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Announcements

• **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 threeriverscap.org for more information.

K-W School Looks to Pass Third Operating Levy



The K-W school board is hoping the third time is the charm with a passage of an operating levy. The existing operating levy of \$296 per pupil will expire at the end of the year. The school district attempted to pass an operating levy in 2019 to replace the current one but it failed at the ballot box. They tried again in 2020 with a failed result as well, with about 60% of voters against the increase.

The district made a number of cuts to the budget last year in order to stay out of statutory operating debt. The district is currently operating at a 2.31% general fund deficit. If the negative number hits 2.5% the state would enact strict budget restraints and possibly with hold state aid if improvement was not seen. The district budget has held steady with the end of the fiscal year only weeks away, but there needs to be progress toward increasing the budget reserve.

The school board is looking at a public survey to gauge the sentiment for a fall vote

on a ten-year operating levy referendum. Without the additional funding, it is obvious deeper cuts would have to be made to balance the budget.

It is hot and the Wanamingo Swimming Pool is open



Open swim hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Daily admission is \$3.50. Season pass for individual residents is \$55.00 and a family resident season pass is \$110.00.

Aerobics/lap swim hours are 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday and 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Season pass for aerobics is \$95 or \$5 per session. A punch card for six sessions is \$20. Lap swim pass for adults are \$25 for 7 to 8pm.

Private pool parties can be scheduled after 8 p.m. weekdays or after 5 p.m. on weekends and are \$60 per hour.

Swimming lessons are \$35.00 and session one is June 21st through July 1st. Session two is July 19th through July 29th. Private swimming lessons are \$20.00 per half hour. Sign up at the pool.

Pool phone number: 507-824-2677 or message Dylan Steberg at the Wanamingo Pool -Facebook Page. Wanamingo city offices: 507-824-2477.

Wanamingo Syttende Mai



Syttende Mai weekend celebrated with a classic car show on Main Street
(additional pictures on pages 6 & 7)

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When we think of something strong and immovable, we don't think of jello, do we? Jello wiggles: it's soft, it's squishy- but we don't think of it as something firm- a foundational material. We wouldn't use gelatin to set the walls in our basements- we would use cement. Cement sets up solid and unmovable. That's why we use it for foundations, for holding our posts in, for setting up our swing sets or our basketball poles- we want something that is going to hold and to stay firm.

It's important for believers to have a solid foundation for their faith as well. It is impossible to grow our faith and become the person that God has created us to be if our faith is wiggly- or wavering. Paul said "thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

Paul says, THANKS be to GOD- He gives us victory!!! Victory- who doesn't want to be victorious. What does Jesus give us victory over? Jesus defeated death. Jesus died on the cross- laid in the tomb for 3 days and He rose victorious out of the grave! That's power!!! That's a miracle! That's Jesus! Paul has corrected, disciplined, encouraged, loved, and he has come to the end of his letter. He wants to leave them encouraged, empowered, and

hopeful for the future. Thanks be to God!" Jesus gives us victory through His mercy and grace. He gives us victory over death and over sin. Jesus didn't leave us with 'Jello' type promises, he gives us cement to build our lives on. The unswerving, unchanging, unwavering truth of Jesus Christ- HIS Word and we hold it here in our hands!

The prophet Elijah challenged the people of Israel, "How long will you waver between two opinions?" You can find this story in 1 Kings chapter 18. The definition of waver is: a) shake with a quivering motion. b) become unsteady or unreliable. c) be undecided between two opinions or courses of action. Kind of sounds like a date night, 'honey where would you like to go, oh I don't care- where would you like to go? I don't care- you pick. I really don't care either you pick! That can go on for a while. We're so busy trying to please someone else that we are missing the importance of making a choice and sticking to it. In choosing a restaurant- probably not a big deal- but in regard to our faith: it can have eternal implications. We can't be wishy washy about our faith and our life. Alexander Hamilton said, "Those who stand for nothing fall for anything." The people of Israel were worshipping an idol by the name of Baal- Elijah challenged the people- and Paul challenges you and me: it's time to choose!

We admire people that have stood firm despite terrible opposition: Dietrich Bonhoeffer stood firm in his faith. His is a story of faith, of conviction, of standing firm in his beliefs- and was willing to die for those beliefs too. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor during the Nazi regime. He spoke out against Hitler's policies, especially of the extermination of

the Jews. He also worked against Hitler and his Nazi party. Dietrich was arrested and 2 days before the Allies arrived, he was executed for his unwavering faith and his belief that all Hitler stood for was diametrically opposed to the laws of Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." We are called to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord. Dietrich understood that— he gave himself totally and sacrificially to the work that God had called him to do. He was willing to give his all to the work that Christ called him to do.

