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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.

• **Wanamingo Senior Citizens meet the first Friday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Wanamingo Community Center.** There is always a speaker or some type of entertainment. All Seniors are welcome and encouraged to come. If you need to sign up or cancel, please call Virginia Sabin at 824-2603.

• **Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard invite you to become a member.** Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Paul Rugg 507-824-3306, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

• **2021 Goodhue County Health & Human Services Immunization Schedule,** located at 426 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN. January through July 1st, Tuesday 1-4pm; August through December, every Tuesday 2-4pm. Clinics are walk-in. No appointment needed. For other times, call for an appointment 651-385-3200 or 1-800-950-2142.

• **Hiawathaland Transit:** Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit threeiverscap.org for more information.

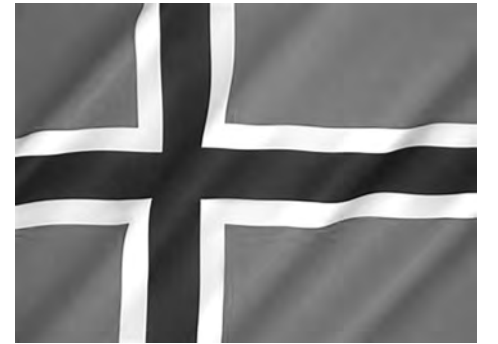
Wanamingo to Celebrate Syttende Mai this weekend

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.

Garbage Haulers Pass the Buck on Trash Cans

The tipping fee has increased for waste disposal in Red Wing and the result is a dollar more per trash can for pick-up in Wanamingo. The council voted to absorb the additional \$1.08 fee per trash can for the remainder of 2021 and will then pass it on to the residents beginning in 2022.

A Farmers Market and craft fair is being planned from later in May through September and will be held on Railroad street each Saturday in front of Blondie's Butcher Shop. This is an opportunity for any vendor in the community to come out and market their craft or products. The council approved closing down the street for this occasion and Ag Partners will re-route truck traffic coming into the grain elevator during these days. The council also granted a request to host community movie nights on the grass lot behind the butcher shop.

K-W Students Perform "Beauty & the Beast"

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.

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

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. 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.

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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.

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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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Armed with a Bow

Scripture Reading — Revelation 6:2
There before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow. . . . — 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.

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. 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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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.

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K-W School



Katie Van Epps, Elliot Olson



Clay Stevenson; Background: Lucas Brezina, Corbin Laue



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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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.



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.

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Local Government

**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes.
PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Eric Dierks, Stuart Ohr, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton
ABSENT: Council: Jeremiah Flotterud, Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ALSO PRESENT: Monty Schaefer, Brandon Theobald – WHKS, and David Friese – Zumbrota News-Record.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: VanDeWalker motioned, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

PRESENTERS:
A) Monty Schaefer reported on:

1) Replaced rubber scrapers at WWTP clarifier

2) Plowed snow in early March. Broke off a half a dozen water shut-off curb stops

3) Damaged plow/wing on old pay loader. Scott Meyer will be making repairs to the plow/wing.

4) Street sweeper was serviced including new brooms and hydraulic pump - swept streets once.

5) Worked on grading out compost pile lot with recycle from 2020 Street Project

6) Filled pot holes on various roads after getting a cold mix load from MNDOT Zumbrota stockpile

7) Started jetting sewers – South side and older downtown complete. In 2021 the entire sewer collection system will be jetted.

8) Spring hydrant flushing is 2/3 complete
9) Burnt brush pile two times in the past month

10) Ordered new street signs, yield signs, and stop signs for Prairie Ridge Estates. Have a post pounder rented from United Equipment Rentals.

B) Brandon Theobald – WHKS – City Consulting Engineer reported on:

1) Presented update pavement condition and infrastructure plans and maps

2) The original pavement condition and infrastructure maps were put together in 2016

3) Industrial Park, Prairie Ridge and West side of town have high PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) ratings

4) Overall, the Wanamingo City Streets are well maintained

5) The infrastructure plan includes clay sewer line replacements, waste water treatment plant replacement, cleaning storm ponds, Main Street additional storm sewer, and other various smaller water/sewer/storm sewer needs

6) Street Proposed Maintenance Map recommendations include work such as reclaim (High/Low Priority), Pavement, Crack Fill (High/Low Priority), crack fill/seal coat

