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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.

For more information about the program contact Barb St. John at 507-789-5553.

• **Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard invite you to become a member.** Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. VVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Eric Dierks 507-321-1967, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

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## Adam Dicke to Purchase Sviggum Agency in Wanamingo



Adam grew up north of Goodhue on a beef cattle and crop farm where he is still farming with his father and brother. He graduated from Goodhue High School and majored in animal science at the University of Minnesota. After college he worked for GENEX cattle genetics before starting to work at Voth Ins Agency in Goodhue eleven years ago.

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## Experience First Hand Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm

Please come and join us at the Annual Breakfast on the Farm being hosted by O'Reilly Organic Dairy on Friday, June 17th from 7:00 am – 11:00am. The Goodhue County dairy farmers, the Goodhue County American Dairy Association and KCUE Radio make this event possible each year.

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## Wanamingo Girl is First Time Dairy Princess

Claudia Kennedy of Wanamingo will be a co-dairy princess representing Goodhue County dairy farmers and the dairy industry this year. This will be the 69th year that the state has held the Princess Kay competition. Girls from all over the state represent their county and some will compete to become crowned Princess Kay of the Milky Way the day before the Minnesota State Fair. Haley Hinrichs of Goodhue was the first and only girl from Goodhue County to win the title.

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Claudia Kennedy

## Win a Weekend Getaway!



Although the Spring weather hasn't been too spring like, The Messenger is Gearing up for some Summer Fun!

Along with our partners, we are excited to be giving away prizes to you, our loyal readers and supporters. There is no purchase necessary, and you must be 18 or older to win.

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## Judges: "God Delivers"



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

Judges: [ /jəj/ ] noun --- The Hebrew term shofet, which is translated into English as "judge," is closer in meaning to "ruler," a kind of military leader or deliverer from potential or actual defeat.

The Book of Judges does not specifically name its author. The tradition is that the Prophet Samuel was the author of Judges. Internal evidence indicates that the author of Judges lived shortly after the period of the Judges. Samuel fits this qualification. The text was likely written between 1045 and 1000 B.C.

### OVERVIEW:

The book can be considered a period of time for the Israelites, as well as a book in the Bible. It covers a time period between the death of Joshua and the crowing of Saul as King, which is written of in 1 Samuel 10:24. The text covers a variety of geographic locations: cities, villages, and battlefields across the region, which make for interesting jour-

neys through the land.

The text can be divided into two sections. In Chapters 1-16, we read of an account of the wars of deliverance beginning with the Israelites' defeat of the Canaanites. This section end with the defeat of the Philistines and the death of Samson. The second section, chapters 17-21, refer to an appendix of sorts and does not relate to the previous chapters. It is likely in the final few chapters (Judges 17-21) we have an overview of the moral climate during those days and not a chronological order of events. These events probably happened in and around the times of various judges mentioned in earlier chapters of the text.

The nation underwent political and religious turmoil as the people tried to possess those parts of the land that had not yet been fully conquered. The tribes fought among themselves during this time, in great extremes even (Ch. 12, 20-21).

### SO WHAT?

The main idea within this text is seeing and understanding that God will not let sin go unpunished. Rebellion and disregard for His commands and authority will bring about consequences and judgement from His hand.

We saw in Exodus that Israel was established as God's people, God was their King. There was a rejection of God's covenant with them at Mount Saini. In Judges, God disciplined them for following other gods, disobeying His sacrificial laws, engaging in blatant immorality, and descending into anarchy at times. Yet, because they were His people, He listened to their cries for mercy and raised up leaders to deliver them. Unfortunately, even these godly individuals did not

wield sufficient influence to change the nation's direction. The people's inability to resist sinful Canaanite influences eventually revealed their desire for an earthly king, forsaking the Kingship of God they had.

What we must remember as we look at and mediate on God's word in the Book of Judges is the faithfulness and discipline of God for our good and His name's sake, His glory. If we continue in disobedience, like the nation of Israel in Judges, we invite God's discipline, not because He enjoys our suffering, but "because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son" (Hebrews 12:6). We are reminded in this text of God's faithfulness. Even "if we are faithless, He will remain faithful" (2 Timothy 2:13). Though we may be unfaithful to Him, as the Israelites were, still He is faithful to save us and preserve us (1 Thessalonians 5:24) and to forgive us when we seek forgiveness (1 John 1:9). "He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his

Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful" (1 Corinthians 1:8-9). God's faithfulness to those who seek Him through Jesus is available to you today. Trust in the Perfect King Jesus, who is Savior and Lord, today. Together, may we seek and remember God's mighty works, in the true accounts of the Bible and in our own lives. Like the old hymn, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way. To be happy in Jesus, then to trust and obey."

Next month, we will look at the Book of Ruth – an account of genuine love and redemption. Regardless of our circumstances in life, we can live according to the instructions of God. Genuine love and kindness will be rewarded. God abundantly blesses those who seek to live obedient lives. Looking forward to continue the journey, friends!

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*There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. — Revelation 7:9*

The Christian faith is deeply personal. At the same time, it is also deeply communal. When we say, with the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in . . . the holy catholic church," we are declaring that the church, the body of Christ, includes all who belong to the people of God throughout history.

Let's be clear, though, that this statement does not single out or promote a particular church within the body of all who believe in Christ. The word "catholic" here means "universal," indicating that the church of Christ includes all of God's people from all times in history. The breathtaking vision in Revelation captures the scope of Christ's church gathered "from every nation, tribe, people and language." Can you imagine a more awe-inspiring sight?

And what unites this astonishing multitude of people from every time and place? Since the early centuries of the church, the teaching of statements like the Apostles' Creed has played a central role in uniting Christians around the true faith anchored in Scripture and inspired by the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May the truth and witness of the universal church comfort, encourage, and challenge you to love and serve the God whom countless believers have served through the ages.

*Lord, we are humbled and grateful to belong to your church, and we look forward to praising and serving you forever. Amen.*

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## David Lionel Langsdorf

David Lionel Langsdorf, age 82 of Kenyon and formerly a long-time resident of Cannon Falls, died on Friday morning, May 13, 2022.



Dave was born on February 13, 1940, in Red Wing, the son of Leonard and Virginia (Veith) Langsdorf. He attended school in Red Wing until his family moved to Cannon Falls. He graduated in 1958 from Cannon Falls High School.

Dave married ElsieAnn Krier on September 30, 1960, at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, where he continued to be very active. He sang in the choir, served on church council, attended Saturday men's bible study, and went on mission trips. Dave was a dairy farmer and owned and operated the Longvilla Farm. He was active in the National Farmers Union. In 1985, he received the Conservationist of the Year Award. He also served on the Belle Creek Watershed Board.

Dave was active in the Cannon Falls Lions Club and received Lion of the Year and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He is always the one who is quick to help anyone!

Dave had a quick wit, could tell Sven and Ole jokes 'til the cows came home, and could do a Donald Duck voice to cheer you up. He was a storyteller and loved to share stories with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a talented poet and could sing and play guitar. He collected Minneapolis Moline tractors and faithfully participated in the annual Randolph tractor parade. He enjoyed driving school bus in Randolph and often drove for other school events and sports. Dave and Elsie spent the last 13 years as snowbirds in Arizona.

Above all, family was everything to him. He will be forever missed by his wife of 60 years, ElsieAnn; daughters, Connie (Mark) Miller of Kenyon and Wendy (Kevin) McGuire of Red Wing; 6 grandchildren, Blake Miller of Kenyon, Becca Augustin (Dave Engberg) of Red Wing, Bailey (Jeff) Ament of Kenyon, Curt (Erin) Augustin of Red Wing, Kailen McGuire of Troy, IL and Mitchel (Kiley) McGuire of Ventura, IA; 8 great grandchildren, Chloe, Dawson, Leah, Sage, Rudy, Maxx, Hank and Elaine; and sister, Diane (Chuck) Grabow of Red Wing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill; and parents-in-law, Murlene and Harry Krier; and sister-in-law, Debra Jean Krier.

A brief memorial service was held on Monday, May 16 at 3pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls. This service was live-streamed. A visitation followed from 4-7pm.



## Judith "Judy" Ann Pavék

Judith "Judy" Ann Pavék, 77, of Kenyon, died Thursday, April 14, 2022 at Methodist Hospital in Rochester.

She was born June 22, 1944 in Faribault, Minnesota the

daughter of Benjamin and Arloine (Torsdahl) Rehnke. She grew up in Kenyon and attended Kenyon Schools through high school.

On December 2, 1961, she married Gary Pavék at Trinity Lutheran Church in Faribault. Judy was a Licensed Practical Nurse receiving her Associates Degree in Nursing from technical college in Rochester.

