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And the President's Award goes to.....

By Cheri Roshon

Milo Peterson Ford! If you are driving north out of Kenyon on 56, it's not long before you will see rows and rows of cars and trucks. A big blue Ford sign tells you that you've arrived at the well-loved Milo Peterson Ford dealership that won the President's award and the One Ford Elite Award in 2021.

What's the President's Award? It is an award given by the Ford Motor Company for outstanding sales and service. Only a few dealerships are lucky enough to have received this award, and it is through adherence to a strict standard of criteria that is met by polling the customers of the Ford dealerships everywhere. After a vehicle has been sold or serviced, the customers are asked to rate their experience, and in order to win, you need score nearly 100% satisfaction. Now that is saying a lot!

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Paul Peterson



Mary Bailey

It Takes A Community

By Cheri Roshon

I walked into Mary's Rustic Rose at 524 2nd street, Kenyon a few days ago, and was pleasantly surprised at the variety of items that were for sale. It's not just your average floral shop! There were all kinds of gift items, along with the beautiful fresh flowers. I saw all occasion cards, incense, artwork and beautiful gifts for all occasions. Mary is an artist as well as a florist, so her arrangements have a special flair. She keeps busy supplying flowers for weddings, funerals, Valentine's Day, and other special occasions. Birthdays, anniversaries, or just to say "Thank you" or "Thinking of you" are great times to say it with flowers.

Mary began her journey as a florist after her career as an art teacher was curtailed because of cutbacks at the school she was teaching at. Being a single mom in a small community, she looked for something that could support her family and give her the joy of creating something beautiful, and bring joy to others.


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Warmest Wishes at Christmas Time

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Ezra and Nehemiah: "A Remnant Rebuilding By God's Word"



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

Ezra: [/ez-ruh/] noun --- from the Hebrew meaning "help" or "helper".

Nehemiah: [/nee-uh-mahy-uh/] noun --- masculine name of Hebrew origin meaning "God comforts."

Jewish tradition has long attributed authorship of Ezra to the scribe and scholar Ezra. Ezra 8 includes a first-person reference, implying the author's participation in the events. Jewish tradition identifies Nehemiah himself as the primary author of the book, Nehemiah.

The book of Nehemiah could be read as a sequel to the book of Ezra, and many scholars believe the two were originally combined. For this reason, I have chosen to connect them into one article.

OVERVIEW:

The book of Ezra is divided as follows: Chapters 1-6: The First Return under Zerubbabel, and the Building of the Second Temple. Chapters 7-10: The Ministry of Ezra. Since well over half a century elapsed between chapters 6 and 7, the characters of the first part of the book had died by the time Ezra began his ministry in Jerusalem. Ezra is the one person who is prominent in the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Both books end with prayers of confession (Ezra 9; Nehemiah 9) and an ensuing separation of the people from the sinful practices into which they had fallen. The Book of Ezra covers the return from captivity to rebuild the Temple up to the decree of Artaxerxes, the event covered at the beginning of the Book of Nehemiah. Haggai was the main prophet in the day of Ezra, and Zechariah was the prophet in the day of Nehemiah.

The book of Nehemiah continues in an overlap of the story. Nehemiah was a Hebrew in Persia when the word reached him that the Temple in Jerusalem was being reconstructed. He grew anxious knowing there was no wall to protect the city. Nehemiah invited God to use him to save the city. God answered his prayer by softening the heart of the Persian king, Artaxerxes, who gave not

only his blessing, but also supplies to be used in the project. Nehemiah is given permission by the king to return to Jerusalem, where he is made governor. Despite opposition and accusations, the wall was built and the enemies silenced. The people, inspired by Nehemiah, give tithes of much money, supplies, and manpower to complete the wall in a remarkable 52 days, despite much opposition. This united effort is short-lived, however, because Jerusalem falls back into apostasy when Nehemiah leaves for a while. When he returned to Jerusalem, Nehemiah found the walls strong but the people weak. He set about the task of teaching the people morality and he did not hold back words. "I argued with those people, put curses on them, hit some of them and pulled out their hair" (13:25). He reestablishes true worship through prayer and by encouraging the people to revival by reading and adhering to the Word of God.

SO WHAT?

There are a few lessons that we can learn from these two texts. Ezra's narrative reveals two main issues faced by the returning exiles: (1) the struggle to restore the temple (Ezra 1:1-6:22) and (2) the need for spiritual reformation (7:1-10:44), both were necessary for the people to renew their fellowship with the Lord. A larger theological purpose is also revealed: God keeps His promises. Through the prophets, God had ordained that His chosen people would return to their land after a seventy-year exile.

