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Thank You For Your Service

By Cheri Roshon

On November 12th, a pancake breakfast was held at the Community Center in Wanamingo from 7am to 9am. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee was served to members of the community and their families as a fundraiser for veterans programs in Goodhue County and select partnerships in Minnesota. This group of men served in all branches of the military and maintain their commitment to veterans programs and services in the area.

Servicemen from Wanamingo, Mazeppa, Zumbrota and Kenyon get together and pay tribute to men and women who served our country by doing Honor Guard services for their funerals in Goodhue County.

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Christmas in Wanamingo



Santa at Midwest Machinery Co.

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

By Cheri Roshon

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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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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.

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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 marriage 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. Darwin 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 (Harmsen) 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 (Curish) 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 reception 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 VanGuilder 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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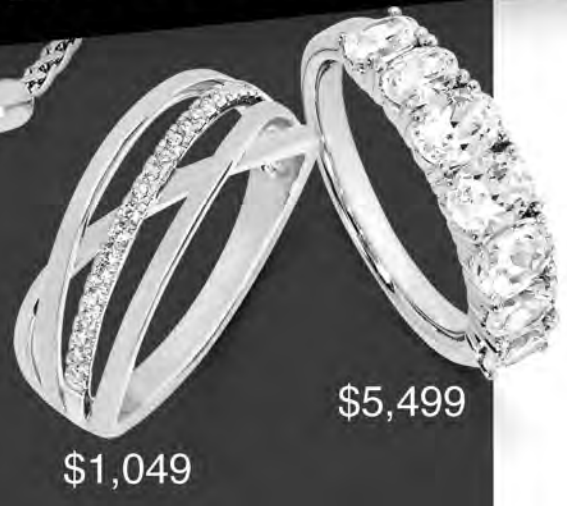
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Milo Peterson started his dealership in 1961, and ran it until his son, Jerry took over. Now, Paul, the third generation is running the show. Paul Peterson started working at the dealership under his father at age 12, washing cars. As he continued 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



Paul Peterson

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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The Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard was established in 2007 by members of the local VFW for veterans from all branches of the military. They meet monthly (second Tuesday's) at the Wanamingo Community Center to discuss upcoming funeral assignments, local events and fundraisers. Proceeds from the fundraisers go toward the Veterans Memorial maintenance, located at Memorial Baseball Park off 3rd Ave and local veterans programs such as calling cards for military personnel stationed overseas (Project Up-link), fishing with veterans program, USO/Armed Forces Center at the airport, grocery gift cards for local churches to distribute, youth and highschool club programs, and the veterans home in Hastings.

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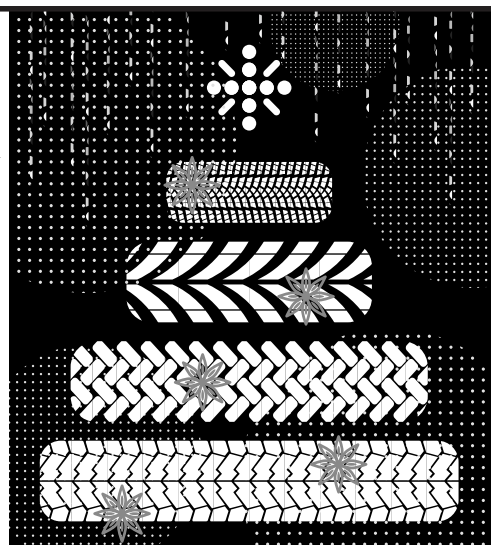
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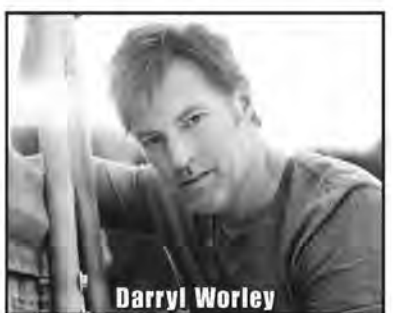


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Christmas Craft Fair

On November 19th, Wanamingo officially kicked off the holiday season. Patty Prigge and Deb Timm brought together crafters from all over Goodhue County to fill the Community Center with a large variety of holiday cheer. There were handmade cards, mittens, maple syrup and stuffed animals. Wooden crafts, crocheted items, clothing, jewelry, toys

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**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 14, 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, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Eric Dierks

City Administrator: Michael Boulton
ABSENT: Council: Stuart Ohr & Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Goodhue County Deputy Sergeant Jim Lawler.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: VanDeWalker motioned, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

1) Compost pile hauled out and land applied – 27 City dump truck load/16 spreader loads

2) Rented brush cutter attachment for the skid loader. Cleared out volunteer trees growing in the storm water retention pond on the east side of 3rd Avenue/5th Street E intersection. Attempted to clear volunteer trees on stormwater retention pond off Nelson Drive and the Industrial Park Pond near MN TH 60/3rd Avenue.

