

Joshua: 'Yahweh, the LORD, Saves'



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Joshua: [josh- oo - uh] noun --- from a Hebrew word meaning "God is salvation."

The primary author of this book is Joshua. Some scholars believe the high priests Eleazar or Phinehas may have supplemented some material in this book that tie to events after the conquest (15:13-19; 19:47; 24:29-33). The Book of Joshua was likely written between 1400 and 1370 B.C.

OVERVIEW:

The overview that Joshua gives in this book

is abbreviated and selective details of many of the battles. In addition, manner in which the land was not only conquered, but how it was divided into tribal areas. Following the exodus from Egypt and the subsequent forty years of the wilderness wanderings, the newly-formed nation is now poised to enter the Promised Land, conquer the inhabitants, and occupy the territory.

There are twenty-four chapters within this book. They can be simply summarized in three sections. In Chapters 1-12, we see the people of Israel under the leadership of Joshua entering and conquering the Promised Land. In all, this conquest of the land took about seven years. It is important to note that the complete conquest had not been completed. Joshua reminded the people that the conquest was incomplete: "very much of the land remains to be possessed" (13:1). The next section would be from Chapters 13-22, where instructions are given for the distributing and layout of the land for each tribe of Israel. Finally, in Chapters 23-34, Joshua gives the people of farewell address almost twenty years later. Joshua closes his farewell with a popular and thought-provoking statement: "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:14-15).

Throughout the book, Joshua recounts a story of contradictions. On one side, God gave the Promised Land that He had promised to the Hebrew nation. On the other side,

the people failed to possess the land completely (13:1), allowing some Canaanite people to remain. While we see the faithfulness of God in His promise, the Israelites were not faithful to complete what they were commanded. This lack of full obedience allowed for a damaging influence on the nation of Israel over the coming years. Lastly, we find accounts of faithfulness. Rahab the harlot (Joshua 2:1-21), her great faith in the God of the Israelites gives her a place with those honored for their faith in Hebrews 11:31. Most importantly, by God's grace she was in the Messianic line (Matthew 1:5). The battle of Jericho (6:1-27) is another story that we are familiar with, but echoes of faithfulness within the people ending with victory. Finally, we read about Caleb the warrior (14:6-14), who was faithful, though in the minority. He trusted God and His promises.

The book of Joshua serves as the connecting storyline to show God's promises through the ages were being fulfilled before the people's eyes. "Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass." (21:45).

SO WHAT?

God is the ultimate promise-keeper. As faithful and present as He was with Israel, so He is with us today. "Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (1:9). God is faithful, trust in Him. Additionally, this book accounts for three burials: Joshua (24:29-30), the bones of Joseph

(24:32), and Eleazar the high priest (24:33). These burials proclaim God's character. All three men were associated with Israel's days in captivity, now all three lay at rest in the land of promise, witnesses to God's faithfulness. Finally, a key verse in the beginning of Joshua, is also woven throughout the scriptures. Joshua 1:8 states, "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it." The Old Testament is full of stories of how the people "forgot" God and His Word and suffered terrible consequences. For the Christian, the Word of God is our lifeblood. If we neglect it, ignore it, or not grow in our application of it, our lives will suffer accordingly. But if we take to heart the principle of verse 1:8, we will be complete and able to be of use in God's kingdom (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and we will find that God's eternal promises will be ours as well.

Next month, we will look at the Book of Judges - an account of various leaders who led over Israel from Joshua's death until the reign of Samuel. In this book, we will encounter a repetitive cycle the people abandoning God, discipline from God through a foreign power, the people crying out for deliverance, and God raising up a deliverer for them. This to the Perfect Deliverer Jesus who comes to seek and save those who cry out for mercy.



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Ultimately the final answer to our physical struggles—such as pain, sickness, brokenness, death, body-image issues, and more—will be realized in the resurrection. Our present bodies are perishable, imperfect, weak, and limited—but because of Jesus, all who believe in him will one day be raised to a new capacity as imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual.

In the book of Revelation we read that when Jesus comes again, there will be no more death or mourning or pain or tears, and the tree of life will grow by the river of the water of life (Revelation 21-22). Amazing!

All of these things will be good for us, and we will enjoy life to the full—but really the main point in all this is to give greater glory to God. The resurrection of Jesus, which brings the promise of our own resurrection, shows us what God is doing to make all things new again so that all things, our bodies included, can more wonderfully declare the glory of God!

Dear Jesus, fill our hearts with the hope of living life fully with you in eternity, so that in all things we may reflect and give glory to God! Thank you, Amen.

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Obituaries

Ethel G. Thompson

Ethel G. Thompson, 87, of rural Kenyon, died peacefully in her sleep Monday, April 11 at the Kenyon Sunset Home. Born April 27th, 1934, in Comstock Wisconsin, the daughter of Louis and Mathilda (Heppner) Nickell where she was raised on the family farm with her 8 siblings. Growing up in a church-attending house, she never missed a Sunday service or Sunday school and participated in any activity offered such as choir, Luther League, and teaching Sunday School. She was an honor student in school and enjoyed reading, taking piano lessons, sewing, singing, and playing the accordion. After graduation, she left her hometown to work as a Secretary for the Minnesota state capital where she became friends with Morley's sister, her future husband. Morley and Ethel were married on July 14, 1956 in Almena, Wisconsin and then moved to rural Kenyon to



farm and raise their 4 boys. She was a hard-working farm wife who was faithful to care for her family and live out her faith in Jesus, even amidst difficult circumstances throughout her life. Ethel would joyfully bring lunches to the members of her family while they were working in the field and she probably had a pie in the oven, sheets on the line and a hot dish ready for supper. Ethel was involved in church Bible study, choir, and quilting for many years. She enjoyed having her 8 grandchildren visit. She was blessed to meet her 9 great grandchildren also.

Ethel is survived by her 3 sons, Darrell (LaDel), David, Ronny (Kim); sister Loretta (Dennis); sisters-in-law Carolyn and LaVonne (Jim). She was preceded in death by her husband Morley; son Jerald; and 7 siblings.

The funeral service was at 1:00 PM Saturday, April 16 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Aspelund. Pastor Lyle Aadahl officiated. Visitation was 2 hours prior to the funeral at the church. Interment was at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church (WMF) Women's Missionary Federation.

Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at [mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1054185505494340). The service was livestreamed and/or recorded on the Mahn Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

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Ruthel Burnette (Shelstad) Zalky

Ruthel Burnette (Shelstad) Zalky died on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Pine Haven Care Center in Pine Island, MN. She was born on April 13, 1933 to Ludvig and Clara (Benson) Shelstad. Ruthel graduated from Wanamingo High School with a couple



of her nephews, which she always tried to keep quiet! She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wykoff, MN and was an active member in the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Wykoff for 65 years. Ruthel was a member of the Preston Golf Course for 40 years. She enjoyed golfing and the time spent with fellow golfers. She also enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling.

Ruthel married Dale Zalky on September 14, 1957. Together they enjoyed traveling and visited Louisiana, Washington state and many other interesting places. They lived in Wykoff for over 60 years. Ruthel spent her early years working at Mayo Clinic and

many of her long term friendships were made in those years at Mayo. After her marriage she served as Deputy Clerk for the City of Wykoff for 21 years.

Following her husband's passing in 2011, she moved to Wanamingo and spent 8 years at Heritage Hill Apartments before moving to the Pine Haven Care Center. She was a good Lutheran lady who was baptized, confirmed, married, and will have a funeral in Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. She was always glad to have visitors and was always up for a good laugh. Ruthel and Dale were very proud of being Godparents to many of their nieces and nephews over the years.

Ruthel is survived by her brother Arland (Shelly) Shelstad and many caring nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Dale, her parents Ludvig and Clara, her sisters Gina Myran, Cora Bjugan, Lydia Miller, Meldora Myran, Anna Berry and her brothers Palvin Shelstad and Bennie Shelstad.

