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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.

WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Eric Dierks 507-321-1967, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

• **Hiawathaland Transit:** Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit three-riverscap.org for more information.

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Down with the Old, Up with the New

The iconic Wanamingo water tower is making its last stand this summer. With the completion of the new water tower south of town, the 96 year-old structure will be removed. The new water tower will increase the capacity from the two current structures and stands about forty-feet higher as well. The new water tower is expected to be in operation by the end of October of this year.

Efforts to save the old tower or move it to a new location were scrapped because of cost. One idea was to relocate the water tower to the Little Log House Pioneer Village near Hastings, but the owner was not willing to pay to dismantle the structure and the contractor who is going to remove the tower was not willing to take it apart in a manner that would allow it to be reassembled.

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Goodhue County Fair This Week



2021 Goodhue Co. Fair

The Goodhue County Fair, a staple in the area for the last 163 years will take place this week at the fairgrounds in Zumbrota. This year the schedule includes a grandstand show each evening with a Demolition Derby Wednesday, a Truck and Tractor Pull on Thursday, an Auto Cross on Friday and a Demolition Derby on Saturday.

Free events are scheduled every day as well throughout the fair grounds and feature the All American Lumber Jack show, Just 4 Kids Entertainment, Are you smarter than an 8th grader, 4-H fashion review, antique tractor display, goat costume show, history story time with my great aunt Arizona and livestock judging in the arena many afternoons. (continued on page 4)

Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

Be sure to enter the Messenger drawing for Minnesota Renaissance Festival tickets. You will be able to enter by e-mailing your name and address to hometownmessenger@gmail.com. Winners will be drawn for a 4 pack of tickets on August 19th and you may be one of the lucky ones to enjoy the Renaissance Festival on us.



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1 and 2 Samuel: "Kings and a Covenant"



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

Samuel: [/sam-yoo-uhl/] noun --- can be interpreted either as "name of God" or "God has heard."

The author is anonymous for both texts. We know that Samuel wrote a book (1 Samuel 10:25), and it is very possible that he wrote part of 1 Samuel. Contributors to 1 and 2 Samuel could be the prophets/historians Nathan and Gad (1 Chronicles 29:29). The events of 1 Samuel span approximately 100 years, from c. 1100 B.C. to c. 1000 B.C. The events of 2 Samuel cover another 40 years. The date of writing, then, would be sometime after 960 B.C.

OVERVIEW:

Originally, the books of 1 and 2 Samuel were one book. The translators of the Septu-

agint (Greek Old Testament) separated them, and we have retained that separation ever since.

First Samuel records the history of Israel in the land of Canaan as they move from the rule of judges to being a unified nation under kings. Samuel emerges as the last judge, and he anoints the first two kings, Saul and David. The book of 1 Samuel can be neatly divided into two sections: the life of Samuel (chapters 1-12) and the life of Saul (chapters 13-31). The book starts with the miraculous birth of Samuel in answer to his mother's earnest prayer. As a child, Samuel lived and served in the temple. God singled him out as a prophet (3:19-21), and the child's first prophecy was one of judgment on the corrupt priests – quite a start for his ministry! The people of Israel, wanting to be like other nations, desire a king. Samuel is displeased by their demands, but the Lord tells him that it is not Samuel's leadership they are rejecting, but His own. After warning the people of what having a king would mean, Samuel anoints a Benjamite named Saul, who is crowned (10:17-25). Near the end of the book, Samuel has died, and Saul is a lost man. On the eve of a battle with Philistia, Saul seeks for answers, but by rejecting God, he seeks counsel from a medium instead. During the seance, Samuel's spirit rises from the dead to give one last prophecy: Saul would die in battle the next day. The prophecy is fulfilled; Saul's three sons, including Jonathan, fall in battle, and Saul commits suicide.

2 Samuel is the record of King David's reign. This book places the Davidic Covenant in its historical context. The book of 2 Samuel can be divided into two main sec-

tions—David's triumphs (chapters 1-10) and David's troubles (chapters 11-20). The last part of the book (chapters 21-24) is a non-chronological appendix which contains further details of David's reign. The book begins with David receiving news of the death of Saul and his sons. He proclaims a time of mourning. Soon afterward, David is crowned king over Judah, while Ish-bosheth, one of Saul's surviving sons, is crowned king over Israel (chapter 2). A civil war follows, but Ish-bosheth is murdered, and the Israelites ask David to reign over them as well (chapters 4-5). The book continues through David's reign, including victories and his moral failure with Bathsheba (Ch 11). Though David repents and God forgives, there are consequences as the Lord said that trouble would be within his household (Ch 12-16). A general feeling of unrest plagues the remainder of David's reign. The men of Israel threaten to split from Judah, and David must suppress another uprising (chapter 20). The book's final chapters include information of a three-year famine (chapter 21), a song of David (chapter 22), a record of David's bravest warriors (chapter 23), and David's sinful census and the ensuing plague (chapter 24).

SO WHAT?

The main ideas in these texts are: Providence: God repeatedly made everyday events work for His purposes; Kingship: As the Divine King, God designated a human king, David, to rule over His people; and Davidic covenant: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:16) God establishing a new covenant in which God promised an eternal throne to the house

of David. God's unconditional promise to David would be fulfilled ultimately in David's descendant Jesus Christ, who comes from the genealogical line of David.

The books of Samuel show a problem we all face—a problem of the heart. Obedience to God's will is necessary for success, and if we in pride rebel against Him, we set ourselves up for loss. Anyone can fall. Saul with all he had fell hard. Even a man like David, who truly desired to follow God and who was richly blessed by God, was susceptible to temptation. David is known as a "man after [God's] own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14) because, though he sinned greatly and made mistakes, he acknowledged those failures and repented before God. Repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus Christ. Our Father knows we are not perfect. So, His Son, Jesus Christ, paid the price for our sins so that we can become righteous in God's sight through faith. Friends, God is still sovereign in the twenty-first century. He will accomplish His purposes with or without our cooperation. But as was true in the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David, our response to God's call affects our outcome. Will we obey Him, like Samuel and David, or will we, like Saul, try to live on our own terms? "To obey is better than sacrifice," Samuel told Saul (1 Samuel 15:22). That truth still speaks to us today.

Next month, we will look at the two texts of 1 and 2 Kings. These are accounts of the nation of Israel being ruled over by good and poor kings, bringing about blessings and destruction. Yet amidst this, we see a God who is faithful, never leaving or forsaking those who have faith in Him.

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August 22: 8:30a.m. Quilting at TLC
August 28: Pentecost 9:00a.m. Joint Worship at TLC
August 29: 8:30a.m. Quilting at TLC
Reminder: There is no community meal this month.

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August 22: 8:30a.m. Quilting at TLC
August 28: Pentecost 9:00a.m. Joint Worship at TLC
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Looking for a Home

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge. . . "
— Psalm 91:2

It was a scene of great joy when three siblings and their family members were reunited after a long separation. Seeking safety, they had fled their homeland in the midst of a civil war, and for eight long years they had lived in different refugee camps, moving from one place to another and searching for each other. Now, in a crowded airport, they were finally reunited. Our church, responsible for their resettlement, had provided housing, but it would not be "home" until the arrival of their loved ones.

Home is supposed to mean safety, belonging, and welcome. But for millions of people their home region has become dangerous and unwelcoming. War, violence, discrimination, and even natural disasters have forced millions to leave their homes. Some get to start a new life. Others languish, homeless and growing hopeless.

Baby Jesus was a refugee when his family fled to Egypt to ?escape death (Matthew 2). He later said that he had nowhere to rest his head. He understands the pain and sorrow of a refugee.

God has great concern for ?refugees. Psalm 68 says that God will give the desolate a home, and in Isaiah 65 we read of a "new" time when people can build houses and stay in them. More than that, God offers the deep shelter of belonging to him—under his wings we find refuge.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our homes. Please care for the homeless. Thank you for being our dwelling place. In Jesus, Amen.

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Wanamingo - Wednesday 7:00p.m.

Dorothy Davidson

Beloved mother, sister, colleague, neighbor and friend, Dorothy Jo Davidson, passed away on September 13, 2021. Dorothy was born on December 31, 1945 in Faribault, MN. She was the middle child born to John and Emily "Vi" Davidson. Dorothy attended Ugland (a one-room country school) and Kenyon primary and secondary schools, graduating in 1963 as valedictorian of her class from Kenyon High School, Kenyon, MN. She graduated from Hamline University in 1967 and accepted a full scholarship and stipend to receive her Master's Degree in Social Work from UCLA in Los Angeles, CA.

