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## Announcements

• **Meals on Wheels** is available to anyone age 60 and over who are wanting a prepared hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. Meals are available Sunday through Friday, including holidays. The meals are prepared at Kenyon Senior Living and volunteers deliver them right to your home. Delivery is available to anyone living in Kenyon city limits. The cost per meal is \$7.25. Volunteers provide you with a meal card to use as payment for your meals. Each meal card contains 12 meals, totaling a cost of \$87.00. You pick which days you would like to receive meals and can change it at any time. Meals are typically delivered between 11:15 and 12:15.

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## 2022 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses Crowned



2022 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses L to R: Madison Bartholome, Cassandra Hirsch, Claudia Kennedy, Emme Eggenberger, Chelsey Lexvold

The Goodhue County American Dairy Association held their annual Dairy Princess banquet on Saturday, April 3rd.

Five area young women were crowned as county dairy royalty for the upcoming year to represent area dairy farmers and the dairy industry. *(continued on page 4)*

## 2022-23 K-W Kindergarten Roundup Mini-Session

The Kindergarten Roundup Mini-Session for 2022-23 Kindergarten students will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022. Students will attend a short classroom session with their teacher and classmates. Sessions will be held in the morning and the afternoon. Families will be notified of the schedule. If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2022 and have not yet been contacted by the school district, please call the K-W Elementary School office at 507-824-2211.

## Hockinson Named to Minnesota Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame

The Minnesota Baseball Coaches Association announced this week their Hall of Fame Class for 2022. Randy Hockinson of Kenyon-Wanamingo is one of the six individuals scheduled for induction January 2023.

"Hock" as many affectionately call him coached for 29 seasons at Kenyon-Wanamingo. His record was 318-315. The 318 wins ranks 76th on the All-time list according to MSBCHA records. *(continued on page 4)*



## The Gear Daddies To Headline the 2022 All Saints Music Festival May 20th

The All Saints Music Festival will return to the Little Log House Pioneer Village Friday May 20th 2022. *(continued on page 20)*



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## Joshua: 'Yahweh, the LORD, Saves'



By Pastor Colin Rueter,  
New Life Church  
(colin@nlcwanamingo.org)

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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### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY An Imperishable Body

*With the resurrection of the dead . . . the body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable. . . .*  
— 1 Corinthians 15:42

A curious by-product of all the precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic was that colds and flu didn't spread as much as in earlier years. With more people staying home, those common diseases couldn't spread so widely. Even so, many, many people got sick with COVID-19, and many of us know someone who died from it.

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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## 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 sis-



ter, 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 hardworking 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. 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.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wykoff, Wykoff Cemetery, Lands Lutheran Church, Lands Church Cemetery Association or donors choice.

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## 2022 Goodhue County Dairy Princesses Crowned

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Crowned that night were:  
Madison Bartholome of Goodhue is a current veterinary technician student at Rochester Community and Technical College.

## 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.

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.

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## Wanamingo Memorial Day Program

### May 30, 2022

Assembly (8:30 A.M. at the Community Center)

9:00 a.m. - Step off at the Community Center

#### Order of March

Color Bearers  
**Mayor Ryan Holmes, Pastor Colin Rueter, Guest Speaker**

Rifle Squad

All Veterans unable to march transported in provided vehicles or golf carts provided