God's calling is different for each of us- and even during our lifetimes our calling will change or morph into something different. And to us it may seem like a different direction, but all along the way, God uses those circumstances, those learning experiences to prepare us for what He has called us to in the future. Because of the experiences that I have went through in my life, I am better able to relate to people in similar journeys. The day I laid my all on the altar- was the day that truly began my life- I did become a new creature in Christ- a new person- filled with the Holy Spirit's power to live a new life.

God is calling you. He is calling each of us. He isn't calling all of us to be pastors, or theologians, or teachers, or missionaries, or even to be activists, but He is calling us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus. He is calling us into the workplace, into the schools, into our homes and into our communities. When we walk with Christ- that's what it is—a walk—a life—it isn't a sprint- it's a marathon. We are all called to be fully devoted followers to whatever he has called us- we can become 'marketplace missionaries.' This is a term being used

more and more to describe men and women that don't leave their faith at church or on the shelf in their bedroom, but men and women that live their faith in the workplace. They share their faith stories and invite others to join them in following Jesus.

Only God is God, and He alone knows what is best for us. He alone is the path to life, love, and victory. God is calling you. God desires you to fully follow Him. To put aside all the distractions, to lay aside your plans and be totally on board with His plans for you. Will he send you to deepest darkest Africa? maybe or maybe not. He will send you to work; to go and tell, to love Him with all you heart, soul, and mind. If Jesus is Lord of your life "Follow Him" if Baal- is your god- follow him. Time to choose: No More JELLO!

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Seeing and Welcoming

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16
They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.
— Hebrews 11:13

Hebrews 11 gives us a glance in the Bible's rearview mirror. The faithful witnesses mentioned in this chapter lived long ago, even before Jesus came. And they had this in common: they all lived by faith in God's promises. And before they died and were taken to live with the Lord, "They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance."

"Seeing from a distance" is how we can describe the sights, sounds, and scenes in the book of Revelation. Revelation 11 closes with a scene in which all heaven rejoices and gives thanks to God because "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah." It is a powerful picture of God reigning on earth as in heaven. And the promise is that "he will reign for ever and ever." Hallelujah!

With eyes of faith, we can see this "from a distance." Close-up in the world around us, though, we often see terrible things such as cancer, COVID-19, poverty, racism, violence, addiction, and death. And there are times when these appalling things make us weep. At such times, faith is the Holy Spirit's muscle that enables us to see "from a distance."

Faith also welcomes the future of God's full kingdom today. Faith has this power because it is "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Prayer: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done"—here today—"on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.

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Barbara A. Schaller

Barbara Ann Schaller, 89, of Kenyon, died Sunday, May 30, 2021 at her residence at Gunderson Gardens in Kenyon. Barbara Ann Quam was born August 9, 1931, to Gerhard and Alma (Lee) Quam. She was baptized and confirmed at Dale Lutheran Church. She graduated from Kenyon High school in 1949. She played piano and organ professionally including the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, accompanied the Rochester Male Chorus, St. Mary's Nurses' Chorus, Rochester Methodist Nurses' Chorus, as well as the annual Handel's Messiah Mixed Chorus and Orchestra concerts. She married Bill Stamm in November, 1956 and moved to Minneapolis. They were later divorced.

Her work experiences include working for VP at the Star Tribune and President of Guthrie Theatre and Walker Art Center, EVP of Operations at Control Data. She married Dan Schaller in 1971 and moved to Tucson, AZ. In Tucson, she worked for Learjet. She moved back to Minnesota in 1981 when her brother Jim was ill. Happy to be back with family and working as administrative assistant to Chairman of the Bd/CEO of ETA, a supercomputer sub of Control Data; then as coordinator of customer visits at ETA for domestic and international corporations and government dignitaries - fun working with multiple cultures. It was as honor caring for mother at her home in Kenyon for 3 years 1997-2000 and during that time worked part-time at First Lutheran Church. She worked at R.C. Smith Company in Burnsville from 2001 to 2007.

Barbara volunteered at the B. Robert Lewis Shelter for women and children in Eagan many years, both before and after living in AZ, and also as a volunteer encouraging and supporting 3rd grade students at Willard, an inner city (Mpls) school. She also volunteered with the Community Care Lay Ministries at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Burnsville.

Barb enjoyed the cultural offerings of the Twin Cities' music, theatre, sports, and dining events. Her travels in the U.S. and

Europe, along with family sporting events, school and church programs were special highlights throughout the years.