Nehemiah's life provides a fine study on

leadership. He overcame opposition from outsiders as well as internal turmoil. He exercised his administrative skills in his strategy to use half the people for building while the other half kept watch for the Samaritans who, under Sanballat, threatened attack (Nehemiah 4-7). As governor, Nehemiah negotiated peace among the Jews who were unhappy with Persian taxes. He exhibited a steadfast determination to complete his goals. The book of Nehemiah shows us the significant impact one individual can have on a nation. God uses all manner of people in all manner of places doing all manner of work. Take time today to acknowledge God's sovereignty and mercy in your life. Recommit to Him your trust, your love, and your obedience.

Next month, we will look at the book of Esther. This text displays the providence of God, especially regarding His chosen people, Israel. This concept expands in the New Covenant through faith in Jesus Christ. For all who have faith, Jew and Gentile, as God's people, we would display His majesty, glory, and grace as He is faithful to us.

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. Until next month, may God richly bless you with peace through Jesus Christ this Christmas season, my friends.



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Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent
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Vang - 11:00 (Christmas Pageant and Worship)
Wednesday, December 21 - Advent Evening Prayer
Dennison - 6:30 PM
Evening Prayer will be followed by a congregational Christmas party with a bonfire, hot chocolate, and a Christmas service opportunity
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God stayed true to his promises to bless the world's peoples through Abraham, even though Abraham's descendants were quite dysfunctional. And God surprised everyone by keeping his promises through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, a descendant of Abraham. It turns out that Jesus was the Savior not only for God's adopted people but also for all other peoples as well. And by faith, by trusting in Jesus, people from all nations, tribes, and languages can be adopted into God's family.

So when we come to the Lord's table, it is a family table. Just as we do not get to choose our families and all our relatives, there may well be people in our church family whom we might not have chosen. But God chose them—and us—to be a part of his family together. So we belong to God but also to each other. And at this family table there is grace.

Father, thank you for accepting us into your family. Just as you have received us in grace, help us do the same for one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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Richard Darwin Knott



Richard Darwin Knott, 85, of Kenyon, died Saturday, November 5, 2022 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born February 20, 1937 in El Reno, Oklahoma to Richard and Emily (Strouhal) Knott. Richard graduated from Hinton High School in Hinton Oklahoma. Richard and Alma were united in mar-

riage on March 25, 1955 at Red Rock Church in Calumet, OK. He would own and operate a Texaco service station in El Reno, OK, before moving to Minnesota in 1963. Alma and Richard raised their family and farmed for many years.

Richard was a member of Hegre Church Choir, Hegre Church Counsel President, President of the Kenyon Farmers and Merchant Elevator, and the Goodhue County Dairy Association. He loved to fish, golf, restore tractors, go to tractor shows, tractor pulls. He was on a bowling league in west Concord for many years. He enjoyed watching The Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Dar-

win was all about his family. He loved his children and especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children; Gene Knott of Kenyon, Marilyn (and Mark) Sinex of Kenyon, John Knott of West Concord, Don Knott of Wanamingo, Debbie (and Tim) Jensen of Backus, Greg (and Tara) Knott of Kenyon; 28 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, brother, Raymond (and Joanne) Knott and sister, Susie Kinter.

He was preceded in death by his wife Alma Knott, parents Richard and Emily, daughter Julie Patterson.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, West Concord Chapel on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9AM to 11AM. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 11:30AM at Hegre Lutheran Church. Pastor Richard Hegal officiated. Interment was in the Hegre Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the Hegre Lutheran Church Sunday School.



Shirley Ann (McDonald) Pithey

Shirley Ann (McDonald) Pithey, age 89 of Kenyon passed away peacefully on Saturday October 29th, 2022.

Shirley was born

May 23rd, 1933, to Walters and Lyle (Harm-sen) McDonald. She grew up and graduated from Slayton High School in 1951. After graduation she was a staff member of St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis. She also spent a few years working for hospital staffs in California and Nevada.

Shirley and Fred Pithey were married in Sanborn, North Dakota on February 10, 1959. Their three children were born in Jamestown, North Dakota. Later they moved to Wisconsin and lived in Eau Claire, WI for over twenty years. While there Shirley worked for Dayton-Hudson Company for many years. Shirley was active in many faith formations and Rosary services in all the Catholic Churches they attended thru out the many locations they lived.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and two siblings.

Shirley is survived by her Husband of 63 years, Fred. Children Paul, Ann (Dick) Svigum, Shawn (Jan), two grandchildren, Connor and Colin, Sisters Mary Mattson and Susan Scully, also many nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Mass of Catholic Burial was held at 11:00 am on November 2nd at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 108 Bullis Street, Kenyon, MN. Visitation was held one hour prior to Mass at the church. Internment at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Kenyon.

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Gerald Greenwood Beardsley

Gerald Greenwood Beardsley, 72, of Kenyon, died Thursday, November 24, 2022 at District One Hospital in Faribault.