After over 48 years of dedicated and devoted service as a social worker throughout NYC, Dorothy retired in 2017 as a Supervisor with the New York City Department of Probation. During her tenure as a social worker, she tirelessly worked with youth in all five boroughs and supervised a staff of probation officers in both Manhattan and Staten Island. She was well-known and admired for her extensive knowledge of the Family Court Act, unwavering dedication to her staff and fierce advocacy for NYC youth.

Dorothy was also a long-standing member of Holden Lutheran Church in Kenyon, MN and of Trinity Lutheran Church in Staten Island, NY. She greatly enjoyed her role at Trinity as Altar Guild member, Sunday School teacher and Eger Nursing Home Norwegian Fair volunteer.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Simone King of NYC and her siblings Judy Stoner of Chicago, IL, Michael (Portia) Davidson of Woodbridge, VA and Jeffrey (Karen) Davidson of Kenyon, MN, along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Vi Davidson, brother John Davidson Jr. and brother-in-law James Stoner.

A small service was held on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staten Island, NY.

A celebration of life for Dorothy will take place for all family and friends on Saturday August 20, 2022 at Holden Lutheran Church in rural Kenyon, MN at 11:00AM. A lunch will follow.

Sandra (Sandy) Kay Clement

Sandra (Sandy) Kay Clement, 67, of Wanamingo, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at The Mayo Clinic, Methodist campus.

Sandy was born June 10, 1955, in Red Wing, MN to Roger and Ruth (Yerke) Raudabaugh. Sandy attended school in Pine Island. On May 4, 2002, Sandy married David Clement at Saint Paul

Lutheran Church in Pine Island. Sandy loved bird watching, doing puzzles and word searches and she was an avid reader. She enjoyed going camping and going to Oxbow Park. Sandy enjoyed visiting with family and friends. She was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church and an auxiliary member of the American Legion in Pine Island. Sandy was strong willed but always took time to have fun and enjoy life.

Sandy is survived by her husband, David of Wanamingo, MN; sister, Nancy (Dick) Houghton of Red Wing, MN; sister-in-law, Karen Rehling of Pine Island, MN; nephews, Todd (Sherry) Houghton and Bradley (Beth) Rehling and niece, Heather Albrecht. Sandy was preceded in death by her brother, Gary Rehling and by her parents, Roger and Ruth.

A memorial service was held 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home Mahler Chapel, 209 NW 1st Ave., Pine Island, MN. Visitation was held from 1:00 pm until time of the service. Pastor Marie Anderson officiated with burial at Pine Island Cemetery. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Joann Margie (Karlstad) Wytaske

Joann Margie (Karlstad) Wytaske, 91, of Lake City, Minnesota, passed away on July 14, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Austin, Minnesota.

Joann was born on October 25, 1930, the daughter of Anton and Selma Rosetta (Orsten) Karlstad in

Wanamingo, Minnesota. Joann was co-owner of S&J Mini Department Store along with her daughter Sally for many years in Zumbrota, Minnesota. Before that she and her husband Stanley had a dairy farm located near Oronoco, Minnesota and settled in Pine Island, Minnesota after moving off the farm. Joann enjoyed crocheting, bowling and working in her flower garden. She also loved coloring, puzzles and playing cards, especially 500. Joann was a caring and loving woman with a strong willed but gentle heart. Above all, Joann loved spending time with her family.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Carl Chilson, her second husband Stanley Wytaske, her two sisters Ruth Hissam and Alice Wytaske, her brother Arnold Karlstad, son-in-law Daniel Johnson, grandson Adam Johnson and great-granddaughter, Julia Forbes.

Joann is survived by her children Carol (Chilson) Griffin, Kenneth M. Wytaske, Thomas (Kathy) Wytaske, Sally (Wytaske) Johnson, and Mark (Lynn) Wytaske; 16 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held 1:30 pm Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home Mahler Chapel, 209 NW 1st Ave., Pine Island, MN. Visitation was held from 12:30 pm until time of the service. Burial was

at Pine Island Cemetery. To share a condolence or special memory, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Darrell Warneke

Darrell Warneke, 84, formerly of Kenyon passed away peacefully on July 12, 2022 at the Bluffs Senior Living in Lake City, MN.

Darrell was born on December 21, 1937 to Adolph & Vera (Hoffman) Warneke in Atkinson, NE. He graduated from Faribault High School in 1955 and married Carol Dierking on September 8, 1956.

Darrell farmed and worked in construction for many years. He also worked in building sales and for Orkin Pest Control where he was top in the nation in sales and service. After he retired, Darrell enjoyed gardening, serving on the Kenyon American Legion Color Guard, spending winters in Florida and attending his grandchildren's events.

Darrell is survived by wife Carol; children, Jeffrey (Janet) Warneke, John (Ruth) Warneke, Julie Warneke; Grandchildren Jared (Samatha) Warneke, Kaitlin (Jeff) Kujala, Nathan (Lexi) Warneke, Jamie (Zain) Abideen, Megan Warneke, Eric Emerson, Luke Emerson; Great Grandchildren Addie, Hazel, Josie, Colby, Lila, Mason.

Darrell is preceded in death by his parents, son Brent, and daughter-in-law Kimberly Warneke.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Lake City, MN. Visitation will be held at the church one hour before the service. Burial will be held at a later date at Meadow Ridge Cemetery in Faribault, MN. Online condolences can be left for the family at mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Marlene Carol Mattson

Marlene Carol Mattson, age 84, of Kenyon, MN died on July 23, 2022.

Marlene was the only child of Clarence and Olga (Kolsrud) Danielson, born on April 8, 1938 near Cannon Falls, MN. She enjoyed family and friends while growing up on her parents' farm, attending the local country school and participating in the congregational life of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church. Marlene especially appreciated her many youth leadership roles in 4-H, including serving as a Minnesota State 4-H Ambassador. After graduating from Cannon Falls High School in 1956, Marlene completed training at the Rasmussen Business School before beginning work at General Mills.

Marlene married Donald Mattson on May 24, 1958. They had two sons, Mark and Curtis. She enjoyed country living and garden-

ing. In addition to caring for her family, Marlene led the Spring Garden Jolly Juniors 4-H club, and was an active member of the Spring Garden Lutheran Church, where she led the youth education program and frequently participated in Women's ministries. Travel, including trips to Alaska, Hawaii, the Orient, and Europe, was important to Marlene. She also enjoyed time spent at a lake cabin near Alexandria; attending auctions and operating an antique business begun by her parents on the farmstead where she grew up and later lived as an adult; listening to music; and owning harness race horses. After retiring to Kenyon, Marlene participated in and helped lead the local SEMCA group. She was also proud of her family. She adored her grandchildren (Lauren, Erik and David) and great grandchildren (Jade and Audrey).

Marlene is survived by her two sons Mark (Deborah) of Green Valley, AZ and Parkers Prairie, MN and Curtis (Kelly) of Glen Allen, VA, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Preceding Marlene in death are her husband (Donald) and her parents.

Details for a Celebration of Life service will be provided at a later date.

Marlene lived and received excellent care at the Zumbrota Care Center during her later years. Her family wishes to thank ZCC staff and administrators. Donations to the Spring Garden Lutheran Church Memorial Fund are suggested (P.O. Box 237, Cannon Falls, MN 55009).

Marilyn Marie Anderson (Gilbertson)

Marilyn Marie Anderson (Gilbertson), 90, passed August 1, 2022 at Mill City Senior Living in Faribault. Anderson was born in Faribault, grew up in Kenyon and spent most of her life in Cannon Falls, where she enjoyed a career as an officer at the First National/Mer-

chants Bank. She was a long-time parishioner of St. Pius V Catholic Church in Cannon Falls. Marilyn was known for the energy she brought to her professional and family life, her generosity with family, friends and community, and the enjoyment she derived from her role as a doting grandmother.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter Denise Anderson, granddaughter Elan Karpinski and sister Rochelle Danielson. She was preceded in passing by her parents Roy and Dorothy Gilbertson, husband Henry Duane "Dewey" Anderson and brother Donald Gilbertson.

The family requests any memorials be sent to The Alzheimer's Association (alz.org)

Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 11 am at St. Pius V Catholic Church. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in St. Pius V Catholic Cemetery.

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Goodhue County Fair This Week

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The Goodhue County Commissioners meeting will be held in the tent at 10am on Thursday.

The Beer Garden will have free live entertainment daily with the Dave Carpenter Band

at 2pm and Hayden Ashworth at 4pm Wednesday, Troy Johnson at 5pm on Thursday, the Polka Dots at 3pm and Bryan Anderson at 6pm on Thursday and the Dads after the demolition Derby on Saturday.

The carnival will be open 2pm to 10pm on Wednesday and 1pm to 10pm on Thursday through Saturday. Food stands and exhibits will be on the grounds and in the buildings about the fairgrounds.