She is survived by sister, Sharon Ness of Red Wing; brother-in-law, David Wetzstein of West Concord; nieces and nephews, Kim (Dale) Urban of Dodge Center; Mark Wetzstein, Steve (Karen) Wetzstein, Greg (Katie) Ness all of West Concord, Teresa (Mark) Van de Sande of Hudson, WI, Elayne (Bobby) Thomson, Kathy (David) Thomson, Gary (Kim) Quam all of Boston, MA; Connie (Tom) Cirkel, Jerry (Sue) Quam, Jay (Sue) Quam, Jesse (Jeannie) Quam, Cammie (Walid) Nakib, all of the Twin Cities area; many great nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by parents; brothers, James and Gerald Quam, sister, Nancy Wetzstein, nephew, Jeffrey Quam, infant niece, Vicki Lee Ness and infant nephew, Baby Boy Ness; sister-in-law, Hazel Quam and special cousin, Sybil Quam Brown.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 10:30 AM with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Julie Rogness will officiate. Inurnment will be in Dale Lutheran Cemetery, rural Kenyon.

Audrey Jean (Kindseth) Nesseth

Audrey Jean (Kindseth) Nesseth died peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester on May 1, 2021. True to form, she went out on her terms, waiting for her family to go to lunch, once again proving that she was in charge.

She was born on December 30, 1927 to Albin and Genevieve Kindseth. She grew up on a farm in Bombay township just outside Kenyon. There she developed a strong work ethic that she carried throughout her life. Audrey graduated from Kenyon High School in 1945. She met her husband, Orestes, on a blind date. The two were married in 1948, had six children, and made Kenyon their lifelong home. Family was always important to her and she was the rock of the family.

Audrey worked for the Finseth Law Office as a secretary before starting her career at the Kenyon Tax Service with her partner, Donnie Hanson. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church, especially proud of her time as Funeral Coordinator and tying quilts for love day. She volunteered at the local food shelf in Kenyon, was a member of the Kenyon VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of numerous boards and organizations in Kenyon during her lifetime. She enjoyed having company over and would always have coffee at the ready and a cookie jar full of her famous chocolate chip cookies.

She is survived by her children, Linda Watson, Shari (Dan) Quam, Ann (Ron) Kleve, Paula (Kevin) Clark, Gail (Scott) Nelson, Jim (Aimee) Nesseth; sister, Mardell Held; brother, Roger (Anita) Kindseth; brother-in-law, Harold Fogelson; grandchildren, Anthony, Traci, Jason, Hilary, Jaime, Jerad, Jill, Sarah, Kari, Anna,

Jesse, Jack, Audra, Meg, Emma, Gabbie, Sonja and 17 great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Buddy, and several brothers and sisters-in-law and two nephews, all of whom she loved very much.

A graveside memorial service took place on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 1:45pm at Kenyon Cemetery for family and friends. Following the service, family and friends gathered at the Kenyon VFW from 2:30 to 4:00 pm to share memories. We want to thank the staff at St. Mary's Hospital, especially Megan and the hospice team. Memorials are preferred to Kenyon VFW, First Evangelical Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice.

Robert M. Vangness

Robert M. Vangness, age 73 of Kenyon formerly of West Concord died on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at his home.

Robert Michael was born on December 9, 1947 at Fort Bragg, Cumberland County, North

Carolina the son of Robert and Alma (Giesler) Hopkins. Robert's dad, Robert Junior Hopkins was killed on October 21, 1951 serving our country. Robert and his mom moved to Rochester. His mom remarried Harold Vangness and they moved to a farm outside of West Concord where Robert grew up. Robert graduated from West Concord High School where he wrestled in the state tournament his senior year. He then attended the University of Minnesota and Rochester Community College. On July 12, 1969 he married Dianne Feldmann from Kenyon and moved to Rochester. In October of 1969 they moved to a farm outside of West Concord where they enjoyed farming and life in the country for 48 years. Due to health reasons, they moved to Kenyon in 2017.

Robert worked for IBM from 1969 till 1993. From 1980 till 1990, he traveled for IBM instructing employees how to use the programs at IBM. From 1993 till 1995 he did various small jobs until he bought his first semi ("Big Blue") in 1995. He was owner operator and hauled product to various parts of the Country. Due to health issues he had to give up trucking. Bob also acquired his Private Pilot's License in 1980. This was his passion. He gave rides to many people; he was able to fly a small plane to various IBM Sites allowing him to take his family with him.

Robert is noted for his Flashing Gel Rings that he passed out to people at the Mayo Clinic, with the motto "Where there is Light, there is HOPE." He made many people smile and gave them hope for healing. He is noted among many for all his "flashing lights." He loved making people happy. Robert loved spending time with his grandchildren. He took them on fun outings and made sure there were go karts, scooters, snowmobiles and other toys at the farm for them to enjoy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dianne; sons, Jeremy (Kerri) Vangness, John (Amy)

Vangness; grandchildren, Drake, Daniel, Bethany, Jackson, Norah; mother, Alma Vangness; siblings, Marlene Ray, Karen Schultz and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his birth father, Robert Junior Hopkins and his dad, Harold Vangness.