He was born November 9, 1950 in Bridgeport, Connecticut the son of Roger and Esther (Curtish) Beardsley. He grew up in Monroe, Connecticut and graduated from Masuk High School in 1968. He joined the United States Navy in February 1969, served active duty until March 1973, and reserve duty until his honorable discharge in February 1975.

Gerald was united in marriage to Catherine Wagner in St. Paul in 1978. The couple lived outside of Kenyon for several years before moving into town where they currently resided.

Gerald worked as a Chief Boiler Operator at Malt-O-Meal Cereal until his retirement.

He enjoyed riding motorcycle, road trips, smoking meat, running marathons (48), growing grapes to make wine, making homemade beer, welding and scrap metal work. He ran in Grandma's Marathon in Duluth and built a smoker out of an old oil drum. He was most proud of raising his 4 children. If you knew Gerald, you more than likely had a nickname gladly supplied by him. He was always the guy to show up to help, support, hang out, or whatever was needed.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Beardsley; mother, Esther Beardsley; children, Caleb Beardsley (Jen), Destiny Beardsley (Jeff), Karey Beardsley and Adam Beardsley (Katie); grandchildren, Alexis, Mason, Luke, Lexi, Ava, Daerion, Caleb, Jourdan, Brooke, Journey, Carsen, Mariah, Talan, and Phoenix; great-grandchildren, Clifford, Birdie-jo, Eleanor, and Leonard and three sisters, Rose Beardsley Kukla, Laurie Sperry and Marsha Beardsley.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Beardsley and his mother-in-law, Janice Wagner.

A Memorial Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a time of sharing at 2:30 PM. A recep-

tion followed at the Kenyon V.F.W. Burial will be private at a later date.

Lawrence Helmer Lawson

A memorial service for Lawrence Helmer Lawson will be held Friday, December 9th at 2:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo. The Rev. Kris Ferkin will officiate. The visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial, at a later date, will be at the church cemetery. Mr. Lawson, 71, of Zumbrota, died Thursday December 1, 2022 at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester.

Larry was born September 23, 1951 in Faribault, the son of Lloyd Helmer Lawson and Agnes Arlene (Qualle) Lawson. Raised in the Kenyon - West Concord area, he was a graduate of West Concord High School. He attended Voc. Tech college in Faribault and was trained in welding. Though his first marriage ended in divorce, on June 19, 1987 he married Teresa Wallaker in Red Wing and the couple celebrated 35 years of marriage together. Larry spent some years installing drain tile. And, for about 20 years, he worked at Cannon Equipment in Cannon Falls as a press operator. He retired at the age of 62.

Upon retirement, he enjoyed camping, the annual Lake of the Woods fishing trip, hunting, gardening, morning coffee at McDonalds with his friends, cutting grass, and especially time spent with his grandkids. He was known for his cooking, especially Norwegian traditional specialties such as klub and lefse.

He is survived by his wife Teresa Lawson of Zumbrota; sons Laramy (Kristen) Lawson of Good Thunder, Benjamin (Chelsea) Lawson of Zumbrota, Peter Lawson of Zumbrota; a daughter Elizabeth (Braden St. Martin)

Lawson of Crawfordville, Florida; 9 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Also surviving are three sisters June (Alan) Van Hoff of Cape Canaveral, Florida, Mary Ellen Lawson of Kaukana, Wisconsin, and Gail (Mike) Trusty of Chatfield. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, and a brother.

Sherman Hommedahl

Sherman Hommedahl, 82, passed away at his residence in Cannon Falls on Dec. 2, 2022.

Sherman was born to Everett and Gladys Hommedahl. He graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1958. In July of 1961 he married Jean Van-Guilder at Urland Lutheran Church. He continued to farm until 2018.


Sherman is survived by his children Jeff (Denise), Mindy, and Brent; grandchildren Alecia (Matthew), Jessica, Reid, Cody, Nicole, Chris, and Ruby; great-grandchildren Kenzie, Ellie, and Graham; sister Lois (John) Estrem; and brother Erling (Karen) Hommedahl. He was preceded in death by his parents Everett and Gladys Hommedahl, and his wife Jean Hommedahl.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Dec. 9, at 1:00 pm, at Urland Lutheran Church, 6940 380th St, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the funeral service. Interment will be in the Urland Lutheran Cemetery. The funeral will be live streamed and may be viewed on Sherman's obituary page at www.LundbergFuneral.com; where condolences are also welcome.


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It Takes A Community

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When she saw the current floral shop was empty, she spoke to the owner who was more than happy to help her get the shop going again, and she hasn't looked back since. Being able to work in the town she lives in, and where her children go to school was top priority for Mary, and from the looks of things, she's made it a success story!

Mary contributes her success to the people in her community. She explains with heartfelt gratitude, "There is no way I could have done this without the support of my community. Not just through the Covid epidemic, but the supply chain issues that resulted after the worst was over. Sometimes I couldn't even get the basic items I needed to finish an order, and I would have to get creative." Other florists came together to support each other and share what they could, so all could survive.