3) Nelson Drive storm sewer retention pond needs to be cleaned out this winter. The outlet line is plugged with silt. Staff is waiting to hear back from Jason’s Sewer Sucking & Excavation to see if they wish to do the work and obtain a quote. Schumacher Excavating Inc. will also be contacted to obtain a quote for the cleanout.

4) Swept Streets and removed leaves from the street with the leaf vacuum. Sucked out the storm sewer catch basins of leaves as well.

5) Removed a portion of mulch in the front of the Medical Center and replaced with river rock. The remaining mulch in front of the Medical Center will need to be removed and replaced with river rock in the spring.

6) Route 60 Plumbing & Heating replaced the overhead shop heater. This has been scheduled since March.

7) Fully cleaned out one of the three tanks on the North digester at the wastewater treatment plant. This included shop vacuuming out the floor and removing a large pile of

rusted metal. Installed new PVC piping with a number of small head for the aeration of the tank. If this works this will be replicated on other holding taking with each of the digestors in the future.

8) 2022 Utility Improvement project update – Xcel Energy plans to install transformer and power at the site the week of November 14th. The asphalt patching was completed in various locations around town. City Staff have concerns with both the MN TH 57 asphalt patch by City Hall and the asphalt patch on Nelson Drive by MN TH 57. The water main looping installation was completed by R.A.W. There are items that need to be completed or addressed including cleanup, grading, tracer wire issues (Nelson Drive to the north side of MN TH 60. The water main looping project will have 5% retainage or \$20,000 held back plus an additional \$20,000 held back to ensure asphalt patching and tracer wire issues are addressed. Boulton stated that delays with Xcel Energy installing power have delayed the operations of the new water tower. This could delay the removal of the existing waters towers this winter.

Mayor Holmes stated that there was a party interested in purchasing the old City grader. The interested party, Jeff - who works for RDO, is a collector. Boulton stated that the City has only been offered \$3,500 for the grader at the time when Iron Planet/Ritchie Brothers was selling these same models for close to \$20,000. Kennedy stated that metal scrap on the grader was worth nearly \$1,500. There was consensus by the Council to ask \$4,000 for the grader.

B) Jim Lawler, Goodhue County Sheriff’s Sergeant reported on:

1) Goodhue County Deputies placed the Halloween themed no overnight winter parking warning sheets on vehicles parked on the streets.

2) US HWY 52/MN TH 57/Goodhue County 8 intersection to be fully opened on November 14th. The northbound ramp to US HWY 52 from MN TH 57 and the southbound US HWY 52 offramp to MN TH 57 are already open.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

22-068 = Re-Establishing the Polling Precinct and Precinct Location for the City of Wanamingo: Dierks moved to ap-

prove, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

22-069 = Certifying General Election 2022 Local Council Election Results: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Ryan Holmes received 511 votes with 5 write-in votes for Mayor. Eric Dierks received 438 votes, Rebecca Haugen received 423 votes, and there were 12 write-in votes for City Council. here were officially 550 votes cast in Wanamingo on Tuesday November 8th out of 720 eligible voters (plus 48 voters registered on election day) or roughly 71% turnout. Mayor Holmes thanked Council members Eric Dierks for running again. Mayor Holmes thanked Rebecca Haugen for filing and running. Holmes thanked VanDeWalker for his 16 years of service on the Council acknowledging that he only has one regular meeting left of service. Passed 4-0-0.

22-070 = Approving the Renewal of Agreement with Goodhue County for Building Inspection and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the Agreement: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by VanDeWalker. Passed 4-0-0.

22-071 = Approving Pay Request No. 2 to R.A.W. Construction for the Water Main Looping Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that the pay request is for \$121,774.80. A punch list for the project has been compiled. There is roughly \$20,000.00 for the 5% retainage and an additional \$20,000 for the water line tracer wire and paving patch concerns that will be addressed before paid. Passed 4-0-0.