The Memorial Service for Ruthel Zalky was held on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Lands Lutheran Church, 16640 Hwy 60 Blvd in Zumbrota, MN. Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial was on Tuesday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m. at the Wykoff Cemetery in Wykoff, MN.

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2022 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses Crowned

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Madison is a second year princess. She is the daughter of Jim and Lisa Bartholome.

Emma Eggenberger of Red Wing is a senior at Red Wing High School. She plans to attend college with a major in agribusiness. She is the daughter of Robert Eggenberger and Erica Cordes.

Cassandra Hinsch of Goodhue is a second year princess who studies Dairy Science at the University of WI-River Falls. She is the daughter of Mike and Ann Hinsch.

Claudia Kennedy of Wanamingo will be

studying welding at Dakota County Technical College in the fall. She is the daughter of Kris Streiff.

Chelsey Lexvold of Goodhue will be graduating from Rochester Community and Technical College in May and heading to Winona State University in the fall. A second year princess, she is the daughter of Brent and Wendy Lexvold.

To qualify to participate in the Dairy Princess program, candidates must live on, work for, or have a family member directly working as an active member of the dairy industry. These five young women will participate in activities throughout Goodhue County and the region to educate the public and promote dairy and the dairy industry. Princesses have the opportunity to participate in a Midwest Dairy Association leadership training in May, and may choose to compete to be Minnesota's goodwill ambassador for the dairy industry, Princess Kay of the Milky Way.

Nerstrand Fire Relief Association Celebrates Mike Stenbakken's 50 Years of Service



Courtesy of Nerstrand Fire Relief Association

Nerstrand Fire Relief Association held a dinner to celebrate Mike Stenbakken's 50 years of service (and counting!) to the Nerstrand Community. Mike has been, and continues to be an integral part of the department. Mike is frequently at the hall cleaning, maintaining equipment, making sure everything is ready to go to serve our community. We are pretty confident Mike is the longest serving active Firefighter in Rice County. Mike your 50 years of missed events, late nights, and time away from family does not go unnoticed. Thanks to our retired members, Mayor, and Rice County Sheriff Thomas for attending. Also, thanks to Boot's & Lu's and Nerstrand Meats and Catering Mary Heggedahl for catering and use of your facility.

Hockinson Named to Minnesota Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame

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Under his coaching the 2007 and 2013 Kenyon-Wanamingo baseball teams made it into the state tournament. In May of 2016, with Dylan Craig pitching, the K-W Knights defeated Byron 20-5, giving Coach Hockinson his 300th career win. In 2018 Coach Hockinson was awarded the Jim Dimick award

All of this year's HOF inductees have over 300 wins in their careers. Four of them are still active.

Hockinson is currently the Activities Director for Kenyon-Wanamingo High School and is in charge of the school theatre department, having started directing middle school plays in 1994.

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Kenyon Noble Knights of the Week for April 22, 2022
Front Row: Jaxson Rueger, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Nova Christensen, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Jack Priebe, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Gretta Haugen, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers. **Back Row:** Jackson Adams, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Daniel Richards, Gr. 2, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Christian LaCanne, Gr. 4, Ms. Jen Subra; Emily Cordes, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing



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That's the Latest Spring Weather



By Emery Kleven

Emery is now a retired farm broadcaster after starting at KDHL in Faribault in 1987. He's a 1971 graduate of West Concord High School. You can view past columns at his website RoadFarming.com. You can email him at emery@roadfarming.com.



In a spring scene a long time ago, Emery Kleven is seen here putting oats and alfalfa seed in the grain drill which was being pulled by his favorite tractor, the Oliver 660. In 1977, spring planting came exceptionally early.

Cool temperatures along with snow and cold rain are typical for Minnesota spring weather. We've had our share of all of the aforementioned again this spring. And if you've been around the sun as many trips as I have, I'm sure certain years bring back memories of either good or bad weather no matter what time of year. For farmers, spring and fall bring back the most memories as that's the busy time of year. For me, one year for both good and bad weather that comes to mind is 1977.

It was early February and I was to drive to Miami, Florida in a Cadillac that I was to deliver for someone that wanted the car there but didn't want to drive it themselves. I hooked up with a company that matched driver's with destinations and since I was headed to Florida for a few weeks and already had a ride back, I thought this would be a great idea. Well the idea was great but the weather not so much. I should have known it was not going to go well when I barely got 100 feet down our farm driveway when I slid off and proceeded to get stuck in the snowbank.

My dad got the tractor and log chain and pulled me out and said he hoped the rest of the trip goes better. It did until I got to Paris, Illinois. The snowstorm got bad enough that roads were closed and it was one night in what I now describe as a Rosebud Motel. The next day it cleared up and I was on my way again to Miami. I couldn't wait to get to the warmer climate of the Sunshine State. But I was again halted as I was set to drive 14 to 16 hours this day to make up for the lost time in Paris. I didn't even get to see the Eiffel Tower. As I'm getting near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, which is just to the southeast of Nashville, a wheel bearing goes out on the 'Caddy.' It was a fairly new car so I didn't think this would be one of my issues but it was. Fortunately I found a garage who said they could get me on the road again by noon the next day. So after another night in the Rosebud Motel in Murfreesboro, I was again on my way to Miami.

With the snowstorm out of my way, I was going to drive straight through. Roughly 900 miles yet to go was going to mean some 15

plus hours to get there. In the meantime I had to call the owner who lived in a beachfront home in Miami to tell him of my travails. He was not sympathetic and told me to get there as soon as I could. But I didn't think he wanted me there at 3am so I pulled in an Interstate reststop in north Florida and parked with the semi-trucks and caught a few winks in the car. I did not arrive at my destination until early afternoon the next day. The car owner was a bit nicer in person than he was on the phone. He dropped me off at a Rosebud near the bus station so I could catch the early morning bus to Daytona Beach which was where I wanted to be all along. After a restless night of hearing fights, car crashes and police sirens which I think were all in the room next to me, I got up and out and on my way.

After an enjoyable few weeks in Daytona which included a couple of car races; the 24 hours of Daytona and the Daytona 500 which Cale Yarborough won that year, I was heading back to Minnesota to get ready for spring work on the farm. I got back to the farm on March 23rd thinking I'd be back in plenty of time before field work. Well the weather backfired on me again. Only this time the weather was perfect and we were sowing oats and seeding alfalfa on March 24th. April 10th of 1977 was Easter Sunday and I recall being at my Uncle Carl's place near Maple Lake. Turned out it was a record high that day of 88 degrees. Corn was planted very early by Minnesota standards as were the soybeans. Corn was tasseled out and pollinating on the 4th of July and we were cutting oats on the 4th as well. All around the area was an outstanding crop year. The fall weather was great and the harvest was early and plentiful.

Mid December of 1977, I was on another trip but I was not driving but the snow slowed me down anyway. I was flying to Norway for Christmas and spent a 9 hour delay at O'Hare airport in Chicago. This

story of my delays getting there is one I recently wrote about, but it ended happily with no staying at a Rosebud Motel.



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Purple Ribbon Fund Rewards Active Area Youth

By Beth Brekke

Elissa Lodermeier of Goodhue was a 12 year 4-H member who received a \$500 Purple Ribbon Scholarship in 2021. In her application essay she states, "4-H has taught me how to work hard for my goals.... It has taught me to go after new challenges, and work with others. It has taught me to pride myself in whatever victories I achieve whether they be big or small. As I have begun to grow into my young adult life, I realize more and more all the things 4-H has taught me and helped me with thus far." Her

thoughts echo those of the other award recipients on the value of youth organizations.