7) Theobald thinks that the entire map of streets that need crack filling could be completed with the 2021 \$40,000 budget number (Administrator Boulton's recommendation of \$25,000 budgeted in 2021 with \$15,000 from reserves after General Fund Account ended 2020 with roughly \$518,000 – need \$500,000 in reserve)

8) Recommends seal coating in 2022 and 2023

Holmes asked what the waves are in some

of the streets like Beverly and how they can be addressed. Theobald stated that these waves are settlements over the top of utility trenches. These locations can have the pavement ground down, pack the aggregate, and proof roll the location before paving. Boulton asked what the minimum dollar amount of chip sealing work in order to get a contractor to work. Theobald stated roughly \$50,000 worth of work would attract contractors for a good unit price. Theobald stated that an alternative would be to crack fill the high priority work in 2021 and roll the remaining funds in a larger 2022 project. VanDeWalker thought that the Council should use what is needed of the \$40,000 in 2021 and save the remaining for 2022 street work. Holmes agreed with VanDeWalker. Dierks likes the idea of small street maintenance projects on a yearly basis. Boulton stated that the preliminary 2022 budget has \$30,000 for street maintenance. If it is the desire of the Council to utilize less than \$40,000 in 2021 the remaining could be pushed to 2022. Holmes was concerned with utilizing all \$40,000 in crack filling in 2021 and having the snow flow and elements tear up/damage the work before crack filling in 2022 and 2023. Theobald stated that any damage over 1-2 years would be minimal. Theobald wants to be efficient with maintenance work and not waste costs and contractor time. Boulton stated the Fahrner will be conducting street maintenance work in Kenyon in 2021. Having a contractor close should allow for a competitive bid for Wanamingo in 2021. Holmes asked about the costs of street maintenance work, and specifically chip sealing. Theobald stated that reclaim/pave is roughly \$50,000/block, \$25,000/block for mill/overlay, a few thousand (maybe \$5,000) per block to chip seal, and crack filling depends on the number and depth of cracks per block (cost based on linear feet and material). VanDeWalker moved to direct the City Engineer to solicit \$40,000 worth of crack filling quotes for 2021 work and bring the best quote recommendation back to the City Council for approval at the May City Council Meeting, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

VanDeWalker brought up concerns with sidewalk plan in the Emerald Valley Edition, Emerald Valley II Edition, and up to the school. Boulton stated that the development plan and agreement called for sidewalks on the north side of 3rd Street and south side of 3rd Street. Boulton stated that the plan became unenforceable when the developer went bankrupt and the lots were sold off. Theobald stated that sidewalk plans are generally enforced through the development agreements. Theobald stated that it gets difficult once the original developer is not involved. The City is working with Jessup DeCook to ensure the Prairie Ridge Estates and Southeast Addition 2 sidewalk plans are enforced with new housing. Theobald stated that infill sidewalks costs roughly \$4,000-\$5,000 per lot. Boulton stated that the City has a sidewalk policy in new development but the policy has no teeth since there is no reference in the Wanamingo Code of Ordinances. Ohr asked if VanDeWalker wanted the sidewalk constructed before homes. VanDeWalker stated he wished to see sidewalk constructed when new homes are built. Boulton stated that there were homes in Emerald Valley that were missing sidewalks and that the City would likely need to contribute part or all of the construction costs. Boulton stated

that the general fund was strained with street maintenance, has needs with street equipment purchases and future park equipment. Boulton asked the Council what the general fund spending priority was. Ohr and VanDeWalker agreed that the general fund spending priority is streets in 2021 and 2022. Theobald stated that the Council could review the construction plans, work with new construction in the subdivision, and possibly adopt an ordinance to enforce construction of sidewalks that are part of the plan. Theobald recommended completing current sidewalks where there are gaps. Theobald stated that any gaps cause less citizens to utilize sidewalks. Ohr stated that requiring sidewalk in new development is probably good policy. Ohr stated that he had concerns with the lack of planning for sidewalks and conditions of current sidewalks throughout Wanamingo. Holmes expressed concerns on long-term costs for sidewalks such as repair and replacement. Holmes shared his concerns on who would pay for repairs and/or replacement and could the City show value if the work was assessed to the benefitting properties. If the projects were not assessed how could the general fund afford to pay for these long-term costs. Boulton stated that he will work with the City Attorney on additional sidewalk ordinance language to present to the Council for consideration this summer.