Flower Bearers  
Kenyon-Wanamingo Marching Band  
Boy Scouts  
Girl Scouts

Parade will proceed down Main Street to the Zumbro River Bridge

A brief Memorial Service honoring those lost at sea on the bridge

Flower Bearers: **Toss flowers in to the river**

#### Program at Riverside Park

Welcome:	Pastor Colin Rueter
Words from the Mayor	Ryan Holmes
Invocation and introduction of the band	Pastor Colin Rueter
Musical Selections: <b>America the Beautiful</b> <b>My Country Tis of Thee</b>	<b>Kenyon-Wanamingo Band</b> (Claire Larson, Director)
Introduce Scouts for Pledge of Allegiance	Pastor Colin Rueter
Pledge of Allegiance	Wanamingo Scouts
Introduction of Students for readings	Pastor Colin Rueter
<b>In Flanders Field</b>	Student selectee TBD
<b>Gettysburg Address</b>	Student selectee TBD
Remarks	Guest Speaker
<b>Star Spangled Banner</b> – John S Smith	<b>Kenyon-Wanamingo Band</b>
Honor Roll of the Fallen	read by Gary Floan VFW Commander
Salute to the Fallen	<b>WVHG Rifle Squad</b>
Taps and Flag detail	K-W Band selectee <b>Jim Kittelson – flag detail</b>
Benediction	<b>Pastor Colin Rueter</b>

All Veterans are encouraged to march in the parade. For Veterans unable to march you are welcome to ride in provided vehicles or golf carts. (Uniform not required). In case of rain the ceremony will be held in Trinity Lutheran Church.

**At 8:00 A.M we will have a short program and prayer at the Wanamingo POW/MIA Memorial**

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# K-W Noble Knights



**K-W Noble Knights of the Week for April 14, 2022**  
**Front Row:** Makenzie Lee, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Kiley Hedeon, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Henry Ellingsberg, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Charlie Boyum, Gr. 2, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky. **Back Row:** Parker Amundson, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Arwyn Sweet, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Scarlett Eggert, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Morgan Laue, Gr. 4, Ms. Jen Subra; Oakley Benbrooks, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers



**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



**K-W Noble Knights of the Week for April 29, 2022**  
**Front Row:** Hudson Kruger, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Genevieve Hendrickson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Bree Helgeson, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Beau Callahan, Gr. 2, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky. **Back Row:** Harvey Bauer, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Riley Morris, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Morgan Hershberger, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing; Colton Hanson, Gr. 4, Ms. Jen Subra



**K-W Noble Knights of the Week for May 6, 2022**  
**Front Row:** Sabin Varanelli, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Brooklyn Arnold, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Leia Patterson, Gr. 2, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky. **Back Row:** Elliott Salvesson, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Layla Jarvis, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Noah Carel, Gr. 4, Ms. Jen Subra

## 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 mili-

tary, 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".

## Fishing Season for Sauger, Walleye, and Northern Pike Opens May 14



The fishing season for sauger, walleye, and northern pike will open this Saturday, May 14. Many of us are familiar with walleye and northern pike, but what about sauger?

The cousin to our state fish, the sauger may be smaller, but it puts up a good fight when caught. Many anglers believe the sauger is as tasty as walleye. Sauger feed aggressively during the daytime and pursue the same baits as their larger cousin. These fish look very similar to one another, but you can identify a sauger by its spotted dorsal (top) fin. Walleye lack the spots on their dorsal fin. You can find sauger mainly in large rivers or more turbid lakes connected to large rivers, such as the Red, Minnesota, Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, and the Rainy River and Lake of the Woods. Throughout the open-water season, live bait rigs and jigs tipped with minnows fished at or near the bottom are solid choices.

It's five days until fishing opener! Review regulations prior to getting out on the water: [mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing)

Finds tips for catching sauger: [mndnr.gov/mcvmagazine/issues/2022/may-jun/sauger.html](http://mndnr.gov/mcvmagazine/issues/2022/may-jun/sauger.html)

# GOODHUE VOLKSFEST '22

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WED., JUNE 8 —  
7pm - POOL GAMES

[www.GoodhueVolksfest.com](http://www.GoodhueVolksfest.com)

— 7pm Miss Goodhue • GHS Gym 2 • \*Button —

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> — STREET DANCE

# Rhino / HAIRBALL

\$20 / Gates Open 7pm  
Music 8pm

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>

8am - 1pm • Car Show – St. Peter's Church

8:30 - 11:30am • Quilt Show & Burrito Breakfast – St. Peter's Church

Reg.: 8:45 - 10am • Road Rally – Start at C-Store – \$5/person

9am – Udder Run • behind GHS

9am - 2pm • Craft & Vendor Show – Rosie Parking Lot

9am • Co-ed Sand Volleyball Tourn. – Rosie Park - \$60/team

10am - 1pm • Kids Bounce Party – Rosie Park

11am • Reg.: 12pm Start – Bean Bag Tournament – Rosie Park \$40/team sponsored by Goodhue Wrestling