Elissa attends the University of Wisconsin-Stout where she majors in psychology but the Purple Ribbon funds can be used for any post-high school endeavor including military, farming or any other occupation. Chloe Struss from Hay Creek used the interest she developed in her 9 years as a 4-H member to start her own photography business. She says, "One of my favorite things about 4-H is the people that I have met and the lifelong friendships I have created. I wish everyone would become a 4-H member."

The Purple Ribbon Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization, is raising funds to expand this scholarship program. The money is available to any eligible youth across all project areas. Board member Bob Eppen explains, "We figured they all put in a lot of time and all should be rewarded equally." It is currently available to the graduating class of 4-Hers who have stayed in 4-H throughout their senior year in high school and been a

member for at least 6 years. The Goodhue County Extension Service notifies seniors of the opportunity and applications are available online.

With only a short fund-raising time period, the group was able to award \$500.00 to each applicant in 2021. Their long-term goal is to provide \$1000.00 awards, starting slowly to maintain sustainability. With the number of eligible seniors rising from 18 in 2021 to 36 in 2022, and their hope to grow and also support local FFA youth, there is an emphasis on raising more funds. The Goodhue Lion's Club, Goodhue County Pork Producers and local businesses have stepped up to help but the group is looking for more partners. Any business, group, or individual may sponsor one or more scholarships or simply make a donation of any amount. Donations should be sent to: Goodhue Co. Purple Ribbon

Fund, 34890 165th Ave. Way, Goodhue, MN 55027. For more information or to pledge a donation, call Bob Eppen at (651) 380-0494 or speak to any other volunteer including Derrick Dicke, Betty Dicke, Brandon Schafer, Noah Erickson, or Andy Mann.

Chloe may not get her wish that everyone joins 4-H but it is certainly popular in Goodhue County. Award recipient Alexis Callstrom from the White Rock area joined when she was 8 years old and says she is proud to have been part of something so big in her community. Her parents, Adam and Shannon, were not involved when they were younger so felt they had a lot to learn. While there were some ups and downs, Alexis says, "This was one of the best choices my parents decided to make, and I am thankful for it every day".

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:45-6:30 pm
*No evening lap swim/adult swim: June 10th or July 11-15.

Pool may close early due to weather and low attendance.

Swimming Lesson Schedule
* Level 1 is for children who are 5 and over and are beginning swimmers. Preschool lessons for ages 3-5 will be held in the small pools.

Session 1
June 20-23 and 27-30
Monday - Thursday
4:10pm - 4:50pm: Levels 1, 3
5:00pm - 5:40pm: Levels 2, 4
5:45pm-6:15pm: Preschool lessons (preschool lessons are for ages 3-5 and are held in the small pools)

Session 2
July 11 to July 15
Monday - Friday
5 days/ 1 hour
4:10pm - 5:10pm: Levels 3, 4
5:20pm - 6:20pm: Levels 5, 6

Session 3
July 25-28 and August 1-4
Monday - Thursday
4:10pm - 4:50pm: Levels 2, 4
4:55pm - 5:35pm: Levels 1, 3
5:45pm-6:15pm: Preschool lessons (preschool lessons are for ages 3-5 and are held in the small pools)

Toddler/Parent Lessons
July 18-21
10:30-11:00am or 5:00-5:30pm
\$20

Pool Fees:
Daily (Afternoon session) Passes \$3.50
Daily (Evening session) Passes \$2.50

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Knowledge Is The Treasure Of A Wise Person



By Harvey Mackay

A giant ship's engine failed, and the vessel's owners consulted one expert after another, but none of them could fix the engine. They finally brought in an old man who had been fixing ship engines since he was very young. After looking things over, the old man reached into his bag of tools and pulled out a small hammer and gently tapped something. Instantly the engine started and was fixed.

A week later the owners received a bill from the old man for \$10,000 and couldn't believe it. In their eyes he hadn't done much, so they wrote him back and asked for an itemized bill.

His bill read: "Tapping with a hammer = \$2. Knowing where to tap = \$9,998."

We've all heard that "knowledge is power," but there's one caveat: It still must be used. I

like to say knowledge without action is worthless. It's not what you know, or even who you know – it's how you use what you know.

Knowledge is more readily accessible today than at any time in our history thanks to the internet, 24/7 cable TV, online media and so on.

We start absorbing knowledge as infants and continue the process through years of schooling. Really smart people don't stop learning then, however. Being a student of life will provide practical knowledge that continues for a lifetime.

As Jim Rohn, a motivational genius, said, "Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune."

It's all about learning as much as you can to make yourself more marketable. Building knowledge has so many benefits, as seen in the following.

Knowledge creates opportunities, as any entrepreneur will tell you. They identify a need and seize it. They look for opportunities for learning and growth.

Knowledge helps you minimize risks and make better decisions. When you are informed, you make better choices, so do your homework and learn as much as you can. I always check with people I trust to give me guidance from all sides.

Knowledge helps you solve problems by using the information you have at hand or learning how to deal with issues. Knowledge allows you to handle adversity and persevere.

Knowledge improves relationships. When I meet with employees, customers, suppliers

or anyone with whom I want to develop a relationship, I try to learn as much as I can about those persons and make note of the information for future use, which I compile in a tool I call the Mackay 66 Customer Profile. A copy is available on my website (harveymackay.com). You can only talk about business so much. Your people are not one-dimensional, so you must humanize your strategy. People don't care how much you know about them once they know how much you care about them.

I also pass along my knowledge to my valuable employees, customers and contacts. I tell them I'm available 24/7, and to call me if they ever have a need. I've built my business on this philosophy.

Knowledge can keep your business relevant. Change is inevitable; you need to be aware of new technologies, advancements and improvements. What you don't know can hurt you. Just ask Blockbuster, Kodak, RadioShack, Toys R Us or Pier 1 Imports.

Knowledge can certainly improve your health and well-being. I am always studying ways to improve my health, whether through nutrition, exercise, sleep or whatever will allow me to live a better life.

Knowledge can also improve your finances. According to an article in "Forbes Magazine," 54 percent of Americans are having trouble with some aspect of their financial lives. There is so much information available in this area that there is no excuse not to learn.



Knowledge might be most important in the customer service area where companies must identify the needs and wants of their target audiences. Nothing is more important than customer service. Don't wait for customers to tell you there's a problem. Go out and ask them if there's a problem.

Having and using knowledge will never go out of style.

At a 1962 dinner for the American Nobel Prize recipients, President John F. Kennedy celebrated the importance of knowledge. He said: "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House – with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

Mackay's Moral: Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested.

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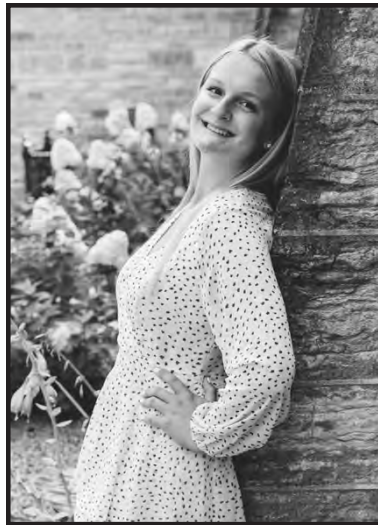
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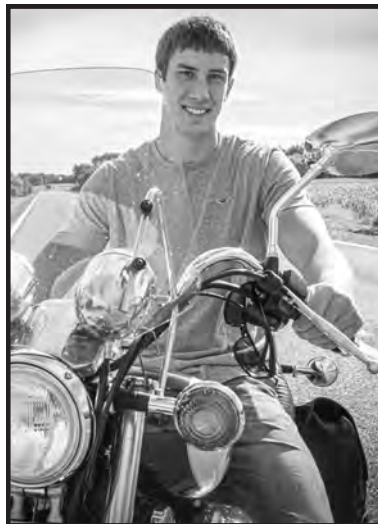
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1:00 P.M.


