



# Kenyon Messenger™

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT #2  
Dennison, MN 55018

Postal Customer  
ECRWSS

SEPTEMBER, 2021

Volume 15 • Issue 5

## Announcements

- **Rally Day at Vang, September 19.**  
*(see ad on page 2)*
- **Hegre's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper:** Wednesday September 22, 2021. Serving from 4-7 pm. Take-out or curbside pick-up orders only. Please place orders before Friday, September 17th to guarantee meals. Drive-up orders the day of supper until food is gone. Please call or text orders to Beth @ 507-330-4996, include number of meals, time, dessert choice. Meal cost \$15.00 (adult size serving only). Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll, apple or pumpkin dessert. Picnic tables are available at the church.  
Hegre Lutheran Church  
51939 Hwy. 56 Blvd, Kenyon
- **Vang Lutheran Church Annual Lutefisk and Norwegian Meatball Supper will be Wednesday, October 13.**  
*(see ad on page 3)*
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive November 23 from 12:30-6:30p.m.** Hosted by Dennison Vang Lutheran Church at Dennison City Hall, 37622 Goodhue Ave., Dennison.
- **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 [three-river-scrap.org](http://three-river-scrap.org) for more information.
- **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?  
Email:  
[hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)

## K-W School Board to Ask for Levy Increase

The Kenyon Wanamingo school has resumed full time, in school classes for all students. There is no mask mandate for students although the district strongly recommends wearing one. The children riding the school buses however are under TSA rules and are required to wear masks while on the buses. At the August 23rd school board meeting concerned citizens addressed the board with their concerns over the mask mandates, citing increased irritability, headaches, lack of concentration, drowsiness, impaired learning, less happiness and more reluctance to attend school by students, when required to wear a mask. One

comment was that the 2021 Minnesota State Fair, which sees over a million people, did not require masks. The only comment by Superintendent Boysen was that all persons, whether for or against, would not criticize the other for their personal preference.

The district is also choosing not to inquire about vaccination status and will not test students without parental consent. There are no social distancing requirements being enforced.

The Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board is proceeding with a question on the ballot for Tuesday, November 2 regarding the referendum. They are asking for a \$950 per stu-

dent operating levy increase to replace the current \$295 per student levy which will expire next year. This levy would be for a ten-year term and increase by the rate of inflation each year.

## Wanamingo Lions Club to Host Informational Meeting

The Wanamingo Lions Club is hosting an informational meeting for the Kenyon-Wanamingo School District operating referendum election. The informational meeting will be held at the Wanamingo Community Center on Thursday October 7th at 7:00PM. Bryan Boysen, the Kenyon-Wanamingo Superintendent, will be providing information on the operating referendum and answering questions from the audience. The Wanamingo Lions wish to facilitate public engagement and increased participation in the upcoming special election referendum to be held on November 2nd. The Wanamingo Lions will provide lite refreshments for the event. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

## 2021 Kenyon RoseFest



RoseFest Grand Marshal, Larry Tatge

## Fall Fun Event at Harvest Acres

On October 2nd and 3rd sheep will be grazing on their pastures, llamas will be walking on paths, fiber enthusiasts will be drooling, squeezing and touching all sorts of fiber and fiber arts from 15 vendors from the midwest.

*(continued on page 5)*

ATTORNEY  
**PETERSON LAW OFFICE**  
**FRANKLIN D. PETERSON**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
GENERAL PRACTICE REAL ESTATE  
TRUSTS • WILLS  
634 2ND ST., KENYON, MN • 507-789-6141

\*\*\*\*\*  
**KENYON VFW POST 141**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
  
Tuesday  
**BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30PM**

  
Wednesday  
**WING NIGHT 6:00-8:00PM**

**BAR OPEN 4-10PM**

Thursday **MIXER 6:00-8:00PM**

Conrad Osthum Post 141  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
601 2nd Street, Kenyon, MN • 507-789-5691

**PULL TABS AVAILABLE!**  
Lic. #G-00019-004

\*\*\*\*\*



## 2nd Chances Jonah 3

How many times do you give someone another chance? Does it depend on the situation? Do we give everyone another chance? After all they're human- they're not perfect... does it depend on our age or our privileges? Or should we give God more than one chance? Who decides? How do we decide?

I've been the recipient of a number of second chances. Gary and I recently celebrated 35 years of marriage. That is a huge 2nd chance for me! The Bible is full of men and women that God gave 2nd chances to: Rahab The Bible is clear and consistent when it refers to Rahab—she was a prostitute. But this woman of ill repute put her life on the line to hide some spies from Israel. And God granted her a second chance. Then there was Moses who was born in Egypt during a dangerous time for young Jewish boys. God chose to spare Moses's life and gave him the privilege and protection of growing up in Pharaoh's palace. As an adult Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster to save a Hebrew young man, the wrath of Pharaoh drove him out of Egypt for fear of his life. Yet 40 years later God gave Moses a second chance to return to Egypt and set His people free.

And we all know Jonah because we are a lot like Jonah- Jonah was in the belly of a great fish for 3 days and 3 nights and called out to God and said he would do all that he promised to do. "And the Lord ordered the

fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did." We have a repentant and grateful Jonah. A man that is ready to follow God- "I will never worship anyone but you! I will surely fulfill my promises" ... Jonah's made a big promise...

God wasted no time setting Jonah back on track, 'go to Nineveh and deliver the message I gave you.' It seems Jonah is to go immediately—not waste time over thinking about it, planning how to canvas the city—just GO! Go and deliver the message I gave you. He's giving Jonah a 2nd chance. This time Jonah obeys. Nineveh is a large city- *so large that it would take three days to walk through it.*

Jonah arrives and begins to shout the message of doom and gloom to the people of Nineveh. He goes from one end to another. It took him 3 days to get the message out and what a response! "The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow." The people of Nineveh believed Jonah, from the least to the greatest. Everyone was equal - they took Jonah's message to heart and began to pray. They went into national mourning. The people of Nineveh recognized their sin- and were convicted.

They chose to listen and act on what they heard from the prophet Jonah. "If your people- call on your name and turn from their sins (repent)—Lord, hear from heaven and forgive their sins." The people of Nineveh weren't God's chosen people, but they were still people that He loved and created. The people of Israel were to tell the gentiles, the peoples in their communities about Him—Now Jonah was

finally obeying and brought a message of "hellfire and brimstone" so to speak—and it worked! verse 10 says, "10 When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened." God saw what they had done—how they had changed- that they truly repented—it wasn't just the words—they followed it with action! For an entire city- to turn to the Lord is amazing and wonderful!

God specializes in 2nd chances. He gave Jonah a 2nd chance. Jonah was going the opposite direction- and when he had his time alone in the fish- he repented and chose to obey God. Through Jonah's obedience an entire city- was given a second

chance! That is so amazing. That through the words that came from Jonah's mouth- a city of over 120,000 people repented and turned to follow God.

- We too are called to go—to share the truth of God's word. To share the good news- to make sure 'everyone' knows! We must obey the call—we must be ready to go and tell. How can they know Jesus if there is no one to tell them?

- We must pray for those that still have not heard. And for opportunities to go and tell.

God has given us so many chances- let's not miss any more opportunities to share the good news of Christ. It's time to go and tell- like Jonah- embrace your 2nd chance to share the hope of eternity to whomever God places in your path!