1pm • Bingo – Fire Hall

1 - 4pm • Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull – 3rd Ave

2:30 - 5:30pm • Kenny B's Rib & Chicken Cookoff – Lion's parking lot

2pm • Pedal Pull – Located at Broadway & 2nd Avenue

## STREET DANCE

Gates Open 6pm • Music 6:30pm  
\$20 pre-sale • \$30 at gate



# John Michael Montgomery

## JT & The Gunslingers/Bryan Anderson



## SUNDAY, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>

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 – ??



**Saturday, May 14th**

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Wanamingo Community Center**  
**Pancake Breakfast - Lions Club**

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Vendor Show – 540 Hill Circle - Wanamingo**  
 Crafters and Home-Based Businesses & Garage Sales

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Norwegian Meal – JB’s Tavern**

11:00 a.m. (start time)

**Kiddie Parade – Main Street**

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Free registration at 10:30 a.m. Wanamingo Mutual Insurance – 209 Main Street, Wanamingo

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1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50.00 gift card, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25.00 gift cards. (Limit one gift card per family)

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**City Wide Garage Sales**

**Pick up flyers at Area 57 or Security State Bank beginning on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sign up for City-wide garage sale at City of Wanamingo, or Wanamingo Mutual Insurance.

Or call/email Beth Smith at 507-824-2912 – b.smith@wgomutual.com

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**



**Katie Peterson Memorial**  
**5K Walk/Jog/Run**

Registration at 8:30 a.m.  
 Wanamingo  
 Community Center  
**Race Starts at 9:00 a.m.**

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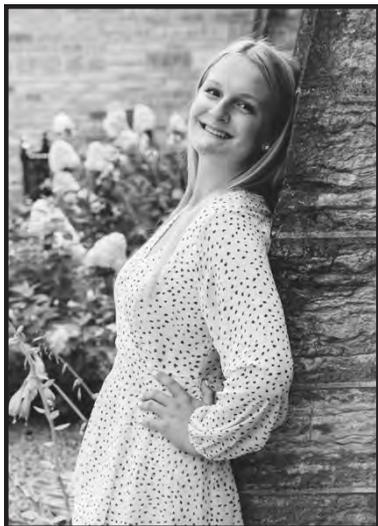
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Luke Alme



Braden Baumgartner



Leah Berg



Noah Bermudez



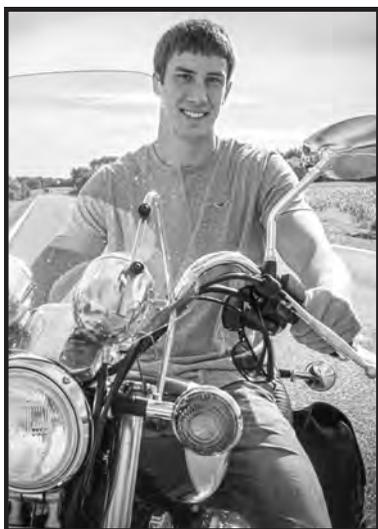
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Emma Crouse



Mali Crouse

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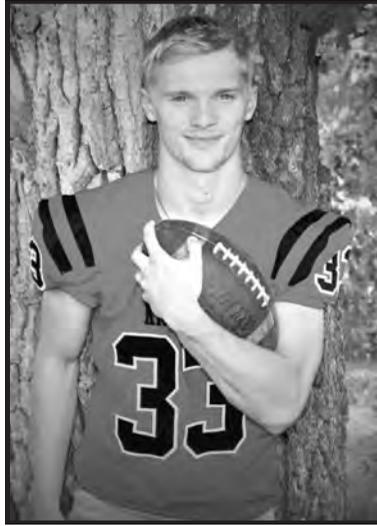


