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## Announcements

• **Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church is collecting books for preschoolers and school supplies, especially for high school students, to be distributed to kids at Cannon Falls and Kenyon-Wanamingo schools.** To add to the celebration, we will also serve an early Thanksgiving dinner after our 9:00 a.m. service. We will also have guest speaker Paul Knutson for the New Hope Mission Society to update us on their ministry.

• **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 [three-riverscap.org](http://three-riverscap.org) for more information.

# Local Christmas events this season

Thursday, December 2nd will be Christmas in Wanamingo. The activities will take place from 4 to 5pm in the Industrial Park and from 5 to 7pm on Main Street businesses.

This year the theme is "Season of Giving" and you can bring a canned food item or cash to get a punch card to be eligible for prize drawings. The high point of the night will be

a visit with Santa Claus at the Wanamingo Mutual Insurance office. (see ad on pg. 7)

On Saturday, December 4th Christmas in Kenyon will be held. Santa will be at S.I.F.T. from 1 to 3pm. K-W Choir students will be caroling around town. A vendor fair will be held from 9am to 3pm at the All-Seasons Community Center. The annual tree lighting will take place at the Veteran's Park at 5pm. There are many more activities scheduled during the day and you can see them on the Christmas in Kenyon schedule on page 4.

On Saturday, December 4th there will be a Christkindlmarkt, or German Christmas Market held in Goodhue from noon to 6pm. There will be German food and beverages, crafters, vendors, artisans and horse drawn wagon rides.



## K-W School Vote Passes

On November 2nd the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district asked the voters to approve an operating levy of \$950 per student for the next ten years. A current levy of \$295 expires this year. The proposed levy would cost the average homeowner with \$200,000 house an additional \$300 each year in taxes. A similar proposal had been brought

to the ballot the last two years and failed to pass. This year the vote passed with two thirds approval, a change from last fall when it was defeated by the same margin. Break-down by community of the voting was 655 yes votes to 320 no votes in Kenyon and 340 yes votes to 229 no votes in Wanamingo.

## Trick or Treating in Wanamingo



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## Trustworthy and Available



By Pastor Colin Rueter,  
New Life Church

Statistics vary, but around 8 in 10 Americans have one. You probably have one on your shelf at home, or under your end table...or in a box downstairs. Maybe yours is on your coffee table or in your backpack. The Bible – God’s inspired and written word. Every year, the Barna Group and the American Bible Society conduct a survey: The American Bible Society’s State of the Bible. [https://sotb.research.bible/] Findings this year show just over one-third of U.S. adults (34%) reads the Bible once a week or more, while half (50%) read the Bible less than twice a year (including “never”). There are other statistics that has drawn the conclusion that while some Bible reading has increased, especially post-Covid, that many are not engaged with the full scope of the Bible story. This story – the Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Future Restoration through Jesus Christ – has profound impacts

on the way we live, view the past/present/future, and how we prioritize all the things that beckon our attention.

My heart as a pastor is to remind God’s people, and others who have ears to hear, that the God of the Bible is in control and that He would grant us faith to believe. This faith and knowledge of God comes from the true and firm foundation of the Bible. In a world that seems to be falling apart, broken beyond repair, and without order...God is in control, God has spoken, and God is present. Through reading the Bible, we know He is working all things according to the foreknowledge and counsel of His will. His purposes will not be thwarted by any force. We know that Jesus came to seek and save the lost, out of a love for mankind, rebellious sinners who cannot save ourselves. He does this out of His great love and mercy, to adopt us as children, and

conform us into the image of His Son, Jesus. How do I know these things, and more, to be true? Well, sing the familiar song with me, “The Bible tells me so...” By God’s grace, over the coming months, we will walk through the Bible together. I’ll introduce a book of the Bible with an overview, how it fits within the narrative of the full canon of Scripture, and engage the question: “How then shall we live?” As a ship in a storm looks for the lighthouse to guide and warn, so we need a beacon to guide and warn. We need a beacon that brings hope and points us to the grace of God in Christ alone.

My encouragement to those who read this: Trust in your Creator and spend time getting to know Him and His word, the Bible. I trust that as we do this, encouragement and peace will come to those who cast their cares, thoughts, and lives upon God through Christ.

Like the disciple said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” (John 6:68-69). Later, he encourages, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:6-7). I trust that by spending time getting to know His word, we will come to know God and His Son Jesus more deeply and clearly. It is written, “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” May this upcoming journey be for our good and God’s glory!