Daily admission is \$7 for adults, \$12 under 12 years old. Wednesday is Day Care Day, Thursday is Ag Day, Friday is Senior Citizens Day and \$20 ride specials are available each day.



Goat washing before show at 2021 Goodhue County Fair



Balloon animals for the kids at the 2021 Goodhue County Fair



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Lois Elaine (Kirkland) Mork

Lois Elaine (Kirkland) Mork, 86, of Kenyon, died Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at North Ridge View Assisted Living in Kenyon.



She was born October 31, 1935 in Olmsted County, Minnesota the daughter of Burt and Fern (Schuck) Kirkland. She grew up on farms in Rock Dell Township and graduated from Stewartville High School in 1953.

On June 16, 1957, she married Carl Mork in Rochester. The couple made their home on a farm near Kenyon where they farmed together and raised their family. Lois was mainly a home maker and farmer. She also worked as a housekeeper and food service at Shattuck School in Faribault and took care of the neighbor children.

Lois enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, made the best pies, had a special touch with animals, loved traveling and playing cards with friends and was always willing to serve behind the scenes at her church.

She especially loved spending time with her family.

She was a faithful member of Hauge Lutheran Church, where she served as custodian, and the Ladies Aid Circle and the Kenyon V.F.W. Auxiliary. She also assisted Carl with his treasurer duties with the Holden/Warsaw Mutual Insurance Company.

She is survived by children, Karen (Steven) Gray of Powell, WY, Patti Mork of Mason City, IA, Gary (Cathy) Mork of Pulaski, WI and Brian (Jennifer) Mork of Kenyon; grandchildren, Nicolai Mork of Kenyon, Nathan Mork of Pulaski, WI and Sophia Mork of Kenyon; siblings, Shirley Schumacher of Eden Prairie, Clayton (Jodell) Kirkland of Shakopee, Joyce Banks of Apple Valley, Marlys Breidel of Onalaska, WI, Marlene Holmstadt of Farmington and Duane (Sharon) Kirkland of Maple Grove and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burt and Fern; husband, Carl Mork and brothers-in-law, Dave Schumacher, Jerry Banks, Jim Breidel and Andy Holmstadt.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon on Monday, August 8th from 4:00-7:00 PM and at Hauge Lutheran Church on Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 AM. Funeral services were held August 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. Pastor Larry Grove officiated. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery in Kenyon.

Memorials are preferred to Hauge Lutheran Church or the Kenyon V.F.W.

THREE CHIX FUNDRAISING PRESENTS

BOOTLEGGERS' BALL

September 17, 2022
5:00 PM
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- 6:00 Dinner Theatre
- 8:30 Let's Cut a Rug! (Open to the Public)
- 9:30 Silent Auction Closes
- 11:00 It's the Fuzz-scam!

TICKETS: \$95

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Rose Fest to be Held weekend of August 19th

Friday, August 19th will kickoff the annual Rosefest celebration with city wide garage sales. There will be a KW Athletic Booster Club golf tournament at the Country Club at 1pm. A hog roast will be held at the VFW at 7pm and Pro Wrestling takes place at the Fire Hall at 7pm. There will be live music at the Kenyon VFW and at Lacey's Kitchen & Cocktails Friday evening. Saturday morning the 5K run/walk starts at

8am at the high school. A car show will be held from 8am to 2pm and a tractor pull will commence at the Maring Auction lot at 9am. There is a vendor and craft market from 9am to 1pm in the Kenyon Event Center. A road rally leaves the elevator at 10am and a kids pedal tractor pull will be held beside Security State Bank at 10am. There will be an afternoon of fun for the whole family at Depot Park from 11am to 3pm with inflatables and a petting zoo. The Rose Fest regatta will be held at the Kenyon swimming pool at 2pm.

A street dance will be held at the Kenyon Muni from 8pm to 12:30am featuring "The Dad's". The Kenyon VFW will have family bingo from 5 to 7pm Saturday evening.

Sunday features the outdoor community church service at 9am at the First Lutheran and the Grand Parade at 1pm featuring the Shriner units and the KW band.



Down with the Old, Up with the New

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The water tower has an interesting historical event connected to it with a bi-plane accident in 1930, which took the lives of three young local men. Wanamingo historian, Gary Bakko, has written an excellent article on the events of that fateful day. The south side of the tank still bears the dent from the collision of the air craft.

If the water tower were to be left standing there would still be expenses to assure it remained structurally sound and the council did not feel that the city should saddle the resi-

dents with additional costs. The tower may have remained for up to fifty more years, but would have required filling the tank with sand, repainting the exterior every ten years and then the expense of removal at some time in the future. A crew will be removing the water storage unit on the north end of town and it will be most cost effective to take down the red hat water tower at the same time this November.

Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

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The Minnesota RenFest is the country's largest Renaissance-themed festival, this rousing event will delightfully engage and entertain you as the festival grounds are transformed into a 16th century village, complete with hundreds of unique characters. You're encouraged to dress the part, too!

The authentic village is filled with costumed characters such as peasants, nobles and royal courtiers. On 16 lively stages you'll find magicians, musicians, comedians, jugglers, mimes and more who entertain the kid in all of us. Plus, cheer on the jousting knights who mount their horses to do battle. And, as mentioned, festival goers are encouraged to the dress the part as well. So plan your costume now.

The festival marketplace features 250 arti-

sans who display and sell their handcrafted treasures. Demonstrations are given daily by masters of historic skills such as armor making, bronze casting, glass blowing and calligraphy. Additionally, visitors have more than 150 food choices including the famous roasted turkey drumstick, scotch eggs, soup in a bread bowl and apple dumplings.

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 51st season August 20 through October 2, 2022. The Festival is open weekends plus Labor Day September 5 and Festival Friday, September 30, 2022, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors for endless shopping, 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king or queen!

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only forty-eight percent of third graders in Minnesota are proficient in reading, and our 20-county region is just a fraction above the statewide average.

One way SMIF supports these literacy efforts is through our Early Literacy Grant program. We recently distributed more than 21,000 books – English, Spanish and bilingual – to 46 organizations in our region through this grant. These organizations – libraries, schools, public health organizations, reading centers, and more – work with children birth to age eight. The beauty of this program is that these organizations will distribute the books to children who will be able to take them home, hopefully encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Minnesota-based publishing companies, ABDO and Capstone, generously donate the majority of the books for this program. Over the years of partnering with these companies, we have been able to distribute more than one hundred thousand books throughout the region.

Our AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative program is another way we facilitate early literacy. LEAP stands for Learning Early Achieves Potential, which is the mantra that guides this program. Each year, AmeriCorps members are placed throughout the region at preschools and nonprofit organizations. Our members work on social and emotional development with children who are at risk of falling behind. Reading exercises are a major part of the program.

As we continue to invest in early literacy efforts, we hope to see reading proficiencies rise in our region. Our partner organizations



As summer days turn into evening, many parents pull out a book or two to read to their kids at bedtime. This is important because studies consistently show that reading at a young age drastically improves a child's educational trajectory. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we know it is important to invest in early literacy efforts as a long-term strategy to support lifelong success.

According to Minnesota Compass, the ability to read by the end of third grade often predicts future academic and life success. Sadly,

and grant recipients are doing wonderful work ensuring that our future adults will be prepared for success in life. We are proud to be a partner in these efforts.

We are currently seeking AmeriCorps members for our 2022 – 2023 term. Contact

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Don't Give In To Negativity



By Harvey Mackay

One Sunday afternoon, a cranky grandfather was visiting his family. As he lay down to take

a nap, his mischievous grandson decided to have a little fun by putting Limburger cheese on Grandpa's mustache. Soon, Grandpa awoke with a snort and charged out of the bedroom saying, "This room stinks." Through the house he went, finding every room smelling the same. Desperately he made his way outside only to find that "The whole world stinks!"

So it is when we fill our minds with negativity. Everything we experience and everyone we encounter will carry the scent we hold in our mind.

Maya Angelou, one of my favorite poets and authors, said: "I am convinced that the negative has power and if you allow it to perch in your house, in your mind, in your life, it can take you over."

We all have negative thoughts from time to time. But studies show constant negativity can lead to depression, anxiety, personality disorders and even mental illness.

That's why I don't recommend hanging around with negative people because they bring you down. A negative person sees the difficulty in every opportunity, while a positive person sees the opportunity in every difficulty. It's better to surround yourself with positive people who support each other when the urge to be negative threatens.

English mystery writer Dorothy Sayers said this about negative thinking: "Tolerance, apathy, inaction ... the sin that believes in nothing,

cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing, lives for nothing, and remains alive because there is nothing for which it will die."