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CLASS MOTTO: "Nothing we do changes the past – Everything we do changes the future."
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John Deere 2640 Allis CA John Deere Mowers

John Deere 2640 Diesel Utility Tractor, 2WD, 540 PTO, 16.9-30 Rear Tires (60%), 2 Outlets, 3PT, 8 Speed, Lights, w/ JD 146 Hyd. Loader - 7' Bucket (Runs great) Tach Shows: 1645 hrs. (hours may be incorrect)

Allis Chalmers "CA" Gas Tractor "reversed" w/ 3PT, NF, 12.4-24 Rear Tires (Runs and looks great)

1992 Dodge W250 Club Cab Pickup, 4x4, 2dr (Black) 5.9 Turbo Cummins - AT - w/ 9' Scott-Lite, Alum Box, w/ Meyer 7.5" Snowplow Straight Blade (Runs good, has some rust)

2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, 4dr, 4.6 V8, 18,3021 Miles (Runs good, has some rust)

Dodge Diesel Tools Household

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(2) Pedal Stone Grinders
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Lawn & Garden

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Boyd, WI
LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & DAWN HERRICK
(1) John Deere M1wd & 2wd Tractor, 2 Skid Loaders, Planter & Drill, Tillage Machinery, 2 Forage Harvestors, 3 Manure Spreaders, 2 Manure Tanks, Livestock Machinery, Pickups, Trailers, Clean Well Maintained Equipment

June 25, 2022 9:00 AM CST
Owatonna, MN
LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & JUDY KRIESEL
John Deere 7720 2WD & 7405 2WD Tractors, Case IH 4300 Field Cultivator, Case IH 950 Planter, (2) Brent G1544 Wagons, Clean Chevy 70 Grain Truck, Spraying & Tillage Equipment, Other Farm Machinery, Farm Support Items

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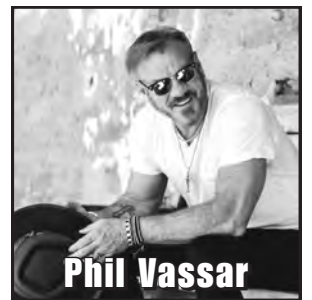
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MDA Dicamba Misuse Investigations Find Common Label Violations

Applicators are reminded of restrictions for the 2022 growing season

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is continuing its investigations into the alleged misuse of dicamba herbicide products intended for dicamba-tolerant (DT) soybeans, though on-going work reveals a pattern of issues with label violations.

In 2021, there were 304 reports of alleged dicamba misuse which resulted in 120 dicamba investigations. Due to the significant number of investigations, the MDA does not expect to complete the review and enforcement related to the investigations

prior to the 2022 growing season.

However, based on the dicamba investigations reviewed to date, the MDA has documented multiple incidents of the following label violations:

Failing to provide proof of and/or attend dicamba-specific training

Failing to measure the wind speed at boom height

Applying dicamba when sensitive plants, crops, or residential areas were downwind

Failing to document that a sensitive crop registry/specialty crop registry was consulted

Failing to record a survey of adjacent areas

Incomplete application records

A vast majority of the associated dicamba application records reviewed by MDA field investigators were incomplete. Missing, inaccurate, or partially recorded information does not meet the label requirements and, therefore, is a violation of the label. The MDA will continue to enforce the use of these products by investigating reports of alleged dicamba misuse and reviewing dicamba application records.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the following Minnesota-specific restrictions in 2022 for three dicamba products: XtendiMax by Bayer, Engenia by BASF, and Tavium by Syngenta.

DATE CUTOFF:

DO NOT apply south of Interstate 94 after June 12.

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STATEWIDE TEMPERATURE CUTOFF: DO NOT apply if the air temperature of the field at the time of application is over 85 degrees Fahrenheit or if the National Weather Service's forecasted high temperature for the nearest available location for the day exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Forecasted temperature must be recorded at the start of the application.

In addition to the cutoff date, XtendiMax and Tavium have crop growth stage cutoffs.

Applicators must follow all product label directions and restrictions. The product labels can be found on the product manufacturer's websites (Bayer, BASF, or Syngenta).

Additional information regarding the Minnesota-specific restrictions can be found on the MDA's website.

Annual Study Again Confirms Higher Profits for Ag Water Quality Certified Farms

Farmers also saw other improved financial metrics

Farmers enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) have higher profits than non-certified farms, according to a recent study by the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence. This marks the third year of data highlighting improved financial outcomes.

The "Influence of Intensified Environmental Practices on Farm Profitability" study examined financial and crop production information from farmers enrolled in the Minnesota State Farm Business Management education program. The 94 MAWQCP farms in the study saw 2021 profits that were an average of more than \$16,000 or 6% higher (median of almost \$32,000 higher) than non-certified farms. Looking at three years of data, the average income was more than \$25,000 higher for MAWQCP farms, or \$16,000 higher for median income. Other key financial metrics are also better for those enrolled in the MAWQCP, such as debt-to-asset ratios and operating expense ratios.

The three years of data serve as an early indicator of a positive return on investment for whole-farm conservation management farmers implement to become certified.

"We see that farms in the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program have major benefits on the environment, and now we see with three years of data that our certified farmers are, on average, also looking at better economic outcomes," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "I encourage all farmers and landowners to look into the advantages of certifying their land and contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District for more information."

"Minnesota Farm Business Management is excited to partner with the MDA to define the economic metrics around farmers who are water quality certified compared to their peers in the database," said Keith Olander, Executive Director of AgCentric. "We have developed a three-year trend on the performance of these farms and find that those who are water quality certified use a management strategy that supports stronger farm profitability compared to their peers."

To find details on the economic study, visit: <https://www.agcentric.org/farm-business-management/annual-fbm-reports/>.

The MAWQCP puts farmers in touch with local conservation district experts to identify and mitigate any risks their farm poses to water quality. Producers going through the certification process have priority access to financial assistance. After being certified, each farm is deemed in compliance with new water quality laws and regulations for 10 years.

Since the program's statewide launch in 2016, 1,197 farms totaling over 845,000 acres have been certified across Minnesota. Farms have added 2,414 new conservation practices, which protect Minnesota's waters. Those new practices help to reduce of greenhouse gas emissions by over 44,000 metric tons each year.

Governor Tim Walz has announced a goal of enrolling one million acres by the end of 2022.

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Elderberry



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Even though flu season doesn't last all year, it is looking like the covid-19 virus is not being confined to a season and will be a continuous year-long problem. Being proactive is much better than reactive. If you wait until you are sick to help yourself to prevent getting sick, you are obviously too late. The latest trends in health care point to rising statistics that many people are looking for ways all year long to boost their immune system function naturally without drugs or medications. One of the most effective natural supplements in the news for its ability to fight the flu and other viruses like the SARS-CoV-2 is the elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*).

According to a 2019 Herb Market report, sales of elderberry grew by 138.4% be-

tween 2017 and 2018 alone. Elderberry contains zinc and antioxidants, including vitamin C and anthocyanin, both known for their ability to boost immune function and inhibit cold and flu. One 2004 study found taking 15 milliliters (just under 1 tablespoon) of elderberry syrup when sick four times a day for five days eased symptoms of influenza four days quicker than a placebo (sugar pill, fake medicine). According to the authors, "Elderberry extract seems to offer an efficient, safe and cost-effective treatment for influenza." A 2019 study, "showed that compounds from elderberries can directly inhibit the virus's entry and replication in human cells and can help strengthen a person's immune response to the virus. Elderberry inhibits the early stages of an infection by blocking key viral proteins responsible for both the viral attachment and entry into the host cells."

