dad") was born October 5, 1929, the first-born child to Joseph A. and Rose (Budenski) Nord, at their home in Goodhue County, along County Line Road. The family moved to a farm near Kenyon, where Stanley attended country school. Joe and Rose eventually bought a farm in Sogn Valley, where Stanley farmed with his father.

On July 5, 1949, he married Doris Marie Maring ("Mom"), also from Sogn Valley, where together they raised their 10 children. Stanley loved his family dearly and found great joy spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren well into their adulthoods.

Stanley was employed for a time as a meat cutter for Swift in South St. Paul, in addition to dairy farming near Kenyon. He left Swift and devoted all his time to the farm, until 1963, when he moved his family to Sogn Valley and starting a can and bulk milk route, picking the milk up from area farmers and delivering it to various co-ops and creameries for processing in Prairieville, Montgomery, Goodhue, and Ellsworth in Wisconsin. Sometimes he did enlist the help of one of his two eldest sons, Richard ("Rick") or Larry to take the bulk milk route for him, while he solely carried out the duties of the canned route. Eventually, the canned route converted to bulk. With a passion for fairness and a com-

mitment and hope for future successes of family farms, he added an additional route hauling for the NFO (National Farmers Organization), an organization committed to fair prices to the family-owned farm. There was never time for grass to grow under Stanley's feet. He worked every day for a solid eight years, until his son Rick returned from Viet Nam after serving two tours, and would take the route so Stanley could have an occasional Saturday and/or Sunday at home.

In 1982, Stanley and Doris moved out of the country and Sogn Valley and bought a house "in town" (Dennison). This was a big move for both of them as neither had ever lived in a town with neighbors you could see from the kitchen window.

Stanley lost his beloved wife, Doris, in 1990. He sold the route and retired February 27, 1994. Upon his retirement, Stanley frequently traveled to Colorado for extended stays with his son, Joseph. He also enjoyed extended stays at his son David's farm in Wisconsin, where he was able to drive a tractor and work the fields again. He traveled with his brother-in-law, Morris Melhouse, to the Southwest, which included stops at the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam. In 2016, driving and travel became too difficult for Stanley due to his advancing age.

Stanley is survived by three of his five sons: Larry, and his wife, Diane, Havasu City, AZ; Bruce and his wife, Michelle, Cannon Falls; David and his wife, Michelle, Sleepy Eye; and Ronald Plank, who at the request of Stanley is listed as his "Sixth" son (and son-in-law). His five daughters: Susan and her husband, Ronald Plank, Northfield; Doreen, and her husband, Donald Quistorff, Nerstrand; Anne of Northfield; Renee of Duluth; and Deborah, of Northfield. Also surviving are 27 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren; daugh-

ter-in-law, Sharon Nord, Northfield; brother-in-law Roger (Phyllis) Maring, Northfield; sister-in-law Rose Maring, Kenyon; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Stanley was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; sons Joseph and Richard; Grandsons Joseph Rogers and Joshua Kowalkoski (Nord); great-grandson, Justin Yopez; his parents; brother, Donald Nord; sister, Jean Melhouse; brother-in-law Morris Melhouse; sister-in-law, Judy Nord; brother-in-law, Harold Maring; sister-in-law, Shirley Maring; mother and father in-law, Adolph and Hilda Maring.

Stanley's family is deeply grateful to Three Links Care Center and the wonderful care he was given for the past seven months, where he was affectionately known as "Stan the Man," and to Heartland Hospice for the compassionate care Stanley and his family received during this difficult time.

Visitation took place for extended family members and friends on Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Boldt Funeral Home, 300 Prairie Ave. SW, Faribault, MN. Social distancing and masks were required. Due to Pandemic restrictions, a private service was held for family members at Vang Lutheran Church, 2060 County 49 Blvd., Dennison, MN. Interment followed services at Vang Lutheran Cemetery in rural Dennison.

Stanley may have been tempted to scold us for this lengthy obituary but his life was long, and so are the memories he leaves with us all who called him husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa, brother, uncle, neighbor, or friend. It is difficult to capture the humble man we all know and love, who was always teaching by example. Stanley will be dearly missed, but always present. Dad, you are salt of the earth -- the cream of the crop. We will see you around the bend.

He was baptized and confirmed at Hegre Lutheran Church in Kenyon, MN. In June of 1948, Jerry received a diploma from MN Public Schools. He was married to Marlis Ann Flakne on June 1, 1955 until she passed away on April 21, 1960. Jerry married Marlene Holm on August 5, 1960 at The Little Brown Church in The Vale in Nashua, IA.

Jerry worked many different jobs, the longest being at Waterous Company in South St. Paul from August 1967 until his retirement in August 1997. In his retirement he worked at the Cannon Falls Beacon with the "boys in the basement" for several years. Jerry enjoyed woodworking, refinishing, tinkering in his garage, and traveling up north with family and friends on fishing trips. He was also a proud member of the American Legion, as he had been honorably discharged from the US Army on February 28, 1963.