Visitation was at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 9am to 10am. Memorial services was held Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Lunch followed at the West Concord American Legion. Interment was in the St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery in West Concord. Memorials are preferred to Paws & Claws, Autisms Association or to the donor's choice.

Arlyn Johnson

Arlyn Johnson of Zumbrota died Friday June 4, 2021 at his home in Zumbrota. He was 87, and had been in declining health.

Arlyn Gene Johnson was born March 21, 1934 in

Wanamingo Township, Goodhue County, the son of Arnold and Alma (Gjemse) Johnson. A graduate of Wanamingo High School with the Class of 1952, he then enlisted in the US Navy and served in the reserves until being honorably discharged in 1960. On December 28, 1955 at the Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon he married the love of his life Mardell Stave. Arlyn worked as a heavy equipment operator until 1960 when he purchased a farm, which he and his wife operated until moving to Zumbrota following retirement in 2013. A lifelong member of Aspelund Norwegian Lutheran Church, he was also a member of the American Legion.

Arlyn began a long passion for riding motorcycles in high school, and over the years his enthusiasm for Harley-Davidson motorcycles never waned. While farming, his tractor of choice was always John Deere, and he became a collector of John Deere toy tractors and Harley-Davidson toy motorcycles.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mardell Johnson of Zumbrota; a brother Marvin Johnson who resides in Washington State; a nephew David (Jess) Johnson of Boston, Massachusetts; Goddaughter Joni (Tom) Gorman; sisters-in-law JoAnn Hoffman, Judy Ferguson, DiAnn (Lawrence) Johnson, Carol (LeRoy) Gjemse, Linda Durdahl, Vicki Otis, Phyllis Johnson, and Debi Stave; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Laurie Marie Johnson and Donald Arlyn Johnson; and a brother in infancy Duwayne Johnson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday June 9th at 2:00 PM at Aspelund Norwegian Lutheran Church, rural Wanamingo. The Reverend Lyle Aadahl officiated. Vistation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial, with military honors, occurred in the church cemetery.



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2021 Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm Dairy Drive-Through Event

The Goodhue County dairy farmers, the Goodhue County American Dairy Association, and 1250 KCUE Radio will be showcasing dairy farming and wholesome products at their annual Breakfast on the Farm Dairy Drive-Through Experience held Friday, June 25th. The purpose of the Breakfast on the Farm event is to share with the public how the dairy industry works and contributes to the local economy and way of life. Events like these provide visitors the opportunity to get a first-hand look at where their wholesome and nutritious dairy products come from, and how dairy farmers care for their cows and land.

This year's breakfast will be hosted by the Lexvold Dairy in rural Goodhue. Brent and Wendy Lexvold currently milk approximately 400 cows, raise young stock, and farm 420 acres of corn and hay to provide feed for their cattle. Originally started almost 60 years ago by Lyle and Loretta



Lexvold Dairy: Brent, Wendy, Cody, Chelsea, and Jenna

Lexvold, the third generation of the Lexvold family is currently actively part of their dairy operation.

Guests at the Lexvold Dairy will be able to drive through the family's operation, seeing first-hand the facilities and how the family and their employees work to produce milk used in wholesome dairy products. There will also be opportunities to interact with local FFA members, various volunteers from agricultural agencies, the Goodhue County Dairy Princesses, and agricultural related business professionals. The 67th Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Brenna

Connelly, will also be on hand as the good-will ambassador for Minnesota's dairy industry. Visitors will have the opportunity to get a look at the farm's milking parlor in action, various calf and cow housing facilities, and some of the farming equipment used.

Each area will be staffed by volunteers who will explain milking practices, farm safety, cow care, and answer other questions in regards to modern farming.

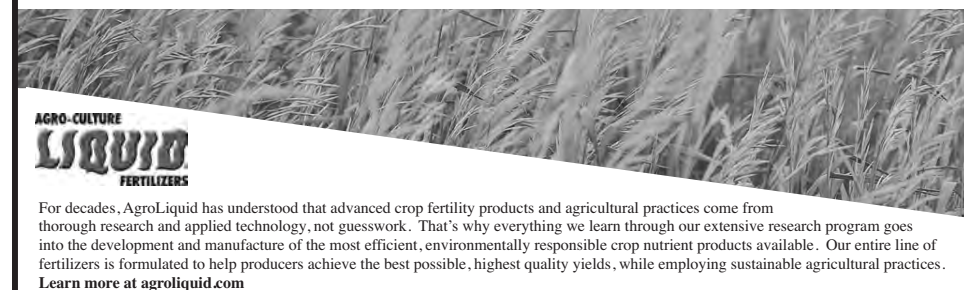
While a slightly different event than previous years, visitors will still have the opportunity to name a calf, receive dairy goody bags, play farm bingo, and take pictures

with the Goodhue County Dairy Princesses. A highlight of the event is always the nutritious and delicious dairy treats.