While I visited with her, several people came in to drop things off, to browse her full inventory, or just to say hello and exchange hugs. It was very evident to me that she has a following of repeat customers who enjoy her changing supply of fresh flowers and gift items. I asked her what she attributes her repeat clientele to. "I always do my best to go the extra mile for my customers. I start with quality flowers that last, and I deliver them

wrapped when necessary to retain that freshness." In small town America, word of mouth is the highest form of flattery and advertising. She forms relationships with the people she knows who have helped her along the way, and feels strongly that the Golden Rule applies here. You do for others as you would have them do for you. I thought it was special how she commented to me that she feels at home in all the churches, because she has formed relationships with the people who trust her with their ceremonies, large or small, and refer her to other businesses and individuals.

With the flourish of holiday activities now upon us, Mary is offering a holiday special. Even though the price of greenery has gone up like everything else, if you order your holiday centerpieces, poinsettias and floral arrangements early, you can take 10% off your order of \$30 or more. She offers delivery to the surrounding areas, and you can bet she will go the extra mile to insure you love what you get! Be sure to stop by and see all she has to offer!

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Milo Peterson started his dealership in 1961, and ran it until his son, Jerry took over. Now, Paul, the third generation is running the show. Paul Peterson started working at the dealership under his father at age 12, washing cars. As he continued to work there, he learned the

business from the ground up.

With all the hands-on training, he knows every aspect of the business and what it takes to keep it running, even through the hard times. He says he bleeds Ford blue!

Peterson Ford not only sells the vehicles, but does full service in the mechanics and body work aspects as well. This makes it easy for the customers to keep their vehicles in top shape, which is very important, especially to the agriculture and livestock businesses out there. After all, an Ford truck is the workhorse of the operations in and out of the field. "Our customers need to know that when maintenance is needed, we are here for them, and get those trucks back out there as quickly as possible." says Peterson. "We have repeat customers who come back time and

time again. In the holiday season when families get together to celebrate, I love seeing children, who have moved away, come in for their oil changes, new tires, or whatever service they need while they are here visiting their families, so we can catch up."


Peterson has 17 employees who live in and near Kenyon. Many of them have been with him for over 30 years. It is important for them to know they have security in this ever-evolving economy. They are like a tight knit family, and Paul counts on each one to help keep his business moving in the right direction. He gives credit to the men and women who keep the dealership running, and would like to thank them for their loyalty to the dealership.

I asked him how the pandemic has affected the business. He says it is still really hard to

get new vehicles because of the supply and demand for parts, but that he is always willing to take orders for new vehicles, and get them to the customer as soon as they are available. He notes that he is buying used vehicles from people all the time, at higher than average prices. If you have a vehicle you want to get rid of, Paul will give you a price that may surprise you. Since many people are working from home these days, a lot of families are able to sell one vehicle and get by comfortably with just one.

I asked him why he thinks his business is so successful. He says it is the old fashioned way he does business. There are no gimmicks, no games played, just honest and fair pricing. He knows the recipe for success is in honesty and integrity, and that word of mouth advertising is crucial to success. People he works with know that he stands behind his word, and will do everything in his power to keep his customers happy. If a customer needs their vehicle serviced, he will even have the vehicle picked up and delivered back home after the maintenance is completed.

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Let It Go



By Harvey Mackay

Joe paced back and forth in his sister's kitchen one Sunday before dinner. His sister Carol recognized the worried look on his face and called him over to where she stood next to the sink.

"Hey Joe, can you hold on to this for me?" She handed him a can of vegetable scraps.

Joe took the can and walked outside where

he threw the scraps in the compost bin before returning to the kitchen.

"Why did you toss my scraps? I asked you to hold on to them."

"Why would you ask me to hold onto garbage?" Joe asked.

"I thought you liked holding on to useless things," she replied.

"What do you mean?"

"You've been wearing a path on my kitchen floor, preoccupied with whatever is on your mind. I doubt if you heard anything I said to you before now, yet you instinctively tossed the compost scraps without giving them a second thought."

He had to admit that Carol was right. "But is there a point to this?" he asked.

Carol offered him a simple suggestion: "Why don't you apply that same logic to whatever is bothering you? If it's something you can change, change it. If it's something you can't change, let it go."

Holding on to things that are eating at you is not just unproductive; it's a recipe for disaster. In other words, throw out those scraps

before they start to smell.

Carol's advice is golden. Her words are especially appropriate for managers who have so little confidence in their staffs that it affects their job performance.

Are you a micromanager? A second-guesser? If you are, you need to stop. This is not a healthy way to manage people – for yourself or other employees.