### RALLY DAY AT VANG! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

All are invited to this year's Rally Day. We hope to get the fall off to a good start.  
There will be a festive worship time beginning at 9:00 AM at Vang.  
(This will be a combined service with Dennison.)

Worship will include gifting our 3 years olds with Spark Storybook Bibles, and a "Blessing of the Backpacks" for all those starting the school year.  
All students please bring your backpacks for the blessing!

Following worship, all are invited for games, treats, and a Blessing of the Garden.  
There will be some end of the year garden clean-up to do for those who wish to help in the garden.

Rally Day will also be a time to register for Sunday School.  
All who wish to attend Sunday school please come on Rally Day – it will help with our planning for the rest of the year.  
Also, please let us know if you can help with Sunday School related activities this year.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**  
Students, please bring your backpacks for the blessing!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF**  
On Sunday, Sept. 26, Sunday School will kick into gear.  
There will be a light breakfast (all are welcome) and fun crafts and activities following worship.  
Let's start the year off right! See you there.





**Mainstreet Publishing**  
P.O. Box 125  
Dennison, MN 55018  
Phone 507-951-7417  
Fax 507-645-9878

**E-mail:**  
hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Published in cooperation with Mainstreet Publishing.  
© 2021, Kenyon Messenger.  
All rights reserved.

**For advertising information  
call Terry Campbell  
at 507-951-7417**

**SHOP LOCAL**  
for Fall

### DENNISON/VANG LUTHERAN PARISH

Pastor Paul A. Graham  
(C) 507-269-5997 • Office: 507-645-6042  
P.O. Box 117, Dennison, MN 55018  
Website: www.dennisonvang.org  
**September Worship Schedule**  
Sunday, Sept. 19 - Rally Day -  
Combined service at Vang, 9:00 AM  
Sunday, Sept. 26 - Worship at Vang, 9:00 AM and  
"Songs of My Life" at Dennison, 11:00 AM

### ASPELUND EMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Gideon Johnson, Pastor  
Church 507-824-2307 • Parsonage 507-789-5851  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Jointly served with Hauge Lutheran, Kenyon

### FIRST EV. LUTHERAN

Julie Rogness, Pastor  
309 Forest Street, Kenyon • 507-789-5261  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.; Wed. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

### GOL LUTHERAN

Marv Kormann, Pastor • 507-789-6311  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, NERSTRAND

Don Kloster, Pastor • 507-334-2822  
305 South 1st Street, Nerstrand  
Worship 9 a.m.; Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

### HAUGE LUTHERAN

Gideon Johnson, Pastor • 507-789-6343  
302 Bullis Street, Kenyon  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Vespers Service Sat. 7:00p.m.

### WANAMINGO LUTHERAN

Christopher Culuris, Pastor  
507-824-2457  
130 West 3rd Street, Wanamingo

### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Fear for Nothing?

*"Does Job fear God for nothing?" – Job 1:9*

I can remember a time in college when everything was going really well. I had lots of friends, I was getting good grades, I was having fun, I was involved in a great church, my relationship with God was thriving, and I even enjoyed my part-time job. Everything was going great, and I was extremely happy.

When everything is going well, it is relatively easy to honor and praise God and follow him wholeheartedly—to fear God in the biblical sense of being devoted to him.

In Job 1, Satan claimed it was easy for Job to fear God because his life was going so well. Job had 10 children, thousands of animals, and many servants. Job was a great man whose kids threw great parties. He would even offer sacrifices just in case someone in his household sinned against God. So of course Job feared God, Satan said. His life was great!

As the story of Job continued, however, all those blessings were taken from him. His family, his possessions, and even his health were taken away. Yet Job still feared God. Our devotion to God shouldn't be dependent on how well life is going for us. If we fear God only because life is good, then we really don't fear God at all.

As you think about your devotion to God, make sure you fear God because of who he is and not because he can give you great blessings.

**Prayer**  
*Awesome God, help us to adore and worship you because of who you are—God above all things. Amen.*



602 Second Street • P.O. Box G  
Kenyon, Minnesota 55946  
507-789-6123 Toll Free 1-888-789-6123  
Visit our website: [ssbkenyon.com](http://ssbkenyon.com)

### DENNISON FEED AND FARM SUPPLY, INC.

DENNISON, MINNESOTA 55018  
Tim Murry *Agronomy Sales & Service*  
507-581-6218

### HOLDEN/DALE

Heather Culuris, Pastor • 507-824-2410  
Worship times alternate, please call to confirm

### MOLAND CHURCH

Nancy Edwardson, Pastor • 507-789-6661  
Sunday School 9 a.m.

### NERSTRAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lora Sturm, Pastor  
12 Maple Street • 507-330-0025  
Worship 9:00 a.m.

### NEW LIFE CHURCH

525 Beverly Street • 507-824-3019  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

### ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lora Sturm, Pastor • 507-330-0025  
[www.stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info](http://www.stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info)  
19086 Jacob Avenue, Faribault  
Sunday School 9:30a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christopher Culuris, Pastor  
507-824-2155

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dana Houck, Pastor  
429 4th Street, Kenyon  
507-789-6531  
Worship 9 a.m.; Bible Study Tuesdays at 7 a.m.  
at Gunderson Gardens

### ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Cory Rohlfing  
Deacon Newell McGee  
108 Bullis St., Kenyon  
Sunday Mass 8:00a.m.  
Wednesday Mass 5:00p.m.



## Norma Jean Sands

Norma Jean Sands, age 96, of Kenyon, died Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Reflections Care Center in Northfield.



Norma was born on the family farm in Sogn Valley on December 3, 1924, the daughter of Samuel and Clara (Lee) Underdahl. She graduated from Cannon Falls High School, earned a teaching degree through 'Normal Training' and taught in Goodhue County rural schools for many years.

On September 28, 1945, Norma married Wilbur Sands of Kenyon. They raised two daughters, Diane and Vicki, and farmed near Aspelund until Wilbur passed in 1992. Norma continued to live on the farm and care for it until her death.

As a devoted mother, Norma made sure her daughters played in the band, acted in school plays and participated in church activities. She taught Sunday School, Bible School, was Ladies' Aid president and enjoyed Project with neighbor ladies. After retiring she attended many 'Red Hat' events and played cards weekly at the Kenyon Golf Club.

When her daughters started school she worked as a waitress at the Cannonball

Restaurant in Cannon Falls, which she enjoyed for 36 1/2 years, retiring when she was 80.

Norma was an avid gardener and an excellent cook who loved entertaining. She cherished outings and overnights with her granddaughters, and when they had children, she loved the birthday parties, notes and pictures from their little ones, who called her GG (great grandmother).

Throughout her married life she and Wilbur danced to music of the Polka Dots, led by her brother-in-law, Ray Sands. They enjoyed snowmobiling, traveling with Diane and Vicki on many family trips 'Out West', and to Europe and the Scandinavian Countries with Roger Erickson's WCCO tours.

Norma is survived by her children, Diane Sands (Steve Fraser) and Vicki (Lorn) Manthey; granddaughters, Katie (Jeff) Prose and their children Grace, Jack and Ben; and Kelli (Teddy) Douglass and their children, Baker and Henry; brother-in-law, Ray Sands; nieces, a nephew, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 48 years, Wilbur; and her sisters, Carol and Audrey.

Her funeral service was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 11 am at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Aspelund. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment followed at the Emmanuel Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, the Nature Conservancy, or The Last Hope Animal Rescue in Farmington.

