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### **THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison**

The popular Vegas Style Tribute Show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Saturday September 24th. Usually the show has been held the Friday of Labor Day weekend, but scheduling conflicts for the artists made a change necessary. Under the big top, rain or shine!

For fans young and old, if you have ever been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espking.com).with Chris Olson.

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison on Labor Day Weekend, Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on

Saturday, September 24th. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside.

Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with is tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".

It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co- written and coproduced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

You can see both of these great artists in Dennison Saturday, September 24th.

Advance Tickets are just \$25.00. \$30.00 Day of Show. Call Fireside at 507-645-9992 during normal business hours, or e-mail them



at firesideloungedennison@gmail.com to order tickets.

You can also make dinner reservations that evening ahead of the show. Space is limited, so make your reservations early.

**Rosefest Grand Marshals Matt and Michele Maring at the Rosefest Parade** 





## Announcements

• Hegre Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper: September 21, 2022. Serving 4-7pm, \$15 per meal. Curbside pick up, picnic tables available. Call ahead orders prior to September 16 will guarantee meals. Call or text 507-330-4996. Drive up day of supper while food lasts. Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cole slaw, dinner rolls, apple dessert.

• Kenyon Farmers Market is the third Thursday of each month (May-Oct) starting at 4pm until 7pm. Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 309 Forest St, Kenyon. For more information or questions reach out to kenyonfarmersmarket@gmail.com

• 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.

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## Religion

- KENYON MESSENGER -





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

Kings: [ /'kiŋz/ ] noun --- the ruler or sovereign over a nation.

The author is anonymous for both texts. Some commentators have suggested Ezra, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah as possible authors. Because the entire work encompasses a time period of more than four hundred years, several source materials were used to compile the records, along with multiple authors. Certain clues such as literary styles, themes woven throughout the book, and the nature of material used point to a single compiler or final author rather than multiple compilers.

**OVERVIEW:** 

Like the books of 1 and 2 Samuel, the Book of Kings originally was one book. In the Hebrew Bible the book of Kings continued the narrative started in Samuel. The Septuagint separated them into two parts. We derive our English title "Kings" from Jerome's Vulgate, the Latin translation of the Bible.

First Kings opens describing the final days of King David (around 971 BC) and death (1

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Kings 2:10). After this, his son, Solomon, ascended the throne and established himself as a strong and wise leader. In the early years of Solomon's reign, the nation of Israel flourished. Its influence, economy, and military power enjoyed little opposition; its neighbors posed no strong military threat. Yet, in his later years, the nation began to slip into ruin. Solomon did well at first, praying for wisdom and building a temple to God that took seven years to construct. But then he spent thirteen years building a palace for himself. His accumulation of many wives led him to worship their idols and away from God. Shortly after Solomon's death in 931 BC (1 Kings 11:43), the kingdom was divided into northern (Israel) and southern (Judah) territories. In this period, Israel was ruled by a series of kings, most of whom were evil and idolatrous. The nation fell further away from God, and even the preaching of Elijah could not bring them back. The most evil kings were Ahab and his queen, Jezebel, who brought the worship of Baal to the forefront in Israel. Elijah tried to turn the Israelites back to the worship of the LORD, challenging the idolatrous priests of Baal to a showdown with God on Mount Carmel. Of course, God won. This made Queen Jezebel angry. She ordered Elijah's death, so he ran away and hid in the wilderness. Depressed and exhausted, he said, "Let me die." But God sent food and encouragement to the prophet and whispered to him in a "quiet gentle sound" and in the

process saved his life for further work. First Kings follows the history of the divided kingdom through the year 853 BC. This is where 2 Kings starts up. The book depicts the downfall of the divided kingdom. The Northern Kingdom of Israel is eventually destroyed by the Assyrians, and about 136 years later the Southern Kingdom of Judah is destroyed by the Babylonians.

SO WHAT?

British statesman Winston Churchill wrote, Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." You may be familiar with some variation of this saying. As we read through 1 & 2 Kings, even the Bible as a whole, we can glean wisdom from history. In our faith, we can see throughout history what happens to those who turn away from God, His word, and His commands. We can see the beauty of faith and the tragedy of faithlessness.

We can learn from the history, the people, and the events recorded in these texts. While looking to earthly kings, Israel forgot the One True King. Though this is true, God saved a remnant from among the people and kept the royal line intact so that one day His people could return to their land to await the promised Redeemer. This Redeemer and the only Redeemer is the person of Jesus Christ, So. as you read the word, I pray you would see the faithful God at work, keep your eyes of faith on Him, and walk faithfully with Him empowered through Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Blessings of peace and joy will be yours, as the world cannot give nor take away.

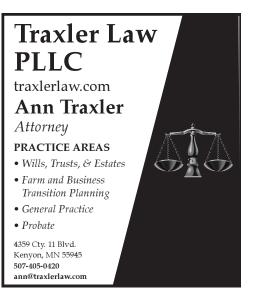
"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." (Psalm 20:7 NIV)

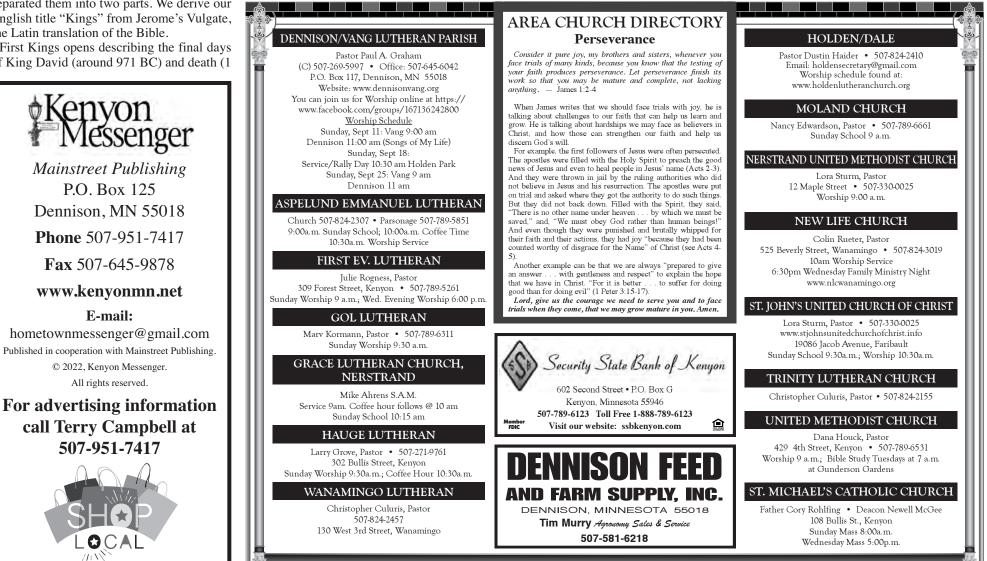
Today, take time to recall the blessings in

your life, and then thank the Lord for them. Rely on Him, not your possessions or position, as your source of strength and signifi-

cance.

Next month, we will look at the two texts of 1 and 2 Chronicles. These are accounts of the fulfillment of God's promise to David when he is made king over all Israel and an opportunity to evaluate each generation from the past and discern why each was blessed for their obedience or punished for their wickedness. Until then, to my brothers and sisters in the faith - "Onward!" To those seeking the King: read the word, seek, and you will find Jesus. To all: those who come to Jesus will find rest for their souls (Matthew 11.28-30





### Obituaries

- KENYON MESSENGER -

#### September, 2022

#### **Rachel Lynn Nesseth** Rachel Lynn Nesseth, 18, of Zumbrota,



passed away suddenly on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Rachel was born April 22, 2004 in Rochester, MN to

Barney and Laura (Shelton) Nesseth. She was a recent graduate of Kenyon-Wanamingo High School and was plan-

ning to leave for Concordia College, where she would major in Biochemistry and compete on Concordia's Track and Field team. In school, Rachel was full of energy and was active in band, choir, chamber choir, and theater. She would often play her flute and sing at church, where she was also involved in the Emmanuel Lutheran youth group. Along with her musical talents. Rachel was a Member of the National Honor Society and was a Board Scholar. Rachel also excelled in track as a sprinter and hurdler. She enjoyed being a member of the volleyball team. Her love of dance brought her to Triton where she was captain of the dance team and met friends that quickly became family. Rachel was also an

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officer for band and choir and was a school board representative for student council. She was the first student from Kenyon-Wanamingo to receive the Region 1A TripleA Award. She was also a 4-H member, a 4-H camp counselor, and earned multiple trips to state with her horse, Fortune. Rachel was a radiant light. Her love of Jesus was obvious. She was known for her smile and her genuine heart and was always encouraging to others with her positive spirit. Anyone that knew her knew she was uniquely Rachel.