Jerry is survived by his children; Lynn (Greg) Kurtz, Michael (June) Erickson, Patricia (Tom) Crosby, and Kathrine (Jeff) Johnson; grandchildren; Stacy, Corey and Jamey (Jamie) Kurtz, Kelsey (Nick Brenne), Mary, Miles, and Sarah Erickson, William and Isabel Crosby, Arik and Andrew Johnson; great grandchildren Gabrianna, Delaina, Ellory, Jeffery, and Sebastian Kurtz; sisters; Darlene (Donnie) Sundheim and Lois Simanski; sisters-in-law; Eleanor Holt, Sharon Dockter, and Janet (Larry Sr.) Provost, and many loving nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wives; Marlis and Marlene; his parents; brother, John (Vernice) Erickson; and brothers-in-law, Vern Simanski, Jack Holt, and Jack Dockter.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:30 pm, at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church (7459 MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN 55009). Visitation was from 11:30 am -1:30 am at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church. Interment at Cannon Falls Cemetery to follow. Face masks and social distancing were required at all events.

Livestreaming of Jerry's funeral service was available on www.lundbergfuneral-home.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial were preferred.

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Jerome Erickson



Jerome Erickson passed away on April 17, 2021.

Jerome "Jerry" Rodney Erickson was born on July 23, 1934 to Evald and Effie (Anderson) Erickson, in Cannon Falls, MN.

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Eloyce Marilynne Berg

Eloyce Marilynne Berg, 92, of Kenyon, died Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at her home.



She was born June 2, 1928 in Kenmare, North Dakota the daughter of Henry and Effie (Otterness) Anderson. At eight years of age, the family moved to Sogn Valley near Kenyon where they lived on a farm. She graduated from Kenyon High School in 1945.

She married Jerome Berg on December 27, 1959 in Kenyon and the couple lived their entire married life in the Kenyon area.

Eloyce's work career included working at Dr. Gunderson's dental office in Kenyon, JC Penney, the bank in Kenyon, in the Twin Cities as a bookkeeper and in Faribault at Production Credit, McQuays and Land O Lakes. In the 1980's, she obtained her realtor's license and later her broker's license. She owned and operated Eloyce Berg Realty in Kenyon for five years before retiring.

Eloyce was a stubborn Norwegian but loved to joke around. She enjoyed baking, was an excellent seamstress, and played piano and sang.

She was a faithful member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon where she was mostly involved with the Sunday School serving as a teacher and superintendent.

She is survived by her children, Elrene (and Paul) Clauson of Kenyon, Jerold Berg (Dee Riesing and her daughter, Bliss) of Faribault and Eloise "Missy" (and Marvin) Rasmussen of Kenyon; grandchildren, Marilyn Ehrich (Irwin Martinez) of Medford and Peter Clauson of Rochester; great-grandson, Max Winsor of Faribault and sister-in-law, Agnes Aase of Kenyon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Effie; husband, Jerome Berg (2002) and an infant daughter.

A Public Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon on Thursday from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. A Private Funeral Service was held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery in Kenyon.

Memorials are preferred to First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon.

Robert Duane Dyrdaahl

Robert Duane Dyrdaahl of Kenyon, passed away on Monday April 12, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester Minnesota at the age of 92.



Bob, the son of Martin and Olianna (Gunderson) Dyrdaahl was born October 22, 1928 in a log cabin in Monkey Valley just outside of Kenyon. He was baptized at Hauge Lutheran Church in December 1928 where he remained a life-long member. He attended country school and graduated from Kenyon High School in 1946. He grew up with three older sisters on a 160-acre farm

in Richland Township in rural Kenyon and when Bob was old enough, he farmed with his dad. The farm has been in the Dyrdaahl family continuously since 1874 when his great grandfather, Nils Anderson Dyrdaahl was the first person to ever till the soil on the land. The farm was given the designation of a Minnesota Century Farm in 1974 and remains in the family today through his sons Richard and Steven.

Bob met his wife, LaVonne Magee also of Kenyon in 1954 and married in 1955 at Gol Lutheran Church in Kenyon. They enjoyed spending time with friends and Bob participated in several bowling leagues. They continued to live on the farm and together they raised five boys and two girls and enjoyed attending sporting and school events over their many years of having kids in Kenyon Schools. Bob continued to farm and succeeded his dad on the Moland Creamery Board and also served on the Steele County Creamery Board. When his dad passed away, he decided to farm only part time and eventually rented out the land. Bob started working at McQuay Company in Faribault, MN in 1973 and remained there until he retired in 1991. He was a proud member of the Sheetmetal Workers Union Local 480.

Bob and LaVonne moved to town (Kenyon) in 1987 to a home where interestingly, Bob's grandparents, and Uncle Pete and Aunt Anna Dyrdaahl had once lived. Lavonne's parents, Frank and Myrtle Magee later bought and renovated the home and lived there for over 10 years. When LaVonne's parents passed away, Bob and LaVonne moved into the home and still live there today.

In retirement, though-out his 70's and 80's Bob continued to stay busy, primarily by delivering papers for the Faribault Daily News and the Rochester Post Bulletin. He was named Rochester Post Bulletin Carrier of the year in 2011 and enjoyed attending the banquet with all the other much younger carriers.