Judy's nursing career included nursing at the State School in Faribault and the Kenyon Sunset Home. She then worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Hiner in Kenyon and completed her working career in 2009 as the Office Manager for Lyle Wendroth at the State Farm Insurance office in Kenyon.

Judy loved fishing, sewing, quilting, crocheting, and baking Christmas cookies. She was an avid lover of music and enjoyed many concerts by the St. Paul Orchestra. Spending time at the cabin on Cass Lake was also a favorite of hers. She spent many hours exploring the woods looking for Lady Slippers. Judy loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and was devoted to attending as many of their activities no matter how far she had to travel.

Judy was involved in the Kenyon community serving on the Board of Directors for the Kenyon Sunset Home and the Kenyon Planning Commission.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Pavék of Kenyon; daughters, Gwen (Layne) Buckingham of Wanamingo and Dawn (Matt) Wiegand of Stillwater; grandchildren, Nolan Buckingham, Cora (Justin) Cromer, Olivia (Todd) Buckingham, Seth Buckingham, Ben (Chelsea) Wiegand, Joe Wiegand and Emily Wiegand; great grandchildren, Hunter and Charlotte Buckingham, Axel Jed and Zeke Markham, Riley Morris and Harvey and Wren Wiegand; brother, Jerald Rehnke of Hastings; three nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents Benjamin and Arloine Rehnke.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon on Monday, April 18th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and at the church prior to the service. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Gol Lutheran Church. Pastor Marvin Kormann officiated. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery in Kenyon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Kenyon Senior Living.

## Jane Margaret Froehlich

Jane Margaret Froehlich, 87, of Kenyon, died Thursday, April 21, 2022 at her home surrounded by her loving family.



She was born December 16, 1934 in Renville County, Minnesota the daughter of James and Anna (Johnson) Crawford. She graduated from Hector High School in 1952. On November 7, 1953, she married Melanchthon Froehlich at Swedland Lutheran Church in Hector.

Following Mel's military service, the couple moved to a farm in the Kenyon area. Jane was primarily a housewife and helped Mel on the farm. Jane and Mel attended Hegre Lutheran Church and later became members

at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Aspelund.

As a couple, they took many motorcycle trips to various destinations all over the United States. They also enjoyed hosting music parties at their home for many years.

Jane loved baking bread and chocolate chip cookies, attending music festivals and a weekly music jam. Most of all her greatest joy was having her family in her home, serving the Lord and participating in Bible studies.

She is survived by her children, Judy (Wendell) Berg of Hillsboro, ND, Gene (Vickie) Froehlich of Kenyon Susan (Tom) Dodds of Kenyon; grandchildren, Aaron (Angie) Berg of Portland, ND, Brian (Susie Paul-Hus) Berg of Trios-Rivières, Québec, Melissa (Eric) Keller of Valatie, NY, Andrea (Luke) Salik of Grandville, MI, Kayla (Jeffrey) Burse of West Concord, Michael (Bethany) Froehlich of Rosemount, Sarah (Ian) Smyth of Rochester, Daniel (Jamie) Dodds of Huntsville, AL and Bridget (Josh) Sands of Faribault; great-grandchildren, Hailey, Alexis and Jacob Berg, Mélina Paul-Hus, Emma and Zachary Berg, Ethan, Elijah, Ainsley and Avonlea Keller, Gabriella and Theodore Salik, Jackson Froehlich, Key-Lon Burse, Clark and Crosby Froehlich, Molly Wagner, Gabriel and Georgia Dodds, Melody and Mariah Sands, Skye and Jayden Kirby and Zach Stromley; sister, Joan Curtiss of Hector; sister-in-law, Jeanette Borth of Faribault and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Anna; husband, Melanchthon Froehlich; grandsons, Morris Dodds, Jr. and William Daniel Froehlich.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon on Monday, April 25th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and at church one hour prior to the service. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Aspelund. Reverend Lyle Aadahl officiated. Interment was in the Hegre Lutheran Cemetery in Kenyon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

## Richard Gerald Westphal

Richard Gerald Westphal, 85, of Kenyon, passed away on April 24, 2022, at the Homestead Hospice house in Owatonna.



He was born November 14, 1936 in Faribault, to Adolph and Edythe (Murphy) Westphal. Richard

grew up and graduated in Kenyon, before enlisting in the United States Navy with his brother. He was stationed in Virginia when he went on leave to New York and met Judith Hadsell. They would then be relocated to San Francisco where they would be married on June 22, 1958. Richard then re-enlisted after the birth of their first child and would be moved through out the United States and Panama. Richard would achieve the rank of Chief Petty Officer before retiring from the United States Navy. After retirement, Richard attended school at St. Cloud Technical College. Upon graduation he would work for Republic, Northwest, and Delta Airlines as a computer programmer. After his second retirement Richard and Judith retired to their lake property on Ponto Lake in Backus for several year before moving back to Kenyon.

Richard would be described as patient and well organized. He always went above and beyond any task that he took on. He was fully committed to his wife and family and set a great example for his children. He loved to watch westerns and listen to Don Williams. Richard's passion was to go fishing for wall-eye. He was very active in the VFW, American Legion and the Color Guard in Kenyon. He also enjoyed coffee in the morning with the guys.

He is survived by his wife Judith Westphal of Kenyon; daughters, Kelly Westphal of Kenyon; Lynne (Darryl) Giese of Faribault; Robin (Rod) Elton of Cottage Grove; sons, Scott (Mary) Westphal of Riverview, FL; Jody Westphal of Montgomery; granddaughters, Melissa (Brandon) Beaune, Jessica (Jordan) Watkins, LaLonnice (Alex) Mullenberg, Amanda Elton; grandsons, Michael Burlingame, Joshua Westphal, Scott (Jessica) Westphal Jr, Corey Giese, Drew (Jennifer) Moorman; Step Granddaughter Tiffany Breuer; and 19 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Edythe Westphal; brother Donald "Dutch" Westphal of Kenyon; and sister Mary "Sharon" (William) Nedrow of Roanoke, VA.

A visitation will be held at Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon on Friday April 29th, 2022 from 12PM-2:30PM, with a short prayer service starting at 2:30PM. Burial will be held at Kenyon Cemetery with the Kenyon Honor Guard presenting honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Kenyon VFW Post 141. Richard Gerald Westphal, 85, of Kenyon, passed away on April 24, 2022, at the Homestead Hospice house in Owatonna.

(obituaries continued on page 4)

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## Elizabeth Ruth Groth

Elizabeth Ruth Groth, 78, of Zumbrota, formally of Kenyon, peacefully passed away Sunday, May 15, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, surrounded by family.

She was born September 29, 1943 in Hayward, Wisconsin, the daughter of Raymond and Hazel

(Roberts) Hams. Liz grew up in Maplewood, MN and graduated from North St. Paul High School in 1961. She then continued her education at the Methodist Kahler School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. While in nursing school she met Lew at the Skyline Ballroom, and on October 3, 1964 the couple were united in marriage at Central Park Methodist Church, St. Paul, MN. Liz worked at various hospitals, and then at Kenyon Nursing Home before she and Lew started Groth Implement in 1974. While working at the shop and raising their children, Liz decided to learn enough about flying to safely land the plane if something happened to Lew. This started her passion for flying. Not only did she get her pilot's license, but also achieved her Instrument rating, and purchased their Beechcraft "99LG". Liz served as President of the Minnesota Ninety-Nines where she flew blood for the Red Cross and Daffodils for the American Cancer Society. The couple took many vacations in their airplane over the years, including flying in and camping out at Oshkosh Fly-In for several years, and to warmer weather in the winter. Liz continued to work at the shop even after Lew retired, working for her son until his retirement. She loved visiting with and getting ribbed by the customers and keeping busy with the book work.

Liz was an avid genealogist and took many trips with her daughter to various parts of the country tracing family history, visiting family, cemeteries and courthouses. She loved to knit, read, and kept her mind sharp working various types of crossword puzzles.

Liz loved her family and was happiest to be in the middle of all their activity. She loved the mini-golf and Door County vacations with the grandchildren, baking and cooking days with the girls, making the big breakfasts for hunting days, and cookie-making with the kids. She was known for her Chocolate Chip Cookies and her Pecan Pie, but the kids and grandkids fought over her Grandma's Molasses Dunking Cookies every Christmas.

She is survived by her husband Lew Groth of Zumbrota; daughter Barbara Groth of Kenyon, son Brian (Mirela) Groth of Pahrump, NV; Grandchildren Stephanie (Derik) Quam of Red Wing, Eddie Matul of Kenyon, Erin (Trent) Brossard of South Bend, IN, Megan Groth (Colton) of Lake Crystal; great granddaughter Ellie Quam, sister Marilyn Michaelson of Sun City, AZ, brother Perry Hams of Rice, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Liz was preceded in death by her parents, brother Bob Hams, son-in-law Edward Matul, nephew Steve Groth, and niece Jane Wood.