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November 17: 4:30p.m. Confirmation at Trinity  
November 18: 7:00p.m. Book Club at Holden  
November 21: Christ the King - 9:00a.m. Worship with  
Holy Communion; 9:45a.m. Sunday School  
11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Community Meal at  
Wanamingo Community Center  
5:00p.m. Movie Night at Trinity  
November 24: No Confirmation  
7:00p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service  
November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent - 9:00a.m. Worship,  
9:45a.m. Sunday School



Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the  
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### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY Family Connections

Scripture Reading — Ruth 4:18-22  
Perez was the father of Hezron . . . Obed the  
father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.  
— Ruth 4:18-22

The first mention of David in the Bible comes in the book of Ruth. David’s story was part of God’s much bigger story. Through the lives of David and many others, God was shaping and molding a people for himself. God called men and women into a relationship of grace, responsibility, and adventure.

The story of Ruth included disappointment, death, and discouragement. But as God worked in the lives of Ruth and Boaz, encouragement, joy, and hope began to shine through. Ruth and Boaz became ancestors of David.

Family connections anchored David’s life, making his family story an important part of his identity. As Eugene Peterson noted, “The genealogy shows that the story of Ruth and Boaz wasn’t simply a small love story into which they had accidentally fallen; rather it was a sprawling love story of epic proportions. For through the union of Ruth and Boaz came David” (Conversations).

Genealogies show us, in part, how God works in the world. Jesse told his children the stories of Perez, Hezron, Ram . . . Ruth and Boaz, and Obed as reminders of God’s faithfulness throughout the generations. And the thread of those stories went farther back to a couple named Abraham and Sarah, whom God had called into a relationship with himself (Genesis 12). This was part of the inheritance David had even before he was born.

#### Prayer

Lord and God, thank you for your faithfulness and for calling me into a relationship with you as part of your story of life for us all. Amen.

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## Paul T. Hokanson

Paul T. Hokanson, age 88 of Wanamingo passed away Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in the loving presence of family. Memorial Service was Friday, November 5th at 11:00 at Minneola Lutheran Church.



Pastor Hannah Bergstrom de Leon officiated. Visitation was Thursday, November 4th, 2021 at Mahn Family Funeral Home – Larson Chapel in Zumbrota, MN from 4-7pm and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Paul T. Hokanson was born January 7th, 1933 in the stone house in Belle Creek Township to Thore and Minnie (Karlstad) Hokanson. He attended grade school in Cherry Grove Township and graduated from Kenyon H.S. in 1951. He received his Electrical degree from Dunwoody in 1959, served in the U.S Air Force from 1953-1957. He worked as an electrician in Hibbing, MN from April 1960-Oct 1961. An Electrical Engineer at Honeywell from Nov 1961 – Nov 1971. An Instrumentation Engineer at Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant Dec 1971-March 1973 and an Engineer Aide and Supervisor at Honeywell in Plymouth, MN from March 1973 until he retired in 1992.

Paul loved spending time with Family, Friends, fishing, hunting, and fixing anything put in front of him. No matter how big or small the project may have been. He treasured his time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and caring for his 40 acre hobby farm. Paul was a long time member of Minneola Lutheran Church and was an active member. He was admired for his ability to handle anything with his kind and compassionate soul.

Paul was preceded in death by his father Thore, his mother Minnie, loving wife of 61 years Gloria, Brother Roger (Helen) Hokanson, daughter in-law Lhonda Hokanson and Boon Sorensen. He is survived by his two sons Gregory and Darin (Megan) Hokanson, his brothers Melroy (Leah) Hokanson, Harlan (Bonnie) Hokanson, Gary (Marlene) Hokanson and sisters Marleen (Larry) Beckman and Kathryn (Jerry) Hauschildt and 4 grandchildren Travis, Micheal, Tyler, Skylar and 8 great grandchildren.

## Geraldine Delores (Schaefer) Wallaker

Geraldine Delores (Schaefer) Wallaker, 91, passed away Friday, October 15, 2021 at the Zumbrota Care Center. Geraldine was born on June 22, 1930 in Eyota, MN to Harold and Erma (Messner) Schaefer. She grew up in this area and attended the Pine Island country school as a child. On

October 4, 1952 Geraldine married Robert



“Red” Wallaker in Sioux Falls, SD. Geraldine enjoyed many hobbies including, quilting, sewing, baking, preparing photo albums, and having coffee with friends. She was mostly a homemaker but also worked at Casey's Pizza, Maple Island and Visitation in Mendota Heights.

Geraldine is survived by seven children; Gerald (Linda) Wallaker, Nancy Rath (friend Jim Kittelson), LaRita (Jim) Brown, Cheryl (Merlin) Moreland, Teresa (Larry) Lawson, Brenda (Jack) Harvey and Steven Wallaker; 23 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; son-in-law, George McWaters; five siblings, Norman “Bud” Schaefer, Dale (Janet) Schaefer, Galen Schaefer, Bonnie (Harlan) Hokanson and Barb Gullickson; sister-in-law LaVonne Schaefer.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; daughter Debra McWaters; great grandson Austin Larson; son-in-law Don Rath; brother Lowell Schaefer; sister Shirley Braaten; half-brothers Lowell Schaefer and Robert Schaefer; half-sisters Theresa Wiley and Darlene Richter; brothers-in-law Eugene Gullickson and Robert Braaten; Steven's longtime friend, Pam Sawyer.