According to the "Power of Positivity," there are three leading causes of negative thoughts.

Fear of the future: People often fear the unknown and are unsure what the future might bring. This often leads to predicting failure and disaster. Worrying about the future is a waste of time and energy. Accept there is a limit to what you can change in the future and strive to focus on the present instead.

Anxiety about the present: Anxiety about the present is understandable. Many of us worry about what people think of us, whether we're doing a good job at work and what the traffic will be like on the way home. Negative thinkers often come up with the worst-case scenario. Organization and routine can help with banishing negative thoughts.

Shame about the past: Have you ever stayed awake worrying about something you did last week, or even last year? Everyone does and says things they feel embarrassed about, but negative thinkers tend to dwell on past mistakes and failures more than others. Just accept that the event happened and consider how you can prevent it from happening again in the future.

Author Emma-Marie Smith suggests asking yourself these five questions when you feel negative thoughts creeping in:

- Is the thought true? Is there a basis for this

negative belief?

- Is the thought giving you power, or is it taking your power away?
- What would your life look like if you didn't have these negative beliefs?
- Is the thought glossing over an issue that needs addressing?

The famous inventor Thomas Edison used to say his deafness was his greatest blessing – a blessing because it saved him from having to listen to reasons why things couldn't be done. I love that thought. In fact, I would suggest that practicing "selective hearing" is a positive step toward filtering the negativity that discourages you from trying new things. It's okay to let folks share their opinions, but you are not obligated to let them make decisions for you.

Think about the famous story of David and Goliath. A small boy with only a slingshot and a few stones was facing a fierce giant who could crush him with one hand. David could have looked at his formidable foe and thought, "He's really big. And mean. And scary. And I am none of those things. I'm outta here."

But he turned his thoughts toward what he could do. Looking at the giant towering over him, he said instead, "That guy is so big. There's no way I can miss him."

Mackay's Moral: Negative thinking will not produce positive results.

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Loan Client Spotlight: CannonBelles

By Southern Minnesota
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CannonBelles, an award-winning cheese company based in Cannon Falls, received a Small Enterprise Loan from SMIF in 2021.

Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, shared some of the history of how she and her business partners started their business, and how SMIF has supported its growth.

Tell us about your business.

Back in the fall of 2012, my friend Jackie and I decided to try to make cheese for the first time. We had been making beer and wine together for a few years and were ready for a new challenge. Jackie had also married a dairy farmer, so she had a fresh supply of great milk.

The first cheese we made was a quick mozzarella. We thought it was great at first, but an hour later we realized it was a flavorless cross between mozzarella and "the blob." We decided to try again, but this time we used cheddar cheese cultures and a recipe we got from a local beer-making supply store which also sold some simple cheese-making ingredients. This time, it looked, felt, smelled and tasted like cheese! We thought we'd keep trying, and it just got better!

We liked our cheese so much that we thought we could start to sell it. Our friends and family seemed to really like it, so why wouldn't everyone else? We knew we needed the help of a dairy expert, so we asked our friend, Kathy, if she'd like to join our venture. I don't think we got the question out completely before she said yes. She grew up on a dairy farm, used to have her own herd, and has a degree in animal husbandry.

With the three of us ready to go, we really began researching what we needed in order to make this a successful business. We visited numerous cheese plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, asking questions of anyone we could. We joined the American Cheese Society. We took courses to learn as much as possible. We found contractors who helped us develop business plans and write grant pro-



Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, in their new cheesemaking facility in Cannon Falls.

posals. We also joined SMIF's Local Food Peer Network to meet with other artisan food-makers from southern Minnesota.

In the Fall of 2015, Jackie got a message from Dave Maroney, the Director of Economic Development and Planning for Cannon Falls. He had heard we were looking for a home for our business, and asked us to come meet with him. We did, and loved what we heard. Thus was born our relationship with our new hometown, Cannon Falls.

CannonBelles Cheese is now an award-winning artisan cheese company. While our business is located in Cannon falls, we had been making cheese at the University of Minnesota Pilot Plan since August 2016 because that is one of the only places in Minnesota to rent commercial cheese-making equipment. However, we just opened our own plant in Cannon Falls where we will be making Gouda, Cheddar, Cheese Curds and our American Cheese Society, First Place winning Queso Fresco! We also own CannonBelles Coffee and Ice Cream Shop which opened in 2019 and doubles as a retail location for our cheese.

How did the loan from SMIF help your business grow?

It helped us pay for marketing, such as social media, website and professional pictures. These items will help take our marketing materials to a more professional level as we



begin to reach out to more stores to expand our markets.

Why did you choose SMIF as a lender?

We chose SMIF to help grow our business because they are easy to work with and invited us to be a part of their Food Peer Network. Everyone we've worked with at SMIF has been nothing but wonderful! They are friendly, patient and very understanding of us. We couldn't be where we are today without their help! We also received professional help from SMIF after the loan (like help with Quick Books).

What was your experience like working with SMIF?

Our experience with SMIF has been excep-

tional! We LOVE everyone at SMIF. They truly feel like a partner and not just a lender. They truly care about each of the small businesses they help. SMIF has been a godsend to our company. Without their help and guidance, we would not be in the great position that we are today.

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AUCTION CALENDAR

Saturday, August 6, 2022 9 am
Riley Estate, South Lakeville
Hobby Farm Equipment, Motor Home - Trailer -, Tools

Saturday, August 13, 2022 9 am
Mackenzie Estate, Northfield, MN
Guns, Army Knives, Neon Lights, J.D. B Tractor, Antiques

Saturday, August 27, 2022 9 am
Joe Horejsi Farm Estate, Webster, MN
I-H 4386 4x4 Tractor, I-H 1460 Combine, Drying Equipment,
Ford Semi Tractor & Grain Trailers, Complete Line-up

Saturday, September 10, 2022 9 am
Renee Carriveau, Farmington, MN
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AUCTION CALENDAR

August 13, 2022 ... 8:30 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
ARIA FARMERS PRE-HARVEST CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
Live and Online Arsa Farmers Consignment Auction, Tractors, Combines, Series, Trailers, Construction Equipment, Planters & Tillage Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Pickups, Cars, ATVs and Farm Support Items

August 15, 2022 . 10:00 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
161.11 ACRES OF PRIME FARM LAND GOODHUE CO. MN FOR ANGELA MORKEN
161.11 Acres of Prime Farm Land in SW 1/4 of Section 4, Cherry Grove Township, Goodhue Co. MN. 137 Tillable Acres, 97.6 CPI. Some Drain Tile in Place, The Former "Jacobson Farm"

August 17, 2022 . 10:00 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
154.71 ACRES PRIME CLASS A CROP LAND STEELE CO. MN FOR LLOYD "PAI" KERN ESTATE
154.71 Acres of Prime Class A Crop Land in Section 10 & 11 of Merton Township, Steele County MN. Selling in 2 Separate Parcels. 80 Acres in Sec. 10 with 93.4 CPI, 74.71 Acres in Sec. T1 with 92.7 CPI, Drain Tile in Place

August 20, 2022 ... 9:00 AM CDT West Concord, MN
LIVE & ONLINE LARGE FARM ESTATE FOR THE STAN ZELINSKE TRUST
International & Case tractor, Combines, Heads, Planting & Tillage Equipment, Haying & Forage Equipment, Trucks, Grain Handling, Livestock Equipment, Power & Hand Tools

August 22, 2022 Bidding Begins: .. Aug. 13, 2022 Starts Closing: .. Aug. 22, 2022 Utica, MN
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August 23, 2022 Bidding Begins: .. Aug. 16, 2022 Starts Closing: .. Aug. 23, 2022 Farmington, MN
ONLINE ONLY FORAGE AND LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT FROM DEVENSHIRE FARMS
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August 26, 2022 . 10:00 AM CDT New Richland, MN
EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR RICK ARNOLD
John Deere 8230 MFWD 2400 Hours, John Deere 5058M W/ loader MFWD, Freightliner Day Cab, Tropic Grain Trailer, Tillage & Spraying Equipment, Grain Bins, Grain Augers, Clean Ford F600 Truck

August 28, 2022 Bidding Begins: .. Aug. 20, 2022 Starts Closing: .. Aug. 28, 2022 Inver Grove Heights, MN
ONLINE ONLY FARM ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE HERMAN CLIFF JR. ESTATE
John Deere 4430, 4320, (2) 730 G Tractors, John Deere 6620 Combine, Heads, Tillage Machinery, IHC W-6 & C Tractors, Skid Loader, 1940 Chevy Pickup, 1990 Chevy 1500, Lawn & Garden, Old Gas Pump, Farm Primitives, House Antiques, Building Salvage Rights

August 30, 2022 . 10:00 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
171 ACRES CROP LAND IN RICCY CO. MN FOR THE MATEJCEK FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP
Live and Online Bidding for 171 Acres of Crop Land in Section 10 & 15 of Walcott Township, Rice Co. MN, Selling in 2 Separate Parcels, 80 Acres in Sec. 10 With 86.7 CPI, 91.40 Acres in Sec. 15 With 75.5 CPI, Drain tile in Place.