Theobald brought up the regional wastewater treatment facility planning. Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota approved non-binding resolutions of support for a regional sanitary sewer district feasibility report at the March City Council meetings. The City Engineers for each of the communities have divided out the work needed as part of a feasibility study. Each of the City Engineers will be presenting Professional Service Agreements (PSA). Theobald stated that the goal of the feasibility study would be to utilize the report to obtain Federal Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) and State Bonding dollars to offset the large upfront capital costs of such a project. Theobald stated that spending \$10,000 on a feasibility study is for the potential of obtaining millions of dollars in State and Federal funding. It would be cost effective to operate one wastewater treatment plant long-term than having four separate treatment plants. Theobald believes that there may need to be lift stations and pumps for the force mains to get the influent to the regional wastewater treatment plant location. Ohr asked who would pay for the feeder lines to the plant. Theobald stated that the feasibility report would work out who would pay for the feeder lines. Theobald stated that the City of Wanamingo will need to reduce ground water inflow and infiltration into the wastewater collection system around the same time a new sewer plant is constructed. Holmes asked if the information collected with a regional wastewater treatment facility could be utilized if the City chooses to build its own facility. Theobald stated that much of the information that will be gathered would be useful for a Wanamingo facility or some other joint hybrid regional facility.

**NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION:**

21-027 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker.

Administrator Boulton informed the Council that Marcstone, Inc. (DET Properties LLC) would be expanding this spring/summer. In order to expand their three tax parcels would need to be combined so that the building is not constructed over property lines and meets setbacks. The expansion will include a 150' x 60' addition on the east side of their current building along with a 20' x 68' office addition on the northeast side of their current building. Once completed the trailer, currently utilized as their office, will be removed. The expansion will also include new specialized equipment that will produce textured block, allowing for Marcstone to compete with larger scale projects. Passed 4-0-0.

Public Hearing - Mayor Holmes opened public hearing on Variance Request – Application to split parcel number 70.145.0013, located at 740 3rd Avenue, into two con-conforming parcels according to Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 152.36 (minimum lot width of 100 feet and minimum lot length of 200 feet at 8:02PM. The Council reviewed Loren & Deb Quaale's variance application. Holmes wished that the Quaale's could be in attendance to better explain future plans of the vacant split parcel. Holmes stated that this intent would better explain the reasonable use manner question when dealing with variances. Ohr stated that Quaale's had no immediate plans for the vacant split parcel. Schaefer stated that the current parcel had only one water and one sewer service stub to the parcel. The newly split parcel would have to connect to the current service lines or dig into 3rd Avenue for new connections. No Further Public Comments Offered. Holmes stated that he wished to be fair to the variance request but has some concerns. Dierks agreed that he wished to know more of the long-term plans. Ohr stated that the Quaale's were selling the car wash and the buyers did not have needs for the additional open space on the parcel. Holmes stated that his concerns were not enough to hold up approval for the variance. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 8:14PM.

21-028 = Approving Variance Request to Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 152.36 Minimum Lot Widths and Lengths with a lot Spit: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

21-029 = Approving Proposed Lot Split Request from Fulton for Ag Partners: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Boulton stated that the split and sale would rectify the Ag Partners scale being partially built on Fulton's land. Passed 4-0-0.

21-030 = Approving a Proposed Surcharge of the Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Billing According to the Waste Management Agreement: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Boulton explained the surcharge request stemming from the official change in designation of solid waste to Red Wing incinerator and the tipping fee increase from \$90/ton to \$108/ton. The surcharge request is for \$1.08 per month for residential garbage. Waste Management is also requesting surcharge on commercial garages as well based upon the size of the containers. Council agrees that the request is reasonable and fits as part of the agreement. Passed 4-0-0.

