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## The Psalms: "Prayers and Songs"



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Psalm: [ /sä(l)m/ ] noun --- from the Greek word psalmos, "song sung to a harp", similar to the original Hebrew word and meaning.

The Book of Psalms lists many authors as this is a collection of songs and prayers to God. David has his name on 73 different Psalms, making him the main author. Two of the psalms (72 and 127) are attributed to Solomon, David's son and successor. Psalm 90 is a prayer assigned to Moses. Another

group of 12 psalms (50) and (73—83) is ascribed to the family of Asaph. The sons of Korah wrote 11 psalms (42, 44—49, 84—85, 87—88). Psalm 88 is attributed to Heman and Psalm 89 is assigned to Ethan the Ezrahite. Except for Solomon and Moses, all these additional authors from David were priests or Levites who were responsible for providing music for sanctuary worship during David's reign.

These Psalms were written over many centuries, based on authorship, from the prayer of Moses (90) being the oldest to Psalm 137 as the most current as a song of lament clearly written during the days when the Hebrews were being held captive by the Babylonians, from about 586 to 538 B.C.

### OVERVIEW:

The Book of Psalms has far more "chapters" than any other book in the Bible, with 150 individual psalms. It is also one of the most diverse, since the psalms deal with such subjects as God and His creation, war, worship, wisdom, sin and evil, judgment, justice, and the coming of the Messiah.

The Book of Psalms is a collection of prayers, poems, and hymns that focus the worshiper's thoughts on God in praise and adoration. Parts of this book were used as a hymnal in the worship services of ancient Israel. The book of Psalms expresses worship—this being done with music and without music. Through its many pages, Psalms encourages its readers to praise God for who He is and what He has done. The Psalms illumi-

nate the greatness of our God, affirm His faithfulness to us in times of trouble, and remind us of the absolute centrality of His Word. As the Psalms present a clear picture of God lovingly guiding His people, the responses of praise and worship to God are never far from the heart of the author. The portrayal of worship in the Psalms offers us glimpse after glimpse of hearts devoted to God, individuals repentant before Him, and lives changed through encounters with Him to praise Him.

### SO WHAT?

One of the results of being filled with the Spirit or the word of Christ is singing. The psalms are the "songbook" of the early church that reflected the new truth in Christ. God is the same Lord in all the psalms. But we respond to Him in different ways, according to the specific circumstances of our lives. What a marvelous God we worship, the psalmist declares, high and lifted up beyond our human experiences but also close enough to touch and who walks beside us along life's way. We can bring all our feelings to God—no matter how negative or complaining they may be—and we can rest assured that He will hear and understand. The psalmist teaches us that the most profound prayer of all is a cry for help as we find ourselves overwhelmed by the problems of life. Read Psalm 1, then Psalm 150. Thank God for allowing you to express your deepest emotions to Him. If you are hurting, use Psalm 13 as a guide and write your own lament to God. If you are re-

joicing, meditate on Psalm 30 and echo the praise found there. If you wonder about victory of evil and being downcast, read Psalm 73 to remind you that God is bigger and not to trust in what you see, but who God is. No matter your circumstance, the psalms contain a corresponding word that will help you share your heart with the Lord.

Next month, we seek wisdom in the Book of Proverbs. May God bless you and keep you until then!

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.

## Lent 2023 at Vang and Dennison Lutheran

Soup suppers are at 6:00, and worship is at 7:00. All soup suppers and worships are at Dennison Lutheran.

The Lenten focus this year is "The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus Centered Life," entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest.

All are welcome.

**Soup Supper Schedule-6:00 pm at Dennison**

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**March 22 – Vang WELCA**  
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Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:00 PM at Dennison  
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From a humble beginning, this church-led movement spread through Western Europe, surviving in some form for about 200 years. Today it is considered one of the first mass peace movements.

Nearly a thousand years before Pax Dei, Jesus preached "Blessed are the peacemakers" to the shock and disbelief of his listeners. In those days many of his fellow Jews dreamed of rebelling against the ruthless occupation of the Roman Empire.

The call to make peace was difficult in Jesus' day and in the Middle Ages, and it is still difficult today. Yet Jesus inspires his faithful followers to seek peace, for that is God's way of restoring us to himself and making us his children.