Over the years, Bob and LaVonne enjoyed traveling together and spent their 25th anniversary in Hawaii. They traveled to several states across the country including both coasts to visit their children. They took a cruise to the Panama Canal and a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Norway.

Bob enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and it seems the tradition of having boys carried on to the next generation with his seven grandsons and one grand-daughter.

Bob was dedicated to his faith and served on the Old Stone Church Board for over 45 years which was a special place for his family.

As it was for most, 2020 was a challenging year, however Bob was grateful that his son Ross was able to come home to Minnesota to live with them and help care for him. Special thanks are also in order to Julie and Angie who consistently dropped off amazing food.

He is survived by his wife LaVonne of Kenyon, his children, Richard Dyrdaahl of Northfield, Steve Dyrdaahl (Stephanie Hardcastle), Scott Dyrdaahl and Ross Dyrdaahl, all of Kenyon; Jaye Dyrdaahl (Jenni) of Faribault, Heidi Carrozzella (Anthony) of Minneapolis, MN and son-in-law John Smith of Collingswood, New

Jersey, His grandchildren, Billy Dyrdaahl of Kenyon, Andrew Dyrdaahl (Tanya) of Northfield, Eric Dyrdaahl of Equador, Jared (Miranda) of Stanchfield, MN, Faith Dyrdaahl of Faribault, MN, Sean Dyrdaahl and Cody (Morgan) Dyrdaahl of Rochester, and Casey Anderson of Minneapolis, MN. Great-grandchildren, Wynn, Effie and Sogn Dyrdaahl and a baby girl expected in April. Sisters, Norma Jacobson of Kenyon, MN; Olive Anthony of Waseca, MN. Brother and sister-in-laws, Mark and Carol Hegseth and Bobby and Linda Magee of Kenyon, and many nieces and nephews as well as very special extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Olianna Dyrdaahl, his daughter Keri Dyrdaahl Smith, great-grandson Edison, his sister and brother-in-law Mildred and Virgil Lair and brothers-in-law Sam Jacobson and Jim Anthony.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 30, 2 pm at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon with visitation one hour before the service. Coffee and fellowship followed immediately at the Dyrdaahl family home at 429 Third Street, Kenyon, MN. Interment will be at the Old Stone Church at a later date. Memorials preferred to the Old Stone Church.

Daryl J. Kramer

Daryl J. Kramer, age 86, of Kenyon, MN passed away on April 25, 2021.



A recording of the service may be viewed at the end of this obituary.

Daryl J., the son of Adolph and Irene



(Burmeister) Kramer, was born on July 25, 1934 in Martin County, MN and grew up in Trimont, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. Daryl graduated from Trimont High School in 1952; he went on to Mankato State where he graduated with a BS degree in 1957 and an MS in Math Education in 1968.

Daryl began his teaching career in Beaver Creek and Winthrop, MN where he taught Math and Science; and was a member of the Army Reserves until his honorable discharge in June 1963. Daryl married his wife, Jean King on October 22, 1959 at St. John's Church in Darfur, MN. They settled in Worthington where Daryl taught Algebra and Geometry, was the President of the Worthington Education Association from 1989 - 1990 and farmed in rural Worthington where he raised crops, hogs, sheep, cats, many dogs, and horses until his retirement in 1993.

After retirement Daryl and Jean relocated to their acreage in Kenyon to be closer to their children. His first project in retirement was designing and building the house they have called home for the past 27 years, putting his expertise in drafting and geometry to good use. Daryl's following projects consisted of building several more buildings on their acreage, including a large stable. When he wasn't building, he kept busy by breeding, training, and showing Great Pyrenees dogs and American Saddlebred

horses. He was an active member of the MN Saddlebred Horse Association and frequently participated in horse shows until the age of 83.

Daryl enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and especially his grandchildren. This time was often spent working around the acreage on construction projects, target shooting, training horses, eating good food, and educating his grandchildren on the finer points of mathematics and craftsmanship.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Kenyon, MN; children, Rhea (Kelly) Habeck of Stacy, MN; Kyle (Mike) Johnson of Kansas City, MO; Lesly (Brad) Osborn of Inver Grove Heights, MN; Bret Kramer (Trish Ebert) of Redfield, SD and Erica Kramer of Inver Grove Heights, MN; nine grandchildren, Lauren Stout and Mark Habeck, Austin and Houston Johnson, Alexis Kilpatrick, Nicholas and Thomas Osborn, Sean and Ryan Kramer; five great grandsons, Owen, Eli & Tate Kilpatrick, Ivan Kramer, and Graysen Kramer; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Daryl was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Vernon and Clara King; only sister, Mary Ward; and brothers-in-law, George Ward and Virgil King.

A Memorial Service was held at the Boldt Funeral Home in Faribault, MN on Saturday, May 8th at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Matthew Lane officiated. Interment will be at Elm Creek Cemetery in Trimont, MN at a later date. Military rites were accorded by the Rice County Central Veterans Association.

