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Announcements

• **Dale Lutheran Church Fall Festival, Sunday Oct 23rd from 11am to 1pm.** Lunch, bake sale, fresh produce for sale, quilt raffle. Menu: pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, pie \$10.00. Coffee & milk extra. Dine in or take out.

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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.

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Goodhue County Sheriff Race

Marty Kelly is the incumbent Goodhue County Sheriff. He was elected in 2018 after serving as a Red Wing Police Officer for 30 years. Kelly is a Goodhue County native, growing up on a small Dairy farm near Welch, before moving to Red Wing. He received his Bachelor in Law Enforcement at Mankato State University in 1988 and started with the City of Red Wing Police Department in 1989. He did run unsuccessfully for sheriff in 2010. Kelly has been married to his high school sweetheart, Mary, for 32 years and they have five children and two grandchildren. He has also volunteered as a youth football coach for twenty years and is an adult leader with the Vasa 4-H club.

Kelly has served as School Resource Officer, Investigator, Field Training Officer,

Field Training Supervisor, Bike Patrol Officer, Bike Patrol Supervisor, member of the Goodhue County SWAT Team, Crisis Negotiator and a First Aid instructor. Marty was also the Medical Examiner Investigator for Goodhue and Dakota Counties from 2005 until 2013. During that time, he investigated deaths throughout both counties, worked closely with the Sheriff's Department and built relationships with neighboring agencies.

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Marty Kelly



Josh Hanson



Cheri Roshon

New Massage Therapist in Wanamingo

Cheri Roshon is now working out of All the Buzz in Wanamingo. Cheri is a Wanamingo native, having grown up here and now has returned to live and work in her hometown. After doing daycare for many years, Cheri went to school to become a massage therapist in 1989. The name of her business is Golden Touch Therapeutic Massage.

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Green Horns Are We... Class of 53!

submitted

When you think of 1953, what comes to mind? James Dean, Bing Crosby or Marilyn Monroe? Well, for a special group of Wanamingans, graduation from high school would have been at the top of the list!

These folks would have been looking forward to moving out of their family home, and on to a new adventure. Some got married, some got a job, and others continued their education. But no matter what their plans were, they remained friends.

On September 14, 2022, some of these classmates got together at JB's Tavern in Wanamingo to celebrate their 69th class reunion.

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1 and 2 Chronicles: "An Additional Account"



By Pastor Colin Rueter,
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Chronicles: [/kränək(ə)ls/] noun --- the daily or yearly records of the transactions of a kingdom.

The author is unknown. However, tradition holds that much, if not all, of Chronicles was written by the prophet Ezra. We will look at that book, as well as Nehemiah next month.

OVERVIEW:

Like the books of Samuel and Kings, Chronicles were originally one. The books held a title in Hebrew that means "Acts of the Days." This title was rendered by Jerome in his Latin version, "Chronicon," and therefore into English, Chronicles, in our bibles.

The Books of 1 & 2 Chronicles cover much of the same information as 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings. The biggest distinction is that 1 & 2 Chronicles focus more on the priestly aspect of the time.

The Book of 1 Chronicles was written after the exile to help those returning to Israel understand how to worship God. The history focused on the Southern Kingdom, the tribes of

Judah, Benjamin, and Levi. These tribes tended to be more faithful to God. The first 9 chapters of 1 Chronicles are dedicated to lists and genealogies. Further lists and genealogies are scattered throughout the rest of 1 Chronicles. In between, the Book of 1 Chronicles records David's ascension to the throne and his actions throughout his reign. The book concludes with David's son Solomon becoming King of Israel.

The Book of 2 Chronicles is essentially an evaluation of the nation's religious history. The text records the history of the Southern Kingdom of Judah, from the reign of Solomon to the conclusion of the Babylonian exile. The decline of Judah is disappointing, but emphasis is given to those in the kingdom who zealously seek to turn the people back to God. Little is said about the bad kings or of the failures of good kings; goodness is the highlight. Since 2 Chronicles takes a priestly perspective, the Northern Kingdom of Israel is rarely mentioned because of her false worship and refusal to acknowledge the Temple of Jerusalem. Second Chronicles concludes with the final destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

SO WHAT?

It seems at this point that we would wonder why God would repeat what has been shared in previous writings. Yes, there are some details and additional content, by why be repetitive, Lord? We must look again at the text. Even though there are some repetitive accounts, we are given more information and have the focus on seeing the merciful hand of God as He keeps His covenant intact with His people for His name's sake. God's faithful-

ness, His goodness, and His promises are needed reminders for His people – both in the Old Testament and today for us.

As we read these accounts, we must see the fault of seeking promises and peace with earthly kings and rulers. They cannot deliver true peace or everlasting joy – only the King of kings, Jesus has made that promise and is going to fulfill that promise. Just as the saints of the Old Testament turned their eyes from the Lord and onto men, we see that humanity still does that today. We waver in trusting in the good promises of our God and seek earthly hope. I believe that as we read through the Bible, we will be reminded of God's faithfulness, purpose, and promises - a Yes and Amen in Jesus. We should read these accounts in scripture and reflect on how we can learn as followers of Jesus to trust Him, even when we cannot fully understand His plan. Famous pastor, Charles Spurgeon, said, "God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart." If you are hard-pressed to recall specific times when God worked in your life, consider your bible-reading habits and fellowship with other Christians, in Sunday worship service and throughout the week. A prayer journal that recalls prayers asked and those answered can act as your own "history" manual. God wants us to remember His works, so we, too, can praise Him for His goodness and have hope for our future!

Next month, we will look at the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The books were written after the return from Babylonian exile and focuses on the themes of hope, restoration, and

a continual remnant kept for the Lord God even amidst unfaithful generations of mankind.

I have been blessed to hear your feedback to me. I have heard of restored joy in the scriptures, and even a few accounts of individuals reading specific biblical texts for the first time in your Christian walk. Friends, let's continue to trust the Bible and God who inspired it. He never changes, He is trustworthy, and therefore, His word is trustworthy (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

I would love to hear from you, pray for you, and encourage you. Reach out to me via email: Colin@nlcwanamingo.org or by phone: 507-824-3019. May God richly bless you with peace through Jesus Christ today, my friends.

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I Will Come and Eat With You

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. . . . I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

— Revelation 3:20

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people struggled even more than usual with loneliness and isolation. Not being able to meet and eat with friends and family weighed heavily on populations worldwide.

For many people and for many different reasons, though, eating alone was a reality long before COVID restrictions came along, and in those cases the lifting of restrictions won't mean there will suddenly be people to eat with. So Jesus' words of invitation here may be especially welcome for people who yearn to eat with someone who loves them.

Jesus' words in this passage echo some of the lines in another book of the Bible, which is associated with tender, intimate love: the Song of Songs. In Song of Songs 5:2, the ?woman says, "Listen! My beloved is knocking." And her beloved says: "Open to me. . . ."

Both the scene in Song of Songs and this scene in Revela?tion are very tender, and the word for "love" here is phileo, referring to love that is affectionate, as warmhearted as a close friend, and as near to one's heart as a lover. It makes sense, then, that the great feast that culminates the entire story of God's love for his people is the wedding supper of the Lamb, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Listen, he stands at the door and knocks. Will you open the door and let Jesus in?

Lord Jesus, I hear you at the door, knocking. Thank you! Lord, please come in and eat with me. Amen.

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October 26: 5:30p.m. - 7/8 Grade Confirmation;
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Ruby Rosella Foley

Ruby Rosella Foley, 96, of Red Wing, died Sunday, September 4, 2022, at the New Ulm Medical Center in New Um, Minn. She was born on November 28, 1925, in Trenton Township, Pierce County, Wis., to Simon and Esther (Dahlin) Swanson. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1944. On May 24, 1947, she was united in marriage to Walter Foley in St. Paul. They lived in Cherry Grove Township in Goodhue County where they farmed and she worked for a number of years at Maple Island Creamery in Wanamingo. In 1972, they moved to Hager City and she worked at St. John's Hospital and Ellsworth Schools. In 2006, they moved to Red Wing and resided at Jordan Towers. Walter died on August 9, 2010. Since 2021 she has lived in Fairfax, Minnesota to be closer to her daughter, Iris. Ruby was a member of the Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing. She enjoyed playing cards, ceramics, and needlework.