As a manager, you need to look at your need to control. Are you trying to get your employees to do things the way you do them because you think your way is superior? This is a dangerous mindset for a manager because you are not looking ahead to the outcome but are getting caught up in controlling the process, according to Johanna Rothman on the Rothman Consulting website. Is that what you really want to do? Is it productive?

Many managers micromanage as a form of quality control. These managers often find themselves working unbelievably long hours in order to redo the work of others. If you're always swamped with work and you just can't seem to let others take a piece of the responsibility pie – then you've got a problem.

Not trusting your staff is essentially the same as not trusting yourself to manage them effectively.

Learning to trust your staff and allowing them to make mistakes is part of being a mature manager. Many managers believe that it is a virtue to make every decision along the way – to control every detail of, well, everything. But the truth is, a good manager helps make sure that her direct reports keep the flow of work going. A good manager is more interested in the growth of his direct reports

and the eventual positive and freeing workplace that can be developed when they are operating as autonomously as possible.

To improve your ability to manage, you will need to let go of your need to control quality at every stop. This does not mean you sacrifice quality. It simply means you are not the quality control traffic cop. You are a manager, and that means you assist people in being able to do their jobs. You don't block their ability to do it by second guessing, re-doing work and spending long hours in the office. You give them the tools to do their jobs correctly and with the best possible results.

Letting go is not always simple. But don't let worrying about what you might lose when you let go change your resolve. Consider the lesson this little fellow learned.

A little boy was playing one day with a very valuable vase. When he put his hand inside it and couldn't pull it back out, he called for his mother. His mother tried gently to slide his hand free, but it remained stuck.

She was ready to break the vase when she said, "Ok, let's try one more time. Open your hand and hold your fingers straight out and then pull."

"Oh, no, mommy!" the boy cried. "If I do that I'll drop my quarter!"

Mackay's Moral: Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.

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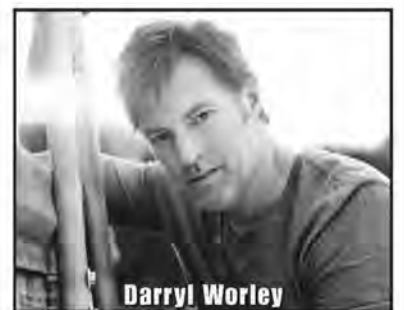


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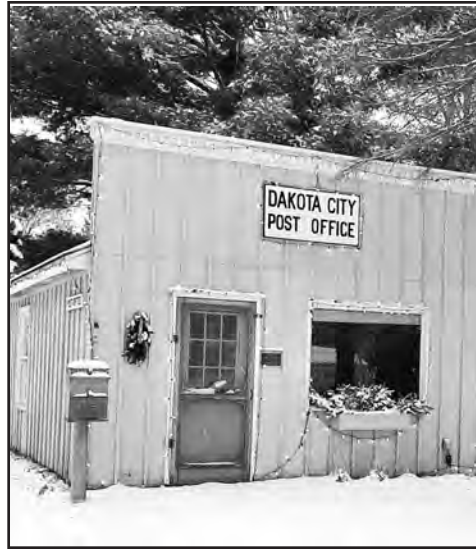


Christmas in the Village Returns to Dakota City

Dakota City Heritage Village at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington is preparing to return to an in person, spirited and welcoming holiday event on Saturday and Sunday, December 10, and 11 from 3-8 pm. The past 2 years were drive-through holiday displays due to the pandemic.

Village Volunteers are busy decorating the buildings inside and outside with holiday lights and decorations. Visitors will experience the sights, scents, and sounds of the season through the village's dazzling lights, Christmas music in the church, the smell of wood burning stoves and the sound of horses and their jingle bells as they pull trolleys through the village. Old fashioned chores will be demonstrated in the Millinery Shop and the Harris House. There will also be old-fashioned candy and goods for sale at the Gift Shop and General Store. Refreshments like hot chocolate, cider and warm soups will be available in the Drug Store.

Children are invited to bring a letter to Santa and leave it at the Dakota City Post office, in a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Envelopes should not be sealed as Santa's



helpers will read the letters and share them with Santa. Children will receive a letter back from the North Pole and Santa in December. Santa will be also visiting with children in the Depot. New this year is a model railroad display with holiday themed trains running around a festive winter scene in the village library, courtesy of the Minnesota Garden Railway Society.

Admission is \$5 with children under 5 FREE.

Tickets are available at the gate, online at www.dakotacity.org or by calling (651) 460-8050 x 1.