A Memorial Visitation was held at the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault, for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Peace Lutheran Church, Faribault, Allina Hospice of Owatonna or the donor's choice.

Irma Eileen Bailey

Irma Eileen Bailey, age 89, of Kenyon (previously of Spokane, WA) died on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Three Links Care Center, Northfield.



Memorial service will be held at True Life Church, Rochester, at a later date. Arrangements

are being completed by Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault.

Irma "Eileen" was born in Ticonic, Iowa to Clinton and Irma (Hanson) Lamb on January 8, 1932. She graduated high school and married Charles Bailey on October 18, 1958.

Eileen loved eating out, shopping and crocheting many different items and treasures including potholders and scrubbies. Eileen was a very proud grandma and loved being a part of her grandchildren's lives.

She is survived by her two daughters, Janet (and Randy) Hill of Chehalis, WA and Julie (and Matthew) Peterson of Kenyon; and grandchildren, Jessica and Christina Hill and Ethan and Evan Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister, Lela May (and Milburn) Parker and brother, James Lamb.

K-W Noble Knights



K-W Noble Knights of the week for April 16, 2021
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K-W Noble Knights of the week for April 23, 2021
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K-W Noble Knights of the week for April 30, 2021
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Katie Van Epps, Elliot Olson



Clay Stevenson; Background: Lucas Brezina, Corbin Laue



Front to back: Katie Van Epps, Elliot Olson, Danny Van Epps; Sydney Sundin, Audrey Holmes; Stars: Alexandra Holmes, Lucas Brezina; Kendra Kisper, Kayla Landry; Landon Trump; Clay Stevenson, Ashley Rehtzigel



Front (left to right): Louie Breimhurst, Brady Bauer, Stellen Kylo, Arin Kylo, Corrie Born, Abby DeGroot; Stairs (front to back): Holly Carlstrom, Adalee Geisinger, Elsie Braaten (mostly out of hte picture), Ava Holmes, Audrey Holmes (face hiddent), Max Erickson, Corbin Laue

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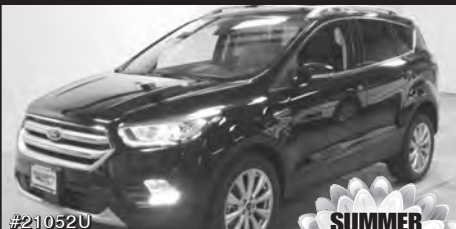


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Goodhue Co. Dairy Princesses



Madison Bartholome is the daughter of James and Lisa Bartholome of Goodhue. She has grown up on a fifth-generation dairy farm. Currently they milk 500 cows three times a day. Madison has been working to complete her high school education at Goodhue High School while starting her college education at Rochester Community and Technical College through the PSEO program. She plans to pursue a degree as a veterinary technician. Beyond performing daily duties at the farm, Madison has been involved in 4-H and Cross Country. Her dad is her hero because he has taught her many valuable lessons in life and has always been there for her. Madison is being sponsored by Select Sires.



Cassandra Hinsch of Goodhue is the daughter of Mike and Ann Hinsch. They currently custom raise dairy heifers for Scott and Chad Hinsch's 600 head dairy farm. She is a senior at Goodhue High School with plans to attend University of Wisconsin- River Falls starting in the fall of 2021 with a major of Dairy Science. Cassandra has been involved in FFA, 4-H, dairy quiz bowl and judging. She has held officer positions in both FFA and 4-H. In 2019, her dairy judging team advanced to World Dairy Expo where she placed 4th overall individual in Ayrshires and the team placed 10th overall. A great memory for Cassandra is growing up on the farm feeding calves with her dad who is her hero. Cassandra is being sponsored by Ag Partners.

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Chelsey Lexvold is the daughter of Brent and Wendy Lexvold and hails from Goodhue. Chelsey has grown up on the family farm that her dad purchased from her grandpa and they currently milk 370 cows. Chelsey is part of the 2021 Goodhue High School graduating class. She will also complete two certificate programs with Rochester Community and Technical College through the PSEO program in May. Chelsey has been involved in FCCLA, Speech, Enivorathon, Fishing Club, Math League, Spanish Club and Knowledge Bowl. She does volunteer work with her school and church. Chelsey's hero is her father because he is a hard-working man who puts his family above everything else. Chelsey's sponsor is GB Feed.

Goodhue County Dairy Association would like to thanking the following banks for their sponsorship of the 2021 Dairy Banquet: Security State Bank of Wanamino, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Merchants Bank, Pine Island Bank, Compeer FInancial, Bank of Zumbrota, and Security State Bank of Kenyon.

Dollar General Seeks to Reshape Small Towns

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There are now more than 16,000 spread across the country, including two in the county where I live. The unmistakable concrete walls, steel roof, and bright yellow sign are now commonplace on the outskirts of small towns and stand out like palmer amaranth in a soybean field.

Many local economic developers see the discount retailer as a threat to local retail. Dollar General added limited groceries in 2003, posing a unique threat to local grocery stores, which often operate on tight margins.