Ruby is survived by her five children, Thomas of River Falls, Brad (Judy Werner) of Chanhasen, Barb (Mike) Laubenstein of Menomonie, Wis., Iris (Wallace) Runck of Fairfax and Steven (Judy) Foley of Red Wing; six grandchildren, Carl, Sonja, Justin, Meghan, Ryan and Lauren; six great grandchildren, Payton, Victoria, Ernie Jr., Jackson, Alexander and Camden; many nieces and nephews along with sisters-in-law, Frances Swanson of Hastings and Joann Foley of Williamsburg, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband and her brothers and sisters.

Private family service were held with burial at the Trenton Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel.

Theodore (Ted) John Vinger

Theodore (Ted) John Vinger, 93, died on September 11, 2022, at his home in Rochester, Minnesota. Ted's life was full of love and service to his family, friends, and communities. He was born on December 31, 1928, in Stanley, Wisconsin, and was raised there by Edith

and Victor Vinger.

On January 15, 1955, he married Alice Jane Maland, whom he had met and fallen in love with on a blind date. They spent 59 wonderful years together, until Jane's death in 2014, and had three children - Tim, Sara, and Mary. He was a devoted husband and father, always ready with a word of praise, advice, or encouragement, teaching his family that nothing can separate them from the boundless love and presence of God.

Ted attended St. Olaf College, graduating with a B.A. in 1950. After college, he taught high school in Montana for a few years before enrolling at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Min-

nesota. In 1957 he was ordained as a minister in the American Lutheran Church (ALC). He spent the next 35 years serving parishes in St. Louis Park, Blooming Prairie, and Kenyon, Minnesota, as well as Manitowoc, Wisconsin, retiring as senior pastor at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1992. Along the way, he also spent two years as a writer and editor at Augsburg Publishing House.

Ted was preceded in death by his sister Ruth, who is survived by her husband Dick. Ted is survived by his sister Christine and her husband Jim; son Tim and his wife Katie; daughter Sara and her husband Scott; daughter Mary; grandchildren Alex, Molly, Ben, Jennifer, and Andrew; great-grandchildren Mira, Alice, Mayson, and Owen; and several nieces and nephews and their families. He will be deeply missed.

A memorial service celebrating Ted's life will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2830 18th Ave NW, Rochester, Minnesota. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until time of the service. Burial will be at Zumbrota Cemetery. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cordelia (Cordy) Lermon

Our mom, Cordelia (Cordy) Lermon of West Concord, MN, quietly slipped away to rejoin Dad on September 19, 2022.

Mom was born on April 11, 1932, in S a s k a t o o n , S a s k a t c h e w a n , Canada to Mary Gurski. She was adopted by Alfred and Bertha Kirsch.

They lived in Canada the first 4 years of her life and moved to Beaulieu, MN. They moved to Kansas City, Missouri during WW2. They eventually moved back to Park Rapids, MN. Cordy graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Crookston, MN. She continued her education at St. Mary's School of Practical Nursing in Rochester, MN. She and a couple of friends headed to Staples, MN for their first nursing job.

She met Bill Lermon at the Armory in Rochester, MN and the rest is history. They married on November 25, 1952. They made their home in the West Concord, MN area where they raised 10 kids. Mom was involved in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in West Concord, belonged to the Catholic daughters of America, Owatonna court. She also was involved with the Fairview Nursing home in Dodge Center. She was very active with the activities of her grandkids and great grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Bill; daughter, Cynthia; brother, Ralph; parents, Alfred and Bertha Kirsch and birth mother, Mary (Gurski) Grassl.

She is survived by her children; Linda (Bruce) Klassen of Pine Island, MN, Jim (Dahni) Lermon of West Concord, MN. Judy Eggert (Jeff Peterson) of Hayfield, MN, Ed Lermon of Duluth, MN, Curt (Brenda) Lermon of Casper, WY, Susan (Patrick) McGinnis of Neenah, WI, Teresa (Gregg) Gustine of Pine Island, MN, Phil (Tracy) Lermon of Byron, MN and Joe Lermon (Barb Haecherl) of New Prague, MN; 23 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren and many extended family and friends.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord, MN on Sunday, September 25th from 2:00 - 5:00 PM and at church on Monday one hour prior to Mass. Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 AM Monday, September 26, 2022 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in West Concord. Father John Lasuba officiated. Interment was in Concord Cemetery in Old Concord, MN. A Lunch Reception was held at the West Concord Historical Society immediately following the burial.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may go to St. Jude's Hospital, Concord Cemetery, or the American Legion in West Concord, MN.

Faye Marie Marcuson

Faye Marie Marcuson, 64, of Kenyon, died Thursday, September 22, 2022 at her home.

She was born October 13, 1957 in Rochester, Minnesota the daughter of John and Marjorie (Peterson) Weinrich. She lived on several farms in south-eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin and graduated from Mondovi High School in Mondovi, WI.

On May 20, 1989, she was united in marriage to James Marcuson, the love of her life, whom she met through a personal ad in the Rochester Post Bulletin. They made their home in Kenyon where Faye made many friends and was a member of First Lutheran Church of Kenyon. Her life was centered around her family and friends and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, James Mar-

cuson of Kenyon; siblings, Dave Weinrich of Nelson, WI, Wayne (Rose) Weinrich of Lake City, MN, Kathleen (Tom) Schear of Alexander, IA, Alan (Vicki) Weinrich of Mondovi, WI and Brian (Wanda Spartz) Weinrich of Nelson, WI; aunt, Jan (Denny) Carlyle of Blacksburg, VA; several cousins, nieces and nephews and honorary mother, Pauline Twedt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Marjorie; her husband's parents "Sparky" and Bette Marcuson.

Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenyon with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Julie Rogness will officiate. Interment will be in the Kenyon Cemetery.

Diana M. Brooks

Diana M. Brooks, age 85 of Farmington, passed away on October 4, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Farmington Lutheran Church, Farmington. Interment will be at a

later date at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Thursday at church.

She was born on June 15, 1937, in Kenmare, ND to F. Boyd and Leona (Gess) Radue.

Diana graduated from Kenyon High School. Following high school, she graduated from Mankato Beauty School. She was united in marriage to Richard L. Brooks on May 26, 1956. Diana worked as a beautician for over 57 years.

Diana is survived by her spouse, Richard; children, Wendy (Paul) Ackmann of Prior Lake, Todd Brooks of Naples, FL, and Tara (Jeff) Benner of Pittsburgh, PA; grandchildren, Ryan (Kellyn) Ackmann, Nate (Allison) Ackmann, Jordan (Katie) Brooks, Jayson Brooks, Morgan Brooks, and Mathew Brooks; brother, Donald (JoAnn) Radue; and sister, Carol (Larry) Quanrud.

She is preceded in death by her parents, F. Boyd and Leona Radue; brothers, Harlan and Leo Radue.

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Goodhue County Sheriff Race

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The sheriff brings thirty-four years of experience in every aspect of law enforcement and knows the job and what to ask of the staff. In 2020 he was instrumental in placing a community engagement coordinator, through the help of a grant, to facilitate law enforcement and citizen interaction. Some of their activities have included coffee with officers, home security sessions and exposing fraud directed at senior citizens.

Kelly has worked with the budgeting process to save nearly \$2 million of tax payer dollars. He has added a second narcotics officer and promoted the D.A.R.E. program in Pine Island and Zumbrota schools. He has also supported the Minnesota Teen Challenge and the Drug Court to help rehabilitate those with substance abuse problems.

Josh Hanson is the challenger for the 2022 Goodhue County Sheriff position. Here he introduces himself in his own words. I grew up in Red Wing. In 1999 I graduated from Red Wing High School and left town for service in the U.S. Army. Following my active-duty military service, I attended the Alexandria Technical College where I received my Associates in Law Enforcement Degree. I would move back to Goodhue County and eventually back to Red Wing where I currently reside with my wife and two daughters.