## Norman Bjorngaard

Funeral services for Norman Bjorngaard were held Friday September 10th at 11:00 AM at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, where he was a lifelong member. The Rev. David Krinke officiated, and burial followed at the church cemetery. The visitation was Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, in Zumbrota and continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.



Mr. Bjorngaard, 95, died Monday September 6, 2021 at his home where he had recently been receiving palliative care.

A lifelong Roscoe Township resident, Norman was born July 30, 1926 the son of Ned and Minnie (Grove) Bjorngaard. Norman farmed with his father and brothers. Working construction, he erected steel pole barns, and worked at Maple Island. He met the love of his life, Joan Brehmer, at a barn dance north of Goodhue. The couple married on November 19, 1949 at the parsonage at Lands Lutheran Church. He enjoyed going to dances with Joan, having coffee with friends at the Cenex in Wanamingo, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons Brian Bjorngaard of Zumbrota and Tim (Becki) Bjorngaard of Rochester; a daughter Vickie Bjorngaard of Roscoe Township; grandchildren Jennifer (Jeff) Whitesel, Stacey, Amber, Christopher, Erika, Mathew (Nicole), and Erik (Ashley) Bjorngaard, Kaitlyn (Cleary) Grubb, and Carisa Bjorngaard; great-grandchildren Theresa (Ryan), Tyler, Trystan, Lilyana, Robbie, Kiara, Arya, Nick, Tanner, and Zarrick; great-great-grandchildren Hannah, Ella, Ida, Camri, and Barron. He is also survived by his sisters Loretta Broas, Rose Durhman, and Sharon Bjorngaard.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years Joan; parents; a son Bruce Bjorngaard; a grandson Brian Blake Bjorngaard; and siblings Joel, Thelma, and Vernon.

The family would like to thank the staff at Mayo Hospice's Red Wing branch, and a special thank you to Rev. David Krinke and the members of Lands Lutheran Church.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Lands Lutheran Church, the church's organ fund, or to a charity of the donor's choosing.

## Steven R. Temple

Steven R. Temple, age 77 of Faribault, MN went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, September 10, 2021, following an extended illness.



Steven Ralph, the son of Ralph and Luella (Squire) Temple was born on February 14, 1944 at their family home in Faribault. He attended Faribault High School and graduated with the class of 1962. Following high school he attend-

ed Dunwoody Institute and then attended Mankato State University, earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. On August 6, 1966 he was united in marriage to Audrey Tatge at St. John's United Church of Christ in Nerstrand, MN. After their marriage Steve worked for a year at the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. In 1968, Steve began a 31 year career as an Industrial Tech and Aviation Teacher at Faribault Senior High School, retiring in 1999. He loved being a teacher. In 1982 Steve founded Temple Concessions and was a vendor at county fairs and other celebrations for many years. Steve's faith was an important part of his life and he was a very active member of First English Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council, as a Sunday School Teacher and Song Fellows. He also played on the church softball and volleyball teams. Steve enjoyed flying, fishing, beekeeping, restoring classic cars, dancing, coaching youth sports and building model airplanes. Family was also very important to Steve and he loved spending time with all of his family and especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the Faribault Pilots Association and the Ham Radio Club. With the Pilots Association, Steve enjoyed helping with the annual Tree of Hope toy drive and delivering toys to children that were in the hospital. Steve always appreciated the beauty of God's creation, especially living at the lake and enjoying the sunsets with Audrey.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, Audrey Temple of Faribault; by his children, Troy (Linda) Temple and Tina (Bob) Erickson, both of Faribault; by his grandchildren, Renata Erickson (Seamus) of Owatonna, MN, Alexandra (Sam) Correll of Bloomington, MN, Samuel Temple (Faith), Joey Erickson, Eli Temple and Molly Erickson, all of Faribault; by his mother in law, Mildred Tatge; by sister and brother-in-laws, Diane (Jerry) Olson, Luverne (Judy) Tatge, Barb (Jim) Zahn, Mike (Debbie) Tatge, Bruce Tatge, Marvin (Mary) Tatge, Roxie (Steve) Deike, Becky Tatge, Randy (Leann) Tatge, Bev Temple and by many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors and by special caregiver, Maddy Robertson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Luella Temple, brother, Archie Temple, sister, Doris Temple, father-in-law, Earl Tatge, sister and brother-in-laws, Virginia and Richard Bengston and Carol and David Tousignant, by brothers-in-law, Ronnie Tatge and Cy Donkers and niece and nephew, Amy and Paul Zahn.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the First English Lutheran Church in Faribault with the Rev. Janet White, officiating. Interment will be held at the Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, Faribault. For those unable to attend the service will be livestreamed through a link found on Steve's obituary page.

Memorial visitation was held at the Parker Kohl Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and at the church on Thursday for one hour prior to services.

For those attending the visitation or funeral the family requests that everyone wear a mask. Thank you for your understanding.

(obituaries continued on page 4)

## Vang Lutheran Church ANNUAL LUTEFISK AND NORWEGIAN MEATBALL SUPPER

### Vang Lutheran Church

2060 Cty. 49 Blvd.

Dennison, MN 55018

Wednesday, October 13th

Tickets are \$20.00



Meal Includes:

Lutefisk with melted butter, Norwegian Meatballs with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Fruit Soup, Lefse, and Norwegian Baking's.

We are not able to gather at our church, instead we will have our traditional meal packaged and ready to enjoy at work or home.

No Country Store this year.

Pre-orders required with credit card by 10/1/21.

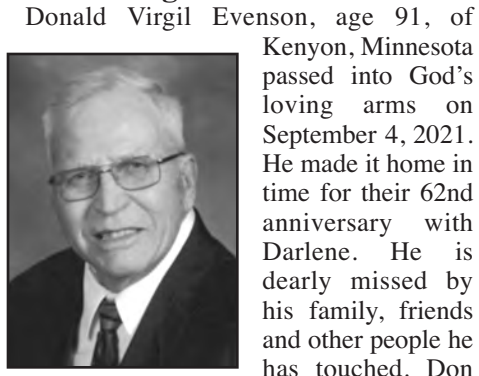
Call 507-789-5186 or email: vanglutefisk@gmail.com for reservations

11:00am-2:00pm or 4:00-7:00pm.

Home or business delivered locally and curbside pick-up with reservation.