Other economic developers argue Dollar General creates jobs and helps keep shoppers in town. I get it. In thousands of miles spent traversing the rural Midwest, I have found myself in small towns with no other retail or grocery options.

The irony is that this solution makes the situation worse with low-wage jobs, loss of local ownership, and loss of local tax revenue when other businesses close or fail to open because they cannot, or don't want to, compete with a corporate behemoth.

We must grow and nurture the communities we want to live in. Local ownership of small businesses, farms, and ranches makes communities stronger. Local owners care about their towns, neighbors, and customers.

When you shop at the local hardware store, the profit stays in town and builds the local economy. At Dollar General, every dollar of profit goes to Wall Street. The company reported \$27.8 billion in sales in 2019, and its stock climbed 700% in 10 years.

Protecting our communities from these corporate interests is difficult, but here are a few strategies to consider.

End the common practice of awarding tax and development incentives to massive corporations. Dollar General is a highly profitable company. Subsidizing new stores is a cash transfer from local taxpayers to corporate shareholders.

Use local zoning codes to encourage good growth and discourage harmful businesses. A report available from the Institute for Local Self Reliance outlines zoning strategies to limit construction of box outlets like

Dollar General.

Raise the minimum wage. The stagnant minimum wage is a subsidy we allow Dollar General to collect from the working poor. An increase will improve the lives of low-wage workers, and make Dollar General foot more of the real cost of labor.

Support local retail options when you can. We can each choose, when possible, to spend our retail dollars at stores that keep profit and ownership closer to home.

Write and call lawmakers to ask for stronger antitrust protections. While I am highlighting the case of Dollar General here, the same can be said about Walmart and now Amazon, too. Elsewhere in the rural economy multinational meatpackers, seed companies, and input suppliers have hammered local business.

In the Dollar General model, large corporations and their shareholders get rich while

workers and communities suffer. There is an alternative. We must work together to create it.

Berne Wood Fired Pizza Announces Season Lineup

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There are two bands each evening starting at 5pm with the opening act and 6:30pm for the headliner. There is no charge for the concert. There will be a classic car and bike cruise-in on June 9th, July 14th and August 11th. An Artisans Market Night is planned for August 4th. Schedule of bands can be found @bernepizza.org. Volunteers staff the event each week and proceeds are donated to numerous local charities and foundations each year.

Wanamingo to Celebrate Syttende Mai this weekend

The Norwegian independence will be observed again this year with festivities planned in Wanamingo on Saturday May 15th. The Lion's Club will host a pancake breakfast at the Wanamingo Community Center from 7 to 9:30am. Blondie's Butcher Shop will also serve food including mini doughnuts, cotton candy, hot dogs, chips and beverages in front of their business from 8am to 2pm. There will also be a large garage sale held along the street in front of the butcher shop.

A silent auction will be held front 9am to noon by Flour Child Creations for the Marlene Malerich Artists Scholarship Foundation. A car show will be held on Main Street from 9am to 1pm, with awards named at 1pm. Stevie B's Food Truck will be serving on Main Street from 9am to 1pm as well. J.B.'s Tavern will be serving a traditional Norwegian meal from 11am to 2pm.

City wide garage sales will be held all weekend beginning on Thursday. You can pick up flyers for locations at Area 57 or Security State Bank.

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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 March 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, Attorney David Jacobsen, Troy Estrem, Brad Nesseth

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Gard second by Bailey to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 71997 through 72081; 3679E through 3690E; and additional checks 72082 through 72104.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS

Public Hearing: Vacation of Alley Lying in Block 3, Slee and Langford's Addition

Motion by Bailey second by Rehtzigel to open the Public hearing at 7:04pm. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Attorney Riggs stated that this public hearing was required to vacate the alley located in Block 3 of Slee and Langford's addition to complete the lot combination for Jerry and Diane Barrett. Engineer Olinger noted that there are utilities in the alley, including power lines and sanitary sewer, that need to be addressed. Riggs stated, that by operation of law, the easements would remain intact. No public comments were received at the hearing.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Annual Municipal Prosecution Report – David Jacobsen, Attorney

Attorney David Jacobson gave an overview of changes to his law firm and staff. He also presented a summary of the annual prosecution activity for the City provided by Jacobsen Law Firm, P.A. in 2020. Attorney Jacobsen reported that the number

of prosecuted offenses were up for 2020. He prosecuted 76 cases from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, which was up 36 from 2019. He noted that eighty percent of the offenses were traffic violations. When compared to 2019, the number of prosecuted traffic offenses increased by over 238%. Community offenses dropped from 22 in 2019 to 15 in 2020. Two-thirds of the base fine is remitted back to the city of Kenyon, which amounted to \$2,180.00 for 2020. Jacobsen believes this amount is not accurate and is working to resolve this issue with court staff.

ENGINEERING

Updated on Infrastructure Management Plan- Update on 2021-22 projects

City Engineer Olinger reviewed the infrastructure management plan that was prepared in 2020. The purpose of the plan was to aid in prioritizing pavement and utility projects in the City. Olinger recommended crack filling and seal coating some of the better condition streets in 2021 and completing a larger chip seal project in 2022. A map of the proposed crack seal street was presented. If approved, the project would go out for bids to be awarded in April with project completion this year.