*Heavenly Father, thank you for making us your sons and daughters. Inspire us to become your peacemakers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*



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## Gerald Wayne "Jerry" Wallaker

Gerald Wayne "Jerry" Wallaker, 70, of Wanamingo, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Monday, February 6, 2023. Jerry was born February 26, 1952, in Rochester, the son of Robert "Red" Melroy Wallaker and Geraldine Delores (Schaefer) Wallaker. He was raised in Wanamingo, and a graduate of Wanamingo High School in 1970. Jerry married Linda Lee at Spring Garden Church in December 1971 and the couple cel-



brated 51 years of marriage together. Jerry worked many years for Gary Braget, Dale Curtin, and Dan Greseth doing dry wall taping. He also worked at Midwest Transmission driving truck. He retired at the age of 65. Jerry enjoyed playing basketball and coaching women's softball in his younger years. His annual Lake of the Woods fishing trip with his brothers-in-law, Rueben Berg, Larry Lawson, and his nephews, was always a memorable time for him. He looked forward to going to the VFW in Zumbrota every day for what he called "The Bored" meeting. He loved seeing and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Wallaker of Wanamingo; a daughter, Lori (Shawn) Shelstad of Kenyon; a son, Jeremy Wallaker of Wanamingo; 5 grandchildren; 3 1/2 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Nancy Rath (Jim Kittelson) of Wanamingo, LaRita (Jim) Brown of Zumbrota, Cheryl (Merlin) Moreland of Dodge Center, Teresa Lawson of Zumbrota, and Brenda (Jack) Harvey of

Hager City; and one brother, Steven Wallaker of Rosemount. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Debra McWaters. He will be missed.

Memorial service was at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements made by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel.

## Susan Haugen

The Memorial Service for Sue Haugen was at Noon on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo. Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the Memorial Service. Sue passed away at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester on February 15, 2023, from pancreatic cancer.

Susan May Wenholtz was born May 7, 1954, to Hillard and Donna (Kutz) Wenholtz in Buffalo, Minnesota. Early childhood was spent in Delano with the family later moving to Golden Valley where she graduated from Armstrong High School. On June 7, 1975, she married Tom Haugen. The first years of their marriage were spent in an apartment above the feed store in Wanamingo. They later moved to the Haugen farm in Roscoe

Township where they raised chickens, hogs, cattle, and three wonderful children.

Sue spent 30 years working in the business office of the Mayo Clinic, and after that, she joined Tom working on the farm. She seamlessly made the transition from a business suit and high heels to a life of work boots and mud along with beef cows and sows that would require her assistance.

Sue took an active part in her church helping serve many meals in the kitchen along with her good friends and had served as president of WELCA. She had a house full of plants (38!) that she carefully tended along with beautiful flower beds in the summer. Tom and Sue traveled in the U.S. and abroad and enjoyed a trip to Palm Springs, California every February.

Sue is survived by her husband, Tom; son, Aaron and wife, Kristi of Cincinnati, Ohio; son, Sam and wife, Brittany of Wausau, Wisconsin; and daughter, Emily Haugen of Wanamingo; six precious grandchildren, Elizabetha Haugen, Eviana Haugen, Luke Haugen, Lane Haugen, Rhen Haugen, and Jack Beougher; sister, Carol (Dave) Tellers; brother, Dale (Rayne) Wenholtz; brother-in-law, John Haugen; sister-in-law, Anne Gerl; along with very special nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Memorials will be directed by the family unless otherwise designated. Suggested memorials: Mayo Clinic Cancer Research and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Arrangements made by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel.

(obituaries continued on page 4)

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## Agnes Mae VanHoff

Agnes Mae VanHoff, age 100, passed away on February 18, 2023, at her home in New Perspective Assisted Living in Faribault, MN with her daughter, Carol Ann at her side.

Agnes was born at home, January 15, 1923 in Pocahontas, Iowa to Rudolph and Lillie Andersen. She helped her mother take care of her three younger sisters as her mother was a mid-wife. She attended country school through the eighth grade.

She married Lloyd VanHoff November 2, 1941 in Manson, Iowa at the Methodist Church. Agnes, Lloyd and her whole family moved to Minnesota in 1943. She helped her father with some of his farm work on her parent's farm near Skyberg. Lloyd and Agnes lived in and around Kenyon until 1954. They then moved their family back to Iowa for three years. They lived near Gowrie, Iowa, but Agnes missed her parents and sisters so much, they moved back to Minnesota and bought a house in Skyberg, where they lived for over 40 years. Agnes worked at The Bluebird Cafe and then Wunderlicks Grocery Store, in Kenyon, after Wunderlicks closed, she worked at the West Concord Super Value Grocery Store until her retirement. They moved into Kingsbury Court Senior housing in 2001 in Kenyon until Lloyd passed away in 2012. She moved into Kenyon Senior Living in 2016 where she lived until October of 2022 when they closed and she moved to New Perspective.