Rachel is survived by her parents, Barney and Laura Nesseth of Zumbrota; brother, Alec Nesseth of Zumbrota; paternal grandparents, Darrell and Lovey Nesseth; maternal grandmother, Lenora Shelton; uncles, Leo Nesseth, Micky (Betty) Nesseth, Bruce (Theresa) Shelton; Aunts, Karen (David) VanderKaay, Gianna (Ken) Keating and cousins, Jason Nesseth, Jynnylee Nesseth, Rowdy (Aly) VanderKaay, Jacinda (Brett) Bainum and Shelbi (Nathan) Eggerss. Rachel was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jimmy Shelton.

A funeral service was held 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Holden Lutheran Church, 6949 30th Ave. Blvd, Kenyon, MN 55946. Visitation was held 4:00-8:00 PM Monday, August 15, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home-Larson Chapel, 1475 Jefferson Dr. Zumbrota, MN 55992 and one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Lyle Aadahl officiated and burial was at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Aspelund, MN. To share a special memory or condolence, please visitwww.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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#### **Corinne Lexvold**

Funeral services for Corinne Lexvold were



Church near Zum-The Rev. brota. David Krinke officiated. The visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church, and burial followed the service at the church ceme-

tery. Mrs. Lexvold, 93, of Zumbrota, died Saturday August 13, 2022 at the Zumbrota Care Center where she had resided for a short time

Corinne Ann Romness was born January 11, 1929 in Goodhue County, the daughter of George and Alice (Hanson) Romness. She attended school in Wanamingo. She married Jerrold Lexvold on September 27, 1944 at her parents' home. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Corinne was blessed with many talents especially in basket making, baking and cooking, and her dessert bars were delicious. She lived in the same house for 66 years. She loved her grandchildren, and her foundation was always her faith in God. After the passing of her husband one of the things she particularly enjoyed doing was taking bus trips with friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Dianne (Keith) Krier of Wanamingo, Alice (David) Gullickson of Rochester, Marcia Hoffman of Rochester, and Lana (David) Bye of Pine Island; a son Jerry Lexvold of Zumbrota; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Beata Youngdahl, who resides in North Carolina.

Corinne was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandchild, a sister, and 2 brothers, as well as a daughter-in-law and a sister-in-law.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choosing.

#### Wayne Kispert

Wayne Kispert, age 94, of Butterfield, died

on Monday, August 1, 2022, at the Good Samaritan- The Village in Mountain Lake, MN. Funeral services

were at 2pm, Monday, August 8, 2022, First at Lutheran Church in

Butterfield Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiated.

Military honors were provided by the Butterfield VFW Honor Guard. Visitation was one hour before services at the church. Burial will be at a later date at the Kenyon City Cemetery in Kenyon, MN.

Wayne Darrell Kispert was born June 24, 1928, in Faribault, Minnesota, the son of John and Cora (Hildebrandt) Kispert. Wayne grew up in Holden Township in Goodhue County, Minnesota, where he attended country school #55. He then attended and graduated from Kenyon High School in Kenyon,

MN. Wayne then enlisted in the Army serving from 1946-1948, serving in Korea. On August 8, 1948, he was united in marriage to Bernice Kyllo in Nerstrand, MN. The couple moved to Iowa City in 1953 where Wayne drove truck. Wayne went to work at Kenyon Security State Bank from 1954 until 1964 when they moved to Butterfield where he worked at the State Bank of Butterfield until 1982. They purchased the Oakwood Golf Course in 1982 until 1992. In 2000, they returned to the Butterfield area.

Wayne was a member of the Butterfield VFW, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, served on the Kenyon Fire Dept. for 10 years and the Butterfield Fire Dept. for 16 years, was one of the original incorporators of the Threshing Bee and served as its president for 11 years.

Wayne enjoyed working with large steam engines, he was a collector of antique steam and gas tractors. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and golf.

Wayne is survived by his brother Lloyd Kispert of Nerstrand, sister Olive Houston of Grantsville, Utah and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

#### Martin Lohmann

Martin Lohmann, age 100, passed away



Monday, August 15 2022 at The Bridges Assisted Living in Zumbrota. Martin was born on November 1, 1921 to H. August and Margaret (Bargsten) Lohmann in Zumbrota Township, MN. Martin has been in the Zumbrota area for all of

his life. He farmed for 26 years, was a carpenter for 8 years, drove a school bus for 9 years, and sold insurance for over 40 years. Martin also ran 3 sawmills and a machine shop. He was also a very active community member, serving on numerous boards including: the Zumbrota School Board, Builders for Christ, Wanamingo Mutual Insurance Board, R.E.A. Board, United Power Association, Goodhue Historical Society, Zumbrota Lions Club, and the Christ Lutheran Church Council. Martin's latter years were filled with modern technology (iPad, cellphone) allowing him to keep up with his grandkids' adventures.

Martin is survived by his brother, David Lohmann; children, Kathy (Stan) Wasley, Bob (Jo) Lohmann, Mark (Conleigh) Lohmann, Ellen (Dennis) Cunningham, Tom Anderson, Sally (Dale) Fox, Les (Jeanne) Anderson, Rick (Dawn) Anderson; multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Leila Bremer Lohmann and Lucille Anderson Lohmann.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 20 at Christ Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. everend Wayne Schoch officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church and burial followed the service at Zumbrota Cemetery. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

(obituaries continued on page 4)

## Community

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#### **Donavon "Don" Delbert Mueller** Donavon "Don" Delbert Mueller, age 90, of



Faribault, died on Monday, August 22, 2022, at his home in Faribault. Funeral services

were held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Wheeling

Township,

Rice County

on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Gary Liker officiated. Interment and military rites provided by Kenyon Veterans Color Guard were held in the St. John's Church Cemetery.

Visitation was held in the church for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Don was born on August 25, 1931, in Faribault to August and Nora (Bosshart) Mueller. Don loved life on the farm. After graduating from 8th grade country school, Don willingly started his lifelong duties on the family farm. The only time Don left the farm was when he was drafted into the United Sates Navy, He felt fortunate to serve from 1955-1957. He attended boot camp in Chicago where he received his GED and learned to swim. He often laughed at being in the Navy but stationed his first year at Chase Naval Station in Bellville, Texas. He had many great experiences with his comrades learning the ropes on the destroyer USS Moale DD693. On one occasion, Don was charting navigation of the ship and warned the captain he was heading for an island which was not visible above the water; the island turned out to be a school of blue whales. Don enjoyed boxing and playing outfield on the ship's baseball team against teams from south of the Gulf of Mexico.

Back on the farm, Don enjoyed being active in his community through the sports of softball and bowling. Don enjoyed the horses on the farm and was 5 years old when he drove the team for the first time on the field, while his dad drove another team ahead of him. Don, along with his good buddy, Pete Keller, were among the charter members of the Kenyon Saddle Club. Don and his showy American Saddlebred mare, Peg, pranced through many parades and trail rides at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park.

Don's father was the last to own the land surrounding Hidden Falls at Big Woods State Park; on that land they logged trees to heat



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their home, use in the cook stove and build items for the home and farm. The hill was so steep they would have to take the load up by thirds in the horse drawn wagons and sleighs, then load all the wood again at the top to take it home. In the old days, the family would dam the creek to flood an area and when it froze, they would saw the ice into large squares, take it into town and stock the icehouse at the creamery building.