Proposal for Bituminous Street Crack Seal

Motion by Bailey second by Henke to approve the solicitation of quotes for the 2021 crack seal project.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

FEMA Flood Repair project update

City Engineer Olinger stated that Bolton & Menk are in the process of designing the FEMA flood repair project. DNR permits will be applied for in the coming weeks. Once the permits are approved, the Council will approve the final plan and request quotes.

Study of Financial Impact of Infrastructure Improvements - Northland Securities

Olinger stated that they are currently in the process of using the infrastructure plan information to make a Capital Improvement Plan. This plan would be used by the City to calculate the timing and funding for these capital improvements. Northland Securities provided a quote for a capital planning and debt study related to the financial impact of the infrastructure management plan.

Motion Bailey second by Ryan to proceed with the study and financial impact of the infrastructure management plan with Northland Securities. Motion carried 5-0-0.

LEGAL

Ordinance 97 Amending Section 845

Regarding Regulation of Trees, Grass, and Weeds in Public Streets and Public Property

Attorney Riggs stated that revisions to Ordinance No. 97 have been completed. Section 845 of the City Code was simplified, but still gives the City control.

Motion by Gard second by Bailey to adopt Ordinance No. 97 amending Section 845 regarding regulation of trees, grass, and weeds in public streets and public property. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Resolution 2021-06: Approving Publication of Ordinance No.97 by Title and Summary

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Henke to adopt Resolution 2021-06 approving publication of Ordinance No. 97 by title and summary. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Resolution 2021-05: Vacating the Alley in Block 3 of Slee and Langford's Addition

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2021-05 vacating the Alley in Block 3 of Slee and Langford's addition with additional language to be added to No. 1 concerning easements remaining intact. Motion carried 5-0-0.

2021 Agreement with Luis Tellez – Taco Express

City Administrator Vahlsing stated that Luis Tellez, owner of Taco Express has submitted the Annual Lease Agreement for his mobile food truck to operate on city owned space directly east of the Municipal Liquor Store. The agreement period is Thursday – Saturday from April 30 - October 17, 2021.

The 2021 agreement was tabled to allow the Council time to look into a possible increased fee.

Discuss Possible Vacation of Alley Located South of 3rd Street Near First Lutheran Church

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the alley located south of 3rd Street just east of First Lutheran Church is a candidate to be vacated. The City maintains this seventy-five-foot alley that doesn't serve the City at all. Vahlsing asked if the Council had any interest in pursuing this vacation. If there was interest, a public hearing would be scheduled; then the Council would take action to approve or deny the vacation. Brad Nesseth and Troy Estrem, representing First Lutheran Church, were present. Nesseth stated that the church had no strong feelings either way. He did express concern about the ability of the homeowner at 623 3rd Street being able to back out of his garage without being on church property if the alley was vacated. The Council determined that the alley would remain public at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Community Cable Channel and City Website

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Community Channel is now broadcasting on Mediacom channel 12. A streaming app and link to the web site are still being developed so City Council meetings and possibly other community events can eventually be streamed. Vahlsing added that Library Director Otte is working on major upgrades to the cityofkenyon.com site and will give an update at the April Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacobsen Law Firm Request for Rate Increase for Prosecution Services

Administrator Vahlsing stated that Attorney Jacobsen requested a five percent increase to the criminal prosecution services contract for 2021. The increase would change the monthly fee of \$1,000 to \$1,050.

Motion by Rehtzigel seconded by Bailey to approve the 2021 rate increase for criminal prosecution services for Jacobsen Law firm. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Quotes for Zero Turn Mower

Director Ehrich stated that three quotes were received to replace the 2018 JD 72" mower. The low quote was received from Kenyon Ace Hardware for a Cub Cadet Zero Turn mower, which included trade-in of the existing mower. The mower purchase is on a three-year rotation schedule and is included in the 2021 budget.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to approve the purchase of the quoted Cub Cadet from Kenyon Ace Hardware. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Kenyon Country Club Liquor License Renewal

Motion by Bailey second by Gard to renew Kenyon Country Club's liquor license.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

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

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th @ 7 p.m.

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

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilman Gard noted that the flag at Spring and Gunderson looks great.

Mayor Henke stated that it was an interesting meeting. He is also looking forward to spring coming.

Motion by Bailey second by Rehtzigel to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Douglas Henke, Mayor

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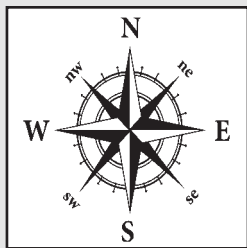
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes



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 like to watch birds. All kind of birds. They have an incredible ability to fly and sing, neither are things I can do. This morning I looked out the front door and there were a couple robins on the porch. The one closest had its head tucked in and feathers quite ruffled. I had never seen one sleep that close to the house. But when I opened the door, it didn't fly away with the other, but moved to the end of the railing. As I got closer it then fluttered off the porch to the ground and hopped away.