I have a broad work experience starting with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command serving with the 75TH Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, GA. Following my active duty-duty military service I would work multiple jobs while attending college. I was a chef, security officer at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center, security officer for the Alexandria Public School District, and worked for the Arrowwood Resort as a golf course grounds keeper. Following college, I would work as a Nuclear Security Team member at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant and then part-time for the City of Goodhue as a Patrol Officer. After about a month I was hired as the Chief of Police. After working for the City of Goodhue, I re-entered military service with the MN Army National Guard and worked as a Patrol Officer for the City of Kenyon. In 2009 I was hired with the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office.

With the Sheriff's Office I worked Patrol, and the weekends not on patrol I worked water patrol with the Recreational Enforcement Division. I also became member of the Goodhue-Wabasha County Emergency Response Team (ERT). I was also assigned as a Field Training Officer (FTO), Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certified patrol deputy, coordinated Neighborhood Watch and premise assessments as a certified Crime Prevention Specialist, and assisted with various other roles and responsibilities within the Office.

I would be deployed with the MN Army National Guard to Kuwait and Iraq, leading operations into various locations throughout Iraq to support the withdrawal. Shortly after returning home in 2011, I was promoted to Patrol Sergeant of a patrol team. With that

promotion, I assumed the positions of the Field Training and Evaluation Program Supervisor and Emergency Response Team Leader. At the end of 2016 I would be assigned as the Commander of the ERT tasked with the overall training, planning, coordination, and command and control of the team for high-risk operations throughout Goodhue and Wabasha County.

In 2019 I was promoted to Patrol Captain, third in the overall command structure of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. I supervised Patrol, Recreational Enforcement, Civil and Court Security as well as special teams and assignments throughout the Office to include K9 Unit, the Field Training Program, Dive Team, and other specialized units.

In 2021, following an unexpected retirement, I was promoted to become the Goodhue County Emergency Management Director where I currently serve. I completed the Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management (MN HSEM) Basic Emergency Manager Program, as well as the Emergency Management Practitioner Program. I hold certificates in both. I also have completed a majority of the trainings part of the Radiological Emergency Management Program and the Critical Infrastructure Program.

As the County Emergency Management Director, I am tasked with the overall planning, preparedness, and coordination of emergencies throughout the County. I assist in coordination between Federal, State, and local partners to accomplish whatever needs throughout the County as they pertain to emergencies. The position also includes the management of the Goodhue County Emergency Address system (911) as well as a close partnership with our local EMS and Fire services.

I believe that law enforcement, and the world has changed in the last several years since COVID-19 and "George Floyd". I believe that law enforcement now faces unprecedented challenges that will require nothing less than strong leadership and accurate vision to navigate moving forward.

I bring a proven history of leadership and a well-rounded background to the public safety effort in Goodhue County. I have been paying attention to the larger picture for the last two decades, while working from the bottom up. I understand how the larger picture impacts the local level and daily public safety operations.

I understand what is important right now and I will bring that prioritization to the public safety effort here.

From my perspective, and from what I have been told by staff and citizens even prior to my announcement is that the priorities in Goodhue County are backwards. We need to focus on ensuring the highest quality public safety effort possible, not just things that look good.

My experience and history with the Sheriff's Office have been affirmed recently by a historic union endorsement by the Goodhue County Deputy's Local 91. This has never occurred in the history of our Office, and I believe it speaks volumes in the fact that the men and women serving our citizens need leadership and vision moving forward.

First, I know Goodhue County and the public safety effort here. I also understand how global, national, regional events impact us here in Goodhue County. Before fixing any problem, you must truly understand it. We have a long list of problems to pick from –

drugs, human exploitation, mental health, regional violence, etc. I bring many tools obtained through a well-rounded and extensive background to the table and to the team. Together, as a team we can accomplish a lot. My proven leadership and my strong partnerships will bring our partners to the table.

Staffing and a declining candidate pool will be one of the major internal issues for our Adult Detention Center (Jail) and each of our other divisions. We need to look at logical steps to counter this which includes a focus on retention.

Mental health is both an internal and external challenge. We need to incorporate and follow-through with a comprehensive program to ensure our staff are taken care of. With that, we need to bring our partners to the table to look at solutions to responding to those in mental health crisis. We need local solutions for our backyard, and need to stop waiting for federal, state or regional programs to fix our local problems. Responding to those in crisis is also going to require extensive training and education for our staff. It's a complex and very consequential situation our men and women are tasked with handling, and we need to support them with proper training, education, and life-saving tools. At times our men and women are held to an impossible standard in the field and we must support them the same.

I also see illegal drugs and the national and region impacts of these, Methamphetamine

and Opioids. I believe that some of this is parallel to the mental health crisis, but very situational and both need to be dedicated efforts. Human trafficking and exploitation are another area that Minnesota will be facing, and as a result we need to take initiative here in Goodhue County to respond to this issue as it grows through the region. We are in a unique geographical location in which the assumption must be made that issues in the twin cities and Rochester area will impact us here locally. They already do.

My well rounded and extensive background of experience, education, and training which has supplemented my proven leadership experience. I have the vision to steer Goodhue County's public safety effort effectively into the future which will ultimately maintain peace and safety in Goodhue County.

I am married to my wife BreAnna who is also a Deputy with the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. We have two girls, Ainslie and Piper. In any other year we spend much of our free time on the Mississippi River boating and fishing. The girls love to swim, and I generally forfeit fishing when they are present. Other days, its walleye fishing for me.

The girls are moving into sports more frequently now which is impacting the river time, however it's a fair trade.

Our family lives in Red Wing, and the girls attend the Red Wing School District – Grades Kindergarten and 4TH Grade.

OBITUARY

Kenneth Harold Sherwin

Kenneth Harold Sherwin, age 86, of Northfield, peacefully passed away Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.



Ken was born to Milton Olaf Sr. and Malinda Sophie (Dierking) Sherwin on March 10, 1936, in Faribault, Minnesota. He graduated from Northfield High School in 1953 and then entered the United States Army in 1959. He served with the military police K-9 unit in Virginia Beach, VA. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1961, Ken continued to serve with the Army Reserve until 1964.

Ken knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a farmer. Ken returned home and joined his father and mother to run the family farm. Ken raised steers and pigs for several years and later focused on crop farming. When Ken

retired from farming in 2012, his passion to watch things grow did not end. He decided to take on the challenge of growing fruit. He had many kinds of apples, plums, pears, cherries, and grapes, and he never gave up on his peach trees. Ken loved his flowers and landscaping around the farm and added a little more each year.

Ken loved the outdoors. He enjoyed watching the wild eagles return every year, riding around in his Ranger UTV, and loved watching all sports. He was a Minnesota Vikings original season ticket holder and never missed a kick-off. His true Viking pride is displayed in his front yard where he commissioned a local artist to carve a Viking statue with an eagle out of a large tree. If you spent time with Ken, it was always a good time and you would leave with a smile on your face. He was a kind, fun-loving, generous man, who loved life and was always ready for a new adventure.

Farming always came first, but Ken had many other interests. He loved to bowl and play basketball. He played Euchre or Cribbage with his family or friends in town. Ken enjoyed music from his old records, 8-tracks, cassette tapes, and live music. He was an accomplished accordion player and played for local dances. He enjoyed being part of a pit crew for a friend's race team. In 1981, he purchased his Pontiac Grand Prix which he cherished for the rest of his life. Ken catered many pig roast events and was awarded 4 stars in Hog Carving in 2000 by the University of Pork Producers. He enjoyed trying new restaurants and searching for the perfect pop-overs.

He is survived by his brother Milton Olaf Sherwin Jr. of Denver, CO; sister Patricia K. Skaiem of Mahtomedi, MN; nieces and nephew Sara (Russ) Goos of White Bear Lake, MN, Leah (Gary) Featherstone of Maplewood, MN, Paul Skaiem of Kenyon, MN, (great) John Featherstone and Aaron Featherstone. He was preceded in death by his parents Milton (1993), Malinda (2004), brother Robert (1992), and nephew Michael (1973).

Private family services will be held. Ken will be laid to rest alongside his parents at Prairie Creek Cemetery in rural Northfield.

Memorials are preferred to Northfield-Prairie Creek Cemetery Association, 10763 James Trail, Northfield, MN 55057.

Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. biermanfuneralhome.com.

New Massage Therapist in Wanamingo

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She practiced in Rochester for a time and moved to Idaho, before coming back to Wanamingo.