Interestingly, the elderberry juice extract not only was able to prevent the virus from entering and infecting the cells in the first place, but it also inhibited late-stage spread of the virus in cells that had already been infected. What's more, this late-stage inhibition was even stronger than its action during the initial infection stage. According to the researchers of the study, the results were surprising and rather significant because blocking the viral cycle at several stages has a higher chance of inhibiting the viral infection.

The elderberry also promoted the release of certain chemical messengers, which allow your immune system to mount a more efficient response. Here is even better news. We have cells in our body called macrophages. Macrophages are a critical cell in our immune system. Macrophages act like scavengers, scanning our body for dangerous bacteria. Elderberry was shown to enhance macrophage

activity."

As far as colds and flu goes taking elderberry supplements was found to substantially reduce upper respiratory symptoms. These findings present an alternative to antibiotic overuse and misuse for upper respiratory symptoms due to viral infections, and gives people a potentially safer alternative to prescription drugs for routine cases of the com-

Take These 6 Steps to Get Your Health Back on Track

(StatePoint) Since the start of the pandemic, Americans have been postponing routine care. With more Americans vaccinated against COVID-19, medical experts are urging patients to return to routine health care and get caught up on delayed or foregone preventive health screenings.

"While we know that prevention is the best medicine, the pandemic has caused many Americans to delay important routine health services vital to keeping themselves and their families healthy, particularly critical immunizations and preventive cancer screenings. We urge everyone to get up to date on their routine health care needs," says Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

According to the AMA, you and your family should take these six steps to get your health back on track:

1. Get screened: Estimates based on statistical models show that since April 2020, 3.9 million breast cancer, 3.8 million colorectal cancer and 1.6 million prostate cancer diagnoses may have been missed due to pandemic-related care disruptions. Check in with your health care provider. If you're due for preventive care, tests or screenings, make an appointment. These measures are designed to keep you healthy and help your doctor spot certain conditions before they become more serious.

2. Don't wait: An estimated 41% of adults with one or more chronic health conditions reported delaying or forgoing health care since the pandemic started. Additionally, one in three of those adults reported that doing so worsened one or more of their health conditions or limited their abilities to work or perform other daily activities. Whether you have a chronic health condition or not, don't wait until something is wrong before seeing a doctor. If something does feel off, schedule an

appointment with your doctor as soon as possible.

3. Consider telehealth: If you're uncomfortable or unable to go in person to your physician's practice, check on telehealth options, which have greatly increased over the past two years.

4. Visit your pediatrician: During the pandemic, pediatric immunizations decreased. As public health measures are rolled back, people gather in groups, and traveling resumes, non-COVID-19 infections that decreased during the pandemic are likely to increase again. Well-child visits and recommended vaccinations are essential to helping ensure children stay healthy and protected from serious diseases. If your child is due for a check-up, schedule one immediately.

5. Get vaccinated: Adolescents and adult immunizations also sharply declined during the pandemic and an estimated 26 million recommended vaccinations were missed in 2020 as compared to 2019. Get up to date on vaccinations, including the COVID-19 vaccine. Everyone who's eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses, should get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves and their loved ones. If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including getvaccineanswers.org.

6. Don't neglect mental health: While mental health screenings via digital health tools are up, routine care for mental health is down. Approximately 52% of adults with mental health conditions delayed or forewent care since the pandemic began. Given the adverse effects the events of the past two years have had on mental health, such as increasing anxiety, depression and loneliness, it's especially important to prioritize this aspect of your health now.

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Growing up, there was a guitar in the corner of the family basement that no one was supposed to touch. When no one was looking, a young Chris Kroeze (pronounced Cruise-E) would sneak down and find it. On his 6th birthday, Chris got a guitar of his own and hasn't put it down since.

Sitting around the campfire on warm summer nights as a child, Chris fell in love with the guitar. His dad would put small stickers on the strings to show him how to play and he listened and learned under the stars in Northwest Wisconsin. Before long, the instrument became the most important thing in his life.

Biking around his hometown of Barron, Wisconsin, he would listen to a tape of Chuck Berry on his Walkman over and over, stopping every three and a half minutes to rewind.

When he was in middle school, his dad told him every band needed a singer, and the only way to tell if that would be Chris was to give it a try. He was a natural.

The pull of small town life and the passion for music never left as Kroeze turned into one of the top country musicians in the Midwest. The power of small town community showed as family and friends in Barron helped him get started on his journey to Nashville in 2014, holding a fundraiser that would lead to him recording his first single "Four Letter Words," which received strong radio play and kick started his career.

In 2015, he began a busy stretch of playing over 175 shows a year, and creating a large and loyal fan following. That popularity soared in 2018, when he appeared on NBC's hit TV show "The Voice," making it all the way to the finals in a runner-up finish. In the finale, Kroeze sang the original song "Human," which was TOP 10 on the Billboard HOT 100 and TOP 5 on the iTunes TOP 100. His vocal and guitar skills, combined with a small-town charm, led to Kroeze to become the most streamed artist in the show's history.

A popular live performer, Chris continued to perform at a frantic pace maintaining an average of over 175 shows a year through 2019, and the crowds have gotten bigger and bigger. He headlined a show at Aquafest for over 5,500 fans and has had a number of stops in which he has sold out multiple nights in a row, yet he still returns for pop-up shows at local bars he used to play at early in his career.

A small town boy who loves the outdoors through and through, Kroeze still lives in Barron, Wisconsin with his wife and can't imagine raising his two children anywhere else.

The Gear Daddies will headline this years event

Gear Daddies is an Americana/Rock band originally from Austin, Minnesota. Members Martin Zellar (electric and acoustic guitar, harmonica and vocals), Nick Ciola (bass), Randy Broughten (electric and pedal steel guitar) and James "Billy" Dankert (drums and vocals), played their first shows together in 1984. Between 1986 and 1992, the band released three popular albums and became an important part of the Twin Cities music scene.

Many of the fan's favorite songs ("Stupid Boy", "Color of Her Eyes", "She's Happy",

"Drank So Much" and many others) are credited to the exceptionally passionate writing skills possessed by Zellar, however Dankert has also contributed some of the compositions, including "Time Heals", and "Blues Mary".

Their most notable mainstream success was when they played "Stupid Boy" on Late Night with David Letterman in 1991. Zellar had this to say of the experience: "I was so nervous, and it all happened so quickly. I couldn't tell you what the hell happened. I got done, and I was walking back and said to Randy (Broughten), 'Did I sing all the words? Did I do that?' When I watched it that night in the hotel room I had no recollection

of having lived it."

Arguably, Zellar's "I Wanna Drive the Zamboni" is the band's best-known song, having been featured in the movies D2: The Mighty Ducks and Mystery, Alaska, as well as on the television program Malcolm in the Middle. It's also a staple at hockey games throughout North America and Europe.

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(StatePoint) Small businesses are the heart-beat of communities. They pump life into neighborhoods, making them vibrant places to live, work and raise families, and are key to millions of local jobs. In fact, approximately 50% of all Americans are employed by a small business and 99% of American businesses are small businesses, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Every year, National Small Business Week celebrated during the first week of May, acknowledges the contributions that America's entrepreneurs make to the economy, culture and overall business community.

"Small business is big business," said Wells Fargo's head of Small Business Derek Ellington. "As a bank that proudly serves over 3 million small business customers, we are still supporting small businesses in their post-pandemic recovery, but we're also seeing many growing businesses bringing new ideas to life, and going from surviving to thriving. Now more than ever, it's an important time for small businesses because they are such a vital

part of the economy."