There was a visitation at Michaelson Fu-

neral Home in Kenyon on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 from 4PM to 7PM. Funeral services were held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon on Thursday, May 19th, 2022 at 11AM with a visitation one hour prior. Interment was in the Wanamingo Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon.

## Maxine Dohmen

Maxine Mary Dohmen, age 80 of Cannon Falls and formerly of Dennison, died peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, June 1, 2022 at Cannon Rivers Senior Living, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren.

Maxine and her twin sister, Kathleen were born on May 9, 1942 in Vermillion, MN, the daughters of Aloys and Catherine (Kaiser) Girgen. Maxine graduated from Hastings High School in 1960 and married Ronald J. Dohmen on April 28, 1962 in Vermillion, MN.

Maxine worked for Fire and Marine Insurance Co. in St. Paul, Northrup King in Stanton, Kid Duds in Cannon Falls, and Ger-Bes Enterprises in Vermillion, where she retired as office manager.

Along with being active at St. Michael's Church, Maxine always supported those going through cancer treatment. She would often make homemade turbins for them, or simply be a caring presence. As a two-time survivor of breast cancer herself, she made many friends with patients and doctors along the way.

Maxine was very social and loved spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed playing cards. She will be remembered by her family and friends as a dedicated wife, mom, grandma, and great-grandma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband of 59 years, Ron; sister, Rita (Girgen) Kaiser; and brother-in-law, Hank Goers.

She is survived by children, Martin Dohmen of Northfield, Norma (Scott) Wickum of Wanamingo, Renee (Mike) Bauernfeind of Kenyon, and Leonard (Leona) Dohmen of Dennison; 5 grandchildren, Jeremy (Colbe) Bauernfeind, Samantha (Andy) Meyer, Jesse (Erin) Bauernfeind, Shelby Wickum, and Luke (Trisha) Bauernfeind; 6 great-grandchildren, Luella, Lydia, Lincoln, Wilder, Bodhi, and Mason; siblings, Norbert (Dorothy) Girgen, Clarice (Steve) Sobania, Mary (Chuck) Johnson, and Kathleen Goers; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Kenyon on Wednesday, June 8 at 3:00 pm, with visitation from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Interment followed at the church cemetery. A dinner was at church.

Active pallbearers were nephews, Andy Smith and Ted Dohmen, and friends, Dean Larsen, Wayne Lexvold, Paul Beskau, and

Curt Haler. Honorary pallbearers were St Catherine's Circle.

Memorials are preferred to breast cancer research.

Arrangements by Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls. Online condolences may be directed to [www.LundbergFuneral.com](http://www.LundbergFuneral.com).

## Harland E. Kasa Sr.

Harland E. Kasa Sr., age 80, of Cannon Falls, passed away Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Harland was born July 24, 1941, to Helge and Catherine (Bradford) Kasa at home in rural Rice

County. He attended school in Randolph and then high school in Kenyon graduating in 1959. Harland then went on to a cabinet-making trade school in St. Paul. In 1961, he entered the United States Army and served until receiving his honorable discharge in 1963. He married Nancy Floyd and the couple had three children, Harland Jr., Scott, and Kristofer. At one time, in the late '60s, Harland owned and operated a shoe repair business where the current Willie's Shoe Repair is located in Northfield. Harland then began a career as a truck driver hauling fuel oil and

later started driving for United Van Bus. In 1992 he married Roberta Schultz. He then started Kasa's Buggy Shop in rural Cannon Falls in which he refurbished and repaired many old buggies and wagons. In his retirement years, he drove school bus for the Cannon Falls School District. The kids kept him young and he enjoyed every minute of being a bus driver.

Harland was well respected and well-liked. He enjoyed visiting and was known as a down-to-earth kind of guy. He was a member at Vang Lutheran Church.

Harland is survived by his wife Roberta of Cannon Falls; three sons Harland Jr. (Darcey) of Seville, OH, Scott of Wyoming, MN, Kristofer (Jessica) of Cannon Falls; a stepson Byron Lukowicz of White Bear Lake; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister Judy Preston of Hampton; and a brother-in-law Craig Schultz of Las Vegas, NV. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Janet Kasa Due; brother-in-law William Preston; grandson Michael Burkey Sr; and a stepdaughter Muriah Lukowicz.

Funeral services was at Vang Lutheran Church on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Visitation was at Bierman Funeral Home in Northfield on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and one hour prior to the service in the church. Burial was at Vang Cemetery in Holden Township. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. [biermanfuneralhome.com](http://biermanfuneralhome.com).



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**K-W Noble Knights of the Week for May 20, 2022**

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**K-W Noble Knights of the Week for May 27, 2022**

Front Row: Harper Caron, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Isabelle Hanson, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Hudson Otte, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Taylor Groth, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs. Back Row: Olivia Lerfeld, Gr. 2, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Lexi VanDeWalker, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Evan Peterson, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; John Boyum, Gr. 4, Ms. Jen Subra; Isabelle Boyum, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing

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## Experience First Hand

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This event is held annually to share with the public on how the dairy industry operates and contributes to the local economy and way of life. The goal is to get people out on the farm to have a first-hand experience of seeing how dairy farmers take cow health and comfort very seriously and work hard to ensure you have high quality products to feed your family. You will also notice the great care farmers take for the land to ensure it is available and high quality as it is today for many generations to come.

Come and have a complimentary breakfast and meet Casey, Kim, Carsyn, Cayden and Jack O'Reilly, along with Princess Kay from the Milky Way, Anna Euerle. Breakfast on the Farm is a fun, yet educational event to explain how milk is produced and educate the consumers and community on the positive impacts the dairy industry has in Goodhue County and to the overall economy. There will be something for everyone, including games and fun activities for the kids, farm tours, petting zoo, milk "Annabelle" the cow, tub train rides, tractor driver simulator-Ag Cab Lab, name a calf contest along with tractor and equipment display. KCUE Radio will be broadcasting live on the air from the farm for their morning broadcast from 6:00 am-10:00 am.

We are encouraging families, daycares, school groups, neighbors, community members and businesses to join us at this great event. We want to take this time to say, "Thank You," for being our neighbors and supporting our family farms. O'Reilly Organic Dairy, a family owned and operated farm, is located at 33456 200th Ave, Red Wing, MN 55066.

O'Reilly Organic Dairy is this year's host and is excited to have you come see their farming operation that they take great pride in. O'Reilly Organic Dairy was started in 2009 after Casey and Kim O'Reilly built their milking facilities and bought their 76 cows across the field from Casey's family farm, Shamrock Farms. Looking to build a future for their family and following their commitment of "Family Farming ~ Genera-

tion to Generation." Both Casey and Kim come from multi-generational farming families. They are very blessed with three hard working boys, Carsyn, a junior this fall in Goodhue, Cayden, a freshman, and Jack, a seventh grader, who are very active on the farming operation. If they are not playing sports, you can find them doing field work, milking cows, feeding livestock, or even possibly building a new building on the farm. I hope you have the opportunity to visit with them at the Breakfast on the Farm event and you too will see, their passion for family farming. Today, the O'Reilly's milk 100 head twice a day in their double eight parlor and run 320 acres. They raise their crops to feed their own cattle and raise their own youngstock. This will be their second time hosting the Breakfast on the Farm, as they originally hosted the event in 2011 when the boys were younger. They are excited this year to host the event to give the public the chance to see our operation, the great care we take with our cattle and our land, and to have the opportunity for the boys to show their excitement along with Casey and Kim's for what they do each day. We thank God for allowing us to run the land and continue to carry on the family farming tradition.

Casey and Kim, along with their boys, are always welcoming of guest to visit and experience how our farm operates and how when you sit down at your table, you are able to have high quality dairy products right at your table. It is a task we are very committed to. We are very fortunate to own and operate an organic dairy farm and work side by side with our boys each and every day. Casey does an amazing job running all the aspects involved with running a successful organic dairy farm. As Kim would say, "He is amazing and so humble." Family and faith are our top priority. During the weekdays, you can find Kim at Merchants Bank as a Commercial Lender. Her commitment to her family and to farmers/business owners, makes Merchants Bank a great fit. They know that some days, Kim might leave early to go home and milk when the guys are in the field. Because that is what she loves to do, farm with Casey and their boys. Their love for farming and their commitment to hard work, is only something you can experience on the farm.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.