Cheri has four daughters and nine grandchildren. Another one of her projects was to write a children's book in 2017, which she titled *The Happy Place*. She describes this book being designed to help children understand spiritual values and differences between the personalities of their peers. Tolerance comes through understanding each other. "The longer we wait to tie into a new conscious awareness, a universal source, the greater becomes the distance between the warmth of the original God connection, and the coldness of solitary human existence. This is where we lose ourselves, and our children. If only we can show our children this special connection early in life, hopefully the confusion of purpose in adolescence can be avoided. It is to them, our children, that I dedicate this book," Cheri states.

Cheri is a proponent of alternative medicine and believes in the practice of homeopathy. She feels that the benefits of massage therapy include reducing stress, promoting relaxation, reducing pain, muscle soreness and tension as well as improving circulation, lowers heart

rate and blood pressure and increases energy and mental clarity while improving immune function.

She sees clients on Mondays and Thursdays and charges \$75 per hour for her deep tissue massage. She also offers a chair "mini" massage for those who only have a short time to spare. You can call to book a session at 507-279-9484.

I have attached a recent review from client who describes her experience.

I have seen Cheri, the massage therapist at All The Buzz in Wanamingo, twice. Initial impression was of a nice, private studio, relaxing music, and smelled good.

Occasionally when a therapist uses Salon space you can get the smell of hair chemicals wafting into the therapy rooms or chatter from the front, but I did not experience any of that.

Therapist was friendly, enthusiastic, energetic and prompt.

Cheri had me fill out some forms asking about any pre-existing medical conditions, allergies and so forth. She listened closely to explanations offered about chronic pain and end goals for the treatment.

Massage was excellent quality. Cheri used a combination of modalities such as Deep Tissue, Swedish, Reflexology and even some Reiki, I think. She seems to be very in tune with her patients and in addition to a high value massage, guests can expect to be educated during their sessions. She is well-informed on Nutrition and Lifestyle and will offer input to improve your experience.

If you are on a tight schedule, let her know ahead of time, because she's dialed into your problem areas and not the clock, so you could

end up going over. This is not a massage where you're escorted to the checkout counter before the timer dings.

She served me at my convenience, including booking me on short notice, doing additional work on problem areas, as well as educating me about things I could do to improve my situation going forward. She took

every precaution to protect my modesty and privacy, including having a back exit into the parking area and being at the shop after normal business hours to accommodate me.

Price was very reasonable at \$75 but she does not accept credit cards for massage, so be prepared for that. She does accept Venmo. Highly Recommended, Good experience!

Green Horns Are We...Class of 53!

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As you can imagine, there was a lot of storytelling, reminiscing and catching up going on.

The food was tasty, the company was great, and OH! the stories that were told! We were privy to hearing about a lot of activities that went on "back in the day".

The important part was how close these lifelong friends have remained, and how much they care about each other. That is the true essence of small town spirit.

Joanie Ring and Dorothy and Dewey Thompson sent out the invitations and rallied the troops, but all 3 were unable to attend, so a big thank you for getting everyone together goes out to them. Those in attendance were Carol (Carly) Carlson, Dolly Opsahl, Jerry and Valerie Kylo, Kathryn Wright, Audrey Cordes, Dexter and Janet Henschall, and Sonia and Wesley Larson.

Such a good time was had, that when dinner was over and the conversations were winding down, the classmates decided to do it



Carly Carlson and Dolly Opsahl

again next year.

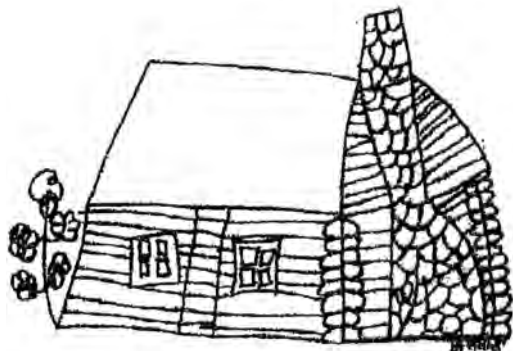
If you are from the class of 1953 and would like to attend the 70th reunion, you can get yourself on the list. Join in the reminiscing and add a few memories of your own! We expect it will be at JB's again, but definitely check with one of the folks listed above.

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That's the Latest David Kunst



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.

had been in college one month at Southwest Minnesota State in Marshall.

I not only found pictures and memorabilia from high school days but other things like the picture you see on this page. This was taken in October, 1974 from the vantage point of my Mercury Comet. I was working in Waseca at my first paying job in radio at KOWO radio. I was living in Mankato at the time and commuting on weekends to Waseca. My Saturday morning shift was over and I was heading west on highway 14 back to Mankato when I came upon a traffic slowdown. I knew the traffic jam was coming as I had been talking about it on the radio all morning. The man who had walked around the world was on the final day of that walk returning to Waseca where this 14,452 mile hike started in June of 1970.

David Kunst, a native of Caledonia, Minnesota, along with his brother John left Waseca on the 20th of June, 1970 along with a mule named Willie Makeit. The two (three counting Willie) left with a two-fold goal. One was to complete the walk and the second goal was to raise funds for UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Part one of the trek went well reaching New York City. There they left Willie behind and flew to Portugal for the second part of the journey which did not go well at all. In Portugal, they obtained a second mule and headed across Europe. They met Princess Grace of Monaco and met Thor Heyerdahl in Italy.

As they started their walk across Afghanistan, an Afghan reporter incorrectly stated that the two were carrying the dona-



Pictured is David Kunst, who was nearing the end of a walk around the earth. He started the journey in June 1970 in Waseca heading east and was about to enter Waseca from the west in October 1974. Emery took the picture from his car on highway 14 when Kunst was 2 miles west of Waseca nearing the end of a 14,500-mile hike.

My West Concord high school graduation was 51 years ago. My class recently held our 50th plus 1 reunion. While I opted off of the reunion committee that did not preclude the rest of the committee to put me to work organizing a picture presentation. I found out again that what takes the longest to do such a project is the time it takes to sit and reminisce about the memories each picture brings back to mind. I not only found pictures but things like the program from our graduation ceremony, a couple of wedding invitations of classmates who married in 1976, and a letter written by my classmate Jim Monical after he

tions with them as they walked. In October, 1972, armed bandits shot them hoping to take all the money they were supposedly carrying. John died while David, who was shot in the chest, played dead while the bandits retreated. It took four months for David to recover but he was determined to reach the finish line. His other brother Peter joined him for the trek to the east coast of India. Being denied access to walk through the Soviet Union, China or Burma, David flew to Australia while Peter went back to the States. David walked the breadth of the land down under and then flew from Sydney to Newport

Beach, California. From there to Waseca on October 5th, 1974 he completed a journey that went through 4 continents, 13 countries, 21 pairs of hiking shoes and an estimated 20 million steps.

He had about 4000 of those steps left when I took the picture. The EarthWalker made those final steps and the journey was complete, back where it started more than 4 years earlier. YouTube has a 15 minute video called Earthwalker Presentation by David Kunst. I found it interesting since I saw him walking at mile marker 14,450.

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From the Superintendent

As we begin the month of October it is important to note the great successes we have experienced here at Kenyon-Wanamingo!

Recently last month you may have noticed some local newspapers reported on some of our local district's MCA scores. The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are state tests in reading, mathematics, and science that are used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. The tests are administered every year in the Spring to measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do. Reading and mathematics tests are administered in grades 3-8 and high school (students in grade 10 take the Reading MCA, and students in grade 11 take the Mathematics MCA). The Science MCA is administered to students in grades 5 and 8 and in the high school grade when students take a life science or biology course. Our students showed growth in all three subject areas! We tip our hats to the hard work of our students and educators in a job well done.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Our district succeeds in striving to work towards ensuring every child is welcomed into our safe schools free from harassment and bullying. One of the ways we can help reduce bullying is to improve relationships. A good way to do this is to incorporate social and emotional learning into the school day. All our students from preschool through twelfth grade are learning these imperative skills. We know that schools are social places where relationships occur, and that relationship building is part of a foundation of learning. Students and staff encourage each other throughout the days to adhere to a behavior purpose. This purpose is to demonstrate Honor and respect for yourself, others, and your school. Show Integrity by doing what is right when no one is looking. Achieve Excellence by working to meet your full potential.