National Small Business Week also marks an important time for entrepreneurs to further economic growth, strengthen their business, and deliver on the products and services the nation depends on every day. To help your business thrive, Wells Fargo offers the following four tips:

1. Be flexible. If there was one glaring lesson business owners learned from COVID-19, it was to be flexible. Businesses had to revamp their online offerings and create a digital, ecommerce presence. Most had to change relationships with supply chains and vendors or reduce hiring. When it comes to business planning for the next six, 12 or even 18 months, one thing is certain: flexibility will be key. Between staffing demands, supply chain delays and rising interest rates and inflation, write your plans in pencil. Most importantly, be nimble enough to pivot, using your experiences over the past two years as a guide.

2. Stay in the know. Stay informed of the latest developments that could impact your business. For example, what do rising rates and growing costs of supplies and services mean for you? A small business banker can help you understand your options based on your particular business and needs, and make any necessary adjustments. Keep in touch with your tax advisor, accountant, and local chambers of commerce to stay in the know.

3. Prepare for new competition. Now that life has regained a sense of normalcy, new business trends are emerging fast. To prepare for new competition, stay ahead of your



competitors and drive new growth:


- Know your customers, and find and solve their pain points
- Ensure you have competitive pricing
- Change your business model and services

to stay ahead

- Provide exceptional customer service to existing and new customers
- Target new markets

4. Invest in growth strategically. To continue to grow, innovate and attract the best employees, demonstrate that you're willing to invest in the future. However, it's never cheap, and you might not be able to afford needed investments with your current revenue. Before borrowing money or taking out a loan, consider opportunities like changing your payments or receivable collection process, or reducing expenses. Then look into the right lending opportunities when you are ready to accomplish big milestones like expanding, relocating, or adding new technologies with more capabilities. Strategic growth is all about investing in the right areas of your business at the right time to create an infrastructure in which you can flourish.


For more small business tips and resources, visit wellsfargo.com/biz.



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May Winners

Company Casserole Submitted by Norma A. Frank

6 Oz. Cooked Wild Rice
1/2 C. tiny chopped onion
1/2 C. butter
1/4 C. flour
Small can of mushrooms with the juice of mushrooms and chicken broth to equal 1/2 cup of liquid
Parsley, salt and pepper
1&1/2 C. cream
3 C. chicken
1/4 C. Pimento
Brown onion in butter. Stir in flour. Add rest of ingredients. Top with sliced almonds. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 8 people.

Company French Toast Submitted by Beth Arendt

1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
12 slices bread
6 eggs
1 1/2 cup milk
Melt together butter, sugar and cinnamon. Spread half the mixture evenly on the bottom of a 9X13 cake pan.
Put 6 whole slices of bread on the bottom of the pan. Repeat layers. Mix together eggs and milk. Cover the bread completely with the egg/milk mixture. Cover pan and refrigerate overnight.
Bake covered for 45 minutes at 350 degrees.
***Can add blueberries between the bread layers for an added treat.

Chicken Cashew Salad Submitted by Pam Thomas

3 cups cubed (cooked) chicken
1/2 cup onion
1/2 cup green pepper
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup black olives
2 T pimento
1 1/2 cup salad dressing (Hellman's)
1 1/2 t soy sauce
3 or 4 hard boiled eggs
3/4 cup cashews
Green grapes as desired (cut in half)
3/4 cup chow mein noodle
Mix all ingredients together except cashews and chow mein noodles. Add before serving..

Spaghetti Salad Submitted by Cyndie Nosek

1 pound angel hair pasta, broken into small pieces
10 slices bacon, chopped and cooked crisp
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 medium onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 ounce can chopped black olives
2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
1 0.7 ounce envelope Italian dressing mix
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup white vinegar
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Cook angel hair until tender. Drain and in a large bowl mix in the rest of the ingredients and mix until all well coated. Chill well.

Connect with SMIF at Regional Events this June



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), our tagline is "Collaborating for Regional Vitality." Whether we are working with partners in early childhood, economic development or community vitality, we do our best to complement what others are doing in those arenas so that collectively we can have more results than we would have separately. This spirit of collaboration will be brought to life at our regional Sprout events this June.

These free networking events, which will be hosted in New Ulm, Dundas and Winona, are an effort to connect directly to more people in our region, while celebrating the partnerships that have had an impact on the place we call home. Each event will allow people to connect with some of our partners about the important work they are doing in the region, and how partnering with SMIF has enhanced that work.



If you are someone who does not know much about SMIF, I encourage you to attend one of these Sprout events. It will especially be beneficial for entrepreneurs, Early Childhood professionals, community leaders and community volunteers to attend in order to learn more about the services and support we can provide.

If you are someone who already has a connection to SMIF, I encourage you to attend as well. You may have something to share with others that could ignite a spark for a community project. You may even learn something new about SMIF, or forge new relationships that could help you in your own endeavors.

Make sure to register for the Sprout event of your choice by June 1 by visiting smifoundation.org/sprout. We look forward to seeing old friends and developing new relationships this June.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

8am - 1pm • Car Show - St. Peter's Church	11am • Reg.: 12pm Start - Bean Bag Tournament - Rosie Park \$40/team sponsored by Goodhue Wrestling
8:30 - 11:30am • Quilt Show & Burrito Breakfast - St. Peter's Church	1pm • Bingo - Fire Hall
Reg.: 8:45 - 10am • Road Rally - Start at C-Store - \$5/person	1 - 4pm • Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull - 3rd Ave
9am - Udder Run - behind GHS	2:30 - 5:30pm • Kenny B's Rib & Chicken Cookoff - Lion's parking lot
9am - 2pm • Craft & Vendor Show - Rosie Parking Lot	2pm • Pedal Pull - Located at Broadway & 2nd Avenue
9am • Co-ed Sand Volleyball Tourn. - Rosie Park - \$60/team	
10am - 1pm • Kids Bounce Party - Rosie Park	

STREET DANCE

Gates Open 6pm • Music 6:30pm
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John Michael Montgomery

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

9am - 1pm • Dad's Belgian Waffles by Goodhue Lions - Goodhue Community Center	?? - Medallion Hunt Award - ??
	9am • Community Worship Service - GHS Gym
	1pm • Parade / Post parade • FD Water Fight - ??

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A School District Worth Fighting For KW Public Schools

"Governments do like epidemics, just the same way as they like war, really. It's a chance to impose their will on us and get us all scared so that we huddle together and do what we're told."

---Dr. Damien Downing, President, British Society of Ecological Medicine. (Al Jazeera, 2009)

"Fear is a market. To instill fear in people also has advantages. Not only in terms of drug use. Anxiety-driven people are easier to rule."

---Gerd Gagerer, Director Emeritus at the Max Planck Institute for Educational Research. (Torsten Engelbrecht, Virus Mania, 2021)

Dear Bobby,

As I come to the end of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s bestselling book titled: *The Real Anthony Fauci*, I could not help thinking about the question you asked me about the "bottom line" when it comes to the political Left's agenda. While I no longer have any reservations when it comes to their plans for our children and grandchildren, I now know that Mark Levin (another bestselling author) was correct when he gave the first chapter of his latest book: *American Marxism*, the title: *It's Here*.

With the aforementioned in mind, I decided to revisit Kennedy's book as a way of finding an answer to your question. Based on more than 2400 sources/citations, it not only represents what Levin has been warning us about for two decades, but I believe it offers a clear and chilling summary of what the "game plan" for the United States and the world we live in really is. In the end, it is not just about a dysfunctional government and a White House in complete disarray but, rather, a godless driven ideology that is much...much deeper than we think. Please note the following four paragraphs from Kennedy's extensive research:

"Beginning shortly after World War II, the military introduced Scenario Planning as a strategic device for their corporate clients in the 1970s and 1980s. Their goal: to coordinate the global dismantlement of democratic governance. By the millennium, simulations had evolved into an indispensable vehicle for military policy makers, intelligence agency planners, public health technocrats, and the petroleum and pharmaceutical multinationals for reinforcing prescribed responses that allow predictable and rigid control of the outcomes of future crises.