The Goodhue County Breakfast Dairy Drive-Through Experience runs from 7:00-11:00 am. The Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm committee is led by local dairy producers and sponsored by KCUE Radio of Red Wing and other local businesses.. KCUE will be producing their morning broadcast live on the farm sharing information and talking with the many contributors to the dairy industry. Goodhue County's dairy farmers look forward to celebrating June Dairy Month with you on the farm!

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K-W Noble Knights of the Week for May 14, 2021
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Grace Allen, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Aiden Vadner, Gr. 4, Mr. Jake Wieme; Madison Quam, Gr. 4, Mr. Jake Wieme



K-W Noble Knights of the Week for May 21, 2021
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 Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers



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**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, May 10, 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, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Eric Dierks
City Administrator: Michael Boulton
ABSENT: Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters
ALSO PRESENT: Monty Schaefer, Dan Fritz, Annette Fritz, Julie Steberg, Dylan Steberg, Jason Boynton (remote), Goodhue County Deputy Thomas Blue, and David Friese – Zumbrota News-Record.
ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Flotterud motioned, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

PRESENTERS:
A) Monty Schaefer reported on:
1) Swimming pool concrete patch work completed to main pool sidewall and kiddie pool decking as part of requirements by MN Department of Health. The pool has been pressure washed, acid washed, and painted. The pool is currently being filled up with water.
2) Riverside Park water turned on, bathrooms open, and getting ready to be open for season.
3) Mowed at the WWTP, community garden, undeveloped lot boulevards, and other various areas around town
4) Starting to spray weeds around town at the parks, various City properties, public sidewalks, and along the curbs of all the streets.
5) WWTP clarifier motor repaired by Olson Motor Repair
6) Completed jetting all sanitary sewer main lines around the community
7) Started to patch potholes with cold mix around the community
8) Plan on repairing water shut off valve (curb stops) in the near future. 8-10 of them were damaged by snow plows over the winter

Flotterud asked when the Mingo View water tower would be drained and cleaned out. Schaefer stated that the plan was to drain and clean out the Mingo View water tower in the next 2-3 weeks.

Mayor Holmes presented the Wanamingo Maintenance Staff the 2020 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Certificate of Commendation for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The MPCA recognizes exceptional compliance with its Minnesota Pollution Control Agency NPDES/SDS wastewater permit during the 2020 review year.

B) Julie and Dylan Steberg reported on:
1) Pool is set to open on June 7th with an expected closure Labor Day (Depending on guard availability)
2) 20 new lifeguard applicants with 8 returning guard. Plan to hire 9 new guards. There are great applicants and not all will be able to be hired in order to get enough shifts for all guards.
3) Dan and Katie VanEpps are getting WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certified to teach swim lessons.
4) Mandatory in-service for Staff will be on June 4th

5) Hoping to have pass and lesson sign-up available to the public, starting May 12th. Sign-ups will be available at City Hall until the pool opens. Once the pool opens, sign-ups will be available at the pool.

6) Outdoor and swimming pool COVID restrictions have been lifted by the Governor. There will be no additional restrictions or changes in place at the pool beyond regular rules/policies.

7) Thanked City Council for past support. A request was made to purchase water aerobics weights. The City Administrator will work with the pool manager to gather estimates for what weights cost to see if the request can work into the pool budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION:**

21-034 = Accepting the 2020 Wanamingo Audit: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Flotterud shared his concerns with why the City asked for an 8.33% increase in 2021 property taxes when it ended the 2020 fiscal year with \$511,000 in the general fund reserve. Flotterud stated that he understood the City's policy position to have \$500,000 in the general fund reserve in order to obtain better bond ratings on future projects. Boulton reminded the Council the 6.5% of the 8.33% increase went towards the 2020 Roadway Improvements Project debt service. Ohr stated that the City has numerous needs in the near future including road maintenance work, a skid loader, and dump truck. Flotterud stated that the Council should have considered a 5% increase to the levy in 2021 rather than an 8.33%. Flotterud stated that he had no concerns with higher taxes if the Council can

show the public direct benefits. VanDeWalker stated that the Council was concerned with the State's projected budget deficit and what that could mean to LGA.