L to R: Cayden, Carsyn, Casey, Kim, & Jack O'Reilly



**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-11 a.m.**  
**O'Reilly Organic Dairy, LLC**  
 33456 200th Ave Red Wing, MN 55066

Everyone is welcome - families, neighbors, community members, and school groups!

Meet Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Anna Euerle and the Goodhue County Dairy Princesses

- Free Breakfast with ice cream!
- O'Reilly Family Bingo
- Farm Tours
- Petting Zoo
- Name a Calf Contest
- Ag Cab Lab - Tractor Drive Simulator
- Games and Farm Fun Activities for Kids
- KCUE Live Radio Broadcast 6-10 a.m.
- Tractor and Farm Equipment Display
- Milk "Annabelle" the cow
- Tub Train Ride for Kids

Sponsored By: Goodhue County Dairy Farmers, KCUE Radio, Organic Valley, and local Businesses



The O'Reilly Family  
 Casey, Kim, Carsyn, Cayden  
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**Join our Host Family Farm**  
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 to celebrate June Dairy Month!

Direction from Goodhue: Take County 9 Blvd. West.  
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 Left onto 200th Ave. 3rd Place on Right

**LIMITED EVENT PARKING ONSITE**

**FREE BUS SHUTTLES:** Starting at 6:35 a.m. running continuously till 10:30 a.m. Pick up and drop off points at **Goodhue School and Red Wing High School**

The June Dairy Breakfast on the Farm is a "fun" yet "educational" event to explain how milk is produced and to educate consumers and community on the positive impact the dairy industry has in Goodhue County and MN. They want to say "Thank you" for being our neighbor and supporting our family farm.

Questions? Or group reservations of more than 10:  
 Call Kristin Schrimpf 651-380-8293 or Ann Buck 651-764-3087



# Wanamingo's 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. Booster Club's Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament** at JB's Tavern

**10:00 a.m. Tractor & Truck Pull** - at Industrial Park (just South of Hwy 60)

Sponsored by Wanamingo Fire Department

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship** at Riverside Park (Trinity & Wanamingo Lutheran) ???

**6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Fire Department, Picnic & Dance**

**"Polka Dots" & "Thrillbillies"**

Sponsored by Wanamingo Fire Department

## Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

**\*\*\* North Main Street – All Day \*\*\***

**Sponsored by Wanamingo Commercial Club**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bounce Houses** (Wacky Moonwalk, Toddler Moonwalk & Obstacle Course)

**11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Yard games for ALL ages**

**\*\*\*\* Food Vendors \*\*\*\***

**7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast** at Community Center (Minneola Lutheran Church)

**11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Drink & Food Specials** at JB's Tavern

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Flour Child Creations 6th Anniversary** (Three Chix Fundraising will serve snow cones)

**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction** in front of Bus Garage (Wanamingo Lutheran Church)

**12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sundaes, Cotton Candy, & Popcorn** at 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift (Lion's Club)

**5:00 p.m. Zumbrota-Mazeppa vs Kenyon-Wanamingo Varsity Baseball Game** at Memorial Field

**1:00 p.m. Zumbrota Band** on Main Street by Bus Station

**Grand Parade – 2:30 p.m.** (participants gather at AG Partners)

**Bean Bag Tournament & Keg Throw** following the parade at JB's Tavern

**4:00 p.m. Fire Department water-fight** at Fire Hall

## Fireworks at Dusk

**Check out the other events throughout town!**

## Wanamingo Girl is First Time Dairy Princess

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Claudia Kennedy does not live on a dairy farm but started working at the Norton Dairy in Wabasha County when she was eleven years old. She currently is working at the Tangen Dairy in Wanamingo. One of the unusual jobs she has done is to implant steers. She will be attending all the events she can this summer to represent the Goodhue County dairy industry.

Her mother is Kris Streiff and she has five sisters, Mary Voracek, Amy Kennedy, Whitney Floren, Ashlynn Taft and Maddy Kennedy. This fall she plans to attend Dakota County Technical College and study welding.

## Win a Weekend Getaway!

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Simply send an entry e-mail to [messengerdrawing@gmail.com](mailto:messengerdrawing@gmail.com) with your name, address and contact phone number to sign up. (WE WILL NOT SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH ANYONE!)

You will be entered into our Summer Fun Giveaway. The Grand Prize is a Two-Night Stay and Grand Casino Mille Lacs and a Family 4 pack of tickets to Iconic Fest July 8 & 9. If you are a fan of 90's Country, you will enjoy Iconic Fest. This year's line up includes Black Hawk, Doug Stone, Phil Vassar and More. Located between Garrison and Brainerd, this annual event is a great way to get away and enjoy live music outdoors. Check out their website at [iconicfest.com](http://iconicfest.com)

We will also have Tickets to Volksfest in Goodhue. This year's musical guests include Hairball and John Michael Montgomery. Goodhue is located just 20 minutes east of Dennison. A short drive for some great weekend entertainment June 10 & 11. We will also draw weekly for dining certificates to the area's best restaurants. Winners will be notified by e-mail, so make sure you enter today!

The Only way to enter is send an e-mail to [messengerdrawing@gmail.com](mailto:messengerdrawing@gmail.com).

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## Kenyon Attorney To Retire from Active Practice after 59 Years

Franklin Peterson was born on a farm near Braham, Minnesota and graduated from High School there. He enrolled in Augsburg College and his football coach suggested that he join the International Guard. He was later called up to the Air Force for eighteen months.

He returned to school at St. Cloud State and then enrolled in William Mitchell Law School in St. Paul.

In 1963 Frank came to Kenyon, Minnesota looking for a small town to practice law. There he took over the law firm of Ray Wahlberg and spent nearly sixty years as an

attorney in town. In the early years he was associated with Steve Jorstad in Wanamingo.

Frank liked the people of Kenyon. "They are hardworking people and pay their bills", he commented. The town saw good growth with lots of development like apartments and Foldcraft, during the 60's and 70's.

Frank recalls when Harold Nielsen came to Kenyon around 1970 with a vision to build his business here, and how impressed he was with Harold's intelligence and integrity.

He focused mainly on general practice, real estate law, wills and income tax. He also served as city attorney for about twenty years beginning in the 1970's. One of the highlights of his practice was a special assessments case that was contested all the way to the Minnesota Supreme Court, where he won the case.

Frank and Beverly raised three children who graduated from Kenyon high school and all still live in the area. Beverly passed away in 2015. He plans to golf and enjoy watching his seven grandchildren grow up.

Frank considers one of the highlights of his life to be his work with the Shriners organization. He has been able to travel to a lot of



Franklin Peterson



Franklee Shriners Clown

places for meetings and participate in about twenty parades each summer. There are eighteen parade units in the lower third of the state and all are very active in events and raising money each summer. Frank has entertained as a Shriners Clown to bring laughs and happiness to many youngsters attending parades. The Shriners have built an event center in Mendota and a new medical clinic in Woodbury that is devoted to out-patient children's care. The Shriners raise over \$800 million each year and support twenty-two

hospitals in the United States and Canada and one in Mexico. They have treated over one million kids in the last thirty years.

## Adam Dicke to Purchase Sviggum Agency in Wanamingo

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Adam always knew Jim Sviggum and when he heard Jim was planning to retire, he saw an opportunity to own an agency. Adam will be taking over the agency in Wanamingo on July 1st of this year and Jim will continue to work for an additional two years in the office. Jim has been an independent insurance agent for 22 years- prior to that he was a board

member of Kenyon Holden Warsaw Mutual and continues to be a board member of Great Rivers Mutual. Jim handles farm, home, auto and business policies and Adam will add crop, life and health coverages to the agency.

Adam is married and his wife works in Red Wing. They live in Goodhue and have three children.