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Dierks thinks that the City should absorb the surcharge increase in 2021 for residential users. Holmes stated that he leans towards absorbing the surcharge increase for residential users rather than going through an Ordinance process for a fee increase. The time and publishing costs are not worth it to capture a half a year of costs (roughly \$4,000). Boulton stated that the \$1.08 monthly increase would be placed with the 1/1/2022 fees along with the 2% annual increase that the contract calls for. Dierks moved to absorb the residential garbage surcharge increase for the remainder of 2021, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

21-031 = Extending and Emergency – COVID-19: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

Blondies Butcher Shop (Lindsey Fulton) is requesting a street closure of Railroad Street from Main Street to the alley (1/2 block) every Saturday from May to September (not sure on exact schedule). Lindsey has spoken with Ag Partners to ensure that they have appropriate access during the street closures. VanDeWalker moved to approve request for Railroad Street closure for Wanamingo Farmers Market ever Saturday from May to September, seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that he would obtain an official schedule to publish in City Facebook page. Passed 4-0-0.

Administrator Boulton notified the Council regarding potential development in the Emerald Valley II Edition. Nick Potter, a California/South Dakota developer, has been in discussion with the City Staff regarding the Emerald Valley II tax forfeited parcels. Mr. Potter has indicated that he would like to acquire these parcels, have the City/EDA build out the necessary infrastructure for Emerald Valley II, and then further develop (construct home) the parcels.

Emerald Valley II Subdivision has fifty total undeveloped parcels. There are thirty undeveloped parcels that are in tax forfeiture out of the fifty parcels. These tax forfeited parcels are property of the State of Minnesota and administratively handled by the County. The State and Goodhue County would like to see tax forfeited parcels sold and back on the tax rolls. Most of these parcels have been tax forfeited and off the tax rolls for more than a decade. The Emerald Valley Phase II tax forfeited lots have been on public auction as required by State statutes. In past years the County has lumped parcels in small bundles at reduced asking price and kept single parcels at full

asking price.

The lots in question, as part of the Emerald Valley Phase II Subdivision, lack necessary public (i.e., curb/gutter, asphalt roadway, storm sewer, and in most cases water, and sewer) and private infrastructure (electric, natural gas, and communications) for homes to be built. To see the necessary infrastructure installed to all fifty parcels in Emerald Valley II the City/EDA will likely need to take the lead. This could include working as the primary developer or working with a developer(s) to construct the necessary infrastructure to support homes. As the lead the City would hire a contractor, finance part of the project (developer pay a portion of the costs upfront), and collect special assessments to pay for the rest of the project. An assessment project could include discussion on either waiving development fees or part of negotiations in order to obtain petition and waivers to avoid the MN Statutes 429 special assessment process. The City would need to take out a bond to finance the portion of the project not paid in advance. The bond payments would be made utilizing special assessments and a small levy to cover any City costs (portion of improvements along Torkelson Park).

Along with discussions with Nick Potter (thirty State Tax Forfeited Lots) City staff have reached out to Ron Liu (thirteen total lots) in order to put together a comprehensive plan to build out the necessary infrastructure within Emerald Valley II. Mr. Liu has a desire for the City to take the lead on the infrastructure and will come to the table to discuss costs and the assessment process.

The City owns four of the parcels while Darin Bohn, James Hill, and Shawn Anderson each own one parcel within Emerald Valley II. There is also a parcel of unplatted land owned by Dan Torkelson that could be included with development if purchased. The City would also need to work with Randy Amundson to record easements for the stormwater ponds and possibly purchasing additional land to meet MPCA stormwater rules for new development.

WHKS, the City's Consulting Engineering Firm, updated the construction estimates for completion of Emerald Valley II Addition. The City put together construction estimates in 2018. The estimates have increased roughly \$290,000 (\$1,599,200.00 to \$1,891,900.00) in three years. Estimated costs to complete the subdivision will continue to increase yearly as construction costs rise. The actual construction costs would be placed on benefitting parcels within Emerald Valley II

Addition (new development as per City Special Assessment Policy). There are a total of fifty benefitting parcels (thirteen townhome style and thirty full sized lots). The potential assessment based on project cost estimates would be \$28,006.62 for a townhome style parcel while a full-size parcel would be \$42,728.46.

The current developed vacant full parcels in Wanamingo are selling for roughly \$42,500/each while townhome style parcels are selling for \$28,000/each). The market price of developed vacant parcels has significantly increased in the last few years. Wanamingo has seen 52 new homes built or currently in construction in the last five years, reducing the number of available lots. The thirty tax forfeited parcels are listed for sale from \$3,200-\$4,800. The total asking price for all thirty parcels is \$140,800 on the Goodhue County website. This would put total infrastructure and land input costs (before potential City fees – Park Dedication, WAC/SAC, Street Light, and Street Sign) of lots between \$31,206.62 for a townhome parcel to \$47,528.46 for a full-sized parcel. This would put the cost of the lot 10% beyond the current market price.