She enjoyed gardening, reading, growing flowers, playing her organ and family. They both loved to play cards, square dance, fish and travel around with their camper club. They even traveled, with friends, to Florida and Texas, no cell phones in those days, just CB Radios to stay in touch. Lloyd and Agnes belonged to Gol Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her three children, Carol Ann Baker (David) of Kenyon, Sharon Kay Youngdahl of Gulfport, MS and Alan Lloyd VanHoff (June) Cape Canaveral, FL; 8 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and 15 great, great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of almost 71 years, her three

younger sisters and their spouses, and a son-in-law.

A funeral service was held at Gol Lutheran Church in Kenyon at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 2, 2023 with visitation one hour prior. Interment will be in Gol Lutheran Cemetery immediately followed by a lunch reception in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to: Gol Lutheran Church, Minnesota Hospice, New Perspective Assisted Living, or the donor's choice.

## Barbara Lynne Evert

Barbara Lynne Evert passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 22nd under the care of Mayo Clinic Hospice and Zumbrota Health services in Zumbrota, MN.

A celebration of life and visitation will be held on Saturday, March 25th, from 1-4 at Mahn Funeral Home in Zumbrota, MN. A private funeral service will be held at a later date.

Barb was born on June 12th, 1951, in Lake City, MN. The middle child of Jack and Lorraine, Barb attended Lincoln High School in Lake City. After High School, Barb attended Winona State University and met the love of her life, Jeffrey Evert. After graduating, Barb and Jeff married on July 12th, 1975, in Lake City, MN. Barb was a renaissance woman of sorts, working jobs and careers as varied as a carhop at the root beer stand in Lake City to a being a librarian, but nothing compared to her time working at Main Street Dental/Midwest Dental in Zumbrota. It was here that Barb had her second family and closest friends, right up until her final days. Barb loved to travel, whether chaperoning several school trips to Washington D.C. or taking the entire family multiple times to her favorite place on earth, Disney World, Barb enjoyed getting out and experiencing new things with her family. Barb was also an avid scrapbooker, making elaborate scrapbooks for every vacation or notable event as well as one for each year of each grandchild's life. Barb made it look easy, much like the love she showed for her family.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Jeff, parents, Jack and Lorraine, sister

and brother-in-law Patricia and Edward Anderson, and brother in law Bill Evert.

Barb is survived by her children Nicholas (Candace) Evert, Kathleen (Joel) Benbrooks, and Joseph (Erin) Evert. Her grandchildren, Austin (Calley), Claire, Piper, Oakley, and Landon. Her sisters Kathy (Mike) Cliff and Patricia (Jim) Anderson. Brothers and sisters-in law Larry (Sheri) Evert, Mike (Sharon) Evert, Mark (Dawn) Evert, David Evert, and many nieces and nephews.

Barb's family would like to thank the Oncology Teams at Mayo Clinic, Mayo Clinic Hospice and Zumbrota Health Services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jeffrey Evert Scholarship fund. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Everett John Fletcher

Everett John Fletcher, 97, a longtime resident of Kenyon, MN died Thursday February 16, 2023, at home.

Everett was born on September 25, 1925, to Ernest and Alice Fletcher in Bloomington, MN.


He grew up in the Rosemount area and attended school through the 8th grade. Everett served in the Navy during WWII and was honorably discharged June 1946. On October 16, 1948, he married Jeanette Braun.

They made their home in Inver Grove Heights and had five children, Gail, Kay, Lynn, Ed, and Todd. Everett worked for over 20 years at Swift meat processing, was involved in farming, and worked many years at Foldcraft. He had a lifelong love of horses, fishing, enjoyed playing cribbage, and was known to start conversations with everyone he met. Everett was proud to be a founding member of the Rosemount VFW and was honored to be chosen to participate in a Freedom Honor Flight to Washington DC. He touched many lives and will be missed by everyone. He was a member of the Kenyon United Methodist Church.