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Sydney Sundin



Kevin Vazquez



Alex Vold



Hailye Voracek



Thuan Vuong



**Kenyon-Wanamingo Class of 2022 Commencement**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**Kenyon-Wanamingo Middle/High School Gymnasium**

*CLASS MOTTO: "Nothing we do changes the past – Everything we do changes the future."*  
*CLASS FLOWER: Rose*  
*CLASS COLORS: Pink*  
*CLASS SONG: "5 More Minutes" by Scotty McCreery*  
*GOWN COLOR: Black*  
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**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)**



**John Deere 160 Lawn Tractor, Gas, 5 Speed, 38" Deck (nice shape)**



**John Deere F710 Front-Mount Mower, 17hp, Gas, Hydro, 48" Deck, 1546 hrs. (runs good), w/ John Deere Bagger (Nice)**



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(2) Pedal Stone Grinders  
Kenmore Chest Freezer 22"x41" (White)

**Lawn & Garden**

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LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & DAWN HERRICK  
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TRACTORS - FARM EQUIPMENT  
TOOLS - HAY - HOUSEHOLD

**SAT, May 21, 2022  
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**TRACTORS, SKID LOADERS, TRAILER:** 1953 IH 966 tractor, 9,951 hrs, 3-pt, dual hyd, w/GB heavy duty loader & 8' material bucket - Zebra 2522 diesel utility tractor, 267 hrs, 3-pt, exc rubber - Farmall H w/ fenders - Gehl 4500 skid steer w/bucket, gas - Gehl 3510 skid steer, needs radiator & new motor - 16' car hauler trailer

**FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT:** Vermeer 605F round baler - 3-pt heavy duty post hole digger - New Holland 56 rake - Southeast pallet-type round bale mover - Homemade pallet-type bale mover - 2-section drag - 3-pt blade - Loftness 3-pt. snow blower - Wire cattle panels - 3-pt digger - John Deere 40 manure spreader - New Holland 489 haybine - Tube gates of varied lengths - Tombstone round bale feeder - Older round bale feeder - 350 Chevy motor - 3-pt spear round bale fork - 220' silo cord - Steel posts - Fimco sprayer on trailer - 90' cement H-feed bunk (buyer to remove)

**TOOLS & SHOP ITEMS:** King Craft generator - Alkota 3102A elec pressure washer, 1,000 lb PSI - Bosch 3/8 hammer drill - IH 3/4" socket set - Lincoln 225 amp welder - Fifth-wheel camper hitch - 30' extension ladder - Forks - Shovels - Assorted shop supplies & tools

**LAWN & GARDEN:** Senator garden tiller w/Briggs & Stratton engine - Patio set w/glass-top table & 4 chairs - 4 grill LP gas tanks - Lawn roller - Remington pole saw - Poulan chain saw 35 cc 16" bar - Sprayer motor, hose & reel

**OTHER:** Round pen with 14 panels & 1 gate - Approx 50 round bales of grass hay (1,000# bales)

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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.

DO NOT apply north of Interstate 94 after June 30.

**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.

Farmers and landowners interested in becoming water quality certified can contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit [MyLandMyLegacy.com](http://MyLandMyLegacy.com).

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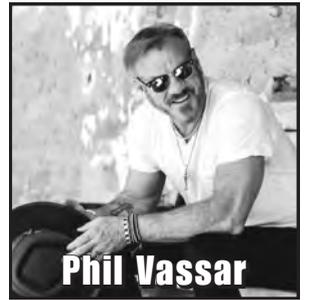
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- 5pm Weekend Rockstar
- 7pm Night Moves (Tribute to Bob Seger)
- 9pm BlackHawk

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# All Saints Music Festival

## The Gear Daddies To Headline the 2022 All Saints Music Festival May 20th

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A fundraiser for 5 area church parishes, this event is worth the drive!

Promoted as the First Part of The Summer, this years event will not disappoint. Opening Act will be Chris Kroese, Runner Up on NBC's THE VOICE.

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 imag-

ine 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.

Parking will be Free, and again, this is an 18+ event.

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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:



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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.