22-072 = Authorizing and Approving a 2023 Lobbyist Contract for the Proposed North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District State Capital Request: VanDeWalker moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. VanDeWalker stated that the City of Wanamingo could not afford to send the City Administrator to St. Paul on a regular basis to monitor the capital request. Dierks stated that he had hesitations in October due to the costs of the lobbyist contract. Dierks had concerns with investing in a lobbyist where the outcome is not guaranteed. Dierks also stated that he was not sure what specific work a lobbyist would do as part of the contract. Boulton stated that lobbyists help assist with drafting language for a bill, assist with finding an author/sponsor, assist with getting hearings on the bill, builds relationships with support groups, work to ensure that the committee chairs keep the bill under consideration through the legislative process, speak to legislators and staff at the correct times to ensure the bill moves forward through the legislative process, and directs the clients (the Cities) as to when they need to testify or contact legislator or their staff. Boulton stated that the initial investment in lobbyist can pay for itself a hundred-fold (spending \$40,000 to get \$6 million) if the request is approved through the legislative process and is funded through law. Flotterud asked that if the Cities revied money for land acquisition and plant design do we plan to go back for additional funding. Boulton stated that if the State makes the initial investment to land acquisition and design work it is easier to come back for an additional request once the project is

shovel ready and the State has already made the initial investment. Boulton stressed that if the Council does not move forward with the capital request and potentially the help of a lobbyist the Council should provide direction for replacement of the WWTP. Boulton stated that the Cities may need to start looking at their own plant if they do not wish to continue investing in the share plant planning. Holmes stated that the City should continue to pursue a shared plant/State Bonding Request rather than the alternative of starting to look at our own separate WWTP’s. Flotterud asked how many years we could operate the current Wanamingo WWTP. Kennedy stated that the plant should be able to operate for ten more years. Kennedy stated that we need to have a plan in place for replacement in the near future. Passed 4-0-0. Boulton stated that there may need to be additional strategy for lobbying to the legislative majority party for the 2023 session. Last session the strategy focused mainly on collaboration and long-term O & M savings. Boulton state that the strategy should focus heavier on building resistance to climate change and environmental improvements from the singular discharge point. This should be in addition to the collaborative effort and long-term O&M savings.

22-073 = Approving Pay Request No. 6 to Caldwell Tanks Inc. for the Water Tower Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that the pay request is for \$43,320.00. The tower will be fill and sanitized as soon as the electrical and control installation is completed. A punch list for the project will be compiled. Passed 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed 2023 Proposed Property Tax Rate (from 84.109% in 2022 to 75.954% in 2023) – Property Tax Effect, and 2023 Proposed Property Tax Effect Tables provided by Administrator Boulton. Administrator Boulton received additional data to show potential changes to homeowners’ property taxes with the proposed levy (roughly a decrease of \$58.52 for \$100,000 value, a decrease of \$102.97 for \$150,000 value, a decrease of \$147.41 for \$200,000 value, and a decrease of \$191.84 for \$250,000 value City portion of a property tax increase per year). This is depending on home valuation changes from the past year. Most home saw a 10%-20% increase in valuations from 2021 to 2022. This would show changes on the low end of value increases to roughly \$29 for \$100,000 home, \$51 for a \$150,000 value home, \$74 for a \$200,000 value home, and \$96 increase for \$250,000 value home. It would show increases of \$110 for \$150,000 value, an increase of \$150 for \$200,000 value, and an increase of \$200 for \$250,000 value City portion of a property tax increase per year) on the high end. The new commercial and residential growth in 2021 helps offset the levy increase from going onto existing property owners.

*Next City Council meeting on 12/12/2022
Adjourn: At 7:54 PM a motion to adjourn was made by VanDeWalker and seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor
Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator



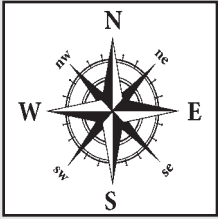
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **Steve Keel, the mystery**



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.

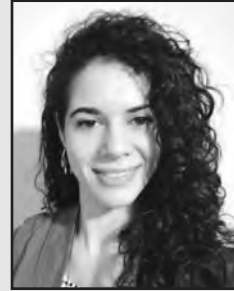
Steve and his hunting partner flew in to Fairbanks, Alaska on August 20th and then drove five hundred miles north to Deadhorse where they planned to hunt. On August 27th, Steve left the campsite to retrieve some supplies where they stored the caribou meat. It was less than a mile hike, although the rough 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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