Everett is survived by his wife of 74 years Jeanette, son Ed (Tammy) Fletcher and daughter Gail (Dwayne) Curl, son-in-law Tim Fromm, daughter-in-law Brenda Fletcher, 11 grandchildren: Teresa Glasgow, Michelle Seymore, Diana Glasgow, Tami (Matt) Thoreson, Kirstie (Brian) Funk, Andrea (Ethan) Johnson, Brandi (Ben) Nesseth, Linnea (Nate), Wayne, Benjamin Fletcher, Alexia (Troy) Fletcher, and Dakota Fletcher, several great and great-great grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents, children Kay, Lynn and Todd, and three siblings.

Funeral services were held at the Kenyon United Methodist Church on Monday February 20th at 11:00am. Visitation was at the church from 10:00am - 11:00am prior to the service. Lunch was served immediately after the church service. Interment followed at the Kenyon Cemetery.




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## Meet the Chief

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He also was an ALICE instructor. He taught active threat training and many area schools.

Chief Sjoblom recently retired from the Goodhue/Wabasha County Emergency Response Team, aka SWAT. He spent almost 15 years on the team. He was an operator, ERT vehicle maintainer, and Team Leader while serving his time on the team. One of the proudest things he did for Goodhue County and for the team is, in 2012, Chief Sjoblom made a promise to his ERT teammates he would work on acquiring a Lenco BearCat (armored personnel carrier) for the team. The promise was made after a tragic incident in Lake City, that took the life of Officer Shawn Schneider. In 2015, Chief Sjoblom wrote a grant that received Federal Funding for the BearCat. In 2016, the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office finally received the BearCat. The promise he made to the team was finally accomplished after four years of research, meetings, and help from various people and agencies. Chief Sjoblom left the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office knowing his fellow deputies/friends, moreover, the citizens of Goodhue and Wabasha were safer having the BearCat in the Sheriff's Office's fleet.

Chief Sjoblom has been a part of the Kenyon-Wanamingo community since 2005, with his wife Katie and their 3 children, Noah, Ruby, and Violet. Chief Sjoblom is every bit a family man, and has coached both his son Noah's 5th and 6th grade football team and his daughter Ruby's 5th and 6th grade football and softball teams. He enjoys attending Kenyon-Wanamingo school events. Go Knights!

According to the locals I spoke with, he has accomplished a lot of good things in the short time he has been Chief.

\* Some of the things he has accomplished since becoming Chief are:

Chief Sjoblom's main concern is the safety of the citizen's of Kenyon, moreover, the children in the Kenyon-Wanamingo schools and community. He was able to coordinate a Mass Casualty training event at the Kenyon-Wanamingo High School in October 2022. This event, was training he had been trying to coordinate with Goodhue County Sheriff's Office prior to living there, but was unable to get it done due to reasons beyond his control. He made it a priority when he became Chief in Kenyon.

Chief Sjoblom has put in place policies and procedures that meet the constant changes and requirements put forth by Minnesota law makers and the Minnesota POST Board.

One of the first things the city leaders asked Chief Sjoblom to do was to purchase a used squad to replace a squad that was costing the city a lot in repairs. He was able to find a 2018 Ford Explorer in Chicago, but unfortu-

nately had to wait many months for it to get built due to shortage in used parts. Then one of the other older squads was totaled during a police pursuit coming into Kenyon. A Kenyon officer was attempting to put out Stop Sticks. The suspect drove into the squad and almost struck the officer. The city had to find a replacement for that squad as well. Fortunately, there was a 2022 Ford Explorer that was available at a business that builds squads. The PD was able to get the new squad back on Kenyon's streets quickly, because they didn't have to wait for old used parts to arrive. Prior to Chief Sjoblom's arrival, the city had budgeted for a Ford Pickup as a third squad. It arrived two years after it was first talked about. With retention of officers being a huge issue in Law Enforcement, it's an added benefit to have each full-time Kenyon Officer assigned to their own squad. Officers tend to care for and maintain squads better when they have assigned squads. They also have assigned equipment that remains in their squads. Early on in his employment with the city, Chief Sjoblom arrived at a call and did not have the necessary equipment to handle the call properly. It became a goal for him to make sure his officers were equipped, as well as the squads, properly to handle calls professionally and safely. The city is fortunate to now have a professional looking, fully operational, and matching fleet of squads. Chief Sjoblom wants the city to be proud of the officers they employ and the equipment they own.