Dakota City was established at The Dakota County Fairgrounds in 1978, and is a 1900's era agricultural village and museum. 22 buildings, including an operational blacksmith shop, newspaper office, train depot,

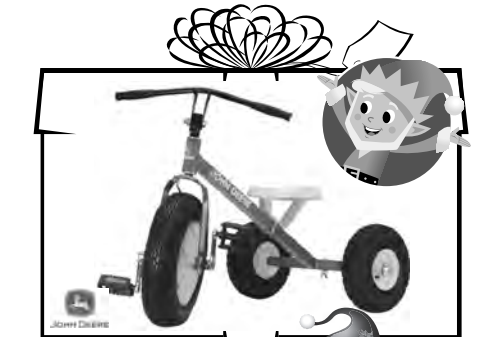
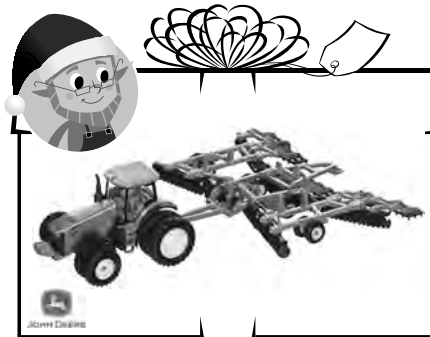


barber shop, family home and more represent the business and rural social life of a rural early 1900's community. Dakota City is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that strives to preserve rural heritage and connects, through education and interpretation, current genera-

tions to life and agricultural heritage of the early twentieth century. Updated schedules and information are available at www.dakotacity.org, and on their Facebook page.

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Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away.

Our recommendations are based on average equipment weight and assume solid, clear ice. You are responsible for knowing the weight of your vehicle, equipment, and bodies.

Many factors other than thickness affect ice strength, including air temperature, wind, snow, streams, narrow areas or bottlenecks, sun, shade, fish communities, plant decay, and more. When a layer of snow melts and refreezes on top of lake ice, it creates white ice, which is only about half as strong as new, clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

White ice occurs when snow melts on top of a sheet of ice and refreezes. This type of ice is only about half as strong as new, clear ice because it is full of air bubbles and made up of smaller crystals. As a result, the standard ice thickness guidelines should be doubled when traveling on white ice.

The strongest and safest ice is clear ice—sometimes called blue ice—which typically forms at the start of the ice season on top of calm water. The ice is clear but can appear blue or black when looking down into the



water. This ice is formed with large crystals and few or no oxygen bubbles, creating very solid, strong ice.

Honeycomb ice is one of the most dangerous types of ice and associated with many fall-throughs during the late-ice season. When ice begins to thaw in the spring from the heat of the sun, the water on the surface of the ice seeps through thin cracks and pores in the ice. These cracks form in a honeycomb pattern due to the hexagonal structure of the ice crystals. If you observe a block of honeycomb ice, you will notice the ice has formed into columns perpendicular to the surface. It takes little or no effort to shatter it and break it into pieces.

Ice thickness guidelines do not apply to honeycomb ice. If ice is honeycombed, stay off.

What are gas holes?

Decaying vegetation that releases gas bubbles causes gas holes. When the bubbles rise

Ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice only.

Ice Thickness	Recommended Activity/Vehicle
UNDER 4"	Stay off
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" - 7"	Snowmobile or small ATV
7" - 8"	Side-by-side ATV
9" - 10"	Small car or SUV
11" - 12"	Medium SUV or small truck
13"	Medium truck
16" - 17"	Heavy duty truck
20"+	Heavy duty truck with wheelhouse shelter

Minimum ice thickness for stationary/parked loads up to 11,000 lbs*

Load/Situation	Minimum Effective Thickness (inches)
Person standing	6
Snowmobiles	
(maximum weight machine + rider <1,100 lbs)	10
Loaded vehicle >1,100 lbs but <2,200 lbs	13
Loaded vehicle >2,200 lbs but <4,400 lbs	16
Vehicle >4,400lbs but <6,600 lbs	18
¾ ton 4x4 vehicles (maximum GVW of 11,000 lbs)	22

to the surface, they bring warmer water from the bottom of the lake, which slowly melts a bell-shaped hole into the ice. These holes can be several feet in diameter at their widest and only a few inches across at the surface. They are often hidden by a thin layer of ice or snow.

Gas holes tend to form in the same areas each year, often near stream inlets where vegetation and debris collect or in shallow water with heavy aquatic vegetation. If you are not familiar with the area, talk to the local experts to learn if there are any known gas holes on

the lake.

Frozen lakes are not parking lots

Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking. Stationary loads (longer than two hours) require thicker ice than the standard guidelines. See the table below for stationary loads of more than two hours but less than seven days.

Tip: Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole, the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.

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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 11th day of October 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

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

Via Zoom: Mary Bailey
Absent: Molly Ryan

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Engineer Derek Olinger, Attorney Scott Riggs, Finance Clerk Kathy Flikke, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Trina Kalvig

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Rechtzigel, second by Helgeson to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Henke, second by Rechtzigel to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers 74127 through 74216; 4213E through 4257E and the liquor store appointments.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS ENGINEERING

2023 Street Improvement Project Scope

City Engineer Olinger stated that, at the direction of the Council, he prepared a scope recommendation for the 2023 street improvements project including asphalt repairs and overlays. He reviewed the list of proposed 2023 street improvements.