The funeral service for Geraldine was at 11:00 am Monday, October 18, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo. Pastor Christopher Culuris officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at mahnfamilialfuneralhome.com.

## Lila Dorene (Syverson) Grose

Lila Dorene (Syverson) Grose, 85 of Kenyon, died Monday, October 25, 2021 at the District One Hospital in Faribault with family at her side.

She was born January 20, 1936 in Wanamingo, Minnesota, the daughter of Casper and Clara (Grendahl) Syverson. She attended school in Wanamingo and graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1953. She worked at the Mayo Clinic after graduation. She met Ronald Grose of Kenyon and they were married at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota on October 1, 1955. The couple lived out in Monkey Valley, southwest of Kenyon before moving into Kenyon in 1967.

Lila was a homemaker for her family. Lila was a great cook and worked as a cook at the Kenyon School District for many years. She enjoyed cooking and canning the vegetables she grew in her garden. The grandchildren had their favorites that they would ask her to make for them. She and Ron helped with janitorial work at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Lila was also involved in helping her husband, Ron operate Grose Refuse in Kenyon for 47 years. She would upcycle the furniture in good condition that was left out for pickup on the route. She also volunteered her time at Third World Thrift Shop in Kenyon. She did not like to see things go to waste and reused and repaired as much as she



could.

In retirement, Lila and Ron enjoyed spending time with their family at their timeshare in Orlando, Florida. She was very devoted to their family and enjoyed visits, phone calls, emails and texts with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She made her own personalized greeting cards on her computer to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

She is survived by her three children, Pamela (David) Broin of Owatonna, Judy (Kevin Sage) Brockmiller of Gayville, SD, and David Grose of Kenyon; sisters, Dorothy Ness of Rochester, and Arlene Anderson of Phoenix AZ; sister in law, Alyce Matthees of Zumbrota; 12 grandchildren, Peter Broin, Kelli Broin, Travis (Brittney Olsen) Brockmiller, Tessa Brockmiller, Tarah Brockmiller, Nicholas Grose, Jasmine Grose, Tyler Grose, Danielle Grose, Noah Grose, Samantha Grose, and Caleb Grose and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Grose; parents, Casper and Clara Syverson; brother, Clifford Syverson; sisters, Marion Stevens and Patricia Dankers; brothers in law, Jewel Ness and Menford Stevens; sister in law, Joyce Syverson; and nephew, Tony Stevens.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon. Pastor Julie Rogness officiated. Visitation was at church one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery in Kenyon.

## Ronald Allan Grose

Ronald Allan Grose, 90, of Kenyon, died Monday, October 18, 2021 at the Northfield Hospital with family at his side.



He was born September 24, 1931 in Kenyon, Minnesota the son of Russell and Myrtle

(Oelschlager) Grose. He attended school in Kenyon and graduated from Kenyon High School in 1949. He then served in the United States Air Force from December 30, 1950

until his honorable discharge on February 21, 1952. On October 1, 1955, he married Lila Syverson at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. The couple lived out in Monkey Valley southwest of Kenyon prior to moving to Kenyon in 1967.

Ronald was a truck driver all his life. He began driving milk truck, drove grain truck, drove truck for D & T Trucking out of New Brighton primarily to the East Coast often hauling for Hormel and Anderson Windows. He won numerous awards for safe driving while over the road. In 1967, he purchased Ron Grose Refuse and operated it for 47 years. After he retired from over the road trucking in 1996, he worked full time on his business until he sold it and retired at age 82.

He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon and the Kenyon American Legion.

Ronald was a very organized person. He knew a lot about history and “the past”. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling and bringing home M&M's and peanuts for his children. He loved shopping with Lila and buying gadgets which he often gave as gifts. He enjoyed visiting with people, spending time at the timeshare in Florida, and driving his 1965 Cadillac. In 2005 he was honored at the Kenyon Rose Fest.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Grose of Kenyon; children, Pamela (David) Broin of Owatonna, Judy (Kevin Sage) Brockmiller of Gayville, SD and David Grose of Kenyon; sister, Alyce Matthees of Zumbrota; 12 grandchildren, Peter Broin, Kelli Broin, Travis (Brittney Olsen) Brockmiller, Tessa Brockmiller, Tarah Brockmiller, Nicholas Grose, Jasmine Grose, Tyler Grose, Danielle Grose, Noah Grose, Samantha Grose and Caleb Grose and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, Russell and Myrtle; brother in law, Roy Matthees and nephew, Bruce Matthees.