The safety of the officers is a major concern for Chief Sjoblom. When Chief Sjoblom arrived, Kenyon Police Department had less lethal tools that weren't operational. He was able to meet and talk to vendors to discuss less lethal options that were affordable to the city and met the needs of the officers.

Chief Sjoblom said training his officers is another priority. He has elevated the level of training that is required by the state. Minimum requirements is not good enough for Chief Sjoblom. He wants the officers in Kenyon to be well trained and knowledgeable on how to handle stressful and dangerous situations. No one is ever "trained enough" in law enforcement. He encourages his officers to seek training that they feel would benefit themselves and the city.

What he wants his constituents to know about him are:

Chief Sjoblom feels when officers are better trained, have good equipment, and have support from city leadership and the community, the officers show it in the work they do for the community. Chief Sjoblom feels lucky to work with the Law Enforcement team that Kenyon employs. They all care about the city and the people who live and travel through Kenyon.

Chief Sjoblom appreciates the support from the leaders, as well as the people of Kenyon. He feels fortunate to work for a community that is helping raise his children. His door is always open at the police department. He welcomes people to stop in and visit.

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## Held Bus Fights to Keep K-W School Bus Routes On Time

(continued from page 1)

The new plan would have some rural students getting on the bus at 5:45am. Parents were very upset about the changes and have expressed their displeasure about the extended routes and long bus rides from their children. One of the outcomes of children faced with a

two hour bus ride is that parents located at the extremities of the school district will enroll their children in a closer school district, further exacerbating the K-W school district problem by losing even more students.

The K-W school district covers more area than many of the surrounding schools and Held Bus has a fifty-five year history of safe and efficient transportation of Kenyon and Wanamingo students. Jon Held along with his father Howard before him, have operated a highly respected bus service all these years which parents have trusted the safety of their children traveling to and from school and for many after school activities.

The latest negotiation with the school and approval from the superintendent has led to

an agreement of nine routes and no child will have to board their bus before 6:15am.

Jon points out further that in October of 2020 Held Bus submitted a bill to the K-W school district which was never paid in full. They received approximately 15% of the total bill which barely covered about a third

of the payroll for the month. This is a local family run business that pays \$50,000 a month in payroll along with fuel and maintenance in vehicles to service the transportation of district students. "Where did the money go", he asks?

## 2023-24 Kenyon-Wanamingo Kindergarten

An informational meeting for parents of 2023-24 Kindergarten students will be held on Monday, March 27th at 6:00 pm at the Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary School in Wanamingo. Free childcare for children aged 33 months and older will be provided. Information covered during the meeting will include Kindergarten Readiness, health and immunizations, transportation and curriculum. A tour of the elementary school will be offered.

The Kindergarten Roundup Mini-Session for 2023-24 Kindergarten students will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023. Students will attend a short classroom session with their teacher and classmates.

If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2023 and have not yet been contacted by the school district, please call the K-W Elementary School Office at 507-824-2211.

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## SKYWARN To Offer In-Person Training This Spring

KENYON — Sogn Valley SKYWARN will be offering several opportunities to become certified as a severe storm spotter for the National Weather Service.

The training is free, takes about 2 to 3 hours and this year will be available both via webinar(home computer) and also in person at various locations in Goodhue County.

"The past three years have been a challenge to train volunteer storm spotters because of the pandemic," says Jim Braaten, lead coordinator for the Sogn Valley SKYWARN group. "The uncertainty of not knowing if you could train in-person pushed us into doing only webinar-based sessions the past two years.

While some individuals prefer staying home and the convenience of learning online, others seemed to miss the vibe of classroom interaction. So, this year we are offering both learning options." Anyone with an interest in public service is encouraged to participate as a volunteer storm spotter. The SKYWARN program is a great resource allowing local citizens to get involved by keeping their communities safe during severe weather events.



Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 17-21, 2023

The more trained eyes spread across the county the better for the early detection and public warning system to work. NWS certified instructors will teach spotters how to observe and subsequently report severe weather to assist in the weather warning process.

Trainees will learn the basics of thunderstorm development, the fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential severe weather features, what information to report and how, as well as severe weather




## 2023 Spring SKYWARN Training Schedule

*(subject to change—please check [www.Sogn.us](http://www.Sogn.us) prior to attending for any last-minute class updates)*

**MARCH**

22 Wednesday — Online Webinar begins at 6:30pm

30 Thursday — Online Webinar begins at 6:30pm

Pre-registration required for online classes only. Details on how to register will go live on 3/3/23 with the sign-up links found on [www.Sogn.us](http://www.Sogn.us). Both classes taught by our SVS Team and delivered to your home computer via Zoom.