## GOODHUE VOLKSFEST '22

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**WED., JUNE 8 — MEDALLION HUNT**  
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— 7pm Miss Goodhue • GHS Gym 2 • \*Button —

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

## HAIRBALL / Rhino

\$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	Bean Bag Tournament • 11am Reg. / Starts: 12pm - 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 • Volksfest Cookoff - Lion's parking lot 2pm • Pedal Pull - Located at Broadway & 2nd Avenue 10pm • Dusk Fireworks - Rosie Park
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### STREET DANCE

Gates Open 6pm • Music 6:30pm  
\$30 pre-sale • \$40 at gate

GOODHUE VOLKSFEST  
JUNE 10 - 12, 2022

## John Michael Montgomery

JT & The Gunslingers/Bryan Anderson

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>

9am • Community Worship Service - GHS Gym  
 1pm • Parade  
 Post Parade • FD Water Fight & Medallion Hunt Award - Fire Dept  
 9am - 12:30pm • Dad's Belgian Waffles by Goodhue Lions  
 - Goodhue Community Center

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**AUCTION CALENDAR**

**June 16, 2022 ..... 10:00 AM CST**  
**Boyd, WI**  
LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & DAWN HERRICK  
(11) John Deere Mtd & 2wd Tractor, 2 Skid Loaders, Planter & Drill, tillage Machinery, 2 Forage Harvesters, 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 KRIESE  
John Deere 7720 2WD & 7405 2WD Tractors, Case IH 4300 Field Cultivator, Case IH 950 Planter, (2) Brent G544 Wagons, Clean Chevy 70 Grain Truck, Spraying & Tillage Equipment, Other Farm Machinery, Farm Support Items

**July 15, 2022**  
**Bidding Begins: .... July 8, 2022**  
**Starts Closing..... July 15, 2022**  
**Kenyon, MN**  
ONLINE ONLY LIFETIME COLLECTION, GAS & OIL MEMORABILIA  
Tolheim Clock Face Gas Pump, Gas Globes, Gas & Oil Signs, Oil Cans, 30+ Brass Oilers, 20+ Brass Steam Whistles, 10+ Brass Steam Gauges, Antiques, Old Primitives, Steam & Gas Engine Toys, Lightning Rods & Weathervanes

**July 15, 2022 ..... 10:00 AM CST**  
**Kenyon, MN**  
LIVE AND ONLINE LARGE LIFETIME COLLECTION OF GAS ENGINES, SIGNS & PRIMITIVES  
50 Antique Gas Hit & Miss Engines, Fairbanks Morse 10hp & Associated 6 Mule Team Restored on Carts, Fuller Johnson, Monitor, Galloway, Fin, Ibc, Maytag, (7) John Deere 2 Cylinder 730, 70, 60, B, A, Tractors, JD 500 Buck ATV, JD Weights, JD Plows, 1941 Ford 1.5 Ton, Enco Lathe, Enco Milling & Drilling, Breaks, Bandsaw

**July 11, 2022**  
**Bidding Begins: .... July 2, 2022**  
**Starts Closing..... July 11, 2022**  
**Kenyon, MN**  
ONLINE ONLY ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE CHUCK V. DURYEA ESTATE  
Clean Low Mileage 1976 & 1991 Chevy 4x4 Pickups, International 1456 & 756 Tractors, Hobby Farm Machinery, Several Good Firearms, Metal Lathe, Bridge Port Milling & Drilling, Welders, Power & Hand Tools, Farm & Household Antiques

**July 20, 2022**  
**Bidding Begins: ... July 13, 2022**  
**Starts Closing..... July 20, 2022**  
**Wanamingo, MN**  
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**July 23, 2022 ..... 9:00 AM CST**  
**Mankato, MN**  
LIVE AND ONLINE CLEAN LATE MODEL FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR ROGER & DAWN HUBNER  
6 Late Model John Deere MFWD & 2WD Tractors, Late Model John Deere Combine, Corn & Bean Heads, Semi's, Grain Trailers, JD Planter, Sprayer, Tillage, Clean Line of Good Farm Machinery

**July 24, 2022**  
**Bidding Begins: ... July 16, 2022**  
**Starts Closing..... July 24, 2022**  
**Vernon Center, MN**  
ONLINE ONLY REPAIR SERVICE SHOP AUCTION FOR THE HERMAN SPECK ESTATE  
John Deere 2010 Tractor, Large Metal Lathe, Wire Feed Welders, Milling & Drilling Machine, Ellis Power Metal Saw, Punches & Hammers, Drill Press, New Stock Iron Flat, Tube, Angle Round, Power & Hand Tools, Tool Boxes, Repair Supplies

**July 31, 2022**  
**Bidding Begins: ... July 23, 2022**  
**Starts Closing..... July 31, 2022**  
**Pine Island, MN**  
LARGE TRIPLE ESTATE AUCTION FROM THE PETERMAN, GOPLEN & RUEBER ESTATES  
(2) Oliver 1650 Tractors, John Deere 2010 & 50, Vintage John Deere & Arctic Cat Snowmobiles, JD X520 & Gx345 Mowers, Vintage Mini Bikes, Power & Hand Tools, Woodworking Tools, Antique Farm Machinery, Farm Primitives, Project Cars, Antiques, Collectibles, Household and More.

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## Holland Auction

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, 9:30 A.M. Ellendale, MN**

**37-John Deere Collector Tractors  
2-Crawlers - Trucks-Trailer  
Backhoe-Shop + Memorabilia Items**

Location: *On Interstate 35, exit at the New Richland-Blooming Prairie, MN off ramp 26, then 1/4 mile west on Highway 30, then 3 1/2 miles north on SW 42nd Ave.*

**Auctioneers Note:** For those who new Phil realized how strong of a passion he had for John Deere two cylinder tractors. A very good auction to attend with some high quality tractors. Please note: Approximately 1 hour of small misc. items. Hope to see you at the Auction. **Tracy Holland**

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**JUNE 11**  
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## Dairy Producers Connect Over Robotic Milking

By MN Extension

Discussions aid understanding of high-tech dairy systems, cow health and the farm's bottom line

When Lisa and Steve Groetsch's cows are ready to be milked, they approach a milking robot on their own. The system is humane for the cows and brings flexibility to dairy farmers like the Groetsches.

They have been using the system for a decade, and are making the significant investment in robots pay off. Although the farm employs more people than ever, people they appreciate very much, the robotic system provides valuable data and efficiency.

The transition hasn't been without its challenges. Nothing about dairy farming is, but they love their cows and the three young adult children they raised on the farm. Their family's work means someone gets milk on their cereal or yogurt as their tasty snack.

When they were invited to present to other dairy producers via University of Minnesota Extension's virtual Robotic Milking Edition webinar series, Lisa Groetsch realized that

while she doesn't see herself as an eloquent speaker, she and Steve had experience to offer.

"To be able to share the good and the bad, and to maybe help another farmer not go through something we've gone through, or to help someone to not feel alone in something, that can be priceless," she says.

### Planned to fit farm life

The series is produced by Marcia Endres, an Extension animal scientist who is well known for her research on cow comfort and wellness. She co-hosts the series with Jim Salfer, Extension dairy educator. Webinars are attended live to include question and answer time and then shared on YouTube. The series has registrants from 42 countries.

"Robots are growing worldwide," says Endres. "My priority is Minnesota, but people are sharing the links and talking about it."

Much of the audience is comprised of dairy producers, but there are also industry professionals, as well as students, such as those Endres teaches as a professor in the University's Department of Animal Science.

Endres planned the Extension series with input received when she and Salfer surveyed dairy producers in 2020.

Producer feedback informed her selection of the virtual format, the 11:30 a.m. time slot on the third Thursday of each month and even the 30-minute duration.

### Unbiased and candid

Unlike with webinars offered by robotics



Marcia Endres, U of M Extension animal scientist (left) visits with Lisa Groetsch at Groetsch Dairy.

companies, Extension discusses every brand, every size farm, and every style of dairy farming, including grazing, large and small freestall barns, mixed systems of robot and parlor, robotic rotaries, and more. The audience includes producers at every stage of decision-making, so Endres invites experienced producers like the Groetsches to tell their stories.

Whether a participant decides to proceed with robotics or not to proceed after learning more, it's time well spent.

"Panelists can be honest about what problems they're having," says Endres. "We don't pay producers to present on the webinars. They do it from the goodness of their hearts.

Dairy producers are so kind, and they want to share."

Register for the Robotic Milking Edition webinar series at the University of MN Extension's website ([extension.umn.edu](http://extension.umn.edu)). Podcast listeners can also hear Lisa Groetsch on The Moos Room, episode 105.

Upcoming dates are:

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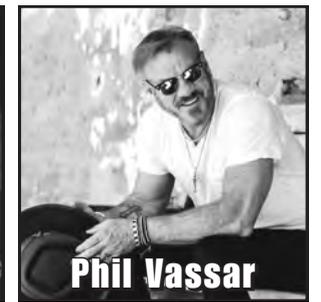
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## **Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools: Degrees of Silence**

Dear Bobby,

Their names are written on the proud rolls of Kenyon High School graduates from a time long since gone. As future K-12 educators, people like Chuck, Cindy, Mary Gail, and Mary once walked the same hallways that you and I walked; claimed many of the same loyalties that you and I claimed, and on the day of graduation, they left the building with many of the same aspirations that you and I had. Not only were they Vikings then, but I have a feeling that their hearts still hold a special place for the maroon and gold...as they should.