A funeral service WAS held Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Julie Rogness officiated. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery with military honors by the Kenyon Color Guard.

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## Norma M. Jacobson

Norma M. Jacobson, age 99, of Kenyon passed away on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at Three Links Care Center in Northfield, where she had resided since August 2021.

Norma, daughter of Martin and Olianna (Gunderson) Dyrdaahl, was born and raised on a farm in the Moland area outside of Kenyon on January 29, 1922. After graduating from Kenyon High School, she worked in Waseca for the Johnson Company as well as doing housework for several local families. With the help of friends, she met Samuel Lee Jacobson, and they were united in marriage at Hauge Lutheran Church on October 19, 1946, and were married for 48 years until Sam died in February 1995.

Norma's life revolved around her family, church and community. She insisted on caring for many of her grandchildren so her children could work each day. She was a very active member of the community as she was a member of the VFW Post #141 Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and Holden Lutheran Church where she was a member of WELCA and had taught confirmation classes.

Norma had also been a Girl Scout leader for several years. For many years she cooked for the monthly VFW Smorgasbord dinners, annual Legion turkey and ham dinners, and Kenyon Firemen banquets. Requests for her roast beef, gravy and dressing were in high demand. Norma will be remembered for her holiday meals and teaching the grandchildren how to make lefse and krumkake. Family meals of her lutefisk and barbecued ribs will be missed. Besides cooking Norma enjoyed quilting, sewing, embroidery and coloring.

Norma was survived by her three children Sonia (Larry) Tatge of Kenyon; Craig (Terry) Jacobson of Rochester; Annette (Gary) Peters of Kenyon: Grandchildren Laurie (John) Dale, Steven (Amy) Tatge, Matthew (Kristy) Jacobson, Kimberly (Jason) Lilley, Darren (Jessica) Peters, Lauren (Jared) Peters Erling; great-grandchildren Austin Dale; Sean, Maya, Evan and Drew Tatge; Bryan and Colin Jacobson; Liam and Kayleigh Peters; Sister Olive Anthony; Sister-in-law LaVonne Dyrdaahl.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Sam Jacobson; Sister Mildred Lair; brother Robert Dyrdaahl.

Visitation was held at Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon on Thursday, October 14th from 5-7PM. Services were held at Holden Lutheran Church in rural Kenyon on October 15th at 11AM with a visitation one hour prior to service.

## Verniel Swiggum

Funeral services for Verniel Swiggum were held Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00 AM at Dale Lutheran Church, rural Wanamingo. The Rev. Chris Culuris officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Swiggum, 94, of Zumbrota, died Sunday November 7, 2021 at Pine Haven Care Center in Pine Island.

Verniel Elaine Lothar was born July 27, 1927 in Goodhue County, the daughter of Christie and Marie Lothar. She was raised in the Bellechester area. On July 23, 1949 she married Henry Swiggum. The couple farmed, and Verniel waitressed for many years at the Edgewood and at the Covered Bridge restaurants. She loved spending time with family and friends, traveling and trips to Balsam Lake; she enjoyed playing cards, bowling, shopping, and going out to lunch. And she was a big fan of Elvis.

She is survived by a son, Marvin (Melissa) Swiggum of El Paso, Texas; a daughter, Sue (Patrick Trevis) Swiggum of Zumbrota; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren;

and one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Val Nesseth of St. Paul; two brothers, David (Helen) Lothar and Ken (Alice) Lothar, all of Zumbrota; two daughters-in-law Millie Koenig of Maple Grove, and Pat Swiggum of Cannon Falls; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sons, Harvey and Robert, and siblings, Eunice, Audrey, Carol and Dale.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Dale Lutheran Church. Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, in Zumbrota has been entrusted to arrangements.



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## CHRISTMAS IN KENYON - DECEMBER 4, 2021

<b>Letters to Santa</b> Drop at Kenyon Post Office <i>Sponsored by Ramirez Trucking</i>	<b>Santa from 1 to 3 p.m.</b> at SIFT <i>Sponsored by SIFT</i> First 24 kids get free Play Pack	<b>Music at The Muni</b> <i>Sponsored by The Muni</i>	<b>In store drawing</b> <i>Sponsored by All Seasons Thrift Store</i>	<b>Fashion Show</b> <i>Sponsored by All Seasons Thrift Store</i>
<b>Cookie Pre-orders</b> <b>LAST DAY!</b> <i>Sponsored by the Gunderson House</i> See FB page for order info	<b>KW Choir students</b> will be caroling around town <i>Sponsored by KW Choir</i>	<b>Donate gifts cards or cash</b> for kids at KW schools <b>Drop donation at City Hall</b> <i>Sponsored by Held Bus Service</i>	<b>Storytelling from 10 am to noon</b> <i>Sponsored by the Kenyon Public Library</i>	<b>Vendor Fair at All Seasons Community Center</b> 9 am to 3 pm, Dec 3 and 4 <i>Sponsored by All Seasons Community Center</i>
<b>Lighting Contest! Light up your house and win a prize! Get the signup form on the CIK FB page to enter the contest!</b>	<b>Annual tree lighting ceremony at Veteran's Park - 5 pm.</b> <b>Speaker: TBD</b> <i>Sponsored by City of Kenyon</i>	<b>Scavenger Hunt! Download form from the CIK FB page and submit to CIK to be entered into drawing for prize!</b>	<b>KW Art Students Shop Window Painting</b> <i>Sponsored by D&amp;S Banner Sign and Print</i>	<b>Photo frames! Take your photo in front of a frame and post on CIK FB page and be entered into drawing for a prize!</b>