After 9/11, the rising biosecurity cartel adopted simulations as signaling mechanisms for choreographing lockstep responses among corporate, political, and military technocrats charged with managing global exigencies. Scenario planning became an indispensable device for multiple power centers to coordinate complex strategies for simultaneously imposing coercive controls upon democratic societies across the globe.

Virtually all of the scenario planning for pandemics employ technical assumptions and

strategies familiar to anyone who has read the CIA's notorious psychological warfare manuals for shattering indigenous societies, obliterating traditional economies to crush resistance, to foster chaos, demoralization, dependence and fear, and for imposing centralized and autocratic governance. (p. 405)

And finally, on April 18, 2018, in a speech delivered at the Malaria Summit in London, England, Bill Gates, who by now had been in a partnership with military and intelligence planners to stage regular follow-up simulations, reiterated the purpose of his simulations by saying, "The world needs to prepare for pandemics in the same serious way it prepares for war" to which Kennedy responded by saying, "Gate's simulations invoke the concept of "total war" meaning the mobilization of entire populations, the sacrifice of global economies, and the obliteration of democratic institutions and civil rights." (p. 412-417)

Less than two years later, a Chinese lab, following the script of Bill Gate's simulations and covered from top to bottom with Dr. Anthony Fauci's finger prints, gave the world the COVID-19 virus. How is that for a "game plan" that is meant to determine the fate of our children and grandchildren...forever?

Bobby, what is happening in public education today has become apparent by a dramatic change in the narrative. No longer nurtured by Judeo-Christian values or what is best for the well-being of our children and grandchildren, the Scenario Planning mentioned in Kennedy's book has become the vehicle that is being used to change the culture. Beginning with the Obama administration, the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association (i.e., Education Minnesota) have taken the reins in this collectivism over individualism and its new method of instruction. If you read *Manifesto of the Communist Party* by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, you will find the forfeiture of individual identities. In the end, "The teachers will use critical race theory and other Leftist methods to turn our children and

grandchildren into Marxist agitators" (*The Judicial Watch*, January 2022, Volume 28, issue 1).

In looking back on my 77 years of life, I am reminded that I can make the claim that I have lived during the administration of 15 presidents. Eight Democrats and seven Republicans, it was standard procedure to see philosophical changes from one administration to the next. After all, we all assumed that these were people who were not only proud to be Americans, but it was their sworn duty to maintain the stalwartness of the greatest Republic the world has ever known. Sadly, there has been a visible paradigm change. You see, the word "proud" went away under the Obama administration and the word "stalwartness" has been shattered by the Biden administration. Two presidents, two administrations, and a political party hellbent on destroying a country and its way of life using the educational system. And to think that they wanted us to believe that they are Christians.

This brings me to the school district I am willing to fight for: Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools. Now that it has been established that there are district wide needs for improvement, we can no longer afford to remain static as our school board tries to decide whether or not they should get involved in writing the school district's much needed strategic plan, the administration continues to raise eyebrows based on substandard evaluations and objectionable behavior, the teach-

ing staff awaits their cues from the socialist influence of the Minnesota Department of Education and Education Minnesota, and our children and grandchildren are caught in a political cross fire that needs our help without delay. Is there any wonder why low student achievement has become the school district's "hallmark" of alarm?

Bobby, you and I spent our careers trying to meet the needs of our students. While I realize that times have changed over the years, at least one "given" remains for educators who are committed to excellence: when they are called on to fight for students...they fight.

And so in closing, permit me to end with an old Latin Proverb that says, "If there is no wind, row." Sadly, and because it is obvious that the bad guys have a head start on us (socialists never sleep), it is going to take a lot of commitment from KW patrons willing to turn the tide. Just remember, the "bottom line" for old educators like us was always about the students. With this being said, it is time for the Kenyon-Wanamingo School District to consider a new school board, a new emphasis on administrative leadership qualifications and expectations, teachers willing to put the needs of our children and grandchildren as their top priority, and, less we forget, a time to start rowing.

Godspeed friend,
James

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of March 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members Dan Rechtzigel, Mary Bailey, and Molly Ryan

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Engineer Joe Rhein, Attorney Scott Riggs, Finance Clerk Kathy Flikke, Michelle Vlasak reporter for Kenyon Leader, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Police Officer Brian Homeier, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Lorin Pohlman, and Kim Helgeson

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT ADOPT AGENDA

Move: / X / Old Business / B / Resolution 2022-09: Reestablishing Annual Polling Place to / X / Old Business / C /

Addition: / X / Old Business / B / Appointment to KMU Commission

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Bailey to approve the amended agenda.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 73408 through

73495; 3878E through 3899E and approve the hire of Dawn Brossard as the Youth Services/Assistant Librarian.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Henke presented the "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day" proclamation Lorin Pohlman.

ENGINEERING

Pearl Creek and Forest Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Update

City Engineer Rhein provided an update on the Pearl Creek and Forest Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement project. The topographic survey field work has been completed and the boundary work will be finished this spring. Quotes for the sanitary televising will be reviewed at the April Council meeting.

LEGAL

Resolution 2022-06: Approving Minor Subdivision - Lot Split Application -PID 66.540.1200 Kirk Hiner

Attorney Riggs stated that Kirk Hiner, was seeking approval to split PID# 66.540.1200 in half. The north half would be sold to the neighbor to the west.

Motion by Ryan seconded by Rehtzigel to adopt Resolution 2022-06 approving the

minor subdivision for Kirk Hiner. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Lot Combination: Kirk Hiner Resolution 2022-07: Approving Lot Combination (Hiner)

Attorney Riggs stated that Kirk Hiner was seeking approval to combine the South 98.0 feet of lots 2, 3, and 4, Block 14, Slee and Langford's addition.

Motion by Bailey second by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2022-07 granting approval for a lot combination for Kirk Hiner. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Lot Combination: Julie Torres Resolution 2022-08: Approving Lot Combination (Torres)

Attorney Riggs stated that Julie Torres was seeking approval to combine the northerly part of Lot 2, Lot 3, and Lot 4, Block 14, Slee and Langford's addition.

Motion by Bailey second by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2022-08 granting approval for a lot combination for Julie Torres.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

On-Sale Liquor License Renewal- Kenyon Country Club

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

Motion carried 4-0-0.

2022 Agreement with Luis Tellez - Taco Express

City Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Council had directed staff to review the lease amount with Taco Express at the April 2021 council meeting. At that time, it was recommended that the lease be increased to \$400 for 2022.

Motion by Rehtzigel seconded by Ryan to approve the 2022 agreement with Luis Tellez - Taco Express for \$400.00. Motion carried 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Appoint Person to City Council Resolution 2022-10 Appointing Council Member

Administrator Vahlsing stated that two interested persons were interviewed for the vacant council seat on February 8, 2022. Council members were impressed with both candidates and felt both had futures in City politics. However, Kimberly Helgeson had more experience in some areas.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve Resolution 2022-10 appointing Kimberly Helgeson as a Council Member. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Appointment to KMU Commission

Mayor Henke recommended that Molly Ryan be appointed to the vacant seat on the KMU commission.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Bailey to appoint Molly Ryan to the KMU Commission.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Resolution 2022-09: Re-establishing Annual Polling Place

Administrator Vahlsing noted that since the state redistricting plan has now been adopted, all cities are required to reestablish their precinct boundaries and redesignate their polling places under Minn.Stat. 204b.14,

subd.3(e) even if there weren't any changes.