Bobby, as I reflect on the names of the aforementioned Kenyon graduates, I now realize that this is where our paths diverge. You see, their focus is on a small group of alumni that will help them to build a monument for the past. One covered with names and made of mortar and hand-carved Indiana limestone. We, on the other hand, require no name recognition. Rather, it is our focus to find large numbers of people from the communities of Kenyon and Wanamingo who will help us to build a monument for the future. One that is in the best interests of our children and grandchildren; one that will restore our place in the educational community...going forward.

Six months ago I started sending letters to the Kenyon Messenger due to the fact that our school board representatives were ignoring

the pleas of people like you and me. Driven by a concern for what is happening in public education today, my primary focus was to get people's attention. Armed with data and the kind of firsthand information that should make them aware of what is happening to the proud reputation of our "old" alma mater, it was my hope that it might help to generate a response worth noting...and it did. The response was SILENCE.

On May 9, 2022, I received a letter from the KHS Monument Committee. As previously noted, they are searching for alumni willing to make a 'monetary contribution' to a project that 'will honor the quality of the Kenyon School, the Kenyon Community, and all who may have entered through these pediments.' For some, a worthy cause; for others, it remains low on their list of priorities at a time when our great Republic and its public schools are in serious, serious trouble.

On May 11, 2022, I sent a letter to a member of the KHS Monument Committee. As part of my response, I included an excerpt from a letter I had sent to the Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board on August 20, 2021. Representing just one of over a dozen letters and emails I have sent them (not one of them was ever answered), I chose to reject SILENCE and make reference to an upcoming school board meeting with the following quotation: "On Monday night, parents are going to begin a push-back that has started across the country. While there was a time when communities could trust their teachers, administrators, and school boards, that time has now passed. The enemy is now

within...and we are coming for you."

Subsequent to my letter to the school board, the Superintendent of Schools used this euphemism to file harassment charges against me. These charges were not only used to prevent me from coming on campus and debating him on the merits of their November 2, 2021, Operating Levy Referendum, but it was actually used as a way to SILENCE me for an entire calendar year. If not for the efforts of the Kenyon Police Department, they would have prevented me from attending an awards ceremony that included the recognition of my wife. As for a reply from the KHS Monument Committee seeking a 'monetary contribution' from alumni like you and me, their response was SILENCE.

Finally, as I reflect on what I have observed since moving back to Kenyon (1987), it has now become apparent that the school district's patrons have unwittingly put their trust in the wrong places. While no one wants to admit that student achievement and the overall quality of education once experienced by members of the KHS Monument Committee no longer exists, it does not change the fact that it happens to be true. But here is the "given" that cannot be denied. Under the right kind of leadership standards and skills, the school district can be restored to its proper place in the educational community. As for the communities of Kenyon and Wanamingo, I have found them to be good people; industrious people; people who want the best for their children and grandchildren today, tomorrow, and into the future. It is time for the journey to begin.

In closing, let me paraphrase the final paragraph of the letter I sent to the KHS Monument Committee. Although it has now been over two weeks without a reply, I remain hopeful that residents of the respective communities will no longer maintain their SILENCE in the face of resistance from the school board, the superintendent, or any other forces that could negatively impact the future of our children and grandchildren. After all, they (the patrons) are the ones who will ultimately determine the long-term success of the Kenyon-Wanamingo School District. I leave them with the following thoughts to ponder:

So what is the point and where am I going with my concerns? First, your committee needs our help to complete your goal. Second, the children and grandchildren of our school district needs our help to reach their goals. And third, the job cannot be finished if we are going to sit on the sidelines and hope it will get better by itself. So maybe... just maybe we can help each other before it is too late. Call me....

Godspeed my friend,  
Dr. James Russell Lehman, '63  
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### **Where Life Begins To the editor:**

On June 1, 2022, the Kenyon Leader printed opposing editorials on the issue of abortion. One written by Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangeli-

cal Lutheran Church in America, and the other by Pastor Shannon Bauer of Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church near Cannon Falls. Sadly, with such diametrically different views on the Bible's teachings, only one can be right.

As I looked at the viewpoints of these two people of the "cloth," I was struck by the fact that Pastor Bauer's position is limited to the infallible Word of God. In reference to Psalm 139, he has opened the Bible for all to see. Beginning with verse 15 and continuing through verse 16, the Psalmist says, "My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned when as yet there was none of them." This is where God's sovereignty over life itself begins.

In the Book of Jeremiah, God says to the prophet, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). God knew Jeremiah before he was formed in the womb.

In the Gospel of Luke, the angel said, And behold, thou shall conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The miracle of life would begin in Mary's womb.

Finally, and in support of Pastor Bauer, the Apostles' Creed (Confession of Faith) taught to Lutherans across the world says, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the virgin Mary." Life begins at conception.

When I look at Bishop Eaton's position, I find someone who is using the dictates found in the 1991 ELCA Social Statement on Abortion. Rather than following the teaching's of the Bible, she prefers to use the church's social teachings. With statements like, "While the church longs for a future with fewer abortions every year, the social statement points out that outlawing all or nearly all abortions is not the way to do this; this church teaches that abortion must be legal and accessible." This reminds me of 2 Timothy 4:3a where Paul says, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine."

So what is my point? My point is fourfold. First, I found that Bishop Eaton's use of the word church (ELCA) is incorrect. In the real church, you will find the teachings of JESUS CHRIST. Second, both the Old and New Testaments tell us that life begins at conception. Third, Roe vs. Wade is not the guide Christians should be obeying. Instead, the Bible says, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). And fourth, Pastor Bauer is the one who is right. Praise God for pulpits full of the Word.

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**CITY OF WANAMINGO  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 9, 2022 7:00 P.M.  
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –  
401 Main Street  
Wanamingo, MN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Holmes.  
**PRESENT:** Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Eric Dierks, and Jeremiah Flotterud (Late)

City Administrator: Michael Boulton  
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

**ABSENT:** Council: Stuart Ohr

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Kennedy, Richard Turri, Jason Boynton – Smith Schafer & Associates, Steve Kruser, Todd Greseth, Dylan Steberg, and Julie Steberg.

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

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

**PRESENTERS:**

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

1) Put out benches on Main Street Sidewalk  
2) Put up banners on Main Street light poles. Banners were new in 2021. They were put up in warm weather in 2021. The material does not stretch well in cold weather.

They may either need to be left up year-round or be only put up in warm weather.

3) Sweeper attachment for skid loader was picked up from dealer and has already been utilized on streets

4) Obtained a quote from Apex Fence out of Rochester to furnish and installed 81 1 1/2" x 8' galvanized posts at Riverside Park parking lot for \$7,252. The current posts and cable are a safety hazard and need to be removed.

5) Wastewater sampler and equipment has been ordered from Tech Sales Co. for \$6,117. It is set to ship toward the end of May.

6) Jetted clay sanitary sewer lines

7) Filled potholes with asphalt cold mix on City Streets

8) Placed three loads of gravel and grated all the alleys removing potholes

9) Painting pool and have started preparation. The pool will not be filled with water for a couple of more weeks

10) Started flushing hydrants to clear sediment from water lines

11) Falk Collision replaced bumper on Ford F250. The Ford F250 needs to go into Ford for a recall replacement of a heat shield over the drive shaft.

12) Turned water back on at Riverside Park. Put up nets and worked on sand volley ball courts

B) Jason Boynton of Smith Schafer & Associates reported on:

1) Conducted a presentation of the 2021 Wanamingo City Audit

2) No large (State or Federal) single audit required for 2021

3) There is limited segregation of duties in the small office – yearly recommendation for small staff communities. This is not possible with a small office staff.

4) The audit completion letter showed no disagreements with management

5) City was undercollateralized at bank as of 12/31/2021. The bank has since pledged additional collateral to cover deposits over FDIC insurance.

6) MIF \$300,000 loan was paid back to MN

DEED and the City was allowed to keep \$100,000 for a revolving loan fund under the State rules for business loans.

7) Paid down \$581,000 of debt in 2021

8) Issued advanced refunding bonds for 2014A, 2014C, and 2015A series bonds in order to obtain lower interest rates for the life of the bonds

7) The general fund showed a \$15,451 surplus in 2021. Water fund showed an increase in cash of \$113,841 while having \$147,830 in cash. Sewer fund showed an increase of cash of \$72,325 while having \$513,008 in cash.

Flotterud asked if the revolving fund with \$62,000 could be at the City Council's discretion. Boynton stated that the fund was set up with general fund dollars and could be utilized at the Council's discretion. Flotterud asked why cash on-hand had increased so much from 2020 to 2021. Boynton stated that ARPA funds and the accounting adjustment from the sanitation fund to the water fund for incorrectly coded sales tax made up a large amount of the cash increase from 2020 to 2021. Flotterud asked how much depreciation was for the water and sewer funds. Boynton stated that depreciation accounted for roughly \$60,000 for sewer and \$106,000 for water. These funds should be set aside for system repair or replacement (life of current system). Flotterud stated that depreciation is sort of a made up number and that cash on hand matter more.