September 10, 2022 Bidding Begins: .. Sept. 1, 2022 Starts Closing: .. Sept. 10, 2022 Rochester, MN
ONLINE ONLY FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR STANLEY & SUSAN DODGE
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Sept. 15, 2022 10:00 AM CDT Montgomery, MN
98 ACRES OF FARM CROP LAND IN LESLIEUR CO. MN FOR RON KROCAK
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Glasstite Fiberglass topper, 21 1/2 high 68" x 96", light grey. Came off 2002 silverado ext cab, 2012 gmc sierra ext cab.

Minnesota Celebrates National Farmers' Market Week Minneapolis Farmers' Market hosts this year's event

Celebrations marking National Farmers' Market Week (Aug. 7-13, 2022) in Minnesota will culminate with a public event on Saturday, August 13 at Minneapolis Farmers' Market. There will be shopping and activities for guests throughout the morning, with presentations from dignitaries including Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, beginning at 10 a.m.

"Farmers' markets create a relationship between the people who grow local, nutritious food and customers who want a connection with where their food comes from," Petersen said. "We believe farmers' markets are for everybody and I'm thrilled to celebrate the role farmers' markets play in Minnesota communities."

During the event, there will be a Chopped-style cooking competition with local chefs using fresh market ingredients to create the best dish, as well as fun for the whole family. This event is being presented in partnership by the Minnesota Farmers' Market Association

(MFMA), Minnesota Grown, Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU), and Minneapolis Farmers' Market.

"National Farmers' Market Week is a great time to celebrate and say thank you to all of the amazing people who make farmers' markets work, from the farmers, food entrepreneurs, crafters, and market organizers to all of the loyal customers who come out and support them," said Kathy Zeman, MFMA executive director. "Farmers' markets are all about community. They are about building relationships between farmers and customers, building a robust local foodshed, meeting friends and new acquaintances, and giving everyone access to healthy, locally grown food."

According to statistics by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), farmers' markets and farm stands account for roughly \$2 billion of the \$3 billion that Americans spend annually on farm-direct products. This revenue supports the livelihoods of more than 165,000 mostly small and mid-sized farmers. Agriculture is the foundation of Minnesota's economy, and Minnesota currently has roughly 350 farmers' markets located in all corners of the state.

"Farmers' markets are important because they provide a place for farmers to sell products directly to consumers and those earnings are more likely to be reinvested locally and stay in the community longer," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "Farmers who direct market are more likely to have a stable in-



come, which allows them to stay in business. And, when food comes direct from the farm it is fresher and more nutritious."

National Farmers' Market Week is a yearly celebration sponsored by the USDA which highlights the value markets bring to communities and the important role they play in the U.S. food system. Each year, farmers' markets across Minnesota participate in the event by creating their own independent celebrations.

"We as farmers are proud to serve our community here in the Twin Cities by providing access to food that nourishes the body, the mind, and the soul," said Bonnie Dehn, Minneapolis Farmers Market Board President. "We're happy to provide the community a place to ask questions about farming, learn who the farmers are, and experience the diversity of our farmers' market."

List of Activities:

Guest speakers

- Minneapolis Farmers' Market's Bonnie Dehn
- MFMA's Kathy Zeman
- MFU Member Untiedt's Vegetable Farm MDA's Thom Petersen

Activities

- Chopped-style cooking competition
- Live music & DJ
- Eating contest
- Limited edition merchandise
- Chef sampling stations
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About Minneapolis Farmers' Market:

The Minneapolis and Nicollet Mall Farmers Market was established in 1876 in Downtown Minneapolis. Our mission is simple, to connect local farmers and gardeners with Twin Cities residents to build a sense of community over a shared love of food. As the largest farmer-managed markets in the state, we serve as a community resource, meeting place, a tourist draw, and, most importantly, a

place to access Minnesota's greatest selection of fresh produce, plants, and locally made products.

About the Minnesota Farmers' Market Association:

The Minnesota Farmers' Market Association (MFMA) provides services, programs, and leadership that support and promote farmers' markets across Minnesota. The organization works to foster a community of vibrant, profitable, and professionally managed Minnesota farmers' markets that cultivate, nourish, and inspire a vibrant local foods landscape. The MFMA vision is to create greater accessibility to local, farm-fresh foods and to allow opportunities for local food producers to thrive and grow. Find their statewide map of markets at www.mfma.org.

About Minnesota Grown:

Minnesota Grown is a program of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to promote products grown and raised in Minnesota. The program has connected consumers with local farmers, farmers' markets, and other producers of agricultural products near them for over 35 years. The Minnesota Grown Directory at minnesotagrown.com is a searchable map of over 1,000 local farms, markets, and producers all across the state. The program also licenses the use of the Minnesota Grown label to Minnesota producers and retailers. Anywhere you see the Minnesota Grown logo, you can have confidence that product was grown or raised within the state. Find local near you in our directory of over 1,000 farms and markets at minnesotagrown.com.

About Minnesota Farmers Union:

Minnesota Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers and ranchers and rural communities. MFU is a nonprofit membership-based organization. Membership is open to everyone. Learn more and join at www.mfu.org, and follow MFU on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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**City of Wanamingo
Regular EDA Meeting
Monday May 9, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

**Wanamingo City Council Chambers
401 Main Street
Wanamingo MN**

PRESENT: Ryan Holmes, Laurie Musselman, Rebecca Haugen, Brian Gudknecht, and Josh Schaefer

ABSENT: Jim Kittelson and Stuart Ohr
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Boulton
Brian Gudknecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.
ADOPT AGENDA: Schaefer motioned, seconded by Musselman to adopt. Approved 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Musselman motioned, seconded by Haugen to approve. Approved 5-0-0.

**PRESENTERS:
NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 22-05 Approving the 2021 EDA Portion of the Wanamingo City Audit. Schaefer moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Administrator Boulton went over the EDA accounts of importance, including 251 EDA, 306 (Cenex Industrial Park), 331 (Cenex 4th Bond Fund), and 604 (Medical Center). Boulton provided a memo on the audit. Funds ending 12/31/2021 balances and plans going forward for each fund. Administrator Boulton presented Smith Schaefer & Associates PowerPoint presentation for the EDA centered funds as well. Boulton shared concerns regarding the Medical Center. Boulton stated that there may need a future transfer or levy request to the Council to ensure needed cashflow to make the bond payments if two of the four suites remain vacant. Passed 5-0-0.

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.

There being no further business Schaefer made a motion seconded by Holmes to adjourn the EDA meeting at 6:14 p.m. Approved 5-0-0.

Brian Gudknecht, President
Michael Boulton, Director

**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, July 11, 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, Stuart Ohr, Eric Dierks, and Jeremiah Flotterud (Late)
City Administrator: Michael Boulton
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters
ABSENT: Council: None

ALSO PRESENT: Crystal Moritz, Maliya Pugh-Ware, Richard Turri, Brad Kennedy, Cobus Peens, Steve Kruser, Dan Fritz, Annette Fritz, Jean Fulton, and Goodhue County Deputy Stephan.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: VanDeWalker motioned to adopt including the amended June minutes to change reference of phosphorous to CBOD, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

Mayor Holmes acknowledged that the Wanamingo 4th of July celebration went very well. Holmes thanked the fireman for the work with the Fireman's dance, parade, water

fighters, and fireworks. Holmes thanked the Wanamingo Lions, Wanamingo Commercial Club, and all of the other civic groups and churches that hosted events and contributed toward the celebration. Holmes stated that the weather cooperated on the 4th of July for the parade and fireworks. Holmes said that the turnout was great and look forward to next year.

PRESENTERS:
A) Brad Kennedy reported on:
1) Much of the last month was in preparation for the 4th of July
2) Trimmed trees
3) Painted the remaining no parking areas of curbs yellow around town
4) Weed whipped and mowed around pub-

lic and private properties leading up to the 4th of July

5) Sprayed weeds along curb/gutters of streets, downtown sidewalks, and parks.

6) Added gravel around the concrete pad for the park shelter at Prairie Ridge Estates Park. Moved two picnic tables onto the concrete pad after the 4th of July events

7) Mowed at the WWTP, community garden, undeveloped lot boulevards, and other various areas around town.