Don was a member of a loyal group of guys who met in the back of the Nerstrand Library/City Hall to share lies, laugh and play some euchre, among other card games. Don was always ready to be in on a prank with the neighboring farmers.

Don greatly enjoyed hunting with his neighbors and relatives.

Don was fortunate to have experienced the pride of depending on the strength and heart of farming with horses and to see the evolution to more efficient motorized steel and rubber machines used on the farm during his lifetime.

Don's lifestyle greatly changed the last 10 years living with Ken & Carol's family. He was involved with their noisy grandchildren running around; he would toss the ball, share stories and tease them for hours. Dogs were a big part of his daily life on the farm and later living in town. He was known to sneak treats to each of the three dogs, but he favored the little Chihuahua.

He is survived by his extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Nora Mueller, and his sister, Myrna Mueller.



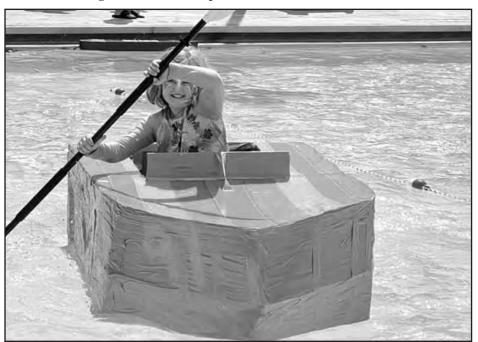


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### **Kenyon Rosefest**



Horse drawn wagon in the Rosefest parade



A cardboard and duct tape boat in the Rosefest Regatta at the Kenyon Pool



A dragon from the Shriner's in the parade

## Goodhue County Fair

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A log sawing competition at the lumberjack exhibit at the Goodhue County Fair



Prepping a goat for the judging at the fair

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A young girl walking her project calf at the fair



Old farm tractors on display outside the beer garden See more Goodhue County Fair pictures at www.kenyonmn.net



## **Rural Routes**

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#### September, 2022

### At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

Courtesy of AgWeek

OSLO, Minn. — On Aug. 14, 2022, the American Crystal Sugar Company's oldest shareholder celebrated his 105th birthday with over 200 guests.

Earl Mallinger , also the longest resident of Oslo, Minnesota, has been involved in more than 100 harvests during his lifetime. He has farmed with both horses and modern farm equipment, and witnessed firsthand the birth of the American Crystal Sugar Company cooperative. Mallinger's family were among the first sugarbeet farmers in the Red River Valley region. His farming career and the American sugarbeet industry grew and developed together, and Mallinger still actively farms today. He grows sugarbeets, soybeans and wheat on 1,000 acres in the Oslo area.

"I guess what keeps a guy alive at 105 is to keep busy," he said.

Mallinger's father Peter was born in Luxembourg. After working as a butcher in France, he came to America in 1895 at the age of 20. He went to Minnesota because he had a sister living in Barnesville. Shortly after his arrival, he worked at a meat market in East Grand Forks.

"Dad didn't know any English and only spoke German," Mallinger said. "He went to night school to learn English and get an education."

Immigrants started coming to the Oslo area in 1878 because of the fertile soil and abundant timber. They built homes along the river, where steamboats carried cargo and mail from Grand Forks to Oslo. Peter Mallinger arrived in 1905, the year Oslo officially became a town. It is believed that the population at that time was 150, and the population of Oslo today is 347 people.

Peter built a butcher shop called the "Oslo Meat Market." He married a local girl named Hjerda, and the family lived on the top floor of the shop. Earl was born there in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda's seven children.

"There were four boys and three girls," he said. "One of my sisters passed away from flu in 1918 and one of my brothers died in the service."

That same year, Peter sold the butcher shop and moved the family to a house he had built on a farm in rural Oslo.

"Dad took one look at me and said I was going to be a farmer," Mallinger said with a laugh. "I'm glad he did that. I really enjoy farming and I always knew I wanted to be a farmer."

The family's new house had running water and electricity, which was unusual for houses in rural areas at that time, according to Mallinger.



Earl Mallinger sits with his sister, Ina Dahlum at his 105th birthday party. She is 101and lives in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota. *Contributed / Earl Mallinger* 

"Dad was very progressive," he said. "He began farming in 1918 on land he cleared from timber and he started out with wheat, alfalfa and cattle."

Mallinger attended school in a one-room schoolhouse that had 28 students in kinder-garten through eighth grade.

"I walked two miles to and from school each day. As I walked past people's houses, more kids would join me. Quite a group had accumulated by the time we got to school," he said. "I went to school until eighth grade. I did awful good in arithmetic, but history and geography were my favorite subjects. I wasn't good at spelling."

Mallinger began farming with his father after his eighth grade graduation in 1932.

"Dad was a real hard worker and taught me how to work," he said. "He was willing to try new things, and he first planted potatoes in 1926. That was also the year the East Grand Forks sugarbeet factory started. Before that factory was started, beets were sent to Chaska, Minnesota."

Mallinger has an incredible memory for dates and events throughout his farming career, and vividly recalls his father's decision to start growing sugarbeets.

"In 1927, field men from the new factory visited all the farmers and talked to them about growing this unique new crop called sugarbeets.

They told us beets would help control weeds like wild oats and pigeon grass," he said. "We had to hire people to hoe the weeds out of the beets. It was \$6 a ton for beets then. They were not a high paying crop, but they would clean up the land and help the rotation."

Peter was excited to try sugarbeets and was one of the first farmers in the area to grow the new crop in 1927.

"We had 30 acres of sugarbeets when we started, and Mexican folks helped us by hoeing the weeds," Mallinger said. "We got the beet seed from the factory, and they got it from Germany. It came from Germany in great big burlap bags."

At that time, the factory had a drill that farmers could borrow for planting sugarbeets.

"It was a four row horse-drawn planter. We had a lifter that loosened the beets and the Mexican workers put them in rows," Mallinger recalled. "Then they topped them with beet knives and shoveled them into a truck."

In their early years of farming sugarbeets, the Mallingers hauled their beets to Oslo.

"We loaded the beets into open railroad cars which took them to Grand Forks. After a while, we had a piling site in Oslo. Then, sometime in the late 1930s, we hauled them to Grand Forks in a truck," he said. "I didn't really like that because it was a tough job. Harvest depended on the weather, just like it does now. In 1931, we were still hauling beets on Thanksgiving Day. Later on, when we got pilers in Oslo and Alvarado, it made everything so much easier because we had land in both places."

The 1930s were a trying time for the Mallingers and their fellow farm families in the Red River Valley.

"We didn't have much money then. Nobody did and everyone was in the same boat," Mallinger said. "We all played kittenball. It was like softball but with a larger ball, a smaller diamond, and an underhand pitch. Everyone formed teams and played together, and we had a lot of teams. Those are some of my favorite childhood memories."

The family farmed with horses until 1936, when Peter bought a combine.

"I was 19 years old. In Warren, Minnesota, the dealership there would take used horses in trade for tractors and other equipment. We traded horses for a combine," said Mallinger. "I ran the combine, but I missed those horses. They were extremely well trained."

A black and white photo of a man in a cowboy hat. The man has his arms crossed. He has a slight small on his face, which has a substantial moustache.

The following year, Peter retired from farming. In 1938, Earl and his brothers began farming together. Mallinger married his wife Julia in 1946, and the couple farmed together for over 30 years.

"She was a schoolteacher in Oslo and that's



Earl Mallinger was born in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda Mallinger's seven children.

Contributed / Earl Mallinger

how I met her," he said. "She helped me on the farm and loved everything about farming. She drove a big tandem truck and hauled sugarbeets to the factory."

In addition to farming together, Earl and Julia were passionate about 4-H. They both served as club leaders, and he coached 4-H potato judging teams for many years. The couple had three daughters who live in North Dakota and Minnesota.