VanDeWalker stated that past drops in LGA funding significantly hurt the City for years because they were not planned. VanDeWalker stated that he was worried about keeping up the conditions of the roads in town and that much of the maintenance equipment is in need of upgrades. Flotterud stated that Citizen complain to him on property taxes regularly. Holmes stated that he is approached at his business regarding high property taxes/City Levy. VanDeWalker, Ohr, and Dierks stated that they have never been approach about property tax/City levy concerns. Holmes stated that he believed the City is committed to showing the budget process and is working toward lower levy increases in the future. Boulton stated that the City could create street equipment and/or street maintenance accounts to levy or transfer funds from the general fund reserve (anything more than \$500,000 reserve) in order to save up to address street maintenance and equipment needs in the near future. Flotterud stated that people move to Wanamingo for cheap lots and reasonable property taxes and that policy decisions such as tax levies need to be mindful of this. Holmes stated that he appreciated Flotterud's concerns and that the Council should be better able to budget and show the public where funds are spent. Passed 5-0-0.

21-035 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Administrator Boulton informed the

Council that Mark and Ruth Revland are planning an expansion in Fall 2021. In order to expand their two tax parcels would need to be combined so that the building is not constructed over property lines and meets setbacks. The proposed expansion will be roughly 35' x 60'. Boulton stated that there will be a public hearing in June to consider a variance for Minimum Bldg. Setback Side Line Property and Back Line Property in C-2 HWY Commercial District. Once the public hearing is completed the Council will consider approval of a variance for the building expansion to be closer than the C-2 property setback requirements. Passed 5-0-0.

21-036 = Accepting 2021 Yearly Driver's License Checks for City Employees: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

21-037 = Setting Swimming Fees and Schedule for the 2020 Season: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that the only proposed fee change would be an increase to the water aerobics seasonal pass from \$85 to \$95. Passed 5-0-0.

21-040 = Authorizing a Temporary Liquor License for the Wanamingo Fire Relief Association July 3rd Dance: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

21-038 = Receiving Bids and Awarding the bid for the 2021 Crack Sealing Project: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that the bid is 25% less than the engineer's estimate. VanDeWalker stated his pleasure

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with the cost and stated that more could be spent in 2022 for street maintenance. Boulton stated that the City will be looking at a \$40,000-\$50,000 chip sealing project in

2022. Passed 5-0-0.

21-039 = Extending and Emergency – COVID-19: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by VanDeWalker. Holmes stated that he approved placing this item on the agen-

da. The intention is for the emergency only to utilize electronic option for meetings. Holmes and Boulton had attended a League of Minnesota Cities (LMNC) listening tour May 4th. Holmes and Boulton advocated to LMNC to lobby the legislature for additional, but limited use of electronic meetings moving forward. Boulton stated that he and Holmes do not intend to bring a resolution for extension forward to the June City Council meeting. Passed 5-0-0.

Administrator Boulton provided a memo update regarding the Prairie Ridge Estates Park Improvements. Jessup DeCook purchased the Prairie Ridge Estates in 2018. In the summer of 2018, the City worked with Jessup DeCook to replat a large portion of the Prairie Ridge Development. The replat included swapping land for the park location within the development. The new park location gave the City additional area within the interior of the development for a park.

The Wanamingo parks and recreation advisory board had researched Prairie Ridge Estate park improvements. Discussions centered around future improvements such as an open-air park shelter/pavilion, playground equipment such as an arch disc swing, and a basketball hoop off the asphalt parking area. The committee agreed that the highest priority would be a shelter/pavilion. Estimates to construct a 20' x 24' x 12" (concrete slab) with an open shelter were roughly \$15,000-\$20,000. Concrete costs for the shelter were estimated at \$3,500, while construction materials were estimated at \$6,000, electrical was estimated at \$2,000, and labor was estimated \$5,000-\$10,000 (depending on volunteers and/or donated labor). An arch swing piece of playground equipment is estimated at \$6,000-\$8,000. A tough-duty playground basketball hoop is estimated to cost roughly \$1,000-\$1,500.

Any park improvements will need to be divided out and addressed one at a time due to costs. Jessup DeCook pledged \$2,500 matching contribution toward the construction of a shelter/pavilion. The Wanamingo Lions are planning on conducting fundraising (minimum goal of \$2,500) towards the Prairie Ridge Estates Park shelter/pavilion once COVID restrictions are lifted. The Lions may need up to a year to raise these funds. The City would welcome other private donations or fundraising. The City will contribute the remaining funds (Roughly \$10,000-\$15,000) toward the shelter/pavilion after private funds raised. The City would be able to budget the \$10,000-\$15,000 funds by 2022 or 2023.