8) Coordinated with Xcel Energy to have fiber glass and aluminum poles painted. They will be sending a gallon of paint to do touch-ups on aluminum downtown poles

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August 9-13, 2022

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Friday, August 12th - 7:00 PM
Autocross
Adults: \$17 • Under 12: \$12

Saturday, August 13th - 5:00 PM
Demolition derby:
Adults: \$17 • Under 12: \$12

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FREE EVENTS

Tuesday, August 9th
Entry Day Which means all the Animals come to the Fair

Wednesday, August 10th
Day Care Day at the Goodhue County Fair

Thursday, August 11th
Goodhue County Ag Day

Friday, August 12th
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Saturday, August 13th
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9) Drained baby pool to repaint after iron deposits were created from filling directly from the hydrant. May need to install filter next year to help eliminate iron deposits

10) Installed the 4th of July banner two weeks before and took down the week after

**NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION: NONE**

Ordinance #200 – An Ordinance Requiring Residential Driveway Surfaces be Paved with Bituminous, Concrete, or Acceptable Impervious Materials within 30 Days; Amending Wanamingo Code of Ordinances § 152.52 – 1st Reading – Administrator Boulton stated that there has been concerns with past homes built in residential areas being slow to install impervious driveways. The current Wanamingo Code of Ordinances does not speak to requirements for impervious materials being installed for driveways in residentially zoned areas. The draft ordinance mirrors the ordinance requiring grass or sod being placed down in residentially zoned lawns 30 days after the certificate of occupancy is issued. Feedback from Councilmembers was a need for a mechanism to be in place within the Code of Ordinances to ensure that impervious materials are installed for driveway within a reasonable timeframe. Boulton and Holmes worked with City Attorney, David Jacobsen, to put together the draft Ordinance. Boulton stated that a public hearing would take place at the August 8th City Council meeting. No input was provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Holmes stated that Wanamingo Locker/Blondies Butcher Shop had provided

the written proposal 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. The written proposal includes: “A commercial grade rubber drain plug connected to a compressor and engrossed to roughly 15 PSI to secure a no leak drain covers the sanitary sewer collection drain. When a cattle or pigs are harvested, one jugular is cut and attach a shop vac. Once the animal has gone through the final washing, and before being cooled, all grey water and tissue is shoveled and shop vacuumed into 50-gallon non-edible blue barrels. The blue barrels are picked up within three to four hours post-harvest, by Sanimax. The drain remains plugged until all grey water/tissue/blood has been sucked up and barreled.” City staff reviewed that written proposal and recommended approval by the City Council with conditions. The conditions include the following: “The City of Wanamingo maintenance staff is required to be notified the day prior to butchering animals. The Wanamingo maintenance staff will monitor both the above outlined process along with the upstream and downstream sanitary sewer collection system manholes. This monitoring process will continue until City staff deem that there is enough trust built in the process to ensure that blood and animal parts do not enter into the City owned collection system.” The City staff provided additional photos to Wanamingo Locker/Blondies Butcher Shop showing blood and animal biproducts within the sanitary sewer collection system on a regular basis during 2021 and 2022. Past executed

mitigation process appears to have been deficient and continued to let blood and animal biproducts into the City owned sanitary sewer collection system.

Rick Turri stated that inspection by the City of the process, monitoring of the upstream and downstream sanitary sewer manholes for blood, advanced notification of butchering, and potential testing should go a long way to mitigate the blood and animal biproducts from entering into the sanitary sewer collections system. Holmes stated that he is confident the recommended proposal and conditions can work. VanDeWalker moved to accept and approve the mitigation plan process and conditions outlined in the staff recommendation letter, seconded by Dierks. Holmes thanked Jean Fulton for attending the meeting and was appreciative the Lindsey Loken had but the plan in writing. Jean Fulton stated that the mitigation process was the same as what they have had in place for over a year. Passed 5-0-0. Holmes asked that the Wanamingo Locker/Blondies Butcher shop please work with the City staff to coordinate the day prior to butchering animals. The City staff will then monitor the outlined process along with the upstream and downstream sanitary sewer manholes. The hope is to drastically reduce the blood and animal biproducts into the City owned collection system through the mitigation process. The Council wishes to build trust with reduction of blood and animal biproduct entering the City owned collection system by monitoring the butchering process. If proposed mitiga-

tion process does not drastically reduce the blood and animal biproducts entering into the City owned collection system the City Council will need to revisit the enforcement process. This may include consider fines, blocking sanitary sewer service pipe, or take legal action. The City will continue to provide updates to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the enforcement process. Boulton stated that a formal letter will be drafted and sent to the Wanamingo Locker/Blondies Butcher Shop to approve the mitigation process with conditions and outline expectations. The letter will be signed by the Mayor and City Administrator.

Boulton stated that he and Councilmember Ohr had conducted a City-wide tour and had compiled a nuisance list. The nuisance list includes items such as junk vehicles, boats, mowing, and other junk items out in the open. A full list was been provided to the Council to review. The Council agreed to take the recommended actions for the nuisance list. Boulton has been conducting calls, making site visits, and sending letters to property owners who have nuisance violations. Many of the nuisances have been abated. The goal is to clean up the town before the Wanamingo 4th of July celebration. Ohr stated that town looked great for the 4th of July celebration but there were a handful of nuisances that still need to be addressed. Holmes thanked everyone who helped make town look great for the City celebration.

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Boulton recommended the Council approve the list of vehicle and boat nuisances be sent to the Goodhue Sheriff's office for enforcement. VanDeWalker moved to approve sending the remaining list of vehicle and boats nuisances to the Goodhue County Sheriff's office for enforcement, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

Crystal Moritz & Maliya Pugh-Ware requested that chickens be allowed in residential areas of Wanamingo. They were recently made aware that the City of Wanamingo Code of Ordinances does not allow chickens in residentially zoned areas that have less than 10 acres. They live in Prairie Ridge Estates and have a lot under 10 acres. Maliya is a senior in high school and works at Area 57. Her family moved to Wanamingo as a compromised location because dad works in Stillwater and mom works in Rochester. Currently have three hens that are hand fed. They live in a chicken coop in the back yard and walk into house regularly. One of the hens recently got out of the back yard under the fence. The family has chickens for an agriculture project. The benefits include fresh eggs, weed control, pest control, and therapy. The chickens provide laughter, companionship, and are loved very much. Fresh homegrown eggs are better for you than store bought by not having growth hormones or steroids. The three hens provide 2/3 eggs each day. Having chickens honors their grandmother who had chickens during the Great Depression. Chickens eat kitchen scraps and the litter provides nitrogen for back yard/garden. Having chickens in town is a great way for kids to get involved in 4H/FFA projects for agriculture education and encourage exercise. Provided information on area town's ordinances which many allow with restrictions.

Boulton asked if they had checked Wanamingo Code of Ordinances or asked before bringing chickens into Wanamingo. Moritz said that they had not since the move was quick and busy. Moritz stated that her husband has seasonal depression and that the chickens in the garage help him get through the winter months. Dierks asked what is done with the litter/waste. Moritz stated that it is either left on the lawn for fertilizer or they hire Pet Butler to pick up the litter along with their dog waste on the lawn. Holmes stated that requests for chickens have come up a couple of times over the last fifteen years. Historically there has been negative feedback to allowing chickens which is the reasoning behind the current ordinance. Moritz stated that an online petition had been started to request a change in the ordinance to allow chickens. Moritz stated that reasonable restrictions could be put in place such as no roosters and specifics for shelters and fencing. Dan Fritz expressed his neighbor's concerns. The neighbor wife is taking radiation treatments and the husband neighbor works and Jennie-O. One of the reasons moved to Wanamingo because there were no chickens allowed. Jennie-o has hundreds of employees and 40,000 birds to keep safe and healthy from bird flu. Chickens out in the open within proximity of his neighbors is a huge concern. Fritz stated that farm animals should stay on the farm and not be considered town pets. Fritz stated that chickens in town is a controversial topic. Fritz stated that promises