"Their names are Barbara, Sharon and Krista. Krista was born on Columbus Day and that's how she got her name," Mallinger said. (continued on page 7)

### **Rural Routes**

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### At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

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Peter Mallinger, a pioneer of the region's sugarbeet industry, passed away in 1952. He was a great supporter of agriculture and his community and was a member of the Oslo Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1970, Earl bought out his brother Felix, with whom he had farmed for 32 years.

"American Crystal used to be called the American Beet Sugar Company. It became American Crystal in 1934," Mallinger said. "Felix was part of transforming American Crystal into a grower-owned cooperative in 1973, and there was a lot of excitement among the farmers when that happened. I bought beet stock shares that year for \$107 per share."

In 1978, Julia passed away and Mallinger remarried in 1980.

"Phyllis and I were both widowers and she had three kids. We were kind of like the Brady Bunch. Phyllis passed away in 1992," he said. In addition to sugarbeets, Mallinger also grew certified seed potatoes for over 50 years.

"I did about 500 acres that I stored in Oslo. I had eight to 10 varieties and sold seed potatoes all over the United States and Canada," he said. "In 1993, I was the Seed Potato Grower of the Year for the North American continent. I received the award in Portland, Oregon, and it really meant a lot to me."

Mallinger credits much of his success to the people who worked with him on the farm, and still keeps in touch with the families of migrant employees.

"I had some awfully good people working for me, like the Martinez family. They worked with me for over 20 years," he said. "Eugene Dauksavage started working for me in high school. He worked for me all his life. He could run the whole show if I was gone and probably did it better than me."

Today Mallinger hires others to do field work for him but owns some of his own equipment and makes all the decisions for his 1,000 acre farm.

"I never quit farming because it is so much fun," he said.

Mallinger is assisted by his friend and neighbor, Debbie Hanson, a semi-retired Lutheran pastor. The two have known each other for over 20 years, and she calls herself his "enabler."

"I drive him around so he can farm and do the things he loves to do. His day starts around 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at Kitty's Café in Oslo and wraps up around 9:30 in the evening," Hanson said. "We've done a lot of off-roading and I've gotten stuck helping him scout fields, but I've learned a lot about farming from Earl."



Earl Mallinger has experienced the history of sugarbeet farming, from using horsedrawn implements to today's modern methods. *Contributed / Earl Mallinger* 

Hanson is amazed by Mallinger's incredible memory and life experiences.

"You could go to the Sugarbeet Museum in Crookston to learn about the history of sugarbeets in the Red River Valley or you can talk to Earl," she said. "He has seen the whole industry develop. He remembers it all."

Like his father, Mallinger is progressive and interested in the latest agricultural technology.

"All of Earl's fields are tiled. He has seen what tiling can do because he has dealt with flooding before," Hanson said. "One year he had a field that was flooded. He took the sump pump from his house and put it on a raft he made. He pumped out all the water on 10 acres and sent it down the river."

In addition to tiling, Mallinger has seen many changes in the sugarbeet industry in his lifetime.

"Some of the biggest advances were going from workers topping sugarbeets with knives to 12-row lifters and new beet drills that could space seed 5 ½ inches," he said. "And, of course, Roundup Ready sugarbeets. That was an amazing advancement."

The sustainability of sugarbeets has remained the same throughout the years, according to Mallinger.

"Sugarbeets are a special crop. They are good for the land and have been helping the environment since the 1920s," he said. "They keep weeds from going to seed and are a very good rotation."

Mallinger said he feels blessed to have spent his life farming and with his large extended family that includes 60 grandchildren and great-children. His sister, Ina Dahlum, is 101 and still resides in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota.

"We had about 100 people at the family Thanksgiving last year, so I rented the hall in Oslo," he said.

As Mallinger reflects on his farming career, he says his best advice to beginning farmers is to work hard, be frugal and put God first.

"If you didn't inherit land from your parents, start small. Work hard and don't spend too much money and you'll be successful," he said. "Remember that God is in control. You have got to have Him with you. Also, don't forget to stop and smell the roses. I didn't work much on Sundays and I still made a good living."

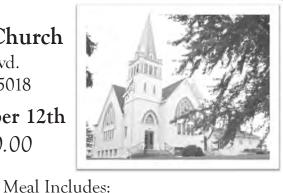


**Earl Mallinger still farms, though at 105 he hires people to do the fieldwork for him.** *Contributed / Earl Mallinger* 

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## Neighbors

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## Kay Gadient Honored With Outstanding Senior Citizen Award

By Beth Brekke

Among the many accolades given during the Goodhue County Fair are the Male and Female Outstanding Senior Citizen awards. This year's recipients were Howard Ayen of Zumbrota and Kathleen (Kay) Gadient of Goodhue. The winners are picked through a nomination process and the awards were presented in the entertainment tent Thursday evening, August 11th.

Under the pretense of needing to work in the MCCL booth that evening, Kay's oldest daughter, Linda suggested they head to the fair a little early in order to enjoy a malt and look at the exhibits. Arriving at the MCCL booth, the volunteers told the women they would not be needed and Linda steered her mother toward the ceremony and shushed a few folks who almost gave away the surprise. They were then approached by a relative who enticed them to the beer garden/entertainment tent saying Kay's nephew was there and wanted to visit with her. A still unsuspecting Kay noticed some of her other children and grandchildren were at the fair but thought nothing of it. Even as her good friend, Marlys McNamara, began the presentation, Kay only wondered why Marlys would be reading about herself as the two women have been involved in a lot of the same activities over the years. It wasn't until Marlys described the nominee as having 12 children, 40 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren that it sunk in that she had been duped into coming to the fair and she was the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Goodhue County Female Senior Citizen Award.

McNamara nominated Kay for the award highlighting -among other things-her volunteer efforts within St. Columbkill Church over the past 65 years which include the Council of Catholic Women, past Eucharistic Minister and Faith Formation teacher. She has served on many committees and visits shut-in members, offering them communion, prayers, food, or whatever is needed. Kay also delivers meals to Goodhue residents through the Three Rivers Community Action program. She has actively participated in Lions'/Lioness' programs including hearing and vision screenings, hazardous waste collection, blood drives and the birthday calendar. Kay never forgets her own family's birthdays or anniversaries and attends all of the celebrations.

Caught completely by surprise, Kay wonders at all her children "keeping their mouths shut for two weeks. They had all sorts of little tricks," she said while relaying the story. Humbled by the attention, she first noted that she could think of many people deserving of the award and wants to nominate others next

nt year.

The recognition program continued with the presentation of the Outstanding Male Senior Citizen Award. Darla Vieths nominated and presented this honor to Howard Ayen of Zumbrota. Ayen's volunteer activities center around the VFW and Veterans' programs. A Vietnam Veteran himself, he has helped plan Zumbrota's Memorial Day Field of Honor and arranges its 24-hour surveillance, along with organizing the parade and ceremony at the Zumbrota Cemetery. Howard and his wife, Mary were the parade grand marshals in 2018. He is in charge of the VFW flag and is their historian. He is also on the committee creating the Zumbrota Veterans Memorial.

Prior to the Senior Citizen awards, Goodhue County Fairboard member, Chuch Schwartau proclaimed August 11, 2022 "Ray Sands Day" at the fair. Ray Sands of Kenyon is the leader of the Polka Dots band that he helped form in 1949. Ray was presented with a plaque while he and the band were on stage finishing their session ahead of the awards ceremony. They have provided entertainment during the fair for many years. It is interesting to note that they also played for Kay and her late husband, Bill Gadient's wedding dance in 1954.



Kay Gadient of Goodhue received the 2022 Female Outstanding Volunteer Award presented at the Goodhue County Fair on August 11th which was also proclaimed "Ray Sands Day". Ray Sands and the Polka Dots entertain fair-goers yearly and played for Bill and Kay's wedding dance in 1954. Howard Ayen of Zumbrota was honored with the Male Outstanding Volunteer award.



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### Look for These Traits in Future Leaders



**By Harvey Mackay** 

I don't care if you're the CEO of a Fortune 500 company, a small business owner or a manager or supervisor; you are only as good as the people around you. In other words, it's important to surround yourself with successoriented people.