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# K-W Noble Knights



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for October 15, 2021**

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**K-W Noble Knights of the Week for October 29, 2021**

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## Kenyon Restaurant to Open Later this Month

Lacey's Kitchen and Cocktails will be opening for business November 26th. They are currently renovating the Schweich's Hotel Bar and Restaurant, building remodeled by Lawrence Schweich in 2013. Business partners Steve Lacey, the experienced chef, and Heather Thram will be managing the business. They had considered working together on another project, which didn't materialize because of the Covid shutdown. The two started looking into this opportunity a year ago.

Steve Lacey has been involved in the food

service industry since he was fourteen years old, when he worked at the Happy Chef restaurant. He was a Happy Chef manager at the age of eighteen, and went to college at Mankato. Steve is a graduate of one of the top culinary schools in Vermont and worked in French and Italian restaurants in San Antonio, Texas before moving back to Minnesota thirty-years ago with his wife to raise their family. He worked at numerous fine restaurants in the twin cities including Legends at Prior Lake, where they catered events for up to 5,000 guests at a time. He is looking forward to bringing something special to the community with his new restaurant. He has the knowledge and skill to make food a little better and puts his expertise into every meal he puts on a plate.

Heather Thram brings her business experience to run the daily operations. She has worked as a realtor and property management consultant for the last ten years. Her husband Rick is a business partner who owns

the building.

Their plans are to be a full-service restaurant and bar.

Starting out they will be open five days each week, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am to 9pm, Friday and Saturday from 11am to 11pm and Sundays 11am to 8pm.

The meals will offer traditional classics as well as modern recipes all created in a home-made style from scratch in their kitchen. Soups, salads, sandwiches and a commercial plate for lunch as well as entrees for the dinner hours. There will be a special children's and senior menu as well providing smaller portions. They also have a variety of fun desserts on the menu. The bar will have cocktails and tap beer including local small brewery favorites.

Reservations are recommended and they will be expanding their meal offerings as time goes on. Plans are to utilize the event facilities for entertaining and offer Sunday brunches and breakfasts in the future. Even-



tually being open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. Be sure to stop in and enjoy the great food and fun experience when the doors open November 26th. The restaurant phone number is 507-623-1173.

# Christmas in Wanamingo

## Thursday, December 2, 2021

### Treats at Businesses

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Industrial Park & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Main Street

### Drawings for Mingo Bucks

1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$100.00



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$50.00



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$25.00

**MUST bring in a non-perishable food item or cash donation and receive a card at any business.**

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(Drawing held the following day)

### Visit with Santa

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Wanamingo Mutual Insurance on Main Street

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## MDA Now Accepting Applications for Noxious Weed/Invasive Plant Grants

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant. Counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and weed management entities (including weed management areas) may apply for grants to mitigate noxious weeds around the state. Grants for fiscal year 2022 will be funded up to \$5,000. The awards are intended to support local projects.

Since 2018, the MDA Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant has awarded over \$1 million to fund a variety of activities such as purchasing equipment and supplies, conducting mapping and outreach activities, and hiring private applicators to manage noxious weeds. One hundred nineteen projects were awarded averaging \$9,000.

Review the request for proposals (RFP) and find the application on the MDA website. Applications are due no later than 3 p.m. on December 3, 2021. Questions can be directed to Emilie Justen, MDA Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, at emilie.justen@state.mn.us.