and good intentions of how they are kept and restrictions set are only as good as the follow through. Boulton reminded those present that any considered changes to the code of ordinances for chickens would not be considered at this meeting. Any process for changing the code of ordinances could take up to three months. Annette Fritz wanted to reinforce what Dan Fritz said that people do move to Wanamingo because of Ordinance Enforcement and how the town looks and asked the Council not to change to allow chickens. Boulton stated that since the Facebook discussion from Moritz had taken place the past two weeks, he has been approached by the public with those either strongly opposed to chickens in residential neighborhoods or those that don't care. Flotterud stated that he is split on changing the ordinance. The only change that Flotterud would consider would be a conditional use process which someone applies for chickens and has to notify surrounding neighbors and receive permission. Flotterud stated that the petition was great but it didn't appear to be support from within Wanamingo. Flotterud recommended the Moritz and Pugh-Ware speak with neighbors to gauge their opinions. VanDeWalker stated that there are a number of kids in Wanamingo that are part of 4-H and have animal projects just outside of town. Moritz and Pugh-Ware could speak with them if they are interested in projects such as chickens to see if housing them outside of town was an option. VanDeWalker stated that no one has spoken with him who is in favor of allowing chickens in residential areas of town. VanDeWalker stated that feedback he had received was not to allow chickens in residential areas. Holmes stated that there are chickens within Wanamingo but they were in agriculture zoned areas. Holmes stated that he was aware of many children who are in 4-H who have animal projects just outside of town. Holmes stated that he heard much more negative than positive comments of allowing chickens within residential areas of town. Moritz stated that she would research mitigation for concerns provided. Boulton stated that a community survey could be put together on a broad range of topics and include a question regarding allowing chickens in residential areas of town. Holmes stated that pets are allowed in town but there are issues with owners that don't tend to them. Promises to keep up with animals are not always followed through. One of Ohr's concerns is with smell from chicken litter in residential areas if not cleaned up. Boulton stated that he has information from over 50 cities in Wanamingo on how they handle chickens. It is a mixed bag on if they allow them in residential areas along with the process and restrictions that are put in place. VanDeWalker would like to get feedback from other towns on how their processes are working and any concerns they have. Dan Fritz stated his concerns with property values when chickens are allowed. Fritz stated that no one is going to have positive things to say about a home for sale next to another home that has chickens. Fritz stated that the City should speak with the Prairie Ridge Estates developer, Jessup DeCook, on his thoughts as well. Moritz thanked the Council for being able to voice concerns and provide informa-

tion for the request to have chickens in residential areas of Wanamingo. VanDeWalker thanked Moritz and Pugh-Ware for coming and providing input. VanDeWalker stated that he shared health concerns with bird flu and allowing chickens in Wanamingo. Holmes thanked Moritz and Pugh-Ware for the excellent presentation. Holmes thanked everyone who shared their opinions on the topic. The Council will continue to research the topic to hear what citizens think and if the citizens wish to allow chicken if there are reasonable ways on how to make changes to the Code of Ordinances in the future.

*Next City Council meeting on 8/8/2022 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 7:52PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed:

Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Boulton, City Administrator

CITY OF WANAMINGO

City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes
@7:00PM

PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Larry VanDeWalker, Stuart Ohr, Jeremiah Flotterud (Late), and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk Karen Masters

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Shawn Anderson, Christine Lundin, and Patty Heraty (SEMCHRA)

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

A) Patty Heraty – SEMMCHRA – Heritage Hills Report

1) Buffy Bernarek was not able to attend the meeting. Patty Heraty is the accountant for SEMMCHRA

2) Presented 2022 projected expenses and transfers from the Operating Reserve Fund – required yearly as part of transfer agreement.

3) Operating losses and capital for 2022 are projected at being up to \$20,415.00

4) In the past 13 years since SEMMCHRA took over operations the City of Wanamingo has contributed \$355,190 toward operations of the facility

5) SEMMCHRA is asking for a transfer of up to \$20,415.00 from the operating reserve for projected losses and capital expenditures. The were major repairs completed to the fire sprinkler and heating system completed in 2022. There were unanticipated appliances replaced in 2022. The costs of utilities are up in 2022, which are reflective in the 2023 budget. There were some vacancies in 2022 which are reflective in less projected income as well.

6) 2023 Levy Request will be \$25,000

Holmes asked if the increased utilities and other operating costs would be reflective with potential rent increases in 2023. Heraty stated that there is a request for a 5% rent increase for 2023, which will require approval. VanDeWalker asked when refinancing of

the Heritage Hills bonds could take place. Heraty stated that August 2022 is the planned refinancing date for the Heritage Hills bonds according to Buffy Bernarek. Holmes stated that the City was eager for this to occur and that the date would be circled on the calendar. Holmes thanked Heraty for filling in for Bernarek for the yearly budget presentation.

B) Shawn Anderson and Christine Lundin spoke to the City Council on the proposed Ordinance (Wanamingo Ordinance #200) change requiring paved driveways. Asked if the proposed Ordinance change would be retroactive to residential properties. Holmes stated that the way the proposed ordinance language read, it would only be enforced to new construction. Holmes stated that it would be up to the City Council whether or not to require current residential properties to comply with the requirement. Anderson asked why the ordinance was considered? Was it to keep gravel off the street for stormwater and why is it only for Residential areas? Holmes stated that the reasoning was for both keeping stormwater off the street and aesthetics for new homes. Boulton stated that the current Wanamingo Code of Ordinances does not require an impervious driveway or timeline to complete the driveway. There is concern that this should be a requirement similar to Ordinance 152.54 I Landscape Planting (30 days after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy is issued). Boulton stated that that Wanamingo Code of Ordinances already requires commercial/industrial areas have impervious driveways/parking areas. Holmes stated that commercial/industrial areas are required to have, at minimum, concrete aprons and crushed asphalt parking areas. Anderson stated that he intends to pour a concrete driveway once he completes the second phase of his home. Lundin and Anderson both stated that they did not want to have a gravel driveway. Lundin stated that there are roughly twenty (20) residential driveways in Wanamingo that are gravel. Holmes stated that the intention is to only enforce the ordinance with new home construction, 30 days after certificate of occupancy is issued. VanDeWalker thanked them for providing the Council with information on the current twenty residential driveways that are gravel. Holmes thanked Anderson and Lundin for attending the meeting and providing feedback on the proposed Ordinance. Holmes stated that the second reading would take place at the August 8th City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) 2023 Budget discussions

A) City Council looked at the staff proposal of the 2023 proposed budget, Memo on 2023 proposed budget, and proposed 2023 levy. The proposed to increase to the levy is 6.67% (\$900,000 to \$960,000). The Council may wish to consider a higher levy (\$975,000 or 8.33%) due to inflation along with addressing future road maintenance and equipment needs. The general fund, Street Capital, EDA, Debt Service Fund 328, and Debt Service Fund 335 are proposed to see the increases.

B) Administrator Boulton explained a number of line items that had either changed from the previous year or needed an explanation. Proposed wage increases were roughly 6% while proposed health insurance increases

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would 5%. Boulton stated that an aggregate 21% (\$12,600) increase has been built in for fuel, electric, and natural gas. The proposed \$100,000 street seal coating (\$50,000 from general fund and \$50,000 from general fund reserves) project and \$10,000 Prairie Ridge Estates Park Equipment (basketball hoop and other equipment in 2023 or 2024). Boulton stated that the 2024 truck purchase to replace the dump truck may appear in 2023, depending on order date/down payment.

C) Administrator Boulton explained that the new DET Properties (Marcstone) expansion increased is taxable value by an estimated \$500,000 with 2021 expansion. This would bring in roughly \$20,500 (slightly less than half City portion) in property taxes (0.041). New construction within the community over the last six years (12 new taxable homes in 2021) should aid with the increase to the taxable market value increase. The new construction should off-set roughly 1/2 of the proposed levy increase (3.5% of the proposed 6.67% increase). The Council will see how the finalized 2023 market value rates compared to the proposed levy increase will affect property values based on \$100,000 levels in October. The Council will be setting the initial levy at the August meeting and could stay at the same levy amount or decrease at the December meeting. The Council could not increase the levy from August to December.

D) Boulton stated that Local Government Aid (LGA) certified amounts would increase from \$272,559 in 2022 to \$276,253 in 2023. Last year the legislature recently approved funding for Small Cities Assistance to communities under 5,000 population for use on road construction and maintenance. This formula has been periodically funded in recent years. It is unknown if the City of Wanamingo will receive these funds in 2023 (\$14,015 in 2021 and 2022).