We at Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools believe in our mission which is to create a caring partnership among students, family, and community to maximize each learner's academic, physical, and social development. We are successful in this endeavor because of those who take the time to be active in a student's learning experience. Our K-W community provides a vital impact on how students can chart their future. Over the last couple of years I have witnessed many stakeholders show up to events, offer words of encouragement, donate time and money, and simply pass down their stories of success. All of us play a role in the learning of our most precious resource, the student. We are in this together and I thank you in this partnership.

Bryan Boysen
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The Why

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"The blue jacket means many things to me. One thing that the blue jacket represents to me is the countless opportunities which can be found within FFA. There is often a place for everyone and something for them to succeed in. There are opportunities for students to grow career and leadership skills. FFA members can make connections and develop

friendships that will last a lifetime. Another symbol of the blue jacket to me is the tradition that it tells the story of. There is a history that goes along with FFA, and the jacket can be used to tell that story. The history of agriculture and agricultural education is one that is very important. This jacket can help keep this tradition going into the future. The blue jacket also represents and means family to me. Those who wear the blue jacket usually become like a second family to most. The people in the jackets are usually there for you in times of need, they will lift you up if you fall, and support you always. Lastly the blue jacket represents hopes and dreams to me. Whether it is a goal or dream within FFA or one that you develop for the future while wearing the blue jacket, someone within the jacket will help you find a way to accomplish that goal. The blue jacket means and represents so much to me!"

How do you think your experience in FFA will impact your future plans?

"My times and experiences in FFA have already impacted me and I expect them to continue to impact my future plans. My time in FFA has taught me that I want to stay connected to agriculture and the agricultural industry, by pursuing a career in Ag. It has also helped display many of the endless opportunities that lay ahead within the agricultural industry."

What would you like to say to the sponsor of your jacket?

"I would like to thank the sponsor of my jacket for helping to provide countless opportunities. In the blue jacket I have been able to grow my personal skills such as public speaking, leadership, organization, and teamwork. The blue jacket has also helped me to



NATALIE CLEMENSON

Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA Vice-President, Region VIII FFA Assistant Officer

develop many connections with people whom I wouldn't otherwise meet. Some of my best friends now, were people that I met while in the blue jacket. Many of my favorite and most unforgettable memories were made while wearing the blue jacket. So, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to those who sponsored my jacket. Thank you

for helping to provide me with my best memories, important connections, and endless opportunities.

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What do you feel has been the most rewarding experience in your blue jacket?

"There are many experiences within my blue jacket that have been rewarding, all in different ways. One would be the feeling after you are able to help someone and serve those around you. Whether it is a younger FFA member at a contest or meeting or someone in the community, it is a great experience when you are able to serve and help those

around you.

Another experience that has been rewarding is at the MN FFA State Convention in April of 2022 when my team placed 1st in the dairy evaluation CDE contest, and I placed 1st individually. We all had been practicing and preparing a lot for this contest, so it was very exciting when we were standing on stage and heard the results. In addition to this, being chosen to serve on the Region officer team was another great experience. This has given me many great friends and teammates to work with, I am able to connect with members from across the region and serve at another level. I am very grateful for all these experiences! These are just some of the rewarding times that I have had in my blue jacket!"

Durand is PROUD to support the program:

"When I think of the trajectory my life has taken because of my involvement in the FFA organization, I'm one-hundred percent sold on investing in the future of agriculture and the reinvesting in the FFA organization. I hope to see my three daughters don the jacket someday. I



MS. AMY DURAND
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may have even told the new FFA Advisor in my town, that she isn't allowed to move to another school until my kids have had her as an advisor. Supporting the MN FFA Foundation's Blue Jackets Bright Futures program is important to me because of the windows of information and doors of opportunity the FFA organization unlocks for youth of America.

The value of the Blue FFA Jacket is priceless. During my time wearing the jacket, I began the education that led me to a career in the industry of agriculture. When my role in FFA transitioned to being an FFA Advisor, I helped students into their FFA jacket and put them on their own journey of opportunity and education. Now I'm active in our Belle Plaine Area FFA Alumni & Friends organiza-

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The rural landscape has changed and old ways aren't coming back, so how do we hold on to what we have?

Courtesy of AgWeek

AgWeek reflects on the way things used to be -- both good and bad -- and how rural areas can hold on to the things and people that still make them special.

A ride along to purchase five Holstein bull calves from a dairy producer in southeastern Minnesota was welcome on a glorious late afternoon when the rolling hills best showed their beauty.

It is a strong dairy area, in contrast to the prairie that the calf buyer and I call home. Silos and barns — to an extent relics of a bygone time — remain in sharp contrast to the large dairy we stopped at. Truckloads of fresh-chopped alfalfa were being transported to the edge of a large pile, where it was packed tight by a four-wheel-drive tractor.

Along the way we talked about how vital dairy used to be across Minnesota. Local stores sold milking equipment and other supplies, and small towns were crowded with cars on weekend nights when checks were cashed, and families came to eat and be entertained.

West Concord — a town of less than 1,000 in the 1950s and now — once had a couple of tractor and car dealers, a clothing store, two hardware stores, two banks, a railroad line, and more. A mural painted on a building's

side depicts Mainstreet circa the 1950s.

It's a shame, I said, that those days are no more.

"You can say it's a shame," the pickup driver said, "but they are never going to come back."

There are many reasons why that is so.

Ease of transportation, technology, cost of living, efficiency of scale, and an unstoppable exodus of people to metropolitan areas are among the reasons.

Writings dating to the 1980s reveal that I railed against the loss of family farms (a category that remains difficult to define), consolidation in the meatpacking and dairy industries, and the foolishness of federal farm policy that failed in its stated mission to protect family farmers.

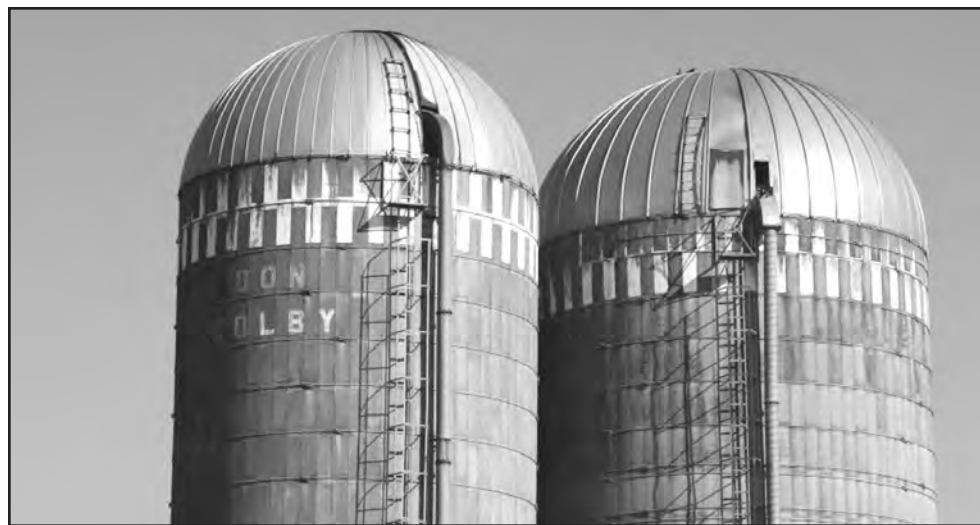
Keeping family farmers on the land has been the goal since President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal initiated the farm program framework in the Great Depression. Supply management through land banks and Conservation Reserve Program sign ups have been tried with mixed success ever since the government moved away from parity pricing formulas.

History suggests that the dominance of diversified farms blossomed only briefly. The driver raised a valid point when he said that we tend to remember the good times more than the bad.

Cultivating row crops four times followed by whacking weeds, sick calves in pneumonia-filled barns, picking frozen silage from silo walls, and dealing with untiled fields was no one's idea of fun.

Maybe a more reasonable goal is to hang on to what we have. It will not be easy. The public school closed in the early 1990s, and a start-up school that followed several years later folded. Three churches, hurt by declining attendance, have closed. The lone restaurant closed during the pandemic and won't reopen in its wake. The American Legion, housed in a building constructed in the early 20th century, struggles for members.