The construction costs per lot are nearly identical to the asking sale price of lots in Wanamingo. The City staff have requested that the County significantly reduce the collective asking price and sell the thirty lots together. The County will have to go through a formal notification process for an auction, before offering the parcels at a reduced asking price to the public. Mr. Potter will need to purchase the parcels at current asking price or wait for auction to purchase the parcels at a reduced price. Without a significant land price cost reduction development for Emerald Valley II Subdivision may never occur. City Staff believes that the timing is advantageous with a strong economy. City Staff believes that if the infrastructure cannot be constructed in a strong economy that it may never be feasible.

The City staff have requested that the County hold off selling any more tax forfeiture lots in the Emerald Valley II Addition to individuals. The sale of lots within the subdivision complicates an already difficult development process. The infrastructure will likely need to be installed via a City led special assessment project due to the current public and private owners. Additional owners will require additional parties that are willing to accept the special assessment costs at the time the project is proposed. Having additional owners involved will encumber the special assessment process and likely slow if not halt development in the areas.

The updated construction costs set a foundation for a potential development agreement with Nick Potter if the tax forfeited lots can be acquired. Mr. Potter has indicated that his attorney, Jay Hansen – Hansen Title & Legal Services out of Rochester, would be assisting the City Attorney with details. Details have been discussed but have not been worth pursuing without acquiring the tax forfeiture lots in question. The City would attempt to limit financial risk in such an agreement. The City has spoken with Ron Liu (Liu Family Trust) who has interest in working with the City to develop his remaining lots. Once a formal development agreement and 429 petition/waivers are in place the City could

proceed with building out the development and assessing the costs against the benefitting parcels.

Once the tax forfeited parcels can be acquired from the County Mr. Potter is requesting to proceed as early as 2022 with development of the Emerald Valley II Addition. Mr. Potter has plans for single family homes with possibility of townhome/duplex style homes. One of the home option Mr. Potter is exploring are modular homes through Centennial Homes (HYPERLINK "<http://www.centennial-homes.com>" www.centennial-homes.com) out of Sioux Falls, SD. Mr. Potter has plans for a portion of the homes to be retained as rental units. Mr. Potter's plan has been partially influenced by the recently completed Goodhue County Housing Study with need for rental housing on the west side of the County.

Administrator Boulton explained that Goodhue County was researching ways to utilize the Recue Act dollars that the Federal Government will be sending local governments. The County is considering utilizing a portion of the funds to assist with housing projects within Goodhue County that will not move forward but for additional financial investment to overcome obstacles (soil correction, removal of blight, special infrastructure needs, and so on). The County is looking for descriptions of projects, obstacles needed to overcome, an estimate to move the housing project forward, the type and number of housing units, and the local community investment to leverage the project. Boulton stated that he would be sharing the details of Emerald Valley II Addition with the County for such a project.

Dierks asked if there were any risks for the City of Wanamingo. Theobald stated that this would be a City lead \$1.9 million project with special assessments to benefitting property owners. Theobald said that there could be potential challenges from the benefitting property owners. The City would not have a tough time showing benefit since the current parcels have little value without improvements. The economy could go south with the special assessments not being paid and the City taxpayer might have to pay the bond payments. The City could limit risks by having developer put down a large portion of the estimated \$1.2 million upfront. Theobald brought up the City Park (Torkelson Park) parcels that are part of the development. The estimates would have the City paying the \$130,000 assessment that would include one water and one sewer hookup to the property. The storm water portion of the project could be more expensive if the state requires larger ponds. Boulton stated that there are private utility installations for Xcel Energy (including street lights) and Minnesota Resources not included in estimates. VanDeWalker stated that he would like to work with the developer moving forward to complete the infrastructure and start building homes. Ohr stated that members of the EDA were concerned with constructing modular homes and having a high concentration of rental homes as part of the development. Members of the EDA were concerned that rentals and modular homes could decrease home values around the development. Theobald stated that the City and/or EDA could obtain the lots, make the improvements, and market the lots.