When hiring, always try to pick future leaders. They may not be easy to recognize, but they're crucial to an organization that wants to be innovative and intrapreneurial. Here's a list of factors that can help you identify and develop potential leaders on your staff:

Collaboration. Look for employees who communicate well, delegate effectively and build strong personal relationships with their co-workers, managers and customers. They're committed to their own personal success, of course, but they're also dedicated to helping other people.

Self-determination. Intrapreneurial employees value their freedom and autonomy. They like being their own boss as much as possible, as long as they're doing something they enjoy. Allow employees to make their own decisions as long as they're moving firmly toward your organization's objectives. Planning skills. You want employees who look beyond today's tasks, who can focus on

the long term as well as the short. They're good at strategizing and weighing options, and at making decisions that minimize risk and maximize opportunity.

Curiosity. Most great ideas start with simple questions: "What if I did this? Why does that happen?" Listen to employees' questions to spot those who are interested in solving problems and learning more about how things work.

Comfort with technology. Every good leader or potential leader stays on top of the tools that can mean success or failure. He or she isn't afraid to use whatever's available – as long as it works.

Drive for action. Focus on employees who take initiative without waiting until conditions are perfect. They like to try things quickly, experiment and then move on to the next challenge. They're also not discouraged by setbacks.

Those are traits that employees bring to the job. Now it's up to you to help them develop the skills that will enable them use those traits most effectively.

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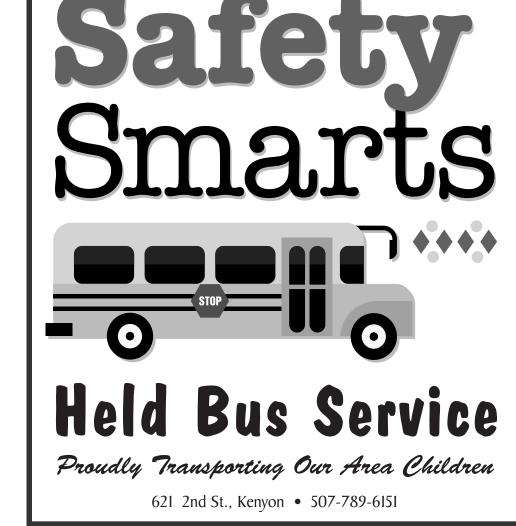
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## Parents, be sure to review these important bus safety tips with young riders to keep kids safe this school year.

- Talk to your kids about bus safety and respect. Ridership is a privilege. It can be taken away due to bad behavior, so check with your school district about established guidelines.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is set to arrive. Tardiness can lead to mistakes in safety measures.
- Kids should follow the five giant steps rule: Be five giant steps back from where the bus actually stops until it comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door.
- Backpacks/bags need to be fully closed and sized appropriately for the child to prevent safety hazards such as dragging straps.
- Always stay seated on the bus. Teach your child to stay in the seat until the bus comes to a complete stop at your child's destination.
- Show appreciation to the bus driver. Remind your kids to say thank you when they get off. Kindness and good manners go a long way.
- Go over your child's bus routine. Describe the location and street where your child should get off. For younger kids, write down their names, bus number, bus stop and where you may be reached and put that information inside their backpack. Help your children memorize
- your cell telephone number; putting it to song can help.Don't hang out of the window. Keep body
- Don't hang out of the window. Keep body parts inside the bus!
- Bullying should never be tolerated. Talk to your child about bullying on the bus. Read your district's school bus behavior policy to understand to whom you should report such bullying. It may be the driver, teacher, principal or someone else.



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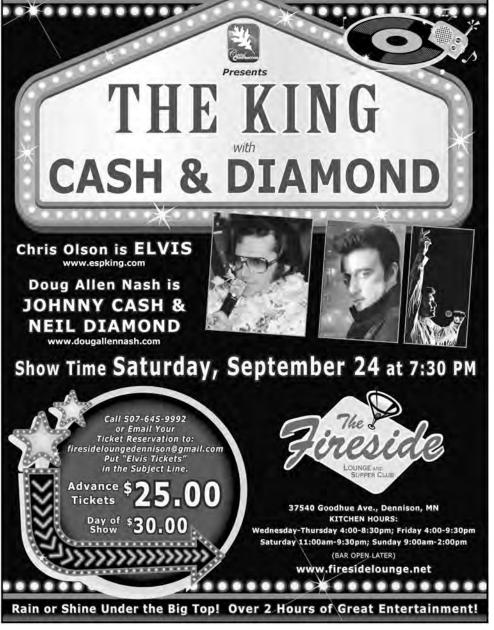
First and foremost, you need to be a role model. People will learn much more from your actions than from anything you say. If you want to be an effective manager, you must be comfortable knowing that your employees might be smarter, more tech savvy or have new ways of doing business. Try to remember your early career and what you did to prove yourself. Give them enough latitude

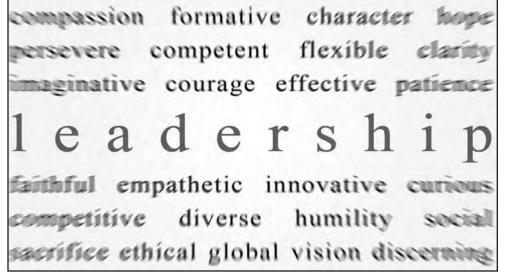
to develop their own style, but be ready to offer a guiding hand when necessary.

Teach the importance of networking. Learning how to make contacts is a necessary skill for every leader. Stress the importance of both internal and external networks. I frequently preach, "If I had to name the single characteristic shared by all the truly successful people I've met over a lifetime, I'd say it is the ability to create and nurture a network of contacts."

Share the value of perspective. Maintaining an even keel in good and bad times prevents the temptation to jump to rash conclusions when a challenge arises, or conversely, when you have had the biggest success of your career. Emotions have a place, but not in business decisions. As I like to say, "Make decisions with your heart and you'll end up







#### with heart disease."

Insist on respect: for authority, for co-workers and for self. Good leaders treat people like people, not property. Successful leaders won't stoop to doing deeds that go against their principles just to make a buck. Good leaders have standards that cannot be compromised because it would destroy their selfrespect.

Remind them constantly: Cream doesn't rise to the top; it works its way up. There is no substitute for hard work. When employees see you working harder than they do, you are reinforcing that a dedicated work ethic is a necessary characteristic of a good leader.

Instill confidence. Give credit where it is due. Encourage employees to take charge of

projects that will allow them to take appropriate risks and take responsibility for outcomes.

Make sure they understand responsibility. As writer Max De Pree puts it, "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between the two, the leader must become a servant and a debtor. . . . A friend of mine characterized leaders simply like this: 'Leaders don't inflict pain; they bear pain.'"

Mackay's Moral: If you want to grow tomorrow's leaders, plant seeds of wisdom today.

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### **Goodhue County WIC Provides One-on-One Support Before and During a Parent's Breast/Chestfeeding Journey**

**By Goodhue County Public Health** 

Breastfeeding is important for babies, mothers, other birthing parents, and families. Many families start breast/chestfeeding but are often not able to meet their goals due to lack of support. Goodhue County Women, Infants & Children (WIC) supports families before and during their infant feeding journey by talking about the importance of human milk, providing extra foods to support a lactating parent's nutrition needs, and providing resources to help families reach their infant feeding goals.

A support system can be key to successful breastfeeding, especially when the journey is challenging. WIC is here for families every step of the way, beginning with pregnancy. We provide additional food benefits for pregnant and lactating parents, but our support goes beyond food. Whether it's working with a WIC breastfeeding specialist, connecting with a WIC breastfeeding peer counselor, or getting connected to other resources in your community, WIC can help in so many ways. WIC Supports Families

Goodhue County WIC supports breastfeeding in any amount and is here for families feeding their babies with a combination of

human milk and formula and families exclusively using formula. The nationwide formula recall and shortage is stressful for parents and soon-to-be parents. • Reach out to a WIC breastfeeding special-

ist or peer counselor at Goodhue County WIC for breastfeeding information and support. Creating a plan before birth and reaching out for help as soon as possible after birth can lead to successful breastfeeding.