I let my dog out in the yard and when I walked around the deck the robin was still hopping along the ground, but seemed a little distressed. My chocolate lab, Sable, always comes out of the door in the morning like a jet taking off. As she circled the house for the first time came tearing by and the robin tried to fly away but sort of crash landed after a few feet, with the dog running right over top of the hapless bird. I

picked the bird up, and set it in the box of the Gator so the dogs wouldn't be tempted to harass it. They are retrievers after all, and bringing me a feathered prize would be quite in character for them. The robin weakly looked at me and huddled up in the Gator box in a defeated and disheveled manner.

When I came back to the Gator, the bird was laying there dead. I imagined his friend had stayed by him through the night knowing the end was near. Maybe he was an old robin and the cold winter was just too much. It was sad to ponder the end of the bird, once sailing through the air with such freedom and singing merrily to welcome each new day. But as I thought about it, I was also reminded of hope. God watches even the birds and not one of them can die without Him knowing it.

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A Minnesotan: Third Winter



By RosaLin Alcoser

The thing that we all know about spring in Minnesota is that the weather can literally do anything. April 2021 alone went from being in the 70's on Easter Sunday to shifting into the third winter. Because after all we already had the first and second winter; how could we even live without a third winter? That would just be unheard of and unthinkable!

The point is that anything can happen in Minnesota's spring months. It can be snowing one day and 100 degrees the next; well maybe not 100 degrees but it

can get quite warm.

I remember in May of 2012 it went from being alright weather in the mid to lower 50s to snowing on Mother's Day weekend.

The reason I remember it is because that Mother's Day weekend is also the weekend that I went to junior prom in the snow. The snow that weekend made for many memorable photos for a lot of my peers that year. A lot of people posted Facebook photos that weekend of them dressed up for prom and playing in the snow.

I on the other hand was posed in front of a dead lilac bush; that had been in full bloom the Mother's Day weekend the year before. I remember it being cold, windy and a bit awkward standing on a shoveled off strip of brown grass in front of this dormant bush for photos.

While I am sure that 2012 was not the only Mother's Day snow that I or any of us have seen it is definitely one that sticks in my mind because of that bush. With any hope the good weather that we have seen at the end of April will be sticking with us for the rest of this spring and lead us into the summer months... or it will snow mid May because it's Minnesota and it has to do a fourth winter this year.

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Red Cross Urges Americans to Give Blood and Make It a Summer Full of Life

The American Red Cross along with actor James Van Der Beek and his wife, Kimberly, have joined together to urge all who are healthy to make this a summer full of life for patients by scheduling an appointment to give blood or platelets.

As the nation transitions to a new, hopeful phase of this devastating pandemic and people begin to return to some of their favorite activities, the Red Cross is concerned about the impact this could have on blood donor turnout and the blood supply this summer. The need for lifesaving blood transfusions never takes a break. It's critical to have blood ready to go when every second counts.

The Van Der Beek family knows firsthand how important blood donations are in a health crisis. In the past year, Kimberly Van Der Beek experienced back-to-back pregnancy losses. Each time she needed emergency hospital care and blood transfusions to save her life.

"Donating blood is something that I've always done throughout my life," said James Van Der Beek. "It seemed important. But I never knew how important until the woman I love most was in a situation where that much blood made the difference between life and death. It just brought it home in a very real way."

Hemorrhaging is the leading cause of pregnancy-related complications that can occur anytime during pregnancy. "In instances of severe bleeding, blood transfusions often play a lifesaving role," said Dr. Ross Herron, divisional chief medical officer for the Red Cross. "For mothers with complicated pregnancies or deliveries, generous donors are the only source of the transfusions they may need to survive."

"If you've never given blood before, allow this to be your formal invitation. Will you please give blood?," added Kimberly Van Der Beek.

Individuals of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment now to give blood, and in most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility. Appointments can be made 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.

In thanks for making it a summer full of life, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in May will automatically be entered for a chance to win a travel

trailer camper that sleeps five*, powered by Suburban Propane, via their SuburbanCares initiative. The Red Cross is also thanking those who come to donate May 28-June 12 with a limited-edition T-shirt, while supplies last.

"Suburban Propane is honored to partner with the American Red Cross and actor James Van Der Beek on their summer campaign to help bring attention to the need for blood donations," said Nandini Sankara, Spokesperson for Suburban Propane. "Our SuburbanCares corporate pillar highlights our continued dedication to giving back to our local communities and through this platform, we support a host of community outreach initiatives throughout the nation; including our national partnership with the American Red Cross. It is our hope that this promotion for a chance to win a travel (trailer) camper will encourage donors to show their support and to help fulfill the need for blood collection."

Health insights for donors

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.