Motion by Helgeson second by Rechtzigel to direct the City Engineer to proceed with the 2023 street project scope as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

LEGAL

Nuisance Property Violation – 1 Langford Avenue Update

Attorney Riggs updated the Council on the 1 Langford Avenue cleanup. Riggs has had several conversations and some email correspondence with their attorney. A plan was received with a list of accomplishments and a schedule for the remaining cleanup. The police chief and attorney will be monitoring the progress.

OLD BUSINESS

Future of Depot Park Shelter

Administrator Vahlsing outlined the repairs that are needed to the Depot Park shelter. The City and Park and Rec Board are looking for future direction from the Council. A determination needs to be made as to whether the existing Depot shelter should be renovated or a new shelter constructed. The Council would like to see some estimates of repairing the old Depot versus building a new one before a decision could be made.

Motion by Henke, second by Helgeson directing City staff to continue reviewing the

future of the Depot Park including cost estimates.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Policy 33 – Electronic Funds Transfer Policy

Administrator Vahlsing stated that one of the findings of the 2021 audit was for the City to adopt an Electronic Fund Transfer Policy. This policy would govern how the City conducts electronic payments including ACH, Wire Transfers, and other electronic payment types.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Bailey to adopt Administrative Policy #33 covering electronic fund transfers.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

Reschedule November Council Meeting

Administrator Vahlsing stated that, due to the General Election, the November Council meeting will need to be rescheduled.

Motion by Bailey, second by Helgeson to reschedule the November Council meeting to Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

Schedule Meeting to Canvass

2022 Election Results, November 11-18

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Council needs to canvass the election results between November 11 and 18.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Helgeson

to canvass the 2022 election results at the regular Council meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

Schedule Budget Work Session to Review Enterprise Funds (Sewer, Storm Sewer, Liquor Store)

Administrator Vahlsing requested that a budget work session be scheduled to review the enterprise funds including Sewer, Storm sewer, and the liquor store.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Henke to schedule a work session on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm to review the enterprise funds.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th @ 2:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session: Wednesday, October 26 @ 6:00 pm

City Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 16 @ 7 p.m.

Township Fire Contract Meeting: Tuesday, December 6th @ 6 p.m.

2023 Budget & Levy Public Meeting: Tuesday, December 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Police Chief Sjoblom stated that October is breast cancer awareness month. Officer Mitch is doing a great job of coordinating the selling of pink patches.

Councilman Helgeson stated that the last Farmer's Market will be on Thursday, October 20th. The Farmer's Market has been great support from the community and it will be brought back for next year. Park and Rec will also be sponsoring Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30th.

Mayor Henke commented that four new trees were planted in Veteran's Park.

Motion by Bailey second by Henke to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Helgeson – Aye, Bailey - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

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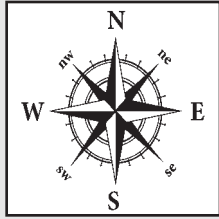
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **Steve Keel, the mystery**



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.

I met Steve Keel when I was looking for an electrician to wire the meter box and the main service panel in my new house. I had been building the house for two years using a portable generator to run the power tools. But as the time approached to connect to the grid, I needed an electrician to do the required install. I asked at the local Hardware store and the owner Andy gave me Steve's number. Steve was a quiet and very likable guy and we became friends quickly.

As I was running behind schedule for my completion date, I ended up hiring Steve to help finish the interior wiring. I set boxes, pulled wire and located where all the switches, outlets, ceiling boxes and appliance hook-ups went. I had designed the house from the ground up and the blueprint was mostly in my head. We would work all morning and then drive up to Esha's Country Restaurant for lunch. It was enjoyable to discuss many topics as we worked together. We wrapped up the project by the end of July and

I headed back to Minnesota while Steve had a caribou hunt in Alaska planned for August.

Steve and his hunting partner flew in to Fairbanks, Alaska on August 20th and then drove five hundred miles north to Deadhorse where they planned to hunt. On August 27th, Steve left the campsite to retrieve some supplies where they stored the caribou meat. It was less than a mile hike, although the rough terrain took about an hour to cover the distance. He never returned, and a missing persons report was made. The two hunters had been in daily contact with their wives with a special satellite phone since there is no cell phone signal in the Alaskan wilderness. Steve was a lifelong outdoorsman with survival skills military experience and had no medical conditions that were known.

Steve's two adult sons, immediately flew up to the area to search for their father but with no luck. Four friends from Tennessee also formed a rescue team and flew up to Alaska to help look. They had military special forces and search and rescue experience, but after two weeks not a sign had been found. The family had requested that North Slope Search and Rescue unit deploy their RECCO device which is placed in a helicopter and can ping off a cell phone even if its battery is dead. Air support for two additional groups was requested because the terrain of the arctic steppe is a spongy one to four foot thick mat on top of the permafrost. Still not a sign of Steve anywhere was found.