The grant program is funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

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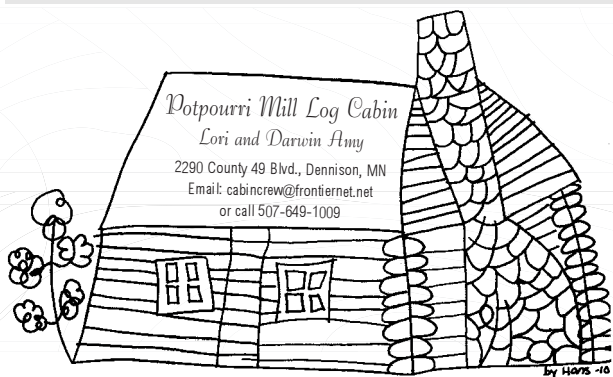
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**CITY OF WANAMINGO  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 18, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –  
401 Main Street  
Wanamingo, MN**

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

City Administrator: Michael Boulton  
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters  
**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Kennedy, George Eilertson – Northland Securities, and David Friese – News Record.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

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

**PRESENTERS:**

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

1) Replaced cap on water service line on Mill Street that was blown off during exercising of valves

2) Flushed Hydrants

3) Jetted all clay sanitary sewer lines with root cutting head

4) Swept Streets and removed leaves from the street with the leaf vacuum

5) Replaced the netting for the ice hockey rink nets

6) Hauled out and land applied last year's compost pile

7) Filled in and seeded storm water ditch wash out on Nelson Drive

8) Drained and cleaned out Mingo View Drive water tower

9) Replaced bearings and added grease zerks for the merry-go-round at Riverside Park

10) Hauled and land applied biosolids from the WWTP

11) Mowed at the WWTP, trimmed around the community garden, mowed and trimmed the undeveloped lot boulevards, and mowed other various areas around town

B) George Eilertson – Northland Securities, reported on:

1) Presented General Obligation Refunding 2021B Series information

2) Advanced Refunding Series 2015A (2007A & 2009A) bonds (callable February 1, 2022)

3) City had an A- Bond Rating through Standard & Poor's from 2017 SEMMCHRA Bond Rating for Heritage Hills

4) Standard & Poor's moved Wanamingo to an A Bond Rating due to the City Financing Improved, Improved financial policies, and better financial demographics of the community.

5) The A rating could go up or down with a future rating (3-4 years).

6) The bonds will be insured by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. which will raise the bond rating from an A to and AA, saving additional interest after paying for the insurance

7) The newly issued bonds will be for \$1,420,000 with an aggregate interest rate of 1.82% and a 2035 maturity (callable in 2030)

8) Total savings after issuance and other expenses will be \$88,092.

Flotterud asked about how the bond rating worked through Standard & Poor's and if the City could improve the rating. Boulton stated that Standard and Poor's wished to see multiple years of the City having over \$500,000 general fund balance. Boulton stated that Standard & Poor's was concerned with the general fund being owed money from other funds. The Medical Center fund was the most concerning with the potential for additional funds owed if the three suites remained vacant for a long period of time. Eilertson stated that if the City kept the balance for 3-4 years and had another bond rating that the City would more than likely see another rating increase. Flotterud asked what this rating increase meant to the City. Eilertson stated that each rating brought with it an additional .10% savings to bond, or with this issuance roughly \$8,000-\$10,000. VanDeWalker asked what the next step in bond rating is after A. Eilertson stated that the next step is A+ in the Standard and Poor's bond rating. Boulton stated that the advanced refunding will be on the books for the 2021 City Audit.

The City will refund the old bonds at the first call date of February 1, 2022. Flotterud asked if the City could lock in the bond for the 2022 Utility Improvements project. Eilertson stated that the City could based off the City Engineer's estimates for the project. Eilertson stated that the City may wish to wait until the project has been bid so as to not over or underestimate expenses. Eilertson provided a historical comparison of interest rates. Eilertson stated that interest rates are at the lowest in December and January due to low volume of sales. Holmes stated that now are historic lows for interest rates and it is a great time to refinance debt. Holmes stated that it would be great to lock in low interest on the 2022 Utility Improvements in the next few months (December-January) when bond interest rates are the lowest. Boulton stated that

he will be working with WHKS to ensure the 2022 Utility Improvements Project bidding takes place as soon as possible this winter.

**NEW BUSINESS:  
RESOLUTION:**

21-070 = Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Services to the Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer for the Collection with Real Estate Taxes in 2022: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Mayor Holmes asked if there were any challenges to the certifications. No challenges were made. Passed 5-0-0.

21-071 = Certifying Mowing Service Charges to the Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer for the Collection with Real Estate Taxes in 2022: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Mayor Holmes asked if there were any challenges to the certifications. No challenges were made. Passed 5-0-0.

21-072 = Certifying Abatement Clean-Up Charges to the Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer for Collection with Real Estate Taxes, Starting in 2022: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Boulton stated that the Bragets were fine with the cost (\$5,790.52) of the four dumpsters as long as the cost is spread out over three years on the property taxes. Mayor Holmes asked if there were any challenges to the certifications. No challenges were made. Passed 5-0-0.