Motion by Rehtzigel seconded by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2022-09 redesignating the Fire Hall as the annual polling place for 2022. Motion carried 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Quotes - Purchase of Mower- Wayne Ehrich, Superintendent- Public Works Department

Director Ehrich stated that three quotes were received to replace the 2018 Cub Cadet mower. The quotes varied in price and projected availability. The mower purchase is on a three-year rotation schedule and was included in the 2022 budget.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve the purchase of the quoted Toro lawn mower from Traxler Equipment. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Request approval of revised Police Department Policy 20-Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers) - Police Chief Sjoblom

Police Chief Sjoblom presented the proposed revisions to the Conducted Energy Weapons policy. The proposed revisions would update the policy to bring it in line with current standards.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to approve Kenyon Police Department's Conducted Energy Weapons policy #20 revision. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Request approval of Police Department Policy 215 - Take Home Squad Car - Police Chief Sjoblom

Police Chief Sjoblom presented the proposed Take Home Squad Car policy.

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve Kenyon Police Department's Take Home Squad Car policy #215. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

EDA Annual Meeting March 15, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, March 15th @ 2:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th @ 7 p.m.

Board of Appeal & Equalization: Thursday, April 14th @ 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Police Chief Sjoblom stated that the excess squad is going to auction this week.

Mayor Henke expressed his concerns for Tom Gard and stated a few people were going to visit him tomorrow. He also welcomed Kim to the Council.

Administrator Vahlsing offered his prayers to the Richard Nielsen family.

Councilman Rehtzigel conveyed his prayers for Tom Gard and the Richard Nielsen family.

Councilman Ryan and Attorney Riggs agreed with Rehtzigel.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Douglas Henke, Mayor

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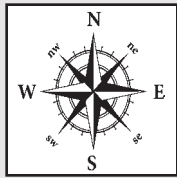
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Carp on the Bridge



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.

This column was written by my wife Ashley because she has crazy adventures in Tennessee as well.

I am about 1/4 mile away from the bridge, going about 80mph. It's dark. I have the music at full blast. The windows are open. My hair is a halo of competency flying around me. I am illuminated by the lights from the dash. Hard pounding rock thumps out the car as I speed down the road through the Bayou. Cannot wait to get home and take a shower after a day of dirty yardwork at the cabin. I see some type of reflective fabric on the bridge. Uh oh. Police? No. Not Police. Oh, Good. 'Cuz we're doin' 80. Yeah, I know. This is a 50 zone. I know. I am so tired and dehydrated and strung out from the recent days I think I may be hallucinating. I'm definitely talking to myself. I blink and shake my head. Nope. Still reflective and moving around. A mylar balloon caught in the road? Closing fast, whatever it is. Still doing 80. Oh, right. Bridge has only one lane. I remember. Right-o. Adjust to 50. Music is still driving at a mad pace. I switch on high beams. A single high wattage bulb responds right back at me. Oh #@\$% it IS cops. No. Not cops, woulda already been lit up. Ok, no idea. Slow to 50. Low beams. The light goes away.

I turn the music down. I see a dog in the road. OK, I see now. That's no problem. Someone let their dog out for a potty break on a lonely stretch of road and the dog won't get back in the car. All good. Crazy dogs. Aren't they something? But the dog is running from one spot to another on the bridge. Barking. At the reflective fabric. I bet the owner is irritated. I laugh. Dumb dog.

He's a purebred bloodhound. All floppy ears, droopy eyes and long goofy legs. He is havin' a good ol' time. I watch him, still trying to determine what he's doing. I imagine his name is Beau. ROLF ROFL ROLF he howls at the fabric. I have slowed down to a crawl to allow the owners to catch their dog. But no one is trying to catch him. Then I realize the fabric on the road is actually my headlights reflecting off about 8 or 10 big fish. Ten 15 pound live fish are in the middle of this bridge, flopping around and this dog is going crazy. Complete stop. Eyes straight ahead.

FWAPP! The sound startles me. It's another fish. It's fallen from above the windshield of my vehicle onto the bridge. For all intents and purposes it is raining fish on this bridge. Beau or Rufus or whatever his name is howls mournfully and bows down playfully at the new arrival. I'm right there with ya, Beau. I feel like howling a bit, too, Buddy. The light comes back. It points at me and wiggles a little. I cannot see what is behind the light. I follow the light and I can see two young boys standing on the sidewalk of the bridge. Leaning over. Oh dear. Something is wrong. They motion me forward. A little impatiently. Considering everything. I inch up to the entry to the bridge.

"You good?" I ask in my best Southern drawl. You good? applies to everything from greeting people at Sunday school thru car troubles and apparently a fish storm.

"Yep." They eye my license plate skeptically. Out of the corner of my eye, I detect movement. I turn my head slightly to the left, still keeping Rufus and his finned friends in sight, a nod to the rearview mirror, because, let's face it, I am still in Tennessee. A bright white T-shirt straightens up from leaning over the bridge. He's maybe 13. In his left hand he has a compound crossbow. A weapon. Capable of travelling 100 yards at 430 feet per second. He is holding a weapon, just as sure as I am sitting there. That is a full-on weapon. He is not yet old enough to shave. He looks unconcerned. In his right hand he is holding a spear. On the end of the spear is a 20 pound piece of reflective muscle. The reflective muscle gives a half-hearted twitch in response.

"You can go ahead," says Opie. He waves the dog out of the way. The dog pants happily and sits obediently. "Oh. OK. Thanks. I didn't want to run over your fish" There's a sentence I have never said before. "Naw, it don't matter." He waves me through. I proceed cautiously across the bridge, at first swerving to avoid the fish. When there are too many, I drive over a couple. It makes a noise. It sounds about how you would expect it to sound.

I look in the rearview mirror. The newly caught reflective muscle flies through the air and lands with a thunk near Rufus who howls gleefully but does not run out onto the road until permitted. I drive home the rest of the way with the music off. I keep to the speed limit.

The following day I see our neighbor "Bobby!!! Bobby!! You would not believe what happened!!!" I'm breathless, because I ran to catch up to him. He looks at me knowingly. He knows I cuss and have a hot temper and he knows the climate down South. He waits. I tell him about the dog and the fish and the music and the lights and the crossbow and the reflective fabric and everything. He does not miss a step. His gait does not alter one inch. He tosses a reply over his shoulder without breaking stride, "Nah, they supposed to throw em' in the bushes, they not supposed to leave them on the bridge."

A Minnesotan: Spring



By RosaLin Alcoser

My family moved to Minnesota from the south right as the century was turning from the last into this current one. For us this meant the winter of 2000 was our first Minnesota winter and our first time experiencing how long it takes for spring to come around.

Before coming to Minnesota it started warming up for us more like in February or March, not in late April, or May... some years we all know that spring is really just a brief moment in June. So winter starting at Halloween and lasting until it finally gives up and leaves was a brand new con-

cept to us that my mother still hasn't adjusted 22 years later.

My parents built the house that my sister and I grew up in, out near Mazeppa and it had this huge porch that started at the front of the house and wrapped all the way around to the back. Right off the side of the porch was a branch from one of the nearby trees that leaned over just far enough that it felt like you should be able to reach out and touch it off the side of the porch.

I can remember clearly throughout my childhood watching my mother go out onto the porch, when spring decided to grace us with her presents, to look at that branch when the new leaf buds would start to appear; and she would cheer on the leaves. Telling them things like "go leaves! You can do it" and "come on little leaves you can do it."

I am not entirely sure why she used to do this, but it is what I remember watching my mother do when I was a kid every year between April and June depending on the year. Whether it really was to get the leaves to grow faster or if it was just a fun thing for her to do is still unknown to me. What I do know is that when I was a child the first real signs of spring for me was hearing my mother cheer on the new leaves to help them grow.

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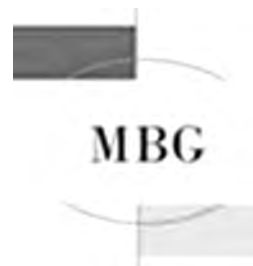
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