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### E-mail your recipe to hometownmessenger@gmail.com

If we use your recipe and print it, you will receive a free certificate. Be sure to include your name and address so we can mail you a gift card if your entry is the winner.

### 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.

## Letter to the Editor

*\*Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are not necessarily those of The Messenger*

### 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 Gagerenzer, 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.

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## Letter to the Editor

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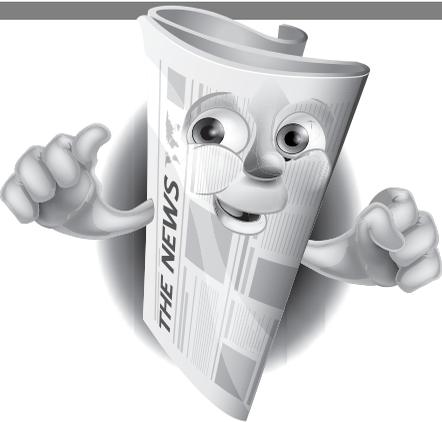
Now that it has been established that there are district wide needs for improvement, we can no longer afford to remain static as our school board tries to decide whether or not they should get involved in writing the school district's much needed strategic plan, the administration continues to raise eyebrows based on substandard evaluations and objectionable behavior, the teaching 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

Submitted by  
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### City of Wanamingo Regular EDA Meeting Monday March 14, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Wanamingo City Council Chambers  
401 Main Street, Wanamingo MN

PRESENT: Stuart Ohr, Ryan Holmes, Laurie Musselman, Rebecca Haugen, Brian Gudknecht, Josh Schafer, and Jim Kittelson  
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Boulton

Brian Gudknecht called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT AGENDA: Kittelson motioned, seconded by Ohr to adopt. Approved 7-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Schaefer motioned, seconded by Musselman to approve. Approved 7-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 22-04 – Approving Execution of a Wanamingo Medical Center Lease Agreement with Heidi Smith. Kittelson moved to approve, seconded by Holmes. Administrator Boulton stated that he and Heidi Smith had worked out details to rent the back suite at the Medical Center. The details include an initial three-month lease (month to month to follow) for \$0.60/square foot (\$464.40) per month, plus the share of utilities/snow removal (.1459%), and any County personal property tax as part of the lease for the space (goes off the lease price and determined by Goodhue County). The lease also includes an addendum for Smith to lease the meeting room area of the adjacent vacant conference room/storage suite for the building share of utilities (0.2501%). This would be utilized for group sessions and overflow. There would be no offices in this suite. The EDA would have a 30-day option to cancel this addendum if another party wished to lease the space. The lease agreement and addendum have been drafted by Kennedy & Graven. Boulton stated that a separate agreement was made on painting that included Smith paying for the paint and City staff painting the walls. Boulton thanked Mayor Holmes for steering Heidi Smith toward leasing the space. Gudknecht asked what Heidi Smith's business would be. Boulton stated that the lease was for a Christian grief counseling center. Schaefer asked if Smith would be making updates to the front sign. Boulton stated that Smith had intentions to update the front sign with her business name/logo. Passed 7-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton brought up the remaining Medical Center vacant suites for discussion. He requested EDA Board members to send any interested parties to him to discuss possible lease options. Boulton stated that this agenda item will continue to appear each month for general discussion. Holmes asked if and when Olmsted Medical Center (OMC) would be opening the clinic back up. Ohr stated that there had been a notice in the newspaper that OMC would be opening back up soon. Boulton said the staffing issues were still delaying OMC from opening back up the Wanamingo Clinic.

Administrator Boulton provided a professionally designed handout of the proposed Wanamingo tiny home project that the EDA had started with Barney Nesseth. The tiny home handout was put together by CEDA on behalf of the Goodhue County EDA. The Goodhue County EDA is interested in all development of housing, including tiny homes. Boulton has spoken with County Administrator Scott Arneson and CEDA President Ron Zeigler about the EDA/City stalled project between the EDA and Barney Nesseth on EDA land. The steps involved in moving the project forward were shared with CEDA to put together a template for other communities to utilize for future projects.