In the meantime, City Staff have obtained an estimate (\$3,000) from Zumbro Valley Landscaping finish final grading, add black dirt, and seed the area down. Jessup DeCook and the City have agreed to cost sharing on the final grading, additional black dirt, and seeding. The Wanamingo Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends Council approving the Zumbro Valley Landscaping grading and seeding estimate. As for park equipment and a basketball hoop these improvements would be fundraising and or budgeting that could be worked toward after the shelter is complete. The City Council has been placing spending priorities on street maintenance and repair the previous few years and next two years. So, the general fund is

stretched thin for items such as park equipment. However, in the next 2-3 years the City will be putting more emphasis on parks and other spending priorities.

Dan Fritz stated that he had been a part of Stewartville's park improvements in the past. He stated that this plan shows commitment from the City of Wanamingo to build a shelter in order to provide an anchor to the park. VanDeWalker stated that the park needed a shelter for those that could get stuck in a storm. Dan Fritz stated that once a shelter is built volunteers could approach local businesses for donations toward additional equipment. Ohr stated that he liked the idea of a shelter being build first in order to show the City's commitment. Dierks moved to approve the \$3,000 estimate based upon the \$2,000 City/\$1,000 Jessup DeCook cost share agreement, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0. Boulton stated that work would start when the dirt piles are moved from the townhome lots to the east. These townhomes are currently under construction.

Boulton stated that the parks and recreational advisory board had also reviewed Rex Welch's request to have a bike trail through the Wanamingo Nature Trail. There was discussion to have any proposed trail stay out of the South densely-wooded area and limit the number of passes though the rowed evergreen area as to not spook the wildlife. The board also recommended that Welch and volunteers focus on one section of the bike trail at a time. If the group ceased to exist, nature would take back over the bike path. The board also recommended piling removed debris near the trail so that City staff could mulch it back onto the trail, pending available time. A formal public hearing will be held at the June City Council meeting. Administrator Boulton will publish a public hearing notice in the newspaper. The public hearing will be followed by a resolution to consider approval of the request.

Administrator Boulton provided a Sanitary Sewer District Update. Five of the Sanitary Sewer District members (Craig Britton – Widseth, Pine Island Engineer, Bill Angerman – WHKS, Zumbro Engineer, Elizabeth Howard – Pine Island City Administrator, Brian Grudem – Zumbrota City Administrator, and Wanamingo City Administrator Michael Boulton) met with State Senator Mike Goggin and Dave Senjem along with State Representative Steve Drazkowski and Duane Quam Friday May 7th in Zumbrota. The information meeting on the regional wastewater treatment plant for the Cities of Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota went well. Legislators suggested further involving Prairie Island Indian Community in the discussion since they own land for roughly 200 homes and potential commercial endeavors within the City of Pine Island. Elizabeth Howard informed the group that there is a sewer line stubbed out to the development to service the land in question. Howard stated that Pine Island had made initial contact with Prairie Island Indian Community on their sanitary sewer needs for the area. It was stated that Prairie Island Indian Community involvement could help bridge bipartisanship (including the Governor's office) for the bill. The Legislators suggested submitting informa-

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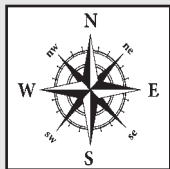
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Hillbilly Dating



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.

The local newspaper has a personal section in the back of each issue and we often read it just for a good laugh. I do not believe Internet dating has taken hold in this area and the person to person ads in newsprint are sometimes way too funny. They run them for free so anyone can have a chance at romance down here

Our all-time favorite has run a couple times and it is just too much of a gem to not share. Kind of gives you an idea of the type of guys a girl can find down here if they look hard enough.

White male, 5' 11", 170 lbs., looking for a loving lady who still likes sex and don't mind taking it all off and jumping in bed with her man. She should be 70 to 80 years old. I take my ladies on trips and stay in motels, give them \$50 a week in spending

money and take them shopping one or more times a week. I am always happy and never get mad. I am a retired cop and have my own home and a late model van. I know how to enjoy life. My age is 80+ but still young and full of life. Respond to PTP506.

Don't give up ladies. There are still a few good ones out there even though they are getting up in years. Now whenever we see something that seems too good to be true, we look at each other, chuckle and say, "\$50 a week and a late model van."