## Donald Virgil Evenson



Donald Virgil Evenson, age 91, of Kenyon, Minnesota passed into God's loving arms on September 4, 2021. He made it home in time for their 62nd anniversary with Darlene. He is dearly missed by his family, friends and other people he has touched. Don was born on September 15, 1929 at the Mayflower Ranch in rural Heartland, Minnesota to Clarence and Mabel (Halverson) Evenson. He attended rural school in Freeborn, Minnesota. Don was employed with Pierce Trucking and farmed with his father for many years. He took his brother out to San Francisco, California and lived there for a short time, during which he worked at a bus depot, blacksmith shop, and a Standard Oil Station. Don was united in marriage to Darlene Abbe on September 5, 1959 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Medford, Minnesota. They farmed together with his parents in rural Heartland until 1961 when they moved to rural Owatonna to farm and Don also worked at Owatonna Manufacturing Company full time. In 1975, they moved to rural Medford to a hobby farm and Don continued to work at OMC until retiring in 1992. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Medford and served on their boards of trustees and cemetery, volunteering at monthly community dinners, and playing dart ball. In 2005, they moved to Owatonna and in December 2020 moved into Kenyon Senior Living in Kenyon. Don was noted for his ability to create things out of nothing and built a relaxing nature retreat that delighted his family and friends. He was always thinking about his grandchildren and finding wonderful treasures at garage sales for them to experience. Don took pleasure in playing, reading, and joking with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, gathering with family and friends, nature, fishing, playing cards, and vacationing with Darlene. Don liked to reminisce about going out to California in a 1954 Chevy and returning in a 1953 Jaguar. In his later years of life, God and people became so important, that in April 2020, he repented of his sins and confessed Jesus as

Lord and Savior of his heart. (Romans 10: 9,10) God transformed his heart and life. He is survived by three children, Robert (Laurie) Evenson, Cheryl (Jeff) Beckman, and Leann (Johnny) Maxon; eleven grandchildren, Brandon (Abby) Maxon, Ashley (Eric) Kundert, Matthew (Alyssa) Beckman, Nathan (Katlyn) Beckman, Melissa, Krista, Anna, Alisa, Jenna, Lynnea, and Isaiah Beckman; five great grandchildren, Wyatt and Hannah Kundert, Azariah, Caleb, and Chloe Beckman; one sister, Janice Orth; one sister-in-law, Connie Abbe; one brother-in-law, Don Abbe; many wonderful nieces and nephews, great friends and neighbors. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents, Clarence and Mabel Evenson; sisters, Charlotte Nelson, Ruth Ludwig and Margaret Evenson who died in youth; brothers, Marvin who died in infancy, Galen, Irvin, Clair, and Franklin Evenson; sisters-in-law, Gloria Evenson, Lois Evenson, Lorraine Evenson Carr, Lillian Evenson; brothers-in-law, Gene Nelson, Lloyd Ludwig, and Ron Orth.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford with visitation one hour prior. A livestream of the service was available at <https://wearelivetoday.com/donald-evenson>. The Reverend Mark Biebighauser officiated, and burial was at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Deerfield Township. Memorials are preferred to Trinity Lutheran Church of Medford.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people at Kenyon Senior Living and Ecumen Hospice for all your

love, phenomenal care, and encouragement. It has been a privilege and a joy working with everyone.

## Rice County Historical Society Flea Market

The Rice County Historical Society will be hosting its Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 8 am to 2 pm. Market vendors will bring a great variety of items to shop for including; antiques, collectibles, crafts, glassware, kitchen appliances, wood benches, and more.

It is exciting to offer this event once again at the Rice County Historical Society grounds. We are repeating the layout from the Spring Flea Market which will help with social distancing, supporting everyone as we continue to be COVID-19 aware – doing our part to ensure it the Flea Market is a safe and positive experience for both the vendors and the shoppers. Vendors for the Flea Market will be spaced out on the grounds of this event in awareness of Social Distancing (6'+). Face coverings will be strongly encouraged for both the vendors and shoppers during this six-hour event. Hand sanitizer stations will be set up throughout the grounds. Social distancing signs will be posted for kindly reminders to stay 6' apart. The RCHS will monitor the CDC guidelines and will follow them if there are any changes for outside events. With the help of all, this can be a successful and safe event.

### RICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1814 NW Second Ave., Faribault, MN 55021 • 507-332-2121

Not sure if you want to have your own Garage Sale? Following Marie Konda's advice and looking to sell things that don't "spark joy" for you but think they will for others? There is still time to sign up to be a vendor. First time vendors are welcome, too! Vendor spots available are 10'x20' stalls and can be reserved for \$20 prior to the day of the event. If there are any spaces remaining, they will be available for \$25 on the day of the event. You are encouraged to bring a tarp or table, canopy, or whatever is necessary to display your items. Vendors will be able to set up starting at 5:30 am.

The Flea Market will be in the Museum's front parking lot as well as behind the RCHS Museum of History, at 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021. For more information or to sign up to be a vendor, please contact the Rice County Historical Society during regular business hours, Monday – Friday / 9am – 4pm, 507-332-2121 or send us an email at [rchs@rchistory.org](mailto:rchs@rchistory.org).

## Traxler Law PLLC

[traxlerlaw.com](http://traxlerlaw.com)

### Ann Traxler Attorney

#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Wills, Trusts, & Estates
- Farm and Business Transition Planning
- General Practice
- Probate

4359 Cty. 11 Blvd.  
Kenyon, MN 55945  
507-405-0420  
[ann@traxlerlaw.com](mailto:ann@traxlerlaw.com)



**\$3799.00\***



502 Huseth St., Kenyon  
**507-789-6321**

## Toro 75755 TimeCutter MyRIDE Zero Turn Mower

- 24.5hp commercial V-twin 708cc engine
- 50" cutting width
- Iron forged deck
- MyRIDE suspension system
- Easy height of cut adjustment
- Tool less oil change

### Authorized Toro® Dealer



Farm Equipment Repair  
DOT Inspections/Welding

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**November 23, 2021  
12:30-6:30 PM**

**Dennison City Hall  
37622 Goodhue Ave.  
Dennison, MN**

*Hosted by  
Dennison Vang  
Lutheran Church*

## American Red Cross



## Working together for agricultural safety

We have worked with farmers for decades to protect what matters. This fall, we encourage farmers to think safety first. Be sure all equipment is serviced and operates properly, and keep a first aid kit and cell phone with you at all times.



National Farm Safety Week  
September 19-25, 2021



"Trust in Tomorrow," and the "A Grinnell Mutual Member" mark are property of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. ©Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, 2020.



## KELLER INSURANCE AGENCY

Your FarMutual Agent

305 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053  
507-334-6550



## Fall Fun Event at Harvest Acres

(continued from page 1)

There also will be food trucks (Steve B Barbeque and Don's Crumble Beef) for the people to graze, games and crafts for the children to do and learn about fiber and life on the farm. And you dont want to miss any of it!!!

All this fun will be happening at the Harvest Fiber Festival at the Harvest Hill Acres farm on the outskirts of Dennison. It is a free, fibery (yes that is a word and has nothing to do with your diet) family, fun event. Dean and Diana Treangen are the owners of this farm and have been in the area for the last four years. There are other events that happen at their farm, but this is a new event that they are hoping for a large fun turnout.

Dean and Diana both lost their management jobs at a large local zoo. Dean had been there for 20 years, Diana 13 years but she not only lost her job, but her zoo career. She has been in the zoo and wildlife field for 40 years. The farm in Dennison was a dream, to have "some sheep in the pasture and yarn in the studio attached to the barn".

Loosing her job, the farm animal support took a hit. Her paycheck took care of the animals. So in 2020 as many lives changed, so did theirs. Dean was able to retire. Diana was just out of a job, and to get another zoo job would require them to move and sell the farm. Diana decided to put alot of energy into the farm, the onsite yarn store (no longer a craft room) and let the animals "earn their food". 80 CVM Romeldale sheep, 2 llama, some chickens, cats and dogs and one angora rabbit eat alot !!! The fiber from the sheep, llama and even the rabbit are used in the products produced for the farm. The Harvest Fiber Festival is a product of the efforts. The farm is in the Sogn Valley area, with many trees on the property. Fall colors are the first order of the event, their will be farms and fiber artists from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota ( many from this area) at the fair. There will be kids crafts and games for the children. The sheep and their llamas (that guard them from predators) will be in 4 different pastures. Diana was hoping the fiber products would be the star of the show, but she thinks otherwise. For the interested there will be 4 very tame llamas available for walks with guides around the farm, \$5.00 will get you a ticket for that fun.