21-073 = Approving a Lot Split Request for Goodhue County Parcel ID 70.146.0030: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

21-074 = Approving the Promotion of Brad Kennedy as Public Works Supervisor: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Holmes appreciated Kennedy applying and giving a great interview to the Personnel Committee. The committee fully recommend Kennedy to the full Council for approval. Passed 5-0-0. Holmes and VanDeWalker congratulated Kennedy on his promotion to Public Works Supervisor, effective January 1, 2022.

21-075 = Approving a Proposed Update to the Wanamingo Personnel Policy: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that the Council had started to provide up to \$250/month for health insurance coverage on one dependent in 2015. In 2018 the Council increased the coverage to \$300/month. The premiums continue to increase resulting in significant reduced take home pay for employees. Boulton stated that reviews and adjustments every three years to this benefit seem appropriate. Boulton stated that the \$50/month (to \$350/month) or \$600/year recommended in-

crease effects three of the five full-time employees. The total new expenses to the City would be no more than \$1,800. The change would roughly split the increased dependent health insurance premiums with employees. VanDeWalker stated that we have to make changes to pay and benefits in order to keep the employees we have. Passed 5-0-0. Boulton stated that the change would be made with the City insurance renewal starting in December.

21-076 = Approving the Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B Award, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$1,420,000; Fixing Its Form and Specifications; Directing Its Execution and Delivery; Providing for Its Payment; and providing the Redemption of a Bond Refunded Thereby: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator Boulton provided an update for the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District. The Sanitary District Legislative Subcommittee was able to submit the final documents to the Governor's Office in order to be considered as part of the Governor's Bond Bill Priority List. A project two-sided handout was completed by the sub-committee as well. The sub-committee has been working on agendas and presentation options for the November 16th – 18th Bonding Bill Tours by the Senate and House Capital Investment Committees. There will be either a site visit or a presentation made on the bus tour. The committee will be informed of details in the week leading up to the tour. The site visit would include each communities Mayor, Administrator, and City Engineer. With the Mayors speaking briefly about the specifics of the community and wastewater treatment needs. The Engineers would give project details in laymen terms. If the presentation is given on the bus, two of the Cities Mayors and two City Engineers will ride the bus and give a presentation. The City of Pine Island continues to reach out to the Prairie Island Tribal Community on the project to secure support. The Tribal Community purchased land within the City of Pine Island and will be served by the system. Having support from the Tribal Community would secure additional political support and better chances to secure bonding bill funding.

Administrator Boulton provided an update on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) compliance regarding large wastewater industrial users/septic haulers. Boulton stated that notification letters had been sent out to the four large industrial users/septic haulers in early October. The notification letters were part of the approved plan for large wastewater industrial users and septic haulers to better regulate, monitor, and enforcement to ensure that the permit plant limits are not exceeded. City staff and the City Attorney are reviewing other area Cities' ordinances and fee schedules in order to recommend the necessary changes to the Wanamingo Code of Ordinances as part of the approved plan. Administrator Boulton hopes to have a first reading on a draft ordinance at the December Wanamingo City Council meeting.

\*Next City Council meeting is on 11/8/2021 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 7:42 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Dierks and seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest:  
Michael Boulton, City Administrator



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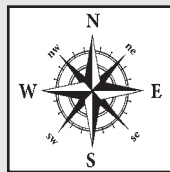
This last few months have been very busy at Goodhue County. Currently we are in the budget process and trying to balance the county needs and the taxes that we are charged is a real challenge. We did receive money from the federal government, ARPA funds. The American Rescue Plan, this money is to be used to help with the pandemic and the uses for this money is ever changing and challenging to make the best use of the dollars. We have also been through the interview process for a new Veterans Service officer, this has been a very frustrating time for our veterans and I hope that this will be resolved with a new VSO. Any Veterans who would like to contact me please do so at 507 319-9550. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels through the holidays.



**Todd Greseth**  
Goodhue County  
Commissioner  
District 3



## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes One for the Old Times



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.*

Coming back to Minnesota this spring we had made the decision to sell the house that my grandparents had lived in. As a rental it was becoming more of a problem to us. That meant a renovation, so we started working. Then things began to change. After stripping it down and cleaning it up, we noticed the charm hidden underneath.

The house was built out of fir. Not pine. Fir gets harder as it ages. You have to drill

eighty-year old fir floor joists. It will bend a nail right over. This was a home to my grand-parents. Two of the nicest people you would ever meet. I knew my grandmother for over forty-years, but my grandfather died the year I was born. My memories of my grandfather Otis, came from some of my neighbors.

Lester Derby was one of my neighbors who lived in the valley next to us when I was growing up. Lester and Lillian were great friends of our family. I remember Lester telling me about my grandfather about forty-years ago. Lester and his wife had moved onto their farm and had three children. Their house had a porch on the front where Lillian did the laundry. One day Otis was visiting Lester and asked how Lillian would do the laundry when the winter came and it would be too cold outside. Lester commented that he would like to enclose the porch, but farming in the 1950's did not look like the money would be available. The next day, Otis stopped down and handed Lester \$500. He said, "fix the porch for your family, pay me back when you are able."