Boulton stated that the EDA had committed to working with Barney Nesseth through a purchase agreement. Mr. Nesseth would like to move forward if the construction material costs can come back down in price. The County does have interested developers looking to build tiny home projects in the County. Kittelson stated that it was a nice starting point for development to have a handout with detailed information. Schaefer asked what the terms of the agreement with Nesseth are, including timeframe. Boulton stated that the purchase agreement did not have an assigned closing date for \$30,700 sale. The EDA has the ability to provide 15 days' notice to Mr. Nesseth to complete the transaction or the agreement become void. Musselman stated that Wanamingo needs more houses, including tiny houses. At times this past year there have been no houses on the market within the City of Wanamingo.

There being no further business Kittelson made a motion seconded by Schaefer to adjourn the EDA meeting at 6:25 p.m. Approved 7-0-0.

Brian Gudknecht, President

Michael Boulton, Director

### CITY OF WANAMINGO City Council Regular Meeting Monday, April 11, 2022 7:00 P.M. Wanamingo City Council Chambers – 401 Main Street Wanamingo, MN

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Holmes.

PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Stuart Ohr, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: Council: Larry VanDeWalker and Jeremiah Flotterud

ALSO PRESENT: David Friese – News Record, Trevor Aase, Lisa Asse, Twila Simonson, and Julie Steberg.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Dierks motioned, seconded by Ohr. Passed 3-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

- 1) Place fence posts and caution tape at the entrances to Emerald Valley II Subdivision (3rd Street E & Nelson Drive). Two commercial vehicles and a private vehicle got stuck once the frost came out and the path became muddy.
- 2) Finished trimming trees hanging out over the streets West, 1st, & High Avenues along with 3rd, 4th, and Centennial Street)
- 3) Cut tree down at Riverside Park along the parking lot near the park shelter that had split down the middle
- 4) Emergency siren was repaired by Ancom. The repairs included new fuses and new batteries. The fuses have been replaced every three years and the batteries are original (2015).
- 5) Cleaned out contact tank at WWTP
- 6) Painted walls for Heidi Smith, new tenant, at the Wanamingo Medical Center
- 7) Swept Streets twice
- 8) Ordered \$5,300 skid loader sweeper attachment from Olson Attachments. A \$500 deposit was made with the remaining \$4,800 to be paid upon deliver.

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9) Rebuilt dump box on street sweeper. Purchased two pieces of steel from R & M Steel that were cut to fit the week points on the box.

10) Replaced broken posts on south side of swimming pool fence that were damaged by high winds.

B) Julie Steberg reported on:

1) Starting to get prepared for the 2022 swimming pool season

2) Application deadline for lifeguards was April 7th – five new applicants

3) 9 out of the 16 lifeguards from 2021 returning

4) Swimming Pool is scheduled to open on Monday June 6th

5) Lifeguard orientation and safety training is scheduled for June 3rd

6) Daniel and Katie VanEpps will be teaching swimming lessons

7) Proposing slight increases to swimming pool fees. They will be brought to the City Council in May for consideration of approval.

8) Maintenance staff purchased paint for the pool. It does not sound like Diamond Vogel or Sherwin Williams in Rochester will be getting more paint.

9) Had a question regarding family pool passes. Do grandparents/grandchildren/parents count as family for pool pass? Boulton suggested a formal extended family pool pass for a slightly higher fee than family pool pass to clear up any confusion.

Boulton presented a letter from Julie Edgington of Kennedy & Graven regarding a request to issue conduit bonds. Northland Securities is working with Jones-Harrison Residence, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation to refinance its skilled nursing home facility and assisted living facility located at 3700 Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis. In addition, the non-profit would like to finance improvements to the facility to improve handicap accessibility and infection control. The non-profit would like to issue one or more taxable or tax-exempt bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,500,000.