• WIC can help as parents return to work. Minnesota strengthened its law to protect pregnant and lactating parents in the workplace.

• WIC provides formula benefits to supplement breastfeeding when needed and can provide tips to increase milk supply for parents using a combination of human milk and formula.

#### **Peer Breastfeeding Program**

The Peer Breastfeeding Support Program is available to serve 15% more WIC families statewide this year with four new programs. Some existing peer programs expanded capacity this year as well. The program features with personal parents experience breast/chestfeeding their own children, who are recruited from the communities they serve, and trained to help WIC participants with common breastfeeding issues

#### National Breastfeeding Month

Goodhue County WIC and the Minnesota WIC Program is celebrating National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week by asking eligible families to apply for WIC early in pregnancy and ask for advice and support early and often during their infant feeding journey for the best possible outcomes.

For more information, contact Goodhue County WIC at 651-385-6120.

#### Letter to the Editor

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

Let me introduce myself. I'm Carolyn Treadway, DFL candidate for MN House of Representatives for our new District 19A. I have lived, worked and worshipped in Faribault for 45 years. I'm privileged to be friends and neighbors with the many people I've come to know through these years. Southern Minnesotans are principled and compassionate and have made me a better person

I'm married and a mom to one adult daughter and her husband and grandmother to four amazing teenagers! I'm a former teacher, youth-serving nonprofit director, Faribault School Board member and passionate community volunteer. As a result, I've come to understand the immense challenges Kenyon families and others like yours in Southern Minnesota face.



Carolyn Treadway

I believe strongly that each of us is called to live to our values. For me, that means caring for my neighbors and our communities.

If Minnesota families struggle with healthcare, childcare, eldercare, their children's education or affordable housing, we ALL feel it! And when families struggle, our communities aren't the strong, vibrant places they should be.

For that reason, I support funding and policies that will strengthen state and local economies, lower taxes for low-income and middle class families, prepare a well-educated workforce, provide needed supports to families and address climate change. My priorities include:

• Affordable healthcare and paid medical and family leave for those who don't have these benefits through their employers.

• Accessible and affordable childcare so that parents can go back to work with confidence that their young children are well-cared for.

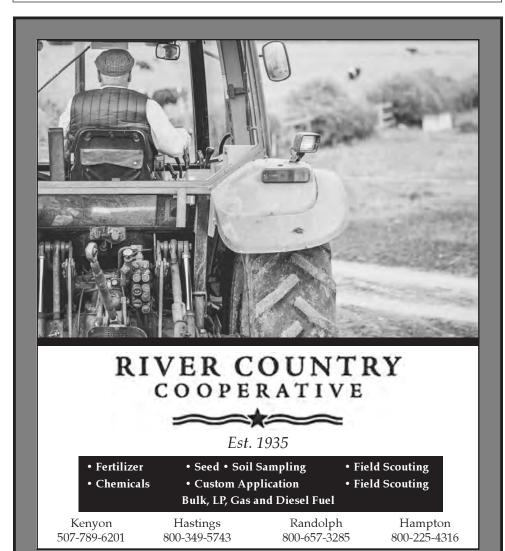
• Affordable and available housing options for all Minnesotans.

• Fully funded schools so that such a heavy tax burden doesn't fall on Southern Minnesota communities. Our children deserve the same educational opportunities as metroarea students.

• Incentives for locally owned farmers who, as stewards of their land, need help in ensuring soil health and the promise of a sustainable future.

• Support for small businesses which are the backbone of our communities.

I look forward to representing Kenyon and Southern Minnesota in the MN House of Representatives. Please reach out to me if you'd like to share what is important to you and your family. My phone number is 507-339-9554.



#### **Goodhue County Child and Family Collaborative Awards Funding For Mental Health Prevention and Intervention**

The Goodhue County Child and Family Collaborative (GCCFC) is pleased to announce that \$100,000 a year for three years will be awarded to five organizations throughout Goodhue County as a result of the Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Grant Program. GCCFC was allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Goodhue County to support the mental health recovery of youth, families, and caregivers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and made these funds available to community organizations through a competitive grant process.

Mental health was already identified as a top health concern in Goodhue County and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the issue, which makes investing in the mental health and well-being of the community critical. A survey conducted for the Mental Health Coalition of Goodhue County found that youth, parents, and those who work with youth were among the most likely to report a decline in their mental health since March 2020.

"We are excited to leverage ARPA funds to enhance mental health services throughout the county through both evidence-based and innovative programs for our kids and our caregivers," said Maggie Cichosz, GCCFC Coordinator. The following projects were selected for funding:

• C.A.R.E Clinic- Bilingual Mental Health

Program

· Fernbrook Family Center- Adolescent Day Treatment

• Goodhue County Education District- Care Solace and Mental Health Skills Workshops • Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center-Circles of Security

• Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools- Road to Regulation and Mental Health Speakers

GCCFC believes that these grant awards will have a significant impact on the mental health outcomes for youth, families, and caregivers in Goodhue County.



## Local Government

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of July 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

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

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Engineer Derek Olinger, Attorney Scott Riggs, Finance Clerk Kathy Flikke, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Doug and Mary Klatt, Scott Quamme, Cora Boelman, and Barney Nesseth Via Zoom: Michelle Vlasak reporter for

Kenyon Leader

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

City Administrator Vahlsing introduced Cora Boelman, the new CEDA representative for the City of Kenyon.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Rechtzigel, second by Ryan to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Motion by Bailey, second by Henke to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers 73818 through 73912; 4065E through 4112E.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/ **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS** Public Hearing - Nuisance and Haz-

#### ardous Property Located at 1 Langford Avenue

#### Public hearing opened at 7:05 pm.

Attorney Riggs stated that the purpose of this public hearing was to get public input regarding hazardous conditions located at 1 Langford Avenue. Riggs also provided evidence that this property is a nuisance and in violation of City ordinance. No public comment was received.

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

#### Public Hearing – Vacation of the Street Lying Between Block 49 and Block 50, **Hewitt's Addition**

#### Public hearing opened at 7:08 pm.

Attorney Riggs stated that the purpose of this public hearing was to get public input regarding the vacation of the street lying between Block 49 and Block 50, Hewitt's Addition in Kenyon. There are utilities in this area that the city would retain an easement for. No public comment was received. Motion by Rechtzigel, seconded by Bailey to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

#### ENGINEERING

North Street Drainage Improvements City Engineer Olinger stated that DeCook Drainage will begin work in the next couple of weeks. They will begin by removing trees in preparation of installing the new drainage pipe.

#### **2022 Chip Seal Project**

City Engineer Olinger reported that Pearson Brothers have delivered the chip seal rock and plan to start work on July 19. The project will take one to two days to com-



plete. No parking signs will be posted in the work areas.

#### **Pearl Creek and Forest Street Sanitary** Improvements

City Engineer Olinger stated that the sewer televising was delayed several weeks, but Empire Pipe Services should complete the televising tomorrow. The preliminary design should be ready for the August Council meeting.

#### Infrastructure Management/ **Capital Improvement Plan**

City Engineer Olinger stated that the City's infrastructure management plan and capital improvement plan are being updated. Options of the potential addition of the Trondheim Road Extension will be brought to the August meeting.

#### LEGAL Nuisance Property Violation – **1 Langford Avenue**

City Attorney Riggs stated that the public hearing was held concerning the nuisance conditions that currently exist at 1 Langford Avenue that are in violation of City Ordinance. The owner has not taken any steps to correct the condition. Riggs gave options of how to proceed with enforcing the ordinance.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Helgeson to adopt the findings in fact from the public hearing and the materials in the packet and the council's decision is that this property constitutes a nuisance and a hazardous condition under city code and the council directs staff and the city attorney to work together to issue the order to abate nuisance.

#### Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **Street Vacation Application of Doug Klatt**

Attorney Riggs stated that no additional comments were received at the public hearing for the street vacation between Block 49 and Block 50, Hewitt's addition. Riggs stated an easement will be done for this vacated street.