My neighbor Jim Buehler told me about my grandfather Otis. Otis had arthritis quite bad and got around on crutches in his last years. Jim had watched my grandfather cultivating corn and the grass would plug up

the cultivator shovels. Most people would get frustrated and raise the cultivator and pop the clutch to bounce the sod balls of the shovels. But not my grandfather. Jim said he watched him raise the front mounted cultivator, back up and then dismount from the tractor and slowly make his way around the front and push the dirt and grass off the shovels with one crutch. Calmly and patiently, each time with the demeanor of a man who was un-

flappable.

As I stripped the house down to the sub-floor and bare studs, I realized that I was looking at a house no one had seen since my grandfather built it, over eighty years ago. The memory of a simple farmer who lived the righteous way seemed worthy to preserve. My wife and I decided we would move into it and keep it for our summer home.

## A Minnesotan: Thanksgiving



By RosaLin Alcoser

Thanksgiving 2019 was my first year back in Minnesota from Missouri. Don't get me wrong I loved Thanksgiving in Missouri, spending it with my older sister and getting Chinese food out so that we did not have to cook a large meal for two. Which made 2019 the first more traditional Thanksgiving I had had in a couple of years.

My family has the tradition of getting up watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade every year and making a big meal. The thing that stands out to me the most about that's year's Thanksgiving is cooking that meal.

The reason that cooking this meal stands out to me is because my mother's oven would not stay shut on it's own. Meaning that it was my job that day to keep the oven door shut; so I sat with my back against the oven door to hold it shut for a better part of the day so that the Thanksgiving meal could bake.

Thanksgiving 1999 was my family's first Thanksgiving in Minnesota, which is also the first time I can remember seeing snow. However, it is the Thanksgiving of 2019 that sticks in my mind this year.

## Thank You

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Every year, many newspapers have consolidated or gone out of business. We have watched this happen many times in recent years in small rural communities, and especially this past year during the covid situation.

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more timely information within the month, so we look forward to expanding our digital and online offerings in the coming months, while still maintaining our dedication to our



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- THEME: BASKETBALL
- ACROSS
1. Repeating word on South Pacific map
  5. Bro's sibling
  8. Dashboard abbr.
  11. Fusses
  12. \*Basketball slam
  13. Go "Boo!"
  15. Boisterous play
  16. Upper hand
  17. Part of mortise joint
  18. \*Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)
  20. "The Famous Five" children's writer Blyton
  21. \*Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
  22. "Mares eat \_\_\_\_" or "does eat \_\_\_\_," sing.
  23. One who covers in silver, e.g.
  26. Figure
  30. Be ill
  31. Part of "panther"
  34. Capital of Latvia
  35. Like helium
  37. Quilting party
  38. Analyze
  39. Dehydrated
  40. Litter of piglets
  42. Down Under bird
  43. a.k.a. aardvark
  45. Provincial governor in ancient Persia
  47. Argo propeller
  48. Subway in Paris
  50. Conclusion starter
  52. \*Made basket (2 words)
  56. Not a soul
  57. Like animal near extinction
  58. Greek sandwich
  59. Bandages
  60. Arabian bigwig
  61. Answer to "Shall we?"
  62. Bar offering
  63. \*It sends a basketball game to overtime
  64. Highland tongue
- DOWN
1. Vomit
  2. Sensory input
  3. It wasn't built in a day
  4. Characteristic to consider
  5. Traditional scarf/headdress
  6. Brick of precious metal
  7. Place at an angle
  8. Indian princess
  9. Circus trainer's poker
  10. '80s band "\_\_\_\_ At Work"
  12. Remove antlers
  13. Titanic propeller
  14. \*Shaquille O'Neal and Wilt Chamberlain, e.g.
  19. Halloween option
  22. Not their
  23. 1/100th of a rupee
  24. Wrinkle-prone natural fabric
  25. Warning
  26. \_\_\_\_-do-well
  27. Part of a stair
  28. Old World lizard
  29. \*Fast-break \_\_\_\_
  32. Skier's aid
  33. Part of H.M.S.
  36. \*Reward after missed shot
  38. \*Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
  40. Away's partner
  41. Stable worker
  44. Relieves
  46. On/off type of switch
  48. \* \_\_\_\_ Hurricanes
  49. Creepy
  50. Work very hard
  51. Use a whetstone
  52. Worry without necessity
  53. Deed hearing
  54. A in A&E Network
  55. \*The Phoenix Suns did it in the 2021 NBA Finals
  56. \*Professional basketball league



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