**APRIL**

1 Saturday — Cannon Falls (Public Safety Bldg.) beginning at 9:00am  
In-person SKYWARN training class with the option of being Metro Skywarn certified (for HAM radio operators). This training will be conducted by Jarrod Schoenecker who is an experienced spotter and trainer from the Twin Cities.

11 Tuesday — Red Wing (Em. Operations Center) beginning at 6:30pm  
In-person class held at the Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center (430 West 6th St.). The session is being conducted by Todd Krause who is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Chanhassen.

22 Saturday — Kenyon (First Lutheran Basement) beginning at 9:00am  
This in-person class session will be taught by our Sogn Valley SKYWARN (SVS) Team.



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safety.

The times and dates for the two online SKYWARN training webinars are:

- Wednesday, March 22 @ 6:30pm H
- Thursday, March 30 @ 6:30pm

In-person classes will be held in the following cities:

- Cannon Falls (Public Safety Bldg.) on Saturday, April 1, starting at 9:00am
- Red Wing (Emergency Operations Center/LEC) on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30pm
- Kenyon (First Lutheran Church Base-

ment) on Saturday, April 22, at 9:00am

Registration sign-up links for the online sessions can be found at [www.Sogn.us](http://www.Sogn.us).

In-person classes do not require registration, but check the website for any possible changes prior to attending any class.

Additional information about Sogn Valley SKYWARN and these upcoming training opportunities is also available by contacting: [info@Sogn.us](mailto:info@Sogn.us).



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## Kenyon City Council Meeting January 10, 2023

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 10th day of January 2023. The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Ryan.

The following members were present: Council Members Kim Helgeson, Lee Sjolander, and Molly Ryan

Via Zoom: Mayor Doug Henke and Mary Bailey

Also, present: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Engineer Derek Olinger, Finance Clerk Kathy Flikke, City Attorney Scott Riggs, Officer Brian Homeier, Linda and Cal Bean, Todd Greseth, Tasha Homeier, Josephine Homeier, and Hailee Homeier

The Oath of Office was read by Lee Sjolander and Kim Helgeson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CITIZEN COMMENT

Goodhue County Commissioner, Todd Greseth, gave an update on what's happening in the County. The County levy was finalized at a 4.69% increase for 2023.

### ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Helgeson second by Sjolander to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sjolander second by Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 74405 through 74479; 4358E through 4415E.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

### PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS

Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom read a letter of commendation and presented it to Officer Homeier.

### ENGINEERING

#### General Project Update

Pearl Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Engineer Olinger stated that the construction plans for the Pearl Creek Sanitary Sewer improvements are about 50% completed. They will begin working with property owners on the needed easements in this area soon.

### 2023 Street Improvements

City Engineer Olinger stated that the design work for this project will begin once the sewer project design is completed sometime this spring.

### LEGAL

#### Nuisance Property Violation – 1 Langford Ave. Update

Police Chief Sjoblom stated that a citation has been issued to the property owner and he has 30 days to respond.

### 2023 Appointments and Designations

Economic Development Authority – 4 Year Term – Chris Mallery

Council Members – Doug Henke and Mary Bailey

Library Board – 3 Year Term – Kevin Anderson, Heidi Haugen

Planning Commission – 2 Year Term – Jim Malloy

Council Member – Doug Henke

Public Utility Commission – 3 Year Term – Jerry Houghlum

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – 3 Year Term – Open

Park & Recreation – 3 Year Term – Elizabeth Engel

Council Member – Kim Helgeson

Acting Mayor – Molly Ryan

Legal Newspaper – Kenyon Leader

Depository – Security State Bank of Kenyon

City Attorney – Scott Riggs, Kennedy & Graven Chartered

Prosecuting Attorney – David Jacobsen, Jacobsen Law Firm

City Engineer – Derek Olinger, Bolton & Menk

City Auditor – Abdo Eich and Meyers

Financial Consultant – George Eilertson-Northland Securities

Investments – As Allowed Per Minnesota Statutes

Deputy Clerk – Holli Gudknecht

Weed Inspector – Doug Henke

Audit Committee – Doug Henke, Molly Ryan, Kathy Flikke, Mark Vahlsing

Personnel Committee – Doug Henke,

Molly Ryan, and Mark Vahlsing

Liquor Committee – Doug Henke, Lee Sjolander, Mark Vahlsing

Kenyon Fire Relief Association – Doug Henke and Mark Vahlsing

Motion by Henke seconded by Helgeson to approve the 2023 committee appointments and designations.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Resolution 2023-01: Establishing License Fees and Compensation

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the 2023 fee schedule was unchanged from last year.