C) Julie Steberg & Dylan Steberg reported on:

1) Pool has been painted and the maintenance staff has done many of the preparations for the 2022 season

2) 9 out of the 16 lifeguards from 2021 returning. There will be seven new guards.

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

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

5) Daniel and Katie VanEpps will be teaching swimming lessons with others looking to obtain their WSI certification.

6) Dylan Steberg, Daniel VanEpps, and Katie VanEpps are the only 18+ year-olds on the pool staff this summer. One of them will have to be on duty at all times.

7) Proposing slight increases to swimming pool fees.

8) Had question regarding family pool passes. Do grandparents/grandchildren/parents count as family for pool pass? Boulton stated that staff could issue formal extended family pool pass for an additional \$30 in a case-by-case basis.

9) Believes that 2022 will be a busy season due to the cost of gas and many children not leaving town regularly.

10) 2022 will be the last year that Dylan Steberg will be the Swimming Pool Manager. Will be close to graduating college and looking to obtain an internship in summer 2023.

D) Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner reported on:

Here to listen to the Council's concerns and to provide some County Board of Commissioners updates

Reported on press release from Goodhue County Sheriff's Office on the identification of the mother of babies found in 1999 and 2003. Three past Sheriffs were in atten-

dance for the 20 plus year investigation.

The Legislative effort to obtain funds for replacement radios looks like it has come up short. Chad Steffen of the sheriff's office has obtained ten more used radios as backups for the County. Chad is a great resource for the County communication system. This is an everchanging system with many security risks and technology updates that Chad Steffen navigates on behalf of the County.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION:**

**22-032 = Accepting 2022 Yearly Driver's License Checks for City Employees:** VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

**22-033 = Setting Swimming Pool Fees and Schedule for the 2022 Season:** Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

**22-034 = Authorizing a Temporary Liquor License for the Wanamingo Fire Relief Association July 3rd Dance:** VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

**22-035 = Accepting the 2021 Wanamingo Audit:** Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that the request from Luke and Krista Swanson is to combine two different sets of townhome style lots into two new separate parcels. Boulton stated that there are no easement concerns. Passed 4-0-0.

**22-036 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels:** Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by VanDeWalker. Boulton stated that the request to combine two lots is from Steve & Ellen Kruser. Boulton stated that Kruser is aware of the utility easement for the sanitary sewer line. Kruser stated he is aware of the easement and has no intentions of building over the easement. Kruser stated that he and his wife have no intentions of selling off the second lot and desire to have one tax statement. Boulton stated that the Kruser's had moved a utility shed onto the open lot and that the combination would clear up issues with Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 152.57 – requirement to construct primary home before accessory/utility building is constructed. Passed 4-0-0.

**22-037 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

**22-038 = Approving Updated Wanamingo Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Policy for Accepting Domestic Waste from Licensed Waste Haulers:** Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by VanDeWalker. Turri stated that the City of Wanamingo must monitor waste that can upset the operations of the plant. If the City has issues with the operation of the plant that cause violations to the permit the City can be fined. The City has been dumping in the secondary digester where in the past the City use to dump into the main digester. The old process upset the plant. The current process leaves concerns with wet weather event when the second digester is utilized. The City has to utilize additional chlorine to treat discharge and pushes the limits of the discharge. Turri stated that the City should not take waste from commercial/industrial floor pits or portable toilets. This waste is extremely difficult to the operations of the wastewater treatment plant. Passed 4-0-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Administrator Boulton brought up a memo on the MPCA sewer enforcement next steps. The Wanamingo City Council approved Ordinance No. 198 at the April 11th City Council meeting. This was a six-month process to establish an ordinance modifying water and sewer regulations to meet current industry enforcement standards in the City. This ordinance update is part of a comprehensive plan to address the MPCA Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report with Letter of Warning from May 2021. The Council will consider updates and changes to the Wanamingo wastewater treatment plant operating policy for accepting domestic waste from licensed waste haulers at the May 9th City Council meeting.

Part of the MPCA report included the need for the City to regulate discharge from users of its wastewater treatment facility. The MPCA was concerned with blood from the Wanamingo Locker, the potential of pollutants from Reckitt/Mead Johnson, and the effects of biosolids dumping haulers. The City shall prevent any pass through of pollutants or any inhibition or disruption of the City's facility, its treatment process, or its sludge processes or disposal that contribute to the violation of the conditions of the permit or any federal or state law or regulation limiting the release of pollutants from the POTW. The City shall prohibit the discharge of the following to its wastewater treatment facility: Solid or viscous pollutants which obstruct flow. Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutant such as biochemical oxygen demand, released at a flow rate or pollutant concentration that will cause interference or pass through.

The City Council reviewed the proposed letter with a notice of violation to the Wanamingo Locker. The violation is for Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 53.29 (B) Discharge of Waters or Wastes. 2. Solid or viscous substances which will cause obstructions to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the wastewater treatment facilities such as but not limited to grease, garbage, with particles greater than 2-inch in any dimension, animal guts or tissue, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides or fleshings, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, spent lime, store or marble dust, metal, glass, straw, shavings, grass clippings, rags, spent grains, spent hops, waste paper, wood, plastic, asphalt residues, residues from refining or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, mud or glass grinding or polishing wastes.

The proposed letter will formally notify the Wanamingo Locker of the notice of violation. The City has been documenting the presence of blood in the wastewater discharge each occurrence for more than four years. The City Council will formally set a compliance schedule with the locker. Staff have put together a recommended schedule:

-30 days for the locker to provide a written letter back to the City on how they plan to meet the goal of eliminating blood, animal guts/tissue, and fleshings from entering into the discharge of waters or wastes.

-60 days provide a written update on progress toward meeting goal

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-90 days to meet goal. If goal is not met a written request made to the City outlining why goals have not been met. State how long of a realistic extension to meet goal.

If the locker has not met the three milestones of 30, 60, and 90 days the City would consider them in violation. The City may fine, block sanitary sewer service pipe, or take legal action. The City will inform the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency of the violation.

A proposed letter has been drafted for Reckitt/Mead Johnson. City staff have ordered the necessary testing equipment from Tech Sales Co. for \$6,177.00. This equipment will be installed on the discharge pipe from Reckitt/Mead Johnson to the Wanamingo wastewater treatment facility. The City needs to ensure that discharged waste from Reckitt/Mead Johnson is not disrupting the operations of the wastewater treatment plant.

The City is required to prevent any pass through of pollutants or any inhibition or disruption of the City's facility, its treatment process, or its sludge processes or disposal that contribute to the violation of the conditions of the permit or any federal or state law or regulation limiting the release of pollutants from the POTW.

The City will notify Reckitt/Mead Johnson of the need to conduct testing, at Reckitt/Mead Johnson's expense, to ensure that the wastewater discharged to the treatment plan is not disrupting the plant. This testing process will be ongoing for a 3-4

month period. If during the course of testing there is found pollutants or any inhibition or disruption of the City's facility, the City will notify Reckitt/Mead Johnson. It will be Reckitt/Mead Johnson's responsibility to make any necessary corrections to the wastewater discharged in order to not disrupt the City's facility.

A proposed letter has been drafted for biosolids dumping haulers, specifically Jason's Sewer Sucking & Excavating (Jason Rath) about the approved updates and changes to the wastewater treatment plant operating policy for accepting domestic waste from licensed waste haulers. The updates include references to section 53 of the Wanamingo Code of Ordinances. The changes include changes to the language giving the operator discretion for both taking of sludge at the facility and the type of sludge dumping allowed and only biosolids from within Goodhue County will be allowed.

The City will notify Jason Rath that the Council has approved restarting biosolids dumping with changes. Moving forward, the City will be enforcing the wastewater treatment plant operating policy for accepting domestic waste from licensed haulers for all haulers. All haulers will need to call City staff to schedule an appointment between 10:00AM-4:00PM Tuesdays-Thursdays to dump. Only City staff will have keys to the wastewater treatment facility. There will be a maximum 3,000/day and 10,000 gallons per month limit that will be monitored and

recorded by Wanamingo staff. Only domestic waste from home septic systems will be accepted. Waste from commercial/industrial tanks, recreational vehicles, and portable toilets may be allowed only at the discretion of the operator to be approved when scheduling the appointment. Proof of insurance will be required no later than April 1st each calendar year.