The City is authorized in the Tax Code to issue tax-exempt bonds as a conduit for the benefit of nonprofit entities for the purpose of financing projects. Because the interest on these bonds is not taxable, bond purchasers will buy them at a lower interest rate, which allows nonprofits to borrow money at a reduced cost. When cities issue conduit bonds, there is no financial obligation of the City to pay the debt service or other costs of the bonds. These conduit bonds are different from general obligations bonds in that the full faith, credit, and taxing powers of the City are not pledged to the payment of debt service. Rather, the City would issue the conduit bonds and loan the proceeds thereof to the Borrower, and the Borrower would pledge to repay the loan by executing and delivering a loan agreement. The loan repayments to be made by the Borrower would be assigned by the City to the bond trustee and would be payable from the revenue generated from the operation of the Facilities. The obligation of the Borrower to make the loan repayments would be evidenced and secured by a guaranty from the Borrower's affiliated foundation. If the Borrower is not able to make a payment, the City has no obligation to make the payments and the bondholders cannot re-

quire the City to levy a tax to make up for the deficiency.

Conduit bonds are not subject to any debt limitation imposed on the City, and the issuance of conduit bonds will not have any adverse effect on the credit rating of the City, even in the event that the Borrower encounters financial difficulties with respect to the Project. If a default did occur, the bond trustee and the bondholders will be required to work directly with the Borrower to develop a work-out strategy for the payment of the conduit bonds.

Tax-exempt obligations are usually not eligible for purchase by banks and other financial institutions, but each year the City has the ability to designate up to \$10,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" (sometimes referred to as "bank-qualified bonds") for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, which are eligible for purchase by banks and other financial institutions. Because the City sold its own Water Revenue Bonds prior to having knowledge of this potential conduit bond issue, the City's Water Revenue Bonds will be bank-qualified bonds. The conduit bonds, if the City chooses to issue them, will not be considered bank-qualified bonds.

The City, as an issuer of conduit bonds, may charge an administrative fee payable by the Borrower. It is up to the City to set the administrative fee, but the Borrower has offered to pay the City \$25,000 as a one-time administrative fee payable at the closing of the Bonds.

If the City Council is interested in issuing the conduit bonds to help finance the Project, the City will be asked to hold a public hearing in accordance with state statutes and the Tax Code and approve the issuance of the conduit bonds and related documents after the public hearing. Kennedy & Graven's office would prepare the necessary public hearing notice (and handle its publication in the official newspaper of the City), approval resolution, and bond documentation. The Borrower will agree to pay the out-of-pocket expenses of the City with respect to this transaction as well the administrative fee that the City charges. The Borrower also pays for all attorneys' fees and expenses related to the conduit bonds. If the City agrees to issue the conduit bonds, the City of Minneapolis, as the municipality in which the Facilities are located, will also hold a public hearing to provide "host approval" for the City to issue the conduit bonds, which is required by the Tax Code and state statutes.

Holmes has concerns with the City being on the hook for costs and possibly effecting the City credit rating in the future with default. Holmes stated that the \$25,000 administrative fee to the City would be nice. Boulton stated that the City would not be on the hook if there is a default and that it will not hurt the credit rating. The City has to go through the legal actions to issue the bond and that the only concern is potentially maximizing the current year's \$10,000,000 tax free limit issuance. The City might not be able to issue additional debt in 2022 that would be tax free for investors (lower interest rate for City to borrow). Dierks asked if conduit bonds are common. Boulton stated that he had never heard of them prior to this proposal, but they are used for larger non-profit financed projects. Holmes stated that

Northland Securities and Kennedy & Graven had reached out to the City regarding this opportunity, so it is legitimate. Boulton stated that Northland Securities had approached another community and is waiting to hear back if they wish to participate. The Council is not closed to the opportunity but wished to hear additional information and see if the other community commits before proceeding. Boulton stated that he would stay in contact with Northland Securities and that he might be back at the May City Council meeting with additional information.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

Public Hearing – Mayor Holmes opened up the Variance Request public hearing at 7:22PM. Trevor Aase explained that he intends to take down existing two stall, detached garage. Aase then intends to construct a new three stall, detached garage.