This free event will happen rain or shine Saturday Oct 2 9-5:00 and Sun Oct 3 9-3:00! Bring your masks for inside buildings, your family for fun and food, and maybe bring your mama to meet those Llamas!!!



7477 400th Street Dennison, 713-244-4184 (cell) and check the Harvest Hill Acres Facebook page for daily updates!

# Harvest Fiber FESTIVAL

at

## Harvest Hill ACRES

**Saturday, October 2 • 9am - 5pm**  
**Sunday, October 3 • 9am - 3pm**

**7477 400th St. • Dennison, MN 55018**  
 Ph: 713-244-4184 • Email: harvesthillacres@aol.com

— Family Friendly Events —  
**Kids Crafts • Llama Walks • Food Trucks**

**There will be vendors from all over the midwest!**  
**Various fiber demonstrations will happen throughout the weekend.**

HarvestHillAcres  
HarvestHillAcresMN

Mask required indoors

# Nerstrand Fire & Rescue

**Now Hiring Firefighters/EMR**

Applications Available at  
 Nerstrand City Hall, Fire Hall, or  
 emailing nerstrandfire@gmail.com





Proud to show her dairy calf



Farm boy with dairy calf



Goat washing before show



Carnival rides at the Midway

## Harvest Thyme Craft Show

Saturdays: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sundays: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COVID 19: Please people should follow the 6 foot 6 social distancing guidelines. No proper people wear a face mask while inside buildings.  
\* If you prefer to set up a private time to shop in our cabin, please call.

### Place:

Lori & Darwin Amy  
2290 County 49 Blvd Dennison, MI 49018  
Phone: 507-649-1009  
Email: cabincrew@frontiernet.net



### From Cannon Falls

Take Hwy 19 N. to Hwy 86 S.  
Go N on Hwy 49 Blvd. 1/2 mile,  
north to Vang Lutheran Church.

### From Kenyon

Take Hwy 86 N. 7 miles  
Go west on Hwy 49 Blvd. 1/2 mile,  
north to Vang Lutheran Church.

### From Northfield

Take Hwy. 246 east to Dennison,  
con Linus east 2 miles, take Hwy. 86  
S. for 2 miles, go west on Hwy 49  
Blvd. North to Vang Lutheran Church.



Look Us Up on Facebook Under Pepponi Hill

## Take a Short Drive to Delicious



MONDAY & TUESDAY CLOSED  
Current Kitchen Hours:  
Wednesday-Thursday 4:00-8:30pm  
Friday 4:00-9:30pm • Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm  
(BAR OPEN LATER)

### Reservations Welcome

Call 507-645-9992 or Email: firesideloungedennison@gmail.com  
to Make Your Reservation  
(Put "Reservation Request" in the subject line)

37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison  
507-645-9992  
www.firesidelounge.net





## 2021 Kenyon RoseFest



RoseFest Regatta featured boats built out of cardboard and duct tape

### Funding Available for Individuals Interested in Buying a Home in Goodhue Co.

Funding is available now for individuals who are interested in buying a home in Goodhue County (excluding the City of Red Wing). Qualified home buyers, who meet established income limits (one or two people – \$93,100; three or more people – \$107,000), will receive \$10,000 to be used towards their down payment and closing costs. The loan features a 0% interest rate, and no monthly payments are required. Loan repayment is not required until the

first mortgage is satisfied, the home is sold, or the home is no longer the owner's primary residence. Eligible properties must be in Goodhue County (excluding the City of Red Wing). The purchase price cannot exceed \$311,900 and the house must be in move-in ready condition. Homebuyers must be preapproved for a mortgage, provide a \$500 contribution toward their home purchase, get a home inspection, and attend a home buyer education class. SEMMCHRA's home buyer education class schedule can be found at [www.semmchra.org](http://www.semmchra.org). In addition, one household member must work a minimum of 30 hours per week. Visit [www.semmchra.org](http://www.semmchra.org) to fill out an application and see if you qualify. Please contact Tressa at SEMMCHRA at (651) 565-2638 ext. 204 or email [tsauke@semmchra.org](mailto:tsauke@semmchra.org) for more information or to apply for the program. This is an equal housing opportunity program.

### Place Your Ad in the October Issue of the Kenyon Messenger!

Call Terry at 507-951-7417 or Email: [hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)



# Milo Peterson Ford Co.



## GREAT DEALS ON A FORD YOU CAN BE THANKFUL FOR

**2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4WD**



#21198U  
Canyon Ridge Metallic, 97,268 miles, 3.5L V-6, automatic

**FALL SPECIAL!**  
**\$29,999**

**2013 FORD FUSION**



#21022D  
1.6L ecoboost, turbocharged, auto, red

**FALL SPECIAL!**  
**\$8,950**

**2019 FORD EDGE SEL AWD**



#21201U  
Agate Black Metallic, 22,197 miles, 2.0 L ecoboost, 14 GTDi DOHC turbocharged VCT, automatic

**FALL SPECIAL!**  
**\$33,788**

**2020 FORD F-150 XL 4WD**



#21142U  
Supercrew, 9,817 miles, race red, 2.7L V-6 ecoboost, automatic, 4 door

**FALL SPECIAL!**  
**\$40,999**

**2020 FORD EXPEDITION PLATINUM**



#21111U  
4WD, 3.5L ecoboost V-6 twin turbocharged, 25,700 miles, metallic

**FALL SPECIAL!**  
**\$70,507**

**2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL FWD**



#21177U  
1.5L ecoboost, automatic, magnetic metallic, 25,657 miles

**FALL SPECIAL!**  
**\$20,999**

**Call our service department to schedule your maintenance needs. Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5pm.**

At Milo Peterson Ford Co., our highly qualified technicians are here to provide exceptional service in a timely manner. From oil changes to transmission replacements, we are dedicated to maintaining top tier customer service, for both new and pre-owned car buyers! Allow our staff to demonstrate our commitment to excellence.



**COME SEE OUR COMPLETE INVENTORY AT [WWW.MILOPETERSONFORD.COM](http://WWW.MILOPETERSONFORD.COM)**

3020 457th Street Way, Kenyon • 507-789-6113 • SALES HOURS: M-T-Th 7:30a.m.-8p.m.; W-F 7:30a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.



## Make Customer Service An Everyday Occurrence



By Harvey Mackay

Comedy writer Bob Orben had an interesting take on customer service: "You go to a coin-operated store and wash and dry your clothes. Then you go to a filling station where you pump your own gas. And on to a fast-food restaurant where you carry your own tray. And what is it being called? A service economy!"

The irony has not escaped customers, who will be the final arbiter of the current options.

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend. The CRM Buyer website reports that

researchers surveyed more than 24,000 consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human being instead of an automated system.

Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.

Sixty-eight percent believe they're more likely to get a better deal when negotiating in person instead of online.

Eighteen percent said they would renew products or services because of good personal customer service, even if they were more expensive.

Good, personalized customer service is that important.

Companies are facing new and serious issues meeting the expectations of customers in the current climate. Hiring difficulties, pandemic restrictions, merchandise shortages and financial challenges have made many organizations rethink their practices. And stressed employees need support more than ever as they handle extra work and procedures.