#### **Resolution 2022-16: Vacating Street** Lying Between Block 49 and Block 50. **Hewitt's Addition**

Motion by Henke second by Bailey to adopt Resolution 2022-16. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Resolution 2022-15: Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 99 (Amending Section 845 of City Code)

Attorney Riggs stated that this resolution would allow for the summarized publication of revised Ordinance No. 99, which was approved in June.

Motion by Rechtzigel, second by Helgeson to adopt Resolution 2022-15 approving publication of Ordinance No. 99 by title and summary. Motion carried 5-0-0. **OLD BUSINESS** 

None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Barney Nesseth - Discuss Downtown Parking

Barney Nesseth discussed the need for additional parking in the downtown area. He will soon be opening a restaurant at 635 2nd Street. The Council was in agreement that 2nd Street needs more parking spaces. Engineer Olinger discussed some of the State Highway requirements and stated that ultimately any changes to the parking on 2nd Street would be up to MNDot and District 6.

It was noted that Highway 60 in this area of 2nd Street is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2030. The council recommended passing the downtown parking issue to the EDA.

#### **Resolution 2022-17: Appointing Election** Judges for 2022

Motion by Ryan seconded by Helgeson to adopt Resolution 2022-17: Appointing Election Judges for 2022.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **Approve Rose Fest Events**

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Henke to approve the Rose Fest requests including: Street Dance Permit - Municipal Liquor Store, parade permit, street closures, vendors, 5K run/walk route, and a temporary liquor license to the fire department. Motion carried 5-0-0. **Reschedule August Council Meeting due** 

#### to Primary Election

Administrator Vahlsing stated that due to the primary election on August 9, the August Council meeting would need to be rescheduled.

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Helgeson to reschedule the August council meeting to Monday, August 15 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Depot Park Liquor Request - Tom Wrolstad, July 23, 2022

Motion by Rechtzigel, second by Ryan to approve the liquor request for Tom Wrolstad in Depot Park. Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Installation of Fiber/Internet Cable from **City Hall to Police Department: Jeff** Sjoblom

Police Chief Sjoblom stated that the police department had been looking at connecting a direct fiber/internet cable to city hall to enable BCA access. Upon further investigation, it was found that connecting to the BCA would be more involved and costly than just getting a direct line. A direct line would still be useful to connect the police department to city hall's programs.

Motion by Rechtzigel, seconded by Bailey to direct the City Administrator to get quotes for installation of a fiber/internet cable between city hall and the police department by the August meeting.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **Police Department Fingerprint Charge**

Police Chief Sjoblom recommended a charge of \$20-30 to do fingerprinting. There is currently no charge for this service.

Motion by Ryan, seconded by Helgeson to authorize the police department to charge a \$25 fee to do fingerprinting. Motion carried 5-0-0

#### **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

KMU Meeting: Thursday, July 19th @ 2:00 p.m.

EDA Meeting: Tuesday, July 26th @ 8:00 a.m

City Council Meeting: Monday, August 15 @ 5 p.m.

#### COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL **COMMENTS**

Councilor Rechtzigel noted that the filing period for city council in coming up and he will be retiring from the council at the end of the year.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Douglas Henke, Mayor

## Changes in Latitudes. **Changes in Attitudes**

## **Frogs, Friends** and **Fourth Grade**



**By Terry Campbell** This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

It was September of 1966 and I was in Miss Wick's fourth grade at West Concord Elementary School. We were in the 4E room and it was the week for the Iowa Basic Skills Testing. That was a standardized test that was developed in 1935 to assess the student's skills in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. It was boring for a bunch of nine-year old kids.

So, during the recess after lunch break my friend, Lance, and I discovered a frog in the ditch along the play field where all the children went to burn off excess energy. Finding a frog is normal, catching the frog is common, but putting him in a paper cup we found in the ditch and bringing him back to the classroom is a whole new level of crazy.

I, being the consummate risk taker, carried Kermit, our new green captive back from re-

cess, up to the second floor of the school building and right into the classroom. There I sat, hiding the frog under my desk as class resumed. Our principal, Mrs. Wilson, came around the room, aisle by aisle, handing out the test forms to each one of us. Mrs. Wilson was an older lady, rather short, but kind of intimidating to us students.

When she got to my desk, she noticed something amiss. Both of my hands were not on top of my desk, as directed, and she ordered me to do so. I produced a second-hand paper cup, with my right hand over the top. That didn't satisfy her query and I was told to show her what was in the cup.

When I removed my hand, the frog took one great leap for freedom. Right out of the cup and into Mrs. Wilson's face. To my astonishment, she didn't even flinch. She demanded to know why I had brought a frog into the class and before I could think up a good reason, she told me to catch it quickly. As I crawled across the floor, chasing the hopping reptile, there was laughing and shrieking from my classmates. I believe the boys were all quite amused and the girls exhibiting a much more frightened emotion.

Once the frog was secured, I was instructed to return him to the wild, from whence he came, and as I trudged back to class, I contemplated my fate. This was still during the century where corporal punishment was quite common and expected for an infraction such as this. No amount of soul searching could come up with a logical reason for my latest foolishness.

When I got back to the classroom, I took my seat and started the test, with the certainty of impending doom when I was finished. Much to my amazement, the incident was never mentioned again. I gained a good deal of respect for Principal Wilson after that day.

JUST MARRIED

### A Minnesotan: If You Give a **Belizean** a Ladder



By RosaLin Alcoser

If you give a Belizean a ladder he will use that ladder in an extremely unsafe way, but somehow always be ok.

My father, the Belizean, is extremely comfortable on ladders and going up steep inclines; my mother says it's because Belize is basically a steep incline.

He is so comfortable with them that I have seen him many, many times throughout my life walk across ladders that he's balanced over things as a gangplank and climb up them while they're tittering on uneven ground.

The amazing thing is that he's never fallen off of one of these ladders or gotten hurt doing this.

To my knowledge the ladder has only fallen once, while he was not currently on it, trapping him on the roof for a while until my mother found him.

In addition to being extremely comfortable with ladders my father can become easily obsessed with things; like squirrels.

Back in the summer of 2018 he became particularly obsessed with a squirrel that was jumping from the trees onto the roof and running across the roof. The squirrel running across the roof drove him crazy to the point that he decided that it was using a particular branch from the tree next to the house to do this.

So without any help or the right equipment he took his chainsaw and ladder to go up into the tree, climb into the nook where the base of the limb started and cut off the limb. So that he could stop the squirrel from using the limb to jump onto the roof and run across it.

Now I wasn't there to witness this event, because I was away at college, but my mother was and she sent pictures.

The best part about the whole squirrel on the roof chainsaw incident is that after he did all this the squirrel promptly used a different tree to jump onto the roof so it could run across it.