Wanamingo City Council

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tion to put Senate and House bills for the end of the session. Submitting bills in this session will help be considered for next session. Legislators also suggested applying for State Bonding before feasibility report completed. The bill can be modified once concrete information is provided by the feasibility report. The bonding bill will include language for the creation of a sanitary district and up to 50% funding of the project. The bill will also make the potential district eligible for American Recovery Act (ACA) federal water and sanitary sewer funds being sent to the State. The state is being given \$179 million directly for water and wastewater and an additional \$2.5 billion that could include additional water and sanitary sewer funding. The hope by legislators and the committee is to obtain some of the ARA money for engineering costs up front while the bonding bill would not be available until May 2022. An initial bonding bill application was put together by the committee and submitted to Senator Goggin and Representative Quam in order to put together House and Senate bills. In the coming months the City Councils of Wanamingo, Pine Island, Zumbrota, and Goodhue will consider approval of resolutions supporting the House and Senate Files (bills). The committee named the North Zumbro Sanitary District on the bonding bill application.

*Next City Council meeting on 6/14/2021 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 8:30PM a motion to adjourn was made by Dierks and seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator

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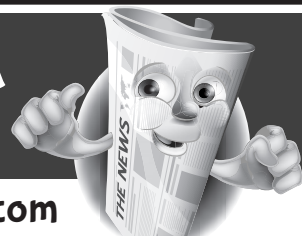


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ACROSS

1. *Treble or bass ____
5. Pharaoh's cobra
8. *Zeus' sister and wife, and character in Broadway musical "Xanadu"
12. Hair-dwelling parasites
13. Quinceañera or bat mitzvah, e.g.
14. Puts money in the bank
15. Pearl Harbor locale
16. Flair
17. Inuit boat
18. *Record-holding musical for most awards received by a single production, with The
20. *Broadway hit "Jagged Little ____"
21. *Comment to the audience
22. Web address
23. ____'er ____, at the pump
26. Private chapel
30. Keats' poem
31. Quit
34. Medley
35. ____ or do nothing
37. Right-angle building extension
38. Razor nick
39. Like lemon
40. Make a choice
42. 1960s teen idol, Bobby ____
43. Give authority
45. Bias crime perpetrators
47. *Theater, e.g.
48. Cordial disposition
50. Surrender
52. *Non-musical with record number of Tony nominations
56. Shredded cabbage dishes
57. *Melpomene, e.g.
58. Just a little
59. Gold unit
60. Lodge fellows
61. "Game of Thrones" bastard
62. Without purpose
63. Past tense of "is"
64. Short-term employee

DOWN

1. Hoof sound
2. Yarn spinner
3. Canyon sound
4. Like medieval European society
5. Was sick
6. Fixed look
7. Montblanc and such
8. *Musical with record number of Tony nominations
9. Like most fairytale stepmothers
10. Madrid's Club de Fútbol
11. Pose a question
13. Chef's prescription
14. Toyota sports car model
19. Shylock's practice
22. Coffee pot
23. *Bob ____, choreographer with most Tony awards
24. "'Break a leg" or "have two left feet," e.g.
25. Reduce pressure (2 words)
26. Eye up and down
27. Mediterranean appetizer
28. Type of potato masher
29. Ox connectors
32. *Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
33. Feverish
36. *NYC district
38. Washington, e.g.
40. Sun's descent
41. Onion-like herb
44. Seize by force
46. Obsolete office position
48. Spurious wing
49. *Comedy and tragedy, on a Tony medallion
50. Attired
51. *James ____ Jones, multiple Tony winner
52. Old World duck
53. Like Silver's owner
54. H or O in H₂O, e.g.
55. Make a raucous noise
56. Mogul equipment



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Top Minnesota Dairy Farms Honored for Superior Cow Care

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen today released the annual list of top Minnesota dairy herds with low somatic cell counts (SCC). Somatic cell count is a key indicator of milk quality – a lower SCC count is better for cheese pro-

duction and a longer shelf life for bottled milk. In honor of June Dairy Month, 96 Minnesota dairy farms are being recognized for superior herd management skills by achieving an average SCC of under 100,000.

"I'm honored to be able to recognize these 96 dairies for their high level of excellence," said Commissioner Petersen. "These dairy farmers work hard 365 days a year to produce high quality, wholesome dairy products for all of us to enjoy, and I thank them for their contributions to feed Minnesota and the world."

Although somatic cells occur naturally and are not a food safety concern, dairy farmers monitor them because they can be used as a measure of the health of their cows. Processors also pay a premium for



milk with low counts. A farmer whose herd has a very low count can receive a significantly higher price per hundredweight compared to a farmer whose herd average is high.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and University of Minnesota dairy experts have worked with the state's dairy farmers to lower somatic cell counts. When the initiative began in 2003, the 100 herds honored that year included those with SCC averages as high as 144,000, compared to the current goal of obtaining a SCC under

100,000.

The SCC list of Minnesota dairy farms is online at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/lowssc>

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