In addition, customers who got accustomed to online shopping and home delivery have meant many businesses have had to make adjustments to the services they offer.

Those challenges aren't disappearing soon.

And an unhappy customer who receives poor service can make or break a business. Bad online reviews can cripple an otherwise thriving business.

So the one constant that must not suffer in the midst of all these obstacles is good customer service. There are some fundamentals to keep in mind to achieve that goal.

**Hire the right people.** The rule is you either hire smart or manage tough. Hiring smart is better, but it requires you to know what you're looking for and to recognize the skills and attitude you want. Look at experience and listen to your gut.

**Keep score.** If you don't measure performance, your team will be in perpetual warm-up mode. Let employees know what they're being measured on and how it is relevant to them, their customers, and the organization's bottom line.

**Reward.** Make sure you reward the desired outcome. For instance, if you want your salespeople to create relationships and long-term accounts, reward them with back-end commissions, bonuses or some form of appreciation.

**Practice what you preach.** If you want a motivated customer service rep, you need to be motivated yourself first. Are you genuinely excited about the work your group produces? You need to love your customers, because if you're not sincerely motivated yourself, you'll never motivate other people to provide excellent service.

Being put on hold on the phone is a pet peeve for most of us. Although you may have to put a client or customer on hold, offer them the courtesy of waiting or getting a call-back.

Give employees the power to actually serve the customer's needs.

Steve Hardison, who went on to become a successful executive coach, began his career in sales at Xerox. Product returns were against company policy at the time, but according to a story in the Chicago Tribune, one day Hardison decided to let one of his customers return a copier regardless of the rule. When his boss demanded an explanation, Hardison said, "If I lose a job because I took care of a customer, then I never had a job."

The next day his boss's boss called him into his office. Hardison fully expected to get fired. Instead, the executive said, "I wish I had more people like you." His reputation for honesty and integrity was made.

Referring to a column on customer service a few years back, one of my loyal readers sent me an email about the power of personal touch. He and his wife serve on the welcoming committee at their church. Before each service, they try to greet as many people as they can with "happiness and appreciation," visitors or members alike.

He mentioned an occasion on vacation when attending another church, only one person spoke to them. As they left, the pastor greeted them, and that made all the difference in the world.

**Mackay's Moral: Make "at your service" your motto.**

*Reprinted with permission from nationally syndicated columnist Harvey Mackay, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller "Swim With The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive."*



## We are more than just a flower store!

Gifts • Cards & More for All Occasions

**ORDER TODAY! CALL 507-789-5700**

### Roses, Mixed Arrangements, Flower Bunches and More!



524 Second St, Kenyon  
507-789-5700  
marysrusticrose@outlook.com  
marysrusticrose.com



## Capital CONSTRUCTION

### Residential & Multi-Family Contractor

Roofing | Siding | Gutters | Windows

# 952.222.4004

www.CapitalMN.com



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 13th day of July 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

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

Absent: Dan Rechtzigel

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Engineer Derek Olinger, Engineer Joe Rhein, KMU Superintendent Randy Eggert, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Michelle Vlasak reporter for Kenyon Leader, Attorney Scott Riggs, Linda Bean, Chris Knopik

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### CITIZEN COMMENT

##### ADOPT AGENDA

**Addition: / XI / New Business / C / 5 / Approval for Wrestling to be Held at Fire Hall and Authorize Temporary Liquor License to Fire Dept. for August 18**

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Henke second by Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers 72426 through 72531; 3749E through 3766E; and additional checks 72532 through 72552.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/ PROLAMATIONS

##### 2020 Audit Summary – Chris Knopik of Clifton, Larson, Allen LLC

Chris Knopik presented a summary of the 2020 City and KMU audits and an overview of the overall City financial conditions. The city received an “Unmodified” or clean opinion on the audit, which is the highest rating achievable.

#### ENGINEERING

##### Red Wing Avenue Construction Update

Engineer Olinger stated that Red Wing Avenue has been paved and a majority of the punch list items have been completed. Wencil Construction requested that the project final completion date be extended from June 26 to October 1. This would allow additional time to reseed areas with poor growth, since the optimal window for late season seeding is mid-August to mid-September. Attorney Riggs recommended that no change order be done until the work has been preformed and the terms have been met. Olinger suggested that the City look at the actual liquidated damages that have incurred. This can be discussed more at the August meeting.

##### Pay Request #10 – Wencil Construction

Motion by Ryan second by Gard to approve pay request No. 10 to Wencil Construction in the amount of \$203,973.96

for work completed through June 26th. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Business Park/Utility Extension Project Update

Engineer Olinger stated that A-1 Excavating has completed the curb, pavement, and turn lane for Engel Drive. A-1 Excavating is requesting a change order to extend the completion date of July 2, due to the additional utility service work at the north end of the project that was added in May. The MnDOT permit has not been issued yet for this project. Once the permit is received and the time line is known, the Engineers can work with the contractor to extend the completion date. Questions concerning the seeding of alfalfa and the heavy infestation of weed growth were addressed.

##### Pay Request #5 – A-1 Excavating

Motion by Bailey second by Henke to approve pay request No. 5 to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$57,513.00 for work completed through June 26th. Motion carried 4-0-0.

##### 4th Street Alley Paving

Engineer Olinger stated that there is an on-going issue with the drainage from the alley west of Red Wing Avenue between 4th and 6th Street. Paving this alley would be the only way to fully resolve this issue. Vahlsing recommended paving the entire two blocks of the alley to paid for out of the “Street Department Capital” fund. Crane Creek submitted the low bid for paving the two blocks of alley.

Motion by Gard second by Ryan to accept the low bid from Crane Creek Asphalt to pave the 4th Street alley between 4th and 6th Street. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

#### FEMA Flood Repairs

Engineer Olinger reviewed the quotes that were received for the FEMA Flood repairs. Griffin Construction from Chatfield, MN submitted the low bid at \$77,448.80. The city was awarded a FEMA Grant of \$89,922.50 for this project.

Motion by Henke second by Bailey to accept the low bid of \$77,448.80 from Griffin Construction for the FEMA Flood repairs. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### LEGAL

##### MetroNet Agreement

Administrator Vahlsing stated that MetroNet requested approval to begin construction of a City-wide fiber optic system including internet, phone, and video services. MetroNet agreed to pay KMU a pole fee of \$30 per pole annually and pay a five percent fee based on subscribers. Attorney Riggs recommended moving forward with the agreement.

Motion by Gard second by Ryan to approve the MetroNet Agreement contingent on MetroNet posting a bond or letter of credit and providing detailed installation and GIS maps and a block-by-block schedule for construction for each area of the city they plan on working.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

##### Rezoning Request – Robert Kylo

Attorney Riggs reviewed the request from Robert Kylo to rezone two parcels (PID# 66.540.1380 and #66.660.0101) he owns from I-1 (General Industrial) to C-2 (General Commercial). The Planning

Commission held a public hearing on June 30, 2021 and approved the rezoning change. There were no public comments.

Motion by Bailey seconded by Henke to adopt Ordinance 98: An Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel of Land Owned by Robert Kylo from I-1 (General Industrial) to C-2 (General Commercial).

Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Police Chief Hiring

Administrator Vahlsing reported that 23 police chief applications have been received. The Personnel Committee reviewed the applications on June 30. The committee will interview 10 applicants on June 21st and 22nd. Seven out of state applicants will interview via zoom and three Minnesota applicants will interview in person.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Ten-Minute Parking in Front of Post Office

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Post Office has requested a 10-minute parking area in front of their building. This request was reviewed by the police department and public works. Public works recommended a 15-minute parking zone due to the signs already being in inventory.

Motion by Bailey second by Gard to approve a 15-minute parking zone in front of the post office.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

##### Resolution 2021-11 Accepting the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established Under the American Rescue Plan Act

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the City of Kenyon would receive an estimated \$203,000 in federal funding over the next two years. The funds must be accepted by resolution.

Motion by Gard second by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2021-11. Motion carried 4-0-0.

##### Rose Fest Requests

Motion by Henke second by Mortensen to approve the Rose Fest requests including: Street Dance Permit - Municipal Liquor Store and VFW, parade permit, street closures, 5K run/walk route, wrestling to be held at the fire hall, and a temporary liquor license to the fire department. Motion carried 4-0-0.

##### Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, July 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

EDA Meeting: Tuesday, July 27 @ 8:00 a.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 10 @ 7 p.m.

#### COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilman Gard commented that the water tower painting turned out nice.

Administrator Vahlsing thanked the Rose Fest committee for all their work.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Douglas Henke, Mayor

## Part Time WRITER WANTED

Duties include covering feature and human interest stories and upcoming events in the Messenger coverage area.

Will also work with content production for future on-line distribution.

Pay negotiable and based on experience.

*Qualified applicants will possess:*

- Ability to work with deadlines
- Great people skills
- Knowledge of/access to a computer
- Enjoy small town atmosphere
- The ability to work some night hours as needed for editorial

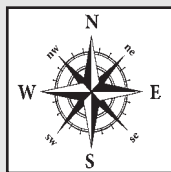
Email resume and sample of work to: [hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)

or call Terry at 507-951-7417





## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Rain in Tennessee



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.*

It likes to rain in Tennessee. It is not unusual to get two or three inches overnight. It can be sunny all morning and then a cloud can show up and pour rain and then be back to sunny an hour later. Makes the grass grow real, fast and keeps the lakes full of water.

But last week one community got too much rain. Seventeen inches in half a day. A foot and a half of rain in twelve hours. Waverly Tennessee is about thirty minutes south of us. A real good friend bought a house outside of Waverly shortly after we moved down. He posted pictures of water rushing through his backyard about mid-morning.

Seventeen inches of rain is a lot all by itself, but the town of Waverly is in a valley beside the Trace River. Highway 70 and the

railroad track are between the town and the river. The railroad track is on top of a man-made levee, keeping the river away from the highway and the town.

The emergency crews were preparing for the heavy rainstorm Saturday morning, which had already flooded some homes and businesses in the lowest part of town. But they were not expecting the levee to break. About midmorning the pressure of the raging Trace River blew out the levee in two places and within minutes the problem changed from ankle deep water seeping through doorways to a five-foot tidal wave crashing down the streets, pushing houses off their foundations, collapsing walls of houses and flushing their contents out the other side, rolling vehicles ahead of it and burying houses and commercial buildings in a muddy tsunami.

Unfortunately, people were unable to get to safety in time and more than twenty lost their lives including children swept out of their parent's arms as they fled the deluge. Hours later the waters subsided and the town was littered with houses, mobile homes, vehicles, tractors, boats and personal possessions jumbled in heaps by the floodwaters.



**Share Your Good News  
with the Community!**  
Submit your engagement,  
wedding or birth announcement  
Email:  
hometownmessenger@gmail.com

**1**  
the one  
K Y M N 95.1 FM 1080 AM  
*For something different*  
**Keeping You Informed  
During this Difficult Time**  
[www.kymnradio.net](http://www.kymnradio.net)

## A Minnesotan: Predictability in Driving



By RosaLin Alcoser

for leaving home in the morning around when the milk truck would be coming down the road.

The milk truck had a schedule making it predictable. So while it was a nuisance in my youth it's a predictability that I miss now. The reason that I miss the predictability of the milk truck is because of Highway 62 East.

62 East is the most direct route from my office to my apartment; it is also the most direct route to just about anywhere that I might want to go into Minneapolis. However, 62 East, and only 62 East not 62 West, has no predictability whatsoever. It does not seem to matter the day or the time of day that I try to take it, 88% of the time it is backed up. The other 12% of that time is in the middle of the night, at dawn, and when the heavens open up to take pity on us mere mortals..

My conclusion about 62 East is that it was just poorly designed as far as the entrances and exits go. Because when I tried to take it, before I decided to just avoid getting on it all together, opting to take a longer route home, all the backups appeared to be caused by people trying to get onto the highway.



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*We can't wait to Celebrate!*

**Full Armored Joust • Live Unicorn  
Food fit for Royalty • Mermaids  
Fairies • Turkey Legs  
Endless Artisans for Shopping**

**2021 Minnesota Renaissance Festival**  
Weekends (Sat. & Sun.) + Labor Day  
Aug. 21 - Oct. 3 • Festival Friday, Oct. 1st  
9am - 7pm • Rain or Shine  
RenaissanceFest.com • Free Parking



## CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
11					12				13	14		
15					16				17			
	18			19					20			
					21				22			
23	24	25					26			27	28	29
30				31		32	33			34		
35		36			37				38			
39				40					41			
42				43					44			
			47				48	49				
	50	51					52			53	54	
55							56			57		58
59							60			61		
62							63			64		

8	7	1	4	3	9	2	6	5
5	9	4	7	2	6	1	3	8
2	3	6	8	1	5	7	9	4
7	1	2	3	4	8	6	5	9
4	5	8	6	9	1	3	7	2
3	6	9	2	5	7	8	4	1
1	2	3	9	7	4	5	8	6
6	4	5	1	8	3	9	2	7
9	8	7	5	6	2	4	1	3

SUDOKU ANSWERS

L	T	S	P	A	R	E	S	A	R	E	S	E	T
O	B	I	T	S	N	E	V	E	E	M	I	R	A
S	A	L	S	A	V	L	I	E	U	V	E	D	A
L	S	A	T	U	S	E	R	N	A	M	E		
C	O	T	O	R	B	I	T						
B	E	A	D	I	N	G							
U	N	T	O										
R	A	S	P	V	L	O	P	S	T	A	N	D	
C	H	A	V	D	A	V	I	E	S	N	O	E	L
S	T	R	E	A	K	R	E	S	E	R	V	E	
K	O	A	L	A	Y	A	M						
W	H	A	T	S	A	P	I	A	M				
S	E	C	T	U	G	L	I	L	O	R	I	S	
A	N	T	E	L	E	A	R	A	C	O	R	N	
H	A	I	R	L	S	D							

## We Want Your News!

## Got News?

**Help Us Get the Word Out!  
News, Photos, Events...**

Email your news to:  
[hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)

**BRING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE TOGETHER!**

Blazing Fast internet!