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

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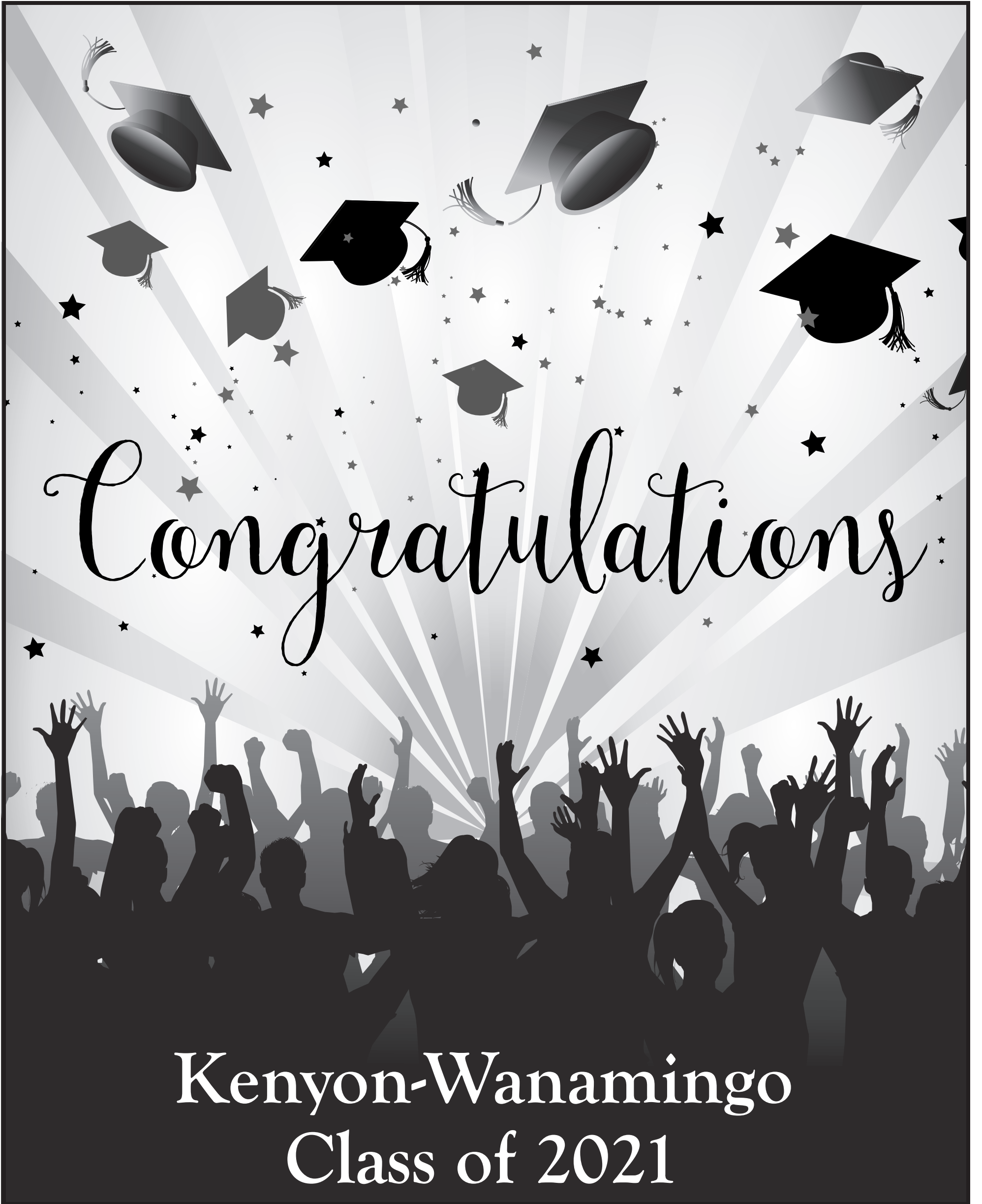
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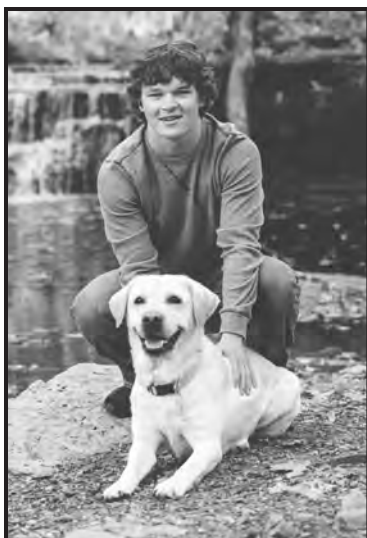
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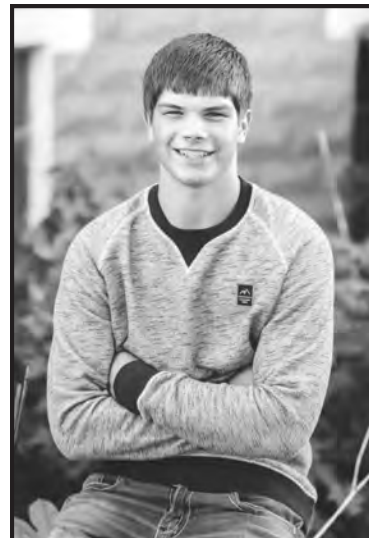
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