During the short summer the Arctic tundra slopes are lush with vegetation supporting some of the largest herds of wild animals in the world. The caribou migrate there to bear their calves. Migratory fowl travel from Florida and Mexico for the summer as well. Wolves, polar bear and grizzly bear also hunt the land. But winter sets in by November and high winds with six or more feet of snow and temperatures down to 70 degrees below zero will be the norm until the end of March.



A Minnesotan: Christmas



By RosaLin Alcoser

Not all but many holidays over the course of my childhood are marked with some kind of minor disaster. Like the Thanksgiving table fire, or the Christmas Eve were my sister and I accidentally did a 360 on the highway in between the fifth and sixth Christmas Eve service of the night. No one ever gets hurt in these minor disasters but they make the holiday memorable and make for a good story. One that came to me this year was the Christmas that the dishwasher shorted out. It was the Christmas of 2004, I was eight-years-old that year. Honestly, I cannot for the life of me remember what I got for Christmas that year. What I can remember is the events of the day. It was a typical Christmas of my childhood. We got up had breakfast and did stockings before Dad went off to work to do Christmas day services at the Medical Center in Rochester. The family would be coming over that evening for dinner and

presents; in the meantime, we watched Christmas movies and worked on Christmas dinner.

I think it was a pretty normal Christmas that year... or at least it was until the dishwasher shorted out before dinner causing it to fill up with water. It was all going to be OK though because Grandpa, who had been a Navy Electrician, was going to fix it. All he needed to do was cut off the power to the dishwasher and take care of the problem.

Now the breaker box was in the garage, and I do not remember exactly how but the wrong breaker got turned off. So instead of turning off the power to the dishwasher the power to the oven got turned off instead. Which not only left Grandpa working on a live dishwasher, where thankfully nothing happened but stopped the oven.

The oven where the Christmas ham, that my mother had rubbed down with brown sugar and poured Coca-Cola over, had been baking. The oven that no one noticed was off until after the dishwasher had been taken care of.

I was eight that year so I don't rightly remember if we even ended up eating the ham that day once the power mixup was noticed. But I will never forget the Christmas dishwasher disaster of 2004.



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1. Result of too much pressure
 6. Stir-fry pan
 9. Steps to the river, in India
 13. Hindu sage
 14. Attorneys' org.
 15. *Christmas cookies emanation
 16. The Brady Bunch, e.g.
 17. Mourner's wish
 18. Mature, as in fruit
 19. *Santa's entryway
 21. *Holiday plum treat
 23. Foot the bill
 24. Hot alcoholic beverage
 25. Not transgender
 28. *Frosty's corn cob
 30. Attract
 35. Bad luck prediction
 37. Indian cuisine staple
 39. The whole amount
 40. "Keep this information" button
 41. *Coveted letter on a dreidel
 43. Dry as dust
 44. Opposite of digest
 46. Inconclusive
 47. Dirty air
 48. Diplomat
 50. Tallest volcano in Europe
 52. Like a fox
 53. Lion output
 55. Beholder's organ
 57. *Breaking holiday news
 61. *Not coal on Christmas
 65. Courtroom excuse
 66. Golf coach at a country club
 68. Very, in music
 69. Make a logical connection (2 words)
 70. Promissory letters
 71. Pine or long
 72. Chows down
 73. Hundredweight, acr.
 74. Ooze out

- DOWN**
1. Nile denizen, for short
 2. *Like Duke brothers in "Trading Places"
 3. *New Year's Eve option: ____ Spumante
 4. Title-holder
 5. Take for ransom
 6. On one's guard
 7. ____-Wan of "Star Wars"
 8. K, in Greek
 9. *Rose Bowl field, e.g.
 10. Kachina doll maker
 11. Answer from the flock
 12. Drink for John Glenn
 15. Fervent
 20. Giving the once-over
 22. *"Mele Kalikimaka" strings
 24. More sordid
 25. Trig function
 26. Insect in adult stage
 27. *Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
 29. Sacrifice for gain
 31. Eighty-six
 32. List components
 33. *Holiday song offering
 34. Lament for the dead
 36. Scotland's famous loch
 38. Eagle's aerie
 42. Lid or lip embellishment
 45. Go to bed (2 words)
 49. *Yule tradition
 51. Pirate's "Yes!"
 54. Savory jelly dish
 56. English county
 57. London art museum
 58. Hipbones
 59. *It's sometimes ignored in face of holiday treats
 60. Wading bird
 61. Displeasure display
 62. Biblical birthright seller
 63. Backgammon predecessor
 64. Prong of a fork
 67. Column's partner

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