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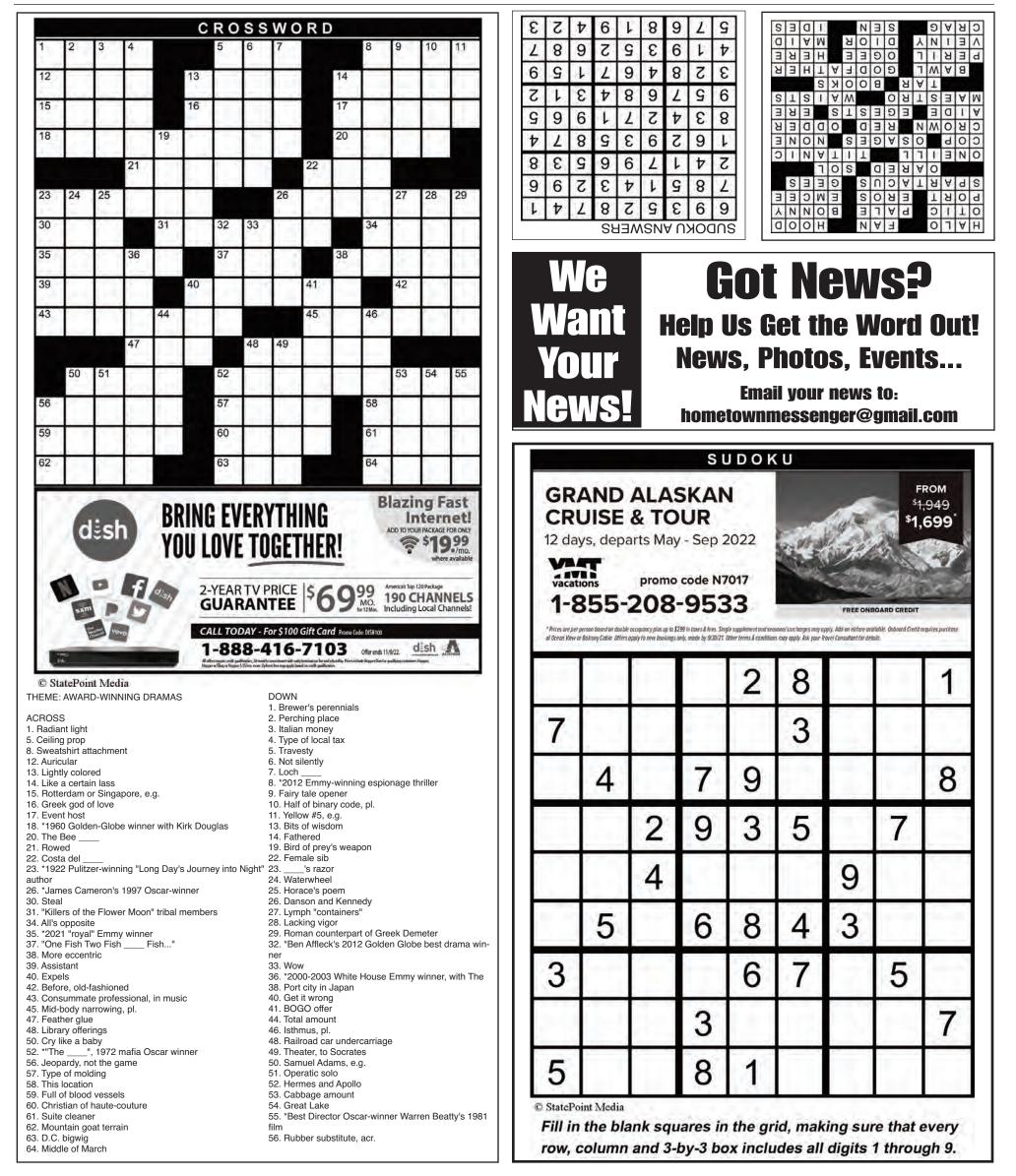
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# That's the Latest **On the Field**



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

Being a Wisconsinite now or Sconnie as some of the locals call themselves, its closer for me to see a Twins game when they play the Brewers. My good friend Beav (that's not what his mother calls him though) came down to visit and take in the recent game with me. After the game, the Brewers had a promotion called Senior Stroll where anyone over 60 or anyone who looks 60 can stroll along the warning track from the first base dugout around the outfield all the way to the 3rd base dugout. I got thinking after I got home that was only the 4th time I've been on a professional playing field.

The very first time was December 26, 1976 at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington. The Vikings had just defeated the Los Angeles Rams to earn their 4th trip to the Super Bowl. Fans poured onto the field to celebrate. It was something that was going to be done one year earlier in a playoff game against Dallas in the original 'Hail Mary' game. I remember all too well as Roger Staubach threw up a prayer and a pass as I'm making my way down the aisle to jump onto the field along with hundreds of other people. When that pass was completed, we all stood there in stunned silence. As far as Vikings fans are concerned. Roosevelt could have told us this too was a day that will live in infamy. At least football infamy.

Fast forward one year, the Vikes had a big enough lead that there was going to be no repeat of the Dallas debacle and all of us fans who thought we'd get on the field a year earlier finally got to jump down and celebrate on the Minnesota version of the frozen tundra. Not only was I on the field but I took part of it home with me. You might recall that after the Twins baseball season was over, they would cover the infield dirt with sod. It was about an inch thick and pulled up like an unglued carpet. I must have had about a square yard of purple turf. I ended up with about a third of that as I shared some with others. I still have that turf today framed and hanging in my 'mancave'. I vividly remember one of the security team telling his coworker that and I quote "These people are nuts!" Perhaps we were but I like to think of it as being delirious.

The second time I was on a professional playing field was in Sioux City, Iowa. The Sioux City Explorers were part of an inde-



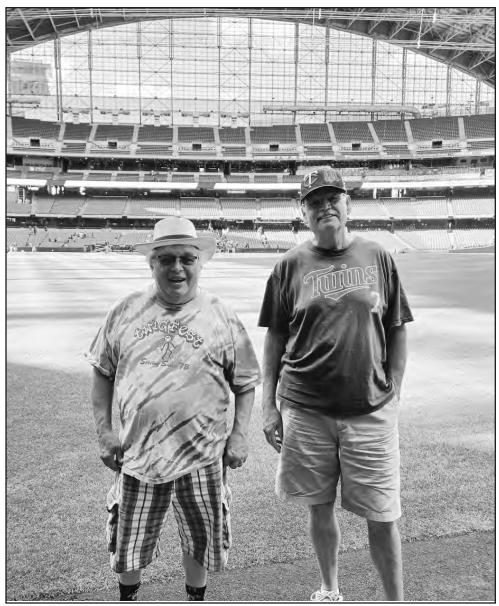
On the left was Emery, dressed at Cliff Clavin for a Cheers night celebration, throwing out the first pitch at the Sioux City Explorers baseball game in 1995. On the right, to celebrate Cheers night, there was a keg throwing contest in which Emery placed first.

pendent league that included the St Paul Saints. In 1995, the radio station I worked for, KMNS, was part of the 'Cheers' night at the park. We encouraged people to dress as their favorite character from the TV show Cheers. Of course I had to go as the postal worker Cliff Clavin. I've always had issues on how to pronounce and spell my last name so it was not a stretch to be called Emery Clavin. Dressed as Cliff, I got to throw out the first pitch. Heath DeStigter was the catcher for the Explorers. A local player from northwest Iowa, he only said one thing before I threw the first pitch. He said 'don't dirt me'. And I didn't as my pitch was a nice breaking ball that actually was a strike at least as far as I could tell. I have that autographed ball still today displayed on a shelf in the mancave.

That same night as part of the festivities, there was a beer keg throwing contest sponsored by a local distributer. Beer of course was a big part of the Cheers TV show. The defending champion keg thrower was an employee of the beer distributor and I watched how he threw it and I emulated his technique. Hold it over my head and get it to roll as far as you can. These were empty kegs of course. And that technique worked as I got it past 2nd base from the foul line behind first base. I didn't think of it at the time but I should have had the employee autograph an empty keg for me.

My third time on a professional field was in 2014 at the venerable HHH Metrodome. I was not there for a game that day. The Midwest Dairy Association was sponsoring a program for kids to exercise more and drink more milk. The Vikings quarterback that year, Matt Cassel was on hand to help kick off the program. I remember standing on the field looking up at some of the seats I sat in for games there and thinking they are really a long ways away from the field. It's pretty impressive to get that perspective of a stadium.

And that is the exact thing I thought as I got to stroll around the outfield warning track at AmFam Field in Milwaukee. From the field the stadium looks twice as big as it does when you're sitting in the stands. And to see what home plate looks from 400 feet away



Emery and Rob 'The Beav' Henry on the baseball field in Milwaukee after a Twins game on July 27, 2022

is awesome. I don't know how any outfielder can see a ball let alone run after it and catch it when it's coming at you at 100 mph. And up close I did not see one dandelion in the grass.

I have a number of pictures that will be shared on my new and improved website RoadFarming.com. I'll have a picture of the sod from Met Stadium and the first pitch baseball from Sioux City plus a picture of me talking to the San Diego Padres scout Hank Krause after my first pitch. I asked him how fast my pitch was on his radar gun. He said he would have needed a calendar to time my pitch. Well hey, it was a strike anyway!