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Commissioner Corner

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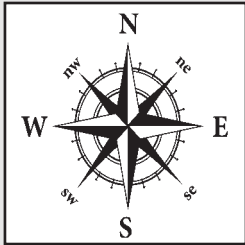
I cannot believe that I am in my 5th month already as your county commissioner. Covid has and still is at the forefront of our meetings and discussion, even though covid response is so demanding right now we still have our remaining responsibilities. Law enforcement, health and human services, and public works, to just name a few. The time for looking at our future budget is here so if anyone has any suggestions or ideas that will help our budgeting process, please contact me. I have been attending training sessions to get myself more informed to better serve as your commissioner, I don't have too many answers yet but I do know who to call to get help and get the answers. I have been attending as many town and township meetings as possible, and have really enjoyed meeting with and getting to know all of you. As always I am just a phone call away, thank you and stay safe.

Todd Greseth (507) 319-9550



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Goodhue County
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District 3

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 run-

ning 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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This would take away any risk of not having assessments paid and the City and/or EDA would own the asset. Homes stated that he would be much less cautious if the developer intended to construct traditional stick build homes to sell rather than rent. Boulton stated that the City has some say on development as part of negotiated development agreement. VanDeWalker stated that the homes on the Centennial Homes' website looked nice, especially when garages were added. Holmes stated that he wished to see clustered areas of these types of modular homes to ensure that areas look nice. Holmes wants to keep up values of the neighborhood. Ohr stated that he wished to see the developer have significant skin in the game by paying a significant portion (at least 50%) of the infrastructure costs upfront. Holmes stated that he wished to see closer to 75% of the infrastructure costs paid up front. Boulton reminded the Council that the City will need to take on some risk in order to get Emerald Valley II Addition developed. Boulton stated that the longer nothing occurred and the more individuals own parcels the more risk the City will take on going forward. Boulton stated that he will share concerns of significant upfront infrastructure costs, neighborhood esthetics, some percentage requirement of home ownership compared to rental, and the concern to keep values up in the neighborhood.

Administrator Boulton informed the Council that Marcstone, Inc. (DET Properties LLC) would be expanding this spring/summer. The expansion will include a 150' x 60' addition on the east side of their current building along with a 20' x 68' office addition on the northeast side of their current building. Once completed the trailer, currently utilized as their office, will be removed. The expansion will also include new specialized equipment that will produce textured block, allowing for Marcstone to compete with larger scale projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

21-032 = Approving Updated Street Pavement Condition and Infrastructure Needs Report: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

21-033 = Approving a Professional Service Agreement Between the City of Wanamingo and WHKS for a Feasibility Report on a Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility: VanDeWalker moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Theobald stated that it was in the City's best interest to conduct a feasibility report on a Regional Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant. Spending \$10,000 on potential State and Federal Funding in the millions is at stake. Passed 4-0-0.

*Next City Council meeting on 5/10/2021 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 8:58PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ohr and seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

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Dollar General Seeks to Reshape Small Towns

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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.

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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.