Motion by Bailey second by Ryan to approve Resolution 2023-01.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

### Annual Refuse Licenses

Flom Disposal Inc., Waste Management, Veit Container Corp (Commercial, Temporary roll off, dumpster)

### Annual Recycling Licenses

Flom Disposal Inc., Goodhue County Public Works, Waste Management (Commercial Recycling).

### Annual Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses

Kenyon Ace Hardware, Kenyon VFW Post 141, Mary's Rustic Rose, Twice Found, D&S Banner, Taco Express

### Annual Dance License

Kenyon VFW Post 141

Annual Mobile Merchant License

Che Che's Lunchera, Taco Express

Motion by Henke second by Helgeson to approve the annual refuse, recycling, sidewalk, dance, and mobile merchant licenses.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Kennedy & Graven 2023 Rates for Legal Services

Attorney Riggs reviewed the rates for legal services for 2023. This increase would raise the hourly base rate for general civil and prosecution matters from \$180.00 to \$188.00 an hour. The other associated rates would also increase \$9.50 to \$14.00 per hour.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Resolution 2023-02: A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of 2022 Donations

Motion by Bailey second by Helgeson to approve Resolution 2023-02 authorizing the acceptance of the

2022 donations of \$23,281.24.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

**Set Council Work Session (January 25 or 26 at 6:00 pm) to Review Infrastructure Management Plan Financial Impacts, George Eilertson – Northland Securities**  
Administrator Vahlsing requested that a

work session be scheduled for George Eilertson and the City Engineer to review the estimated financial impacts and payment options for the 10-year Infrastructure management plan.

Motion by Sjolander second by Helgeson to schedule a work session on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 pm to review the Infrastructure Management Plan Financial Impacts.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Proposed 8% Increase to Sanitary Sewer Rates

Administrator Vahlsing stated that an 8% increase to the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Budget was reviewed at the work session in October 2022. An increase to existing sewer rates is necessary due to a projected shortfall.

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to approve the proposed 8% increase to the sanitary sewer rates beginning with the April billing period that begins March 15, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

#### Change City Signatories at Security State Bank of Kenyon

Administrator Vahlsing stated that Council approval was needed to change signatories on the City account at the Security State Bank of Kenyon

Motion by Henke second by Bailey to change the signatories on the City of Kenyon account at the Security State Bank of Kenyon, deleting Dan Rechtzigel and adding Molly Ryan.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

### Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, January 17th @ 4:00 p.m.

EDA Annual Meeting: Tuesday, January 31st @ 9 a.m. at City Hall

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 14th @ 7 p.m.

### COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Henke commented on the warm weather in Arizona.

Administrator Vahlsing welcomed Lee Sjolander to the Council.

Attorney Riggs also welcomed Lee Sjolander to the Council.

Council Member Ryan welcomed Lee Sjolander and congratulated Officer Homeier on his recognition.

Council Members Helgeson and Sjolander congratulated Officer Homeier on his recognition.

Motion by Helgeson second by Henke to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Sjolander – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Ryan – Aye, Helgeson - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Molly Ryan, Acting Mayor



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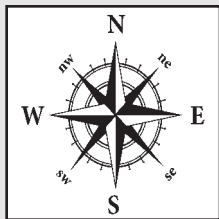
- Lawn Mowing

- Snow Removal

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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Dyers Creek



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.*

Dyers Creek. I drive past it quite often near our place in Tennessee. We have went kayaking up and down it numerous times. It is very quiet in the evenings and we enjoy the cranes that hunt for fish at the water's edge and the deer that come to the bank to get a drink as we slip silently by. Fish break the surface of the water around the kayak. I always thought it would be interesting to have one hop in the kayak. Much more manageable than a water snake.

We use the boat launch there to put the boat into the Cumberland River. The river is shallow and narrow and one must be careful not to run the prop into the mud right where it meets the mighty Cumberland. Like every place in Tennessee it has over two centuries of history to tell if you look and listen.