The pickup driver asked and answered his



A pair of stave silos offer a hint at the dairy farming that once went on at the Don and Sylvia Colby farm near Milnor, North Dakota. Mychal Wilmes says the old ways of rural life and farming weren't all good, but there is good in the rural lifestyle to hold onto.

Photo courtesy of AgWeek

own question.

"Would your children want to move back here? No, they wouldn't, because there is nothing to do here."

Well, that is not 100% true. There is much to be said for raising a family away from the busyness of a big city, the community that remains strong in its commitment to schools and other institutions.

The movement away from rural areas is a worldwide phenomenon unmatched in his-

tory. The slums of Third World nations are crowded with now-landless people. Europe and the United States are far better equipped to handle the migration as rural residents move for better opportunities.

Thomas Jefferson wrote centuries ago that the strength of American democracy is found in its millions of family farmers. It remains true to this day, which may explain why countless surveys find that support for family farmers remains strong.

Organic Certification Cost Share Program Increases Affordability of Certification Rebates

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of their organic certification. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Certification Cost Share Program from now until November 1, 2022.

Organic certification is a third-party verification system. It assures consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations. Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year.

"The yearly cost of certification can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars," Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey said. "This program provides some relief and goes a long way to make organic certification more affordable."

Funds for the cost share program are available first-come, first-served and come from a cooperative agreement with the United States

Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of certification-related expenses, with a maximum of \$500 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). MDA also offers a similar cost share program for transitioning a farm to organic.

To qualify, applicants must be certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agency. New this year will be an online application process. Certified organic farmers or processors can obtain all the program details and necessary materials on the MDA's website or by calling 651-201-6134. Applicants that do not wish to apply with MDA may apply through their local FSA Office.

Additional funding for up to 25% of allowable certification costs is available through FSA. That application deadline is October 31, 2022.

Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant Available

Apply by October 27, 2022 for grant to boost livestock product sales

Minnesota livestock product processors seeking to start up, modernize, or expand their businesses are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant program.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$1.4 million using a competitive review process. The maximum equipment award is \$150,000, and the minimum award is \$1,000.

The intent of the program is to increase sales of Minnesota-raised livestock products by investing in equipment and physical improvements that support processing, capacity, market diversification, and market access.

"Meat processing demand continues to increase, and capacity has to keep pace for a healthy market to exist," Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "This grant helps processors become more agile and resilient, expanding access to products."

Applicants must:

Intend to or be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, egg, and/or milk.

Be an individual (including farmers), business, agricultural cooperative, non-profit, educational institution, or a local unit of government (including Tribal Governments).

Currently reside in Minnesota and be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota. Grantees are responsible for at least 50% of the total cost for the first \$50,000 and 75% of the total cost for every dollar after as a cash match. Funding for the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant will be awarded in one round.

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022. Funding will be awarded in early 2023.

If a grant application is not selected during the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant, it will be considered for the AGRI Value-Added Grant that is expected to open in winter 2023.

Proposals must be submitted through our online application system.

For more information, visit the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant webpage.



Minnesota Horse Feed Maker Turns to Forgotten Crop as an Ingredient and Investment

Mary Hartman's Kasson, Minn.-based StableFeed firm is bringing back a forgotten perennial crop – sainfoin – to create healthy horse feed as well as a new niche in the U.S. agriculture market.

Courtesy of Post Bulletin

KASSON, Minn. — When researching for her healthy horse feed, Mary Hartman found a key ingredient and a new commodity in a mostly forgotten crop that hasn't been broadly grown in the U.S. since the 1890s.

“My introduction to sainfoin came from researching the equine microbiome. I read an article by a UK researcher who mentioned sainfoin as an outstanding forage for horses that they love to eat. I had never heard of it,” said Hartman. “It's a really ancient forage legume. It used to be grown specifically for horses and sheep. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew it. They tried to get it to go here. It turned out that alfalfa was easier to grow in rich soils, so it was passed over.”

Sainfoin is a perennial crop with purple flowers that is harvested and baled like alfalfa. After discovering a handful of growers started raising sainfoin in Montana in the 1970s, Hartman tracked them down and started buying up sainfoin to use in her StableFeed products.

“The Montana producers are excited, because there wasn't a market for sainfoin. They just grew a few fields for themselves. Why would you grow a lot of something when there's no market?” she said. “Now, I've created a market for it.”

Thanks to Hartman, sainfoin is now being harvested in southeastern Minnesota for the first time in modern memory. Kory Weis, a Pine Island area farmer, planted a patch of sainfoin for Hartman and they are experimenting with the best ways to grow and harvest it.

Good for horses

“We are the only commercial providers of sainfoin into the market in North America. I'm going to move 190 tons of sainfoin into the market this year. Some of that may go to South Korea, where they have requested 40 tons,” she said.

Selling straight sainfoin pellets is a growing market for Hartman. However, it is also important for her growing business, because sainfoin is also the base ingredient in all five of her feed blends for horses with specific health issues.

After starting in 2017 making chia horse biscuits in Rochester basements and garages, Hartman's healthy horse treats and feed company has grown and evolved into a popular



From left, Deb Maiers, Miya Charles, both with StableFeed, and Mary Hartman, owner of StableFeed, work with a chia product in Kasson. Photo by Post Bulletin

name in the equine market.

StableFeed outgrew spaces in Rochester, so Hartman and her seven employees are now based in a 3,200-square-foot facility in Kasson.

“The rent is higher in Rochester than Kasson. This facility is perfect, and there is more space that I could grow into,” she said looking at the warehouse full of bags of her products awaiting shipment.

Each of the five horse feeds feature sainfoin pellets “garnished” with carrots, dandelions, spirulina, prickly pear, burdock, bee pollen and other ingredients that horses used to consume while foraging.

StableFeed also still sells the original five types of chia biscuits that launched the company. Most of her business direct sales via her website.

While her high-end, specialty feeds are not cheap, Hartman points out that they are less expensive than calling a vet to treat a horse struggling with gut issues or other health problems.

When she developed the feeds, Hartman worked closely with Minnesota's Agricultural Utilization Research Institute. AURI is a state-funded nonprofit that spurs economic development by helping entrepreneurs develop and launch new products.

Alan Doering, a senior scientist who manages AURI's Coproducts Utilization Laboratory in Waseca, Minnesota, has worked with the development of a lot of animal feeds. However, Hartman brought several novel ingredients to the table, including sainfoin.

“I actually farm and we grow alfalfa. ... I had no idea what sainfoin was. The interesting thing about sainfoin is that it is a legume. It's high in protein like alfalfa. Unlike alfalfa, it's non-bloating. So it is safe for horses,” said Doering.

Good for the land

He sees a lot of promise in sainfoin as a crop in Minnesota.

“I think the big opportunity for sainfoin in Minnesota would be planting it on marginal land. Whether it's river bottom or whether it's

hilly land that is higher in sandy soils, this is an ideal crop to produce protein,” said Doering.

Alfalfa production is on the decline in Minnesota with low commodity prices and less dairies operating in the state. This could provide a useful alternative to alfalfa for some farmers, he added.

As a perennial, sainfoin can help farmers who are concerned about erosion.

“It is basically a living cover crop on your soil throughout the winter,” Doering said. “And yet, it's not a cover crop, because you're harvesting it. It's a living cover. It'll come up, year after year.”

Weis, the farmer who is growing sainfoin for Hartman in the Pine Island area, said it stands out from other local crops.

“When everything else is brown in the fall, after everything freezes before we get snow, this stuff was just as green as could be right up until the snow covered it up. And it starts earlier in the spring. It was greening up just as soon as the days started getting warm. We

get some sunlight and it takes off growing,” said Weis.

He added that the purple flowers are also very popular with bees. During peak pollinating time, visitors can hear the buzzing before the sainfoin field comes into view, according to Weis.

A bright future

Looking ahead, Hartman expects to grow and sell more sainfoin. She is optimistic that more and more stables and individual owners will start using her feeds and biscuits after they see the difference the products make in a horse's health and appearance.