Flotterud asked if a 2022 chip sealing project is going to take place. Boulton stated no, that the \$50,000 budgeted is planned to be rolled into a larger chip sealing project in 2023 (\$100,000 or more size project). This is in order to obtain economies of scale with having a larger project. VanDeWalker stated that he was comfortable with a higher levy increase than the proposed 6.67% levy increase (\$960,000). VanDeWalker was concerned

with additional inflation, long-term State LGA funding, and keeping/building upon the \$500,000 general reserve balance. Flotterud stated that the City did not need to increase reserves because the \$60,000 revolving fund loan could be utilized as a rainy-day fund. Boulton stated that the revolving fund loan is the only economic development tool available and that if spent, could take years to build back up. Flotterud stated that he was fine with starting the discussion higher than a 6.67% preliminary levy increase in August and coming down with a final levy in December. Flotterud is happy that the City of Wanamingo continues to grow and has provided increases to the tax base. The proposed 2023 chip sealing project may have to wait if the budget gets tight. VanDeWalker stated that street maintenance could not be pushed further out and that the longer we wait the faster the roads deteriorate. Flotterud stated that he does not like having general fund surpluses. Dierks asked if the public works needs new equipment. Kennedy stated that the needs are listed in the capital improvements plan. Kennedy stated that the dump truck needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Kennedy stated that the dump truck keeps being repaired in order to keep it working but the brake system is not the best and the box is rusted out. Kennedy stated that a 2-ton truck (similar to a 550 or 650) could replace the dump truck, depending on what functions it will need to do. Kennedy stated that the replacement truck would need a sufficient hydraulic pump system to handle the insert sander. Ohr stated that maybe the replacement could be ordered next year. Flotterud stated that the preliminary levy increase should start at 11.11% (\$1,000,000 2023 levy) increase. Flotterud stated that he wanted to bring the public into a conversation about the levy and the City's needs moving forward. VanDeWalker stated that he thought that the preliminary levy should be no more than 10% increase (\$990,000 2023 levy). Flotterud asked why the water and sewer funds could not cover more of the staff time compared to the General Fund. Boulton stated that each of the funds (General, Water, and Sewer) cover the actual hours/time that the staff spends in each area. Boulton said that pay staff wages accurately out of these funds is a best accounting practice. Boulton stated that the water and sewer funds are enterprise funds and should only

pay their own expenses. Boulton stated that the water fund will not have a significant reserve at the end of 2022 and that the sewer reserve is for a new sewer plant and for replacing clay sewer lines in the future. Flotterud stated that the reserve is a drop in the buck for those actual costs and that the rates should be adjusted when those projects are completed. Boulton stated that the plan is to slowly increase the sewer rates to build a reserve to pay some of the initial costs. Boulton also stated that the other reason was so that rate increases are lessened for residents at the time these projects are completed. Ohr stated prior councils spent fund balances down from one fund to the other creating the financial difficulties from 2009-2013. The City should never purposely put itself in another difficult financial situation. Flotterud stated that having money in the account can lead to spending on wants and not needs. VanDeWalker stated that the buildup of reserves is for future planned spending such as road maintenance, equipment purchases, and new park improvements. VanDeWalker agreed that starting with a higher preliminary levy with the assumption of a lower final levy is the smart move in uncertain times. Dierks stated that he was comfortable with a preliminary levy increase of 10% (\$990,000 2023 levy). Holmes agreed that the City should look at starting with a higher preliminary levy (10% - \$990,000 2023 levy) and possibly coming down with final. Ohr agreed that a \$990,000 2023 preliminary levy is a good starting point for budget discussions. Boulton noted that new construction probably will not continue at the same rate in the next few years and will in turn slow the levy growth. Boulton also noted that the Council's intentions are to increase the utility rates incrementally for future waste water treatment plant and clay sanitary sewer line replacements. Boulton stated it would be ideal for the increase in the 2024 levy to be inflationary plus capturing the new table market value (tax base) in the levy. The Council directed Administrator Boulton to adjust the budget and levy information to a 10.00%, or \$90,000 levy increase in the 2023 proposed Levy Resolution and 2023 Proposed Budget.

RESOLUTION:

21-046 = Approving Updated 10-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the City of Wanamingo: Flotterud moved to approved,

seconded by Ohr. Capital Improvements 10-Year Plan Discussion took place – hot pressure washer/installation/electrical updates for \$10,000, increase to \$5,000 yearly leasing of skid loader, Prairie Ridge Park Equipment, and pool chemical feed for baby pool and rust filter system (\$5,000). Kennedy stated that the dump truck will more than likely need to be replaced earlier than the capital improvement plan lists. Boulton stated that the truck replacement would be moved to 2024 with the assumption that it would be ordered in 2023. Boulton stated that the proposed 2023 levy would include \$26,000 (\$13,000 in 2022) for the street equipment fund (221). Passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates:

Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted at the City Hall (401 Main Street) during the filing period of August 2, 2022 through August 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for the following City Council seats:

- Mayor – 2 Year Term
- 2 At-Large City Council Positions - 4 Year Terms

Candidates' names will appear on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot.

Listed below are the filing requirements for those individuals seeking public office:

1. Candidate must be an eligible voter.
2. Is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more.
3. Maintained residence in the district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the General Election.

Candidates must file an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2 filing fee at City Hall, 401 Main Street, Wanamingo, MN. Office hours are 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 7:00AM-12:00PM Fridays. Filings will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2022.

*Next City Council meeting on 8/8/2022

Adjourn: At 8:25PM a motion to adjourn the meeting made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No.2172 shall begin on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, four (4) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available in the District Office, 225 3rd Avenue, Wanamingo, MN 55983 or call 507-789-7001. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022.

Dated: June 27, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Debb Paquin
School District Clerk

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **Unwelcome Road Hazards**



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.

One of my concerns with traveling 720 miles in one day across five states is encountering breakdowns on the highway. I am usually pulling a loaded trailer so there are more tires to contend with. I always carry a spare for the trailer along with a jack and wrenches. My first experience was a couple years ago, and the flat was on the trailer. I had just stopped for fuel in New London, Missouri and I noticed a low tire on the trailer. I pulled over to the air hose at the station and pumped up the tire. I could hear it hissing out as fast as I put it in. Since it was 100 degrees and the noon sun bearing down, I decided to pull into town and find a shady spot under a tree to change the tire. What I found was a repair shop and I pulled up and asked the guy if he

would do the job for me. He wheeled his five-ton floor jack over and buzzed the lug nuts off with his air wrench. After changing the tire in about two-minutes he told me he had a tire to replace my spare. Another five minutes and the spare was full of air and good to go. I asked him what I owed him and he said \$20. I handed him \$40 and he looked at me and handed one of the Andrew Jackson's back to me.

Last month I had another road hazard. I was coming home one night and just as I swung into the turn lane I heard a bang from the area of my rear tire. Sounded like a gunshot. This was not good, I thought and sure enough, my low tire pressure light came on within in a couple minutes. I backed onto the concrete in the garage and there in the driver's side rear tire was a shiny, large chunk of metal sticking out of the face of the tire. My first thought was to change the tire, but after removing all six lug nuts I found that even with a fence post pounder, I couldn't knock the rim off the hub.

So, the next attack was to plug the damaged tire. I could not pull the object out so I drove it in. Then I had a hole almost big enough to put my little finger in. I got three repair cords in the shank of the tool at the same time and squeezed the tube of glue liberally over all three. Then I plunged them into the face of the tire and slowly worked the tool back out. I pumped the tire up to 40# of air and went to bed. The next morning there was only 20# of air in the tire. I pumped it back up and drove for the tire shop.

I had been laying water and electrical line in a two-foot deep trench in the hot Tennessee sun and the wet chirt soil. Chirt soil is

the standard ground covering down there and it is gravel and clay mixed together. Add sweat and it will stick to you like mud.

So, when I walked into Barrett's Tire shop in dirty jeans and a ripped sweat soaked-shirt and asked for a 275/65 R18 tire, I might have not looked like a promising customer. The girl looked at me and said, "we have an entry level tire for \$149." I said, "I want the best tire you have." Her look back at me was one of disbelief and pity. "But that one is a

Cooper and it costs \$229.00." I handed her my card and said put it on and I would like to see the object that pierced my tire.

Thirty minutes later the Ford F-150 was sporting a brand-new tire and I had I my hand half a wheel weight that was the culprit expensive delay. I was thankful this had happened a couple miles from my home and not out on the busy Interstate somewhere far from help. Both events occurred at a place where I could easily resolve them.

A Minnesotan: Boats



By RosaLin Alcoser

I have said it before and I will say it again. Minnesotans live our lives on the lake. We swim in it, we look at it, we fish in it, and we boat on it.

Recently I went home from the Twin Cities, back home to the Zumbro River Valley to the Zumbro Lake. During my visit home I not only spent time looking at the lake but I also went boating on the

lake.

As a Minnesotan I have been boating many, many times, but this time was different because this time my grandpa taught me how to run the boat's outboard.

Now anyone of you who has ever run an outboard knows that you have to steer right to go left, left to go right and push against the torque to keep the boat straight.

It took me a little while, and a break in the middle, to get a handle on everything. I also went fairly slowly so that I would not lose control of the boat and was fairly nervous the entire time.

Learning to do this was great and also overwhelming at times mostly because I was terrified of docks, people and other boats that were also in the water. So, I would say that I did probably like 75% of the boat running and Grandpa did the rest.

Still 75% is not bad for my first time, in fact I even brought the boat into the dock at the end. So, all in all I think that we can count this experience as a massive success.

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