In addition to the all haulers will be billed the \$100.00/1,000 gallons of biosolids dumping fee. Jason Rath and the City have been working on a bartering system in which Jason was allowed to dump biosolids for water/sewer line repairs and other services. The MPCA has concerns with appropriately billing for the dumping. The increased scrutiny of transparency in local government no longer allows for a bartering system to continue. The Council has agreed that dumping by Jason Rath and water/sewer line repairs and other services work for the City should be billed and paid separately. Moving forward, the City asked Jason Rath to bill the City directly for water/sewer line repairs and other services work. Once Jason Rath resumes biosolids dumping, the City will bill him directly.

VanDeWalker stated that he had spoken with Council Member Ohr who was not able to make the meeting. VanDeWalker and Ohr wanted to thank City staff on their hard work to put together letters regarding the MPCA sewer enforcement next steps. VanDeWalker and Ohr agree with the action items laid out

in the letter to the three users. Holmes stated that the letters were well written and that the City needs to move forward to be in compliance with the MPCA. Turri stated that the Chatfield and Pine Island lockers block the sanitary sewer service and cleans up all blood and waste and places it with the rendering. Rendering services, such as Sanimax will take blood with other animal renderings. Lockers cannot dump blood and other animal byproducts down the sanitary sewer due to Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinances. The rest of the residents pay to treat any waste that upsets the operations of the wastewater treatment facility. The City will keep costs down by making changes and monitoring these three users. Boulton stated that Reckitt/Mead Johnson is on board for testing to determine if changes are needed to the cleaning agents at the facility. Flotterud moved to approve the letters and instruct staff to send them to the Wanamingo Locker, Reckitt/Mead Johnson, and Jason's Sewer Sucking and Excavating, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

Boulton stated that the request for issuance of conduit bonds for Jones-Harrison Residence, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation had fallen through. There was a plan presented to the Wanamingo City Council at the April City Council meeting to refinance its skilled nursing home facility and assisted living facility located at 3700 Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis. In addition, the non-profit wanted to finance improvements to the facility to improve handicap accessibility and infection control. The non-profit had a plan to issue one or more taxable or tax-exempt bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,500,000. Interest rate increases has shelved the project for the foreseeable future.

Boulton stated that staff would be starting to work on the nuisance clean-up list. Boulton was starting to put together nuisance violation letters. Boulton and Mayor Holmes will be speaking with residents prior to the letters being sent. The goals is to clean up the town before the 4th of July celebration.

\*Next City Council meeting on 6/13/2022 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 8:03PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator



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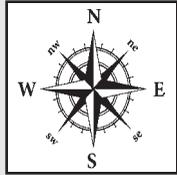
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By Terry Campbell

*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.*

"Whap", it hit the window like a soggy orange thrown by a kid. I was in the living room about 6:30 am. The sun was just peaking over the trees in the east. I was just waking up and heading out for the day. I knew what it was. I am used to it now. I just look on the deck outside the big window and there he lies. A perfectly designed flying machine. Upside down on the deck boards with landing gear fully extended.

This happens quite frequently, almost daily. We have been under assault from the feathered air force for some time. They seem to

strike at dawn when the sun is behind them and they have the element of surprise. I believe the surprise is on them though. I am quite accustomed to it.

I go out and scoop up the destroyed aircraft in the snow shovel and give it one last flight out into the yard. It crash lands into the soft grass, it's final resting place. I thought maybe one of my Labs would pick them up but they seem to only like to retrieve ducks that fall into the water. This small bird is not worth their time.

We feed the birds in colorful bird feeders. We buy 50 pound bags of feed for them. They eat black oil sunflower seeds like a horse. I know because I used to have horses. I planted a row of sunflowers along the fence line one year. The green stalks and bright yellow heads were so pretty when they bloomed. Looked like John Deere plants out there in the yard. Until the day the horses realized what they were. I found my riding friends happily munching down the sunflowers as fast as they could. In a couple days my bright yellow sunshine plants were all gone.

Not sure what possesses these birds to fly into the window. Maybe they think it is a portal to another dimension. It certainly takes them from this world to where ever they go next. I remember God says that a sparrow doesn't fall to the earth, but He notices it. I am preparing for whatever I will do for the day and I know I am in good hands. If He sees the sparrow, I know He will keep an eye on me today.

**A Minnesotan:  
Sirens**



By RosaLin Alcoser

A couple of weeks ago I was talking to my sister on the phone when my evening was interrupted by a rather familiar sound; the tornado siren. Which naturally prompted me to tell my sister that I had to go, grabbing my bag and shoes, and running barefoot down the stairs to the basement of my building. As some of you are aware I live on the 11th floor of a high rise in the Twin Cities, which means yes I did run down 11 flights of stairs barefoot.

This event brought back one of my memories from when I was in college back in Southern Missouri; which is not per say in tornado alley but is rather close to it.

It was my final year of my undergrad and I was teaching dance at a studio in the evenings about 20 to 25 minutes away from campus. Naturally the studio had massive floor to ceiling mirrors in the rooms and was also in a shopping center.

I was teaching my final class of the evening, intermediate Broadway Jazz, when suddenly the tornado sirens went off

and the few people that were still there all had to go into the back of the building where the office was, because even though it was not in the middle of the building it was the only room without a window or a massive mirror in it.

After a little bit the siren had stopped in that area, however, the warning was still out and there was a confirmed tornado in the area headed north of town closer to where I lived. Everyone else at the studio lived only a few minutes away and decided to use this opportunity to get home quickly. I choose to take my chances in my car over risking the tornado coming back towards the studio with both me and the massive mirrors in it.

It was one of the longest drives I ever had between my school apartment and that dance studio. There was extremely heavy rain going on while the wind from the storm blew it sideways and I could barely see out of the windshield. Needless to say I immediately regretted my choice to leave the studio.

Just as I was rounding the corner of my street it was starting to let up a bit and I was asking myself why in the world had I decided to do something to stupid and that's when I saw it. The bright shining moment that made me feel a little bit less dumb.

There in the middle of the flooded street was one of my classmates, who was a theater major, who was outside tap dancing in the middle of the street during the storm. Because as he explained the next day when else was he going to be able to do a rendition of Gene Kelly's 1952 dance Singing in the Rain.

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## Keeping Your Farmland in Production



**Tim Penny**  
So. MN Initiative Foundation

As any farming family can attest, every farm has its own special history. The small farm that I was raised on outside of Kiester is no exception. Our lives were rooted in the connection between land and community. Because of these important ties to the land, it concerns me that the average farmer is close to retirement age, and that not everyone has an heir to transfer the land to when the time comes. Fortunately, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has a program that can help farmers safeguard the legacy of their land while simultaneously giving back to their communities.

In southwest Minnesota, Neil and Jenna Kruse wanted to make sure that their family

farm will be maintained as farmland after retirement. With help from their estate planning attorney they created a plan that will keep the family's 145 acres in production after they're gone. Rental income from the farmland will support nonprofits that have been important in their lives, including a program that supports agriculture education in Minnesota public schools.

Neil and Jenna's story is just one example of how a farmland donation has benefited the landowner and positively impacted their surrounding community for years to come. SMIF's Acres for Good program allows farm families like Neil and Jenna to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF retains the land and keeps it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed. The landowner receives a tax deduction and bypasses capital gains tax while still being able to maintain a stable revenue source for life.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The income stream from the land is used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. With more than \$7 billion of wealth in SMIF's region expected to transfer by 2030, this program can help retain that wealth locally while creating a unique opportunity for farmers to make a long-lasting impact on rural Minnesota.

Farmers will choose how they want to allocate their gift of land through this program. It



can go toward one of SMIF's 30 Community Foundations which invest in their communities through grants and programs. For a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their land toward SMIF's general endowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth and entrepreneurs in the region. Farmers can even set up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to their specific interests and values such as their place of worship, alma mater or local charity. We will work with farmers to make the process as simple as possible.

If you know a farmer who is thinking about retirement or estate planning, please let them

know that there is a way their land can remain active farmland and provide them with a steady revenue stream, while in the long-term also benefitting the communities and causes they care about most. This is gifting with a purpose at its best – and SMIF is here to help.

To learn more about the Acres for Good program visit [smifoundation.org/acresforgood](http://smifoundation.org/acresforgood) or contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Philanthropy Officer, at 507-214-7023 or [alissao@smifoundation.org](mailto:alissao@smifoundation.org).

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

*Thanks dairy farmers, for all of your hard work each and every day. During June Dairy Month, we celebrate all that you bring to the table. From fresh products that nourish our bodies to the jobs and revenue generated for our communities, dairy farms are essential in keeping our community healthy and strong.*



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L to R: Madison Bartholome, Cassandra Hinsch, Claudia Kennedy, Emme Eggenberger, Chelsey Lexvold

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