She would like to build a new facility to turn sainfoin into pellets to ramp up production and closely control the quality of the pellets.

Of course, sainfoin will be a key part of the future growth of StableFeed.

“I really think this is a plant that's time has come. I think that this is a plant that could play a really big role in the ag sector, both in the short term and the long term,” said Hartman.



Charles Ellwood, with StableFeed, works with sainfoin horse feed

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SMIF Announces Second Prosperity Initiative Cohort of 2022

By Southern Minnesota Initiative
Foundation

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is pleased to announce the members of the second Prosperity Initiative cohort of 2022, a program which provides free coaching and training to minority entrepreneurs. Four entrepreneurs have joined the program.

Prosperity Initiative clients commit to a six-month period of working directly with an experienced business coach. Additionally, clients connect monthly with other entrepreneurs participating in the program through peer network meetings to discuss challenges and successes. All resources are free for participating businesses.

When the Prosperity Initiative was created in 2016, its mission was to help remove barriers to success for entrepreneurs who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC). This is the first year that the program has expanded its eligibility to also in-

clude entrepreneurs who identify as women, veterans, low-income and/or a person with disabilities. More than 90 clients have graduated from the program.

SMIF is pleased to welcome the following entrepreneurs to the program:

Akeem Pendleton; New Identity Barber-shop. A barbershop that caters to custom hair and beard grooming needs (Mankato).

Amanda Brees; Amanda Brees Ministries. Offers yoga therapy, meditation, attachment education and therapies for adult survivors of familial trauma (Plainview).

Atiq Bhatt; Midwest Building & Equipment. Manufactures and sells portable storage buildings, custom trailers and modular homes (Mankato).

Jamie West; Baby Morgan. A baby blanket retailer (Rochester).

“We welcome these entrepreneurs into the program and look forward to seeing how their businesses grow over the next six months,” said Pam Bishop, vice president of economic development at SMIF.

Applications for the Prosperity Initiative are now being accepted on a rolling basis. Early stage and established entrepreneurs are encouraged to reach out to Christopher Mazziotto, director of business development, at christopherm@smifoundation.org or 507-214-7018. Visit smifoundation.org/prosperity for more information.

The Prosperity Initiative is supported, in part, by State of Minnesota through a grant



from the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Partners in this program include Community Economic Development Associates (CEDA), Collider Foundation, Hispanic Advocacy and Com-

munity Empowerment through Research (HACER), Region Nine Development Commission, Merchants Bank – Winona and Minnesota Council of Churches – Tapestry Project.

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**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, September 12, 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, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Brian Daniels – State Representative, Melissa Meyers – News Record, Jason Rath, Amy Rath, Jason Grant, and Steve Kruser.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Flotterud motioned, seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 5-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

1) Worked with contractor, Shaun Laue, to install steel roofs on ice rink warming house and community garden tool shed

2) Changed out seventeen water meters this past month. Been waiting on meters that are on back order

3) Removed cable line that connected posts along the Riverside Park parking lot

4) Trimmed trees along Riverside Park parking lot

5) Pressure washed north outside wall of Medical Center Building

6) Flushed water hydrants

7) Put back up Nature Trail entrance signs just off Hillcrest Avenue that wind damage knocked down last winter

8) Repaired hydrant near City Hall with the

help of Minnesota Rural Water. The hydrant shut-off valve continues to leak. The valve will be dug up in the near future to be repaired.

9) John Deere delivered the new leased 331G Track Skid Loader. The one-year lease is for \$4,999 with up to 200 hours of use.

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

B) Brian Daniels, New (After Redistricting) State Representative 19A, reported on:

1) The 2022 redistricting of the Legislature after the 2020 US Census will place Wanamingo within the Faribault area legislative district.

2) Has served as State Representative for 8 years (Elected in 2014)

3) He and His Wife, Liz, have four children and seven grandchildren

4) Moved to Faribault in the 1990's for son to attend Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf

5) Was diagnosed with brain tumor in 1997 and given 5-10 years to live. Is still here, but has lack of mobility in one leg

6) Has fought to expand opportunities for autistic children and championed the cause of state's Deaf and Blind academies

7) If he is re-elected and in the majority in the House of Representatives his priorities will be elimination of the social security state income tax, additional public safety enhancement bills, and welfare reform in which encouraging employment while phasing out benefits rather than immediate loss

Holmes reminded Daniels of the work that Wanamingo, Goodhue, Pine Island, and Zumbrota have been working on to build a joint sanitary sewer treatment plant. Holmes thanked Daniels for work on the legislation and looked forward to working with him next

session on funding opportunities. Daniels stated that he was willing to sponsor legislation and assist with other funding opportunities for the sanitary sewer treatment plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

22-056 = Adopting 2022 4th Quarter Maintenance Work Plan: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

Public Hearing - Mayor Holmes opened Proposed Rezoning Public Hearing at 7:30PM. Administrator Boulton explained that Jesse and Katie Hansen purchased the parcels last year. The parcels have a fourplex and a duplex built on them but are zoned industrial. Jesse and Katie Hansen have submitted a rezoning application requesting to change the zoning from I-1 Industrial to R-1 Residential. Jason Rath asked what this would mean. Boulton stated that this would affect the City zoning map only. Boulton stated that it had nothing to do with property taxes or current use. Flotterud asked why Jesse and Katie Hansen wished to rezone the property. Boulton stated that the Hansen's looked at further development of the fourplex parcel and wanted to make sure to have the correct zoning in the future for use. Flotterud stated that he was disappointed that the Hansen's were not present to ask questions. Boulton stated that the Council should only be asking what is the best long-term use of the two parcels. Boulton stated that the parcels have multi-family uses currently. VanDeWalker stated that it would not make sense to have the parcels zoned industrial with the current multi-family residential use. Kennedy stated that the Hansen's request only further restricts the use of the parcels. Kennedy further stated that it is the Hansen's request to restrict the usage. Holmes asked why anyone would want to restrict zoning if they have the largest usage zone with industrial. Boulton stated that it is not the best practice to have residential usage within industrial zones. Boulton stated that the City should not issue residential building permits within industrial zoned parcels. No further public comments were offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:35PM.

22-057 = Approving Proposed Rezoning Petition Request of Jesse and Katie Hansen: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

22-058 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that the request to combine two lots is from Yvonne Schneider. The parcels were designed for townhome style lots and will not require vacation of utility and/or drainage easements. Passed 5-0-0.

22-059 = Approving the Transfer of City Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor and Cigarette Licenses from Hometown Wine & Spirits LLC to Jake's Hometown Liquor: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Jason Grant stated that he is ready to take over ownership and management of the liquor store. Holmes wished Grant the best in operation of the liquor store. Flotterud asked if Grant planned any changes. Grant stated it was his intention to keep operations of the liquor store the same as Barney Nesseth has run the business. Passed 5-0-0.

22-060 = Approving Pay Request No. 1 to

The Joseph Company, Inc. for the Well House Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that the pay request is for \$21,850.00. Passed 5-0-0.

22-061 = Accepting Wanamingo Lions New Stove Donation for the Wanamingo Community Center: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

22-062 = Approving Pay Request No. 4 to Caldwell Tanks Inc. for the Cenex Water Tower Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Boulton stated that the pay request is for \$103,056.00. Passed 5-0-0.

22-063 = Requesting Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Parcel Number 70.100.0600 to the City of Wanamingo for Public Purpose Development of Affordable Housing: Ohr moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Holmes asked if there were any updates to the Wanamingo Locker/Blondies Butcher Shop approved mitigation process. Kennedy stated that the maintenance staff have not been notified of any slaughtering in the past month. Kennedy stated that staff had noted a small presence of blood a one day a couple of weeks ago. Kennedy stated he and Rick Turri would conduct a site visit in the near future.

Local (City of Wanamingo) Election Candidate Filing deadline was on August 16th. The local filings for the general election are as follows:

Mayor (2-Year Term) Elect One - Ryan Holmes

City Council (4-Year Term) Elect Two - Eric Dierks & Rebecca (Becky) Haugen. (Larry VanDeWalker declined to run for re-election)

These local candidates will be on the ballot along with Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Congress, State Senate, State Representative, School Board, County Sheriff, and a number of judges for the 2022 General Election on Tuesday November 8th.