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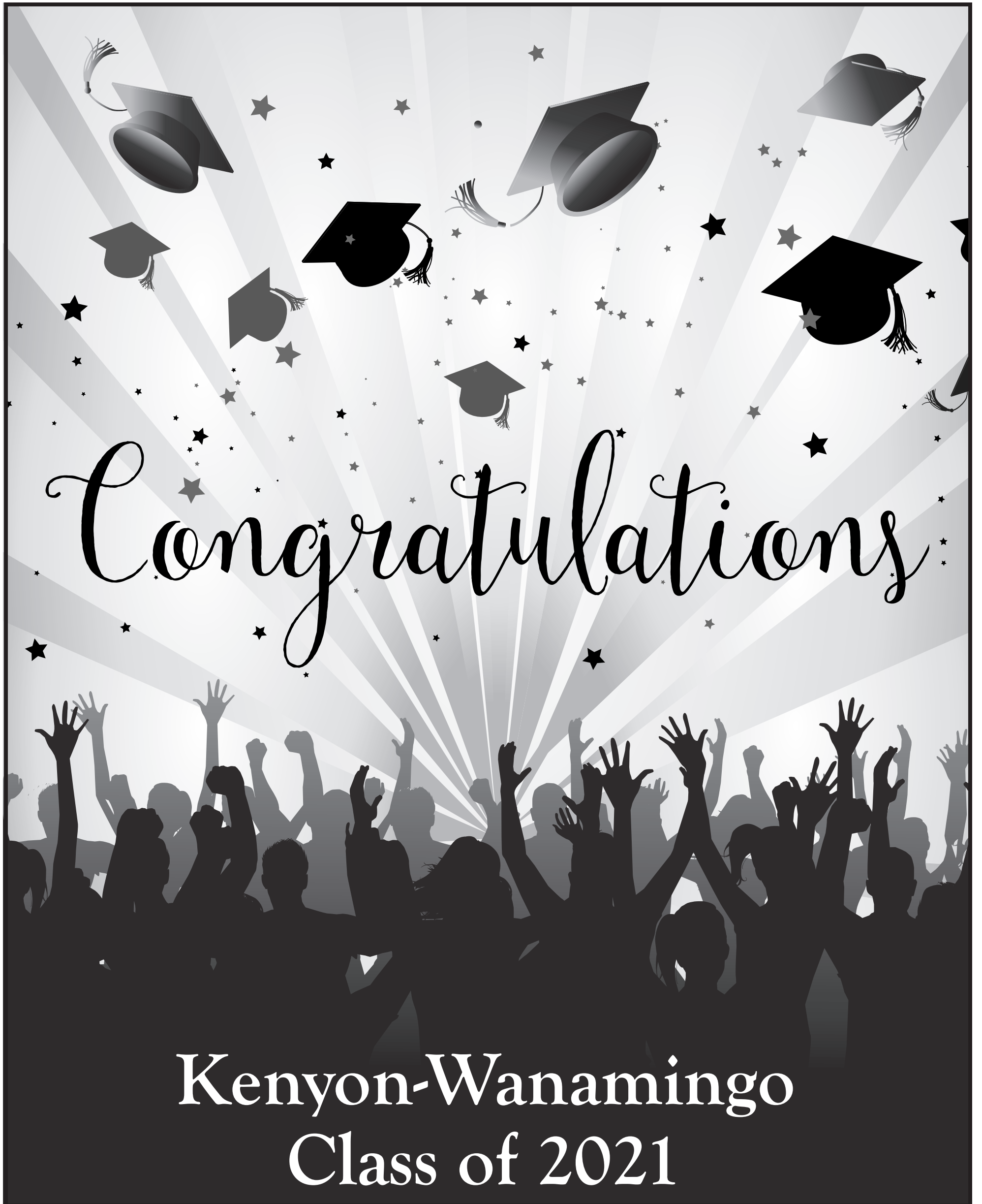
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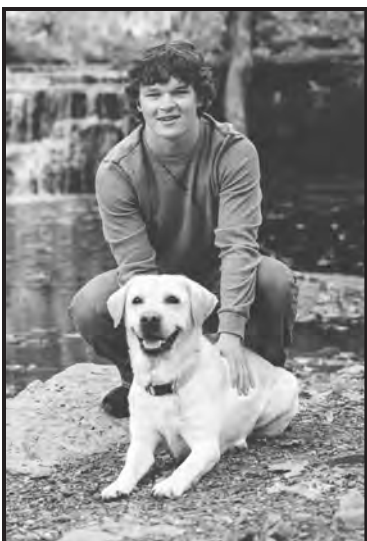
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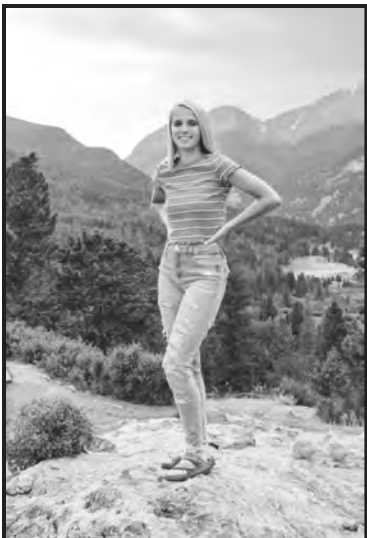
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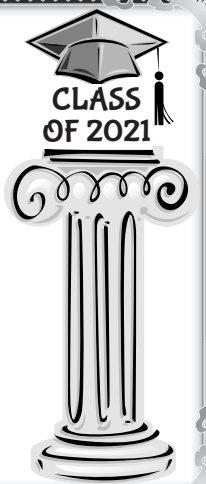


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