**2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE** **\$64.99/mo** **190 CHANNELS** (including Local Channels)

CALL TODAY! For \$100 Gift Card. Expires 10/31/21

**1-888-416-7103**

- THEME: SOCIAL MEDIA
- ACROSS
1. The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical
  5. Hallucinogenic drug
  8. Some special effects, acr.
  11. Chip in Vegas
  12. Cordelia's father in Shakespeare play
  13. One in squirrel's stash
  15. Dissenting clique
  16. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
  17. Type of lemur
  18. \*Popular messenger
  20. Mosque prayer leader
  21. Down Under marsupial
  22. Thanksgiving serving
  23. \*100 days of snapping, e.g.
  26. Military's inactive force
  30. Repeated Cuban dance step
  31. The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfather of Britpop
  34. Late December season
  35. Rough, as in voice
  37. Chop off
  38. Stephen King's "The \_\_\_\_"
  39. "Do \_\_\_\_ others..."
  40. Strep throat organ
  42. File a suit
  43. Sewing pearls on a wedding gown, e.g.
  45. One with authority
  47. Army bed
  48. Space path
  50. Law school test acronym
  52. \*Unique social media identifier
  55. Latin dance
  56. "Place" in French
  57. Sacred Hindu writings
  59. Post-mortem bios
  60. Actress Campbell
  61. African chieftain
  62. Recipe amt.
  63. Nirvana's "Come as You \_\_\_\_"
  64. Badger's den
- DOWN
1. Current tense of "had"
  2. All over again
  3. Eczema symptom
  4. Second shot
  5. Corporate department
  6. Salpae, sing.
  7. Type of coffee maker
  8. Elizabeth McGovern's "Downton Abbey" role
  9. Inspiring horror
  10. As opposed to cuts
  12. Capital of Zambia
  13. Bruce Wayne's \_\_\_\_ was Batman
  14. \*Message under a post
  19. Bootlicker
  22. Da, to a Russian
  23. \*Done to social media past before applying for job?
  24. Feudal lord
  25. Haile Selassie's disciple
  26. Gym exercises
  27. Comedy Central's "critique"
  28. Dolby Theatre to Oscars
  29. Often considered wise
  32. \*Video blog
  33. Charge carrier
  36. \*Audio series
  38. Killed, like dragon
  40. Big bang maker
  41. Permeate
  44. I to Greeks, pl.
  46. Sheet music line, pl.
  48. Basketry stick
  49. Clark Kent actor Christopher
  50. Black, yellow and chocolate dogs
  51. Parking spot for a boat
  52. Bone in human forearm
  53. \*Bernie wearing mittens, e.g.
  54. \*Do this before posting?
  55. Chronic drinker
  58. It's open to interpretation

## SUDOKU

**GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR**

12 days, departs May 30th 2022

**VIA** vacations promo code: N7017

**1-855-208-9533**

FROM ~~\$1,949~~  
**\$1,699\***

		7	5		2			
	4			8				7
			9			5		6
		9				8	4	
			6		1			
	1	2				6		
2		6			5			
5				2			3	
			4		9	2		

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.



## Know Where and When to Apply Fall Nitrogen Fertilizer

*Restrictions apply in some areas of state under Groundwater Protection Rule*

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is reminding farmers and commercial applicators that fall nitrogen fertilizer applications are restricted in some areas of the state. Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks. Areas with coarse-textured soils or areas above fractured bedrock or karst geology are the most vulnerable to nitrate loss and groundwater contamination. View a map of the vulnerable regions of the state. For more information on the restrictions outlined in the Groundwater Protection Rule visit [www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr).

In other areas of the state where fall nitrogen fertilizer application is allowed, the MDA advises farmers and commercial

applicators to check soil temperatures and wait for cooler conditions. Research shows that delaying fall application of anhydrous ammonia and urea fertilizer, as well as manure, until the average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler helps prevent nitrogen loss, protects water quality, and ensures more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

To assist tracking soil temperature, the MDA provides real-time, 6-inch soil temperatures at 25 locations across the state. In addition, the MDA provides links to soil temperature from the University of Minnesota research stations and the North Dakota Ag Weather Network (NDAWN) weather stations. View the interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

Although the soil temperature network was established to support application of nitrogen fertilizer, it is equally useful for those applying manure in the fall. University of Minnesota Extension recommends the same temperature delay (6-inch soil temperature below 50 degrees F) to prevent leaching losses. Research from the University of Minnesota showed liquid dairy and hog manures injected in November produced yields 10 bushels per acre higher than manures injected in September and October.

For more information on the Six-inch Soil Temperature Network visit [www.mda.state.mn.us/soiltemp](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/soiltemp).

## Funds Available to Update Livestock Operations Apply by November 17, 2021 for Livestock Investment Grant

Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers seeking to improve their livestock operation are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Livestock Investment Grant program. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$1.3 million using a competitive review process.

There will be two rounds of funding. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply during the Fall 2021 round. In Winter/Spring 2022, we will issue a second RFP for any remaining funds.

The AGRI Program's Livestock Investment Grants encourage long-term industry development in Minnesota's \$7 billion livestock industry through investment in facilities, infrastructure, and equipment. Funding for the grants comes through the AGRI Program to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries.

Applicants may apply for up to 10% of their project's total cost. Grant awards can range in size from \$400 to \$25,000. Each livestock operation is eligible to receive a lifetime maximum of \$50,000 from this grant program. To be eligible for reimbursement by this grant, you must be invoiced and pay for all project materials and services after January 1, 2022.

We must receive your proposal no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 for it to be considered. We encourage you to use our online application.

More information about the grant can be found on the AGRI Livestock Investment Grant website.

## Share Your Engagement & Wedding Pictures with Your Community



Email: [hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)

## HOPE CREAMERY BUTTER AVAILABLE AT PARKSIDE!

Local has become an important part of consumer's food choices. People like to know where their food is coming from and how it is produced. Hope Creamery fits that profile very well. Our butter is made using an age old process.

Vat pasteurization, and small batch quantities are churned fresh every week.



The Hope Creamery makes butter the old fashioned way and you can tell the difference.

### Parkside General Store

~ Gas & Groceries ~

"The Little Store with More!"

ATM AVAILABLE  
Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm; Sat.-Sun. 7am-7pm  
230 Main St, Nerstrand  
507-332-8626  
[parksidenerstrand@gmail.com](mailto:parksidenerstrand@gmail.com)

## PROVEN Research

Supports Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers Since 1983



For decades, AgroLiquid has understood that advanced crop fertility products and agricultural practices come from thorough research and applied technology, not guesswork. That's why everything we learn through our extensive research program goes into the development and manufacture of the most efficient, environmentally responsible crop nutrient products available. Our entire line of fertilizers is formulated to help producers achieve the best possible, highest quality yields, while employing sustainable agricultural practices. Learn more at [agroliquid.com](http://agroliquid.com)

Tim Murry *Agronomy Sales & Service* 507-581-6218

**DENNISON FEED AND FARM SUPPLY, INC.**

## DON'T LET HEARING PROBLEMS SLOW YOU DOWN!



<b>FREE</b> Hearing Exam	<b>FREE</b> Consultation	<b>FREE</b> 2 Week Trial	<b>HUGE</b> Selection (In-Ear & Behind Ear)	<b>BLUETOOTH</b> Models available (Phone & TV)
-----------------------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------	--	---

Call today for your **FREE, No Pressure, No Obligation Consultation**



Jayne Bongers *Owner/MN Certified*

507-412-9813 • [advantagehearingcenter.com](http://advantagehearingcenter.com)

ZUMBROTA: 1605 Main St, Suite 200 • CANNON FALLS: 100 South 4th St.  
FARIBAULT: 1575 NW 20th St