Flotterud requested that City staff work to enforce nuisance ordinance for vehicles not working and lacking proper registration at 2129 Mingo View Drive (John Keller). Flotterud stated that there are multiple vehicles that do not run and have out of date tabs on license plates. Boulton stated that the property was on the nuisance clean up list, but that the City had not followed up since a letter was sent out to the property owner in June.

Mayor Holmes stated that the City is continuing to work with the Reuben Berg Estate Executors to clean up nuisances at 504 Hill Circle. The City had started working with Reuben Berg before he passed away this past spring. The City has been working with the estate executors while giving family dynamics time to adjust before enforcement of nuisance clean up takes place. The estate executors have now asked to assist with nuisance enforcement clean up. A nuisance letter was sent last week for clean up before October 3rd.

*Next City Council meeting on 10/17/2022

Adjourn: At 7:51 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Flotterud and seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator

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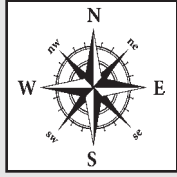
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The State Fair



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.

Not many events were as exciting to me as a kid as the Minnesota State Fair. I anticipated our annual trip all summer long. Were a farm family and the main reason for going was machinery hill. Eighty acres of farm equipment of every imaginable kind. The Minnesota State Fair machinery hill was larger than the entire Iowa State Fair, we were told. At least that helped to fuel our feeling of superiority over our neighbors to the south.

Our State Fair trip was always between the morning and evening chores, so we woke early and worked fast to get on the road by 8am. We also knew that chores would still be waiting when we returned that night.

My dad would park the car in the lot at the top of machinery hill and we would begin to hike along each street admiring the displays. It smelled of fresh sawdust and delicious food everywhere. The Patz company had a barn cleaner running continuously conveying wood shavings that went up the chute and dropped back into the gutter to make another trip. Were amazed because never before had a barn cleaner looked so clean.

My dad knew most of the sales reps at each booth and they were primed to try and sell him the newest and best they had that year. My favorite was the John Deere exhibit. I would check out the riding lawn mowers. The John Deere 140 was the biggest lawn tractor available in the late 1960's, with a huge 14 horsepower engine. I was in awe and never dreamed I would mow lawn with a 27 hp zero turn when I grew up.

A couple of the farm machinery companies would have a tent set up with bleachers where you could sit and watch a tractor parade while the announcer pointed out all the features of each model. Our blood was green but we still sat there and admired the orange, yellow, red and blue tractors as they chugged through. The dairy building was always on the agenda to visit. There we would get a milk shake and watch as one farmer's daughter had her life size likeness carved in butter. They would even bring out a tray of butter chips served on crackers for us to taste, as the artist shaped the block into a pretty girl's face.

As the day progressed, we would head toward the grandstand to see three levels of merchandise waiting for us to purchase. I still recall one year as we walked down Dan Patch Avenue, one of my dad's friends saw us and headed toward us. His greeting to my father was, "the things you see when you don't have a gun." And then they laughed and talked, leaving this ten-year-old boy contemplating their silly banter.

One of the less pleasant experiences of my life took place in the grandstand one year. There were salesmen pitching their vacuum cleaners, mops, sewing machines and every house hold appliance made. For some reason the guy demonstrating a liquefier caught their attention. He would chuck every inedible food product into this machine and after grinding it into a juice, he would pour some into a tiny Dixie cup and hand it out to the observers. I watched in horror as vegetables and a whole egg went in the top and then was dispensed into sample size portions for unsuspecting kids to consume. My parents bought this contraption and seeing he had a captive audience, the hawker poured us each a large cup of the brew. I could barely choke down the first batch and now I was given a second large helping. As an obedient child I

knew that I couldn't refuse food offered with such good intent.

All of the delicious smells of fair food were

suddenly drowned out by this unwanted health drink. I mean how many ten-year-old boys have a taste for vegetable juice?

A Minnesotan: Trick-or-Treat



By RosaLin Alcoser

Trick-or-treat as a kid is the most magical night of the year. Dressing up and going from house to house getting candy was absolutely one of the best nights of the year growing up.

Don't get me wrong I still love Halloween now that I am an adult; a little too much according to my mother. Every year I still dress up in custom, decorate my home and take part in all of the Halloween activities.

As a kid going out trick-or-treating was one of my favorite events of the holiday. But now that I am on the other side of the door handing out the candy a little bit of the magic of trick-or-treat has vanished.

The first Halloween I was out of school, I didn't get the chance to participate in

trick-or-treat on Halloween night because I was traveling and then the second year was the pandemic which frankly was a lost year for us all.

Which means that last Halloween was truly the first one that I was the one on the other side of the door handing out candy and listening for a knock at my door.

Now I live in an apartment building that gives every resident an orange paper sign to tape to the door to let the children in the building know that it's OK to trick-or-treat at that apartment.

I think that night I had made 5 or 6 trick-or-treaters in total for the whole night; mainly the ones who live on my floor and a few who were clearly going to every floor in the building.



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- ACROSS
1. Fake deal
 5. Dashboard acronym
 8. Oxen connector
 12. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
 13. Give a darn
 14. Exhibitionist
 15. It's OTAN in French
 16. Carbon monoxide lacks this
 17. Geometry class prop
 18. *Lou Reed: "She says, "Hey babe, take a walk on the _____"
 20. European "curtain"
 21. Mustangs, e.g.
 22. Campaign pro
 23. Cause of wheezing
 26. Men's Colonial headgear
 30. Fib
 31. *Bon Jovi: "Take my hand, we'll make it I swear. Woah, livin' on a _____"
 34. The only thing to fear?
 35. Small and round, eyes description
 37. Future fish
 38. Alabama civil rights site
 39. Tangelo
 40. Shape clay, e.g.
 42. James Corden's network
 43. Awaited deliverer
 45. Same as lathees
 47. 0 meridian acronym
 48. World-weary
 50. Prefix with legal
 52. *Aerosmith: "Sing with me, sing for the year. Sing for the _____"
 55. Siberian prison
 56. Pakistani language
 57. *Dionne Warwick: "I think I'm going out of my _____"
 59. Rapidly
 60. Cheese app
 61. "Cogito, _____ sum"
 62. Diamond's corner
 63. European Economic Community
 64. Whiskey grain, pl.
- DOWN
1. *Kansas: "Carry on, my wayward _____"
 2. "Stick in one's _____"
 3. Italian wine region
 4. Dough
 5. *The Buggles: "Video killed the _____"
 6. Cattle controls
 7. BÉBÉ's mother
 8. *Elton John: "And it seems to me you lived _____"
 9. Capital of Norway
 10. Hiking sandals brand
 11. Mess up
 13. Show's other star
 14. Rap sheet listing
 19. Negative house description
 22. p in #5 Across
 23. Michael Jackson's "Thriller", e.g.
 24. Military blockade
 25. Bluish greens
 26. Banana leftover
 27. _____'s, grape jelly brand
 28. Many iambs
 29. *Guns N' Roses: "Take me down to the paradise city where the _____"
 32. Missouri capital tourist attraction
 33. *ABBA: "Waterloo - knowing my fate is to be with _____"
 36. *Queen: "You got mud on your face, you big _____"
 38. Hiding place
 40. Aptitude test acronym
 41. Black Death
 44. Picture
 46. Restraint
 48. Ballet rail
 49. Playful
 50. Immature butterfly
 51. Unfortunately, exclamation
 52. Jiffy's grease
 53. Spooky
 54. Uncontrollable anger
 55. Loquacious person's gift
 58. Not don'ts

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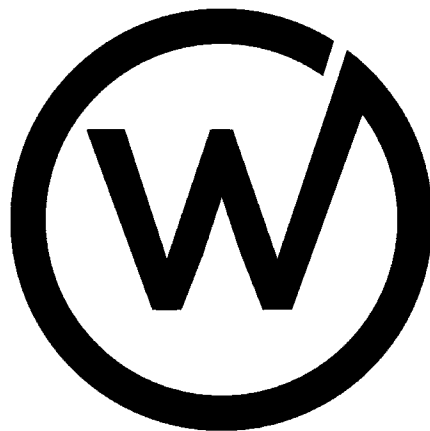
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