This garage would be wider towards the alley for the extra stall garage. Aase is proposing that the new garage be five feet from the side property line. The current garage is four feet from the existing side property line.

The ordinance requires six feet setbacks. Aase's reasoning is to avoid building over the top of his clay sanitary sewer service line on the south side of his current garage. Aase was making the formal variance request so that if approved, the variance would be recorded and be approved so that it could be rebuilt, as is, if it were ever destroyed. Boulton stated that the Council could consider approval the reasoned variance request or deny the request because the sanitary sewer service line could be moved or construct a smaller garage. Aase stated that he had estimates of \$8,000-\$10,000 to replace the sanitary sewer service line in order to build the garage according to code. No additional public comments offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:28PM.

22-025 = Approving Variance Request to Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 152.36 Minimum Bldg. Setback Side Line Property in R-1 Residential District: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Holmes stated that the request is reasonable by not building over the top of a sanitary sewer service line and not adding costs to the project by moving the line. Holmes stated that the one-foot variance request was minor. Passed 3-0-0.

22-026 = Authorizing and Approving a Lobbyist Contract for the Proposed North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District State Capital Request: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that Wanamingo's share of the contract is \$4,500. Holmes stated that it was valuable to have the lobbyist be aware of the legislature's actions on a day-to-day basis so that the Cities could make contact at necessary times. Holmes stated that Winthrop and Weinstine have already been making contacts and making the case for the merits of the capital project request. Ohr asked what the contract length for the contract. Boulton stated that the contract is good through the 2022 legislative session, including possible special sessions. Passed 3-0-0.

22-027 = Approving John Deere 331G Compact Track Loader Lease and Service Agreement with Midwest Machinery Co: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 3-0-0.

22-028 = Approving Utility Easement Agreement with Bordson: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.

22-029 = In Support of Minnesota House File 2670 and Minnesota State Senate File 2670 – Statewide Public Safety Radio and Communications System Equipment Grants: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 3-0-0.

22-030 = Approving Proposed Billing Change and Updated Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Agreement with Richard Turri: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that Rick Turri has been the licensed wastewater treatment plant operator since November 2011. The contract price of \$1,950/month has been the same of the duration of the agreement. Boulton stated that Turri is requesting a \$200/month increase. Holmes stated that he is pleased with Rick Turri and what he has done for the City the last eleven years. Passed 3-0-0.

22-031 = Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Wanamingo on Behalf of Its City Attorney: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #198 – Water and Sewer Regulation – 3rd Reading. Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that the changes discussed by City Consulting Engineer Brandon Theobald of WHKS at the March City Council meeting had been incorporated into the proposed Ordinance with the help of City Attorney David Jacobsen. The changes included fats and greases section (Fog), requiring interceptors, and prohibiting flushable wipes. Boulton stated that the reason for rewriting the Water and Sewer Regulation section of the Code of Ordinance is part of a comprehensive plan to address the MPCA Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report with Letter of Warning. Part of the response included that the City would review and make necessary ordinance changes to address the monitoring and enforcement of limits on CBOD, TSS, and Phosphorus levels on large industrial users. The proposed ordinance sets those standards and puts in place a fine schedule if exceeded. Holmes stated that 53.32 D should be changed to say Wanamingo and not Plainview Elgin Sanitary Sewer District. Passed 3-0-0.

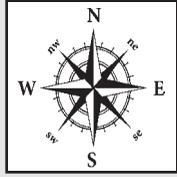
Ohr stated that he had three residents in Prairie Ridge Estates approach him regarding construction material, industrial packaging, and other garbage blowing around the residential subdivision. Ohr stated that there was debris in the storm water detention ponds as well. Boulton stated that he had spoken with Bigelow Homes (builder) and Jessup DeCook (developer) a couple of weeks ago to clean the mud off the streets and clean up construction debris. The mud had been clean off and the debris had been picked up. Boulton stated that he would speak with each of them again and ask that it be cleaned up again this week.

\*Next City Council meeting on 5/9/2022 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 7:51PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ohr and seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor  
Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator

## 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 concept to us that my mother still hasn't ad-

justed 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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