Stewart County was first settled by pioneers from North Carolina, who arrived around 1795. The military granted up to 1,500 acres to survivors if the Continental War from 1795 to 1805 and many took advantage of the offer. A party of surveyors arrived first to run the lines of land tracts. One night while the eight men were camped along what is now Dyers Creek, they were attacked by Indians and four of the group were killed. One of the surveyors, Thomas French, escaped the ambush but did return later to claim property. The settlers built two story log house-forts to help protect from the Indian attacks since most of the indigenous people there were very hostile. Up until 1812 the militia made patrols up and down the Tennessee River to protect the settlers from Indian raids.

Some of the locals relate that the name was

a result of the surveyors being left to die after the Indian attack. I soon learned that spelling and pronunciation is not a strong point with long-time Tennessee residents. Dyers Creek was named after Robert Henry Dyer who was a cavalry colonel in the War of 1812 and the 1818 Seminole War. He settled in the area and later became a Tennessee state senator.

Wildlife was available to feed the early settlers in the Tennessee woodlands and game of every description could be found in abundance. Judge James Scarborough lived along Dyers Creek and related a story that happened about 1807. The Judge and his sons left the farm to attend court while his wife, Mary remained at home to tend the livestock. The county seat was some distance and it was necessary to remain overnight. During the evening a large black bear was detected prowling around the place and got in amongst the pigs. The dogs were set on it and the bear climbed a tree by the house. By this time it was dark and Mrs. Scarborough could not distinguish the form of the bruin in the tree so she built a large fire under the tree and waited through the night in vigil. When the morning came, she took her husband's rifle and killed the bear and proceeded to skin it.

In the early days of the settlements there were very few stores in the area. Many supplies came from New Orleans and were brought up the river in Keel Boats powered by hand. They would bring dry goods up the rivers and exchange for furs, skins and other produce. It took a full six months to make a round trip.

In 1804 Mason Bennett opened a general merchandise store at his house and also sold whisky. Most of the early 1800 accounts of merchants were of men who opened a tavern at their house. Due to the extremely hilly terrain and plentiful rivers in Tennessee, most travel was by water and most settlements were along the river. As more settlers arrived and started businesses, many small towns sprang up throughout the state. The Dover Hotel was built on the banks of the Cumberland River in the mid 1850's and is still standing, thanks mostly because it was the location of the signing of the surrender between the Union General Grant and Confederate General Buckner after the Battle of Fort Donelson. It served as the General's headquarters and a hospital during the battle. After the war it continued as a hotel until the 1930's.



## A Minnesotan: Second Winter



By RosaLin Alcoser

Seasons in Minnesota, and the rest of the Midwest, and wild. You've got Per-Witner, Winter, False Spring, Second Winter, maybe Spring, construction season- also known as Summer, and Fall.

False Spring came early to Minnesota this year, I think. If memory serves me correctly it normally does not get into the mid

40s during February. I feel like that is an early March thing most years.

Honestly having that nice of weather in February was excellent. We did not need our coats and could go outside and enjoy being there without freezing.

I fully realize that there are plenty of Minnesotans that enjoy going outside in the winter when it's cold to do things like ski, snow shoe, and snowmobile. I however am not one of those people. Between late November and early April I take to being an indoor person.

With the exception of false Spring. Then I am outside along with all of the rest of the Minnesotans to enjoy the short window of nice weather while we have it.

But alas like all false Springs it came and went in a matter of a week or two. Now we embark into the second Winter.

After all, we already had our first Winter. It's high time that we had a second Winter before we either get adult Spring or skip over the season completely and go straight to Summer.

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## National Ag Day is Celebrated During National Ag Week March 21-27

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This will mark the 50th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2023 is "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

On March 21, 2023, the ACA will host a virtual Ag Day event and events in Washington, DC. Additionally, the ACA will bring college students to Washington "virtually" to deliver the message of Ag Day to the Hill. A core leadership team of college students will attend events in DC. Other Ag Day events in DC will be announce soon.

These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. The ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders

in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced

- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products

- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy

Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry

In addition to the events on March 21, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest. The winning essay will be presented on National Ag Day.

Visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org) for more information on National Ag Day.

### HISTORY OF NATIONAL AG DAY

Almost all of us take agriculture for granted. National Ag Day is arranged by the Agriculture Council of America. This is a non-profit organization that comprises all the leaders in the agriculture and food community. This day is observed to honor the efforts of people related to agriculture and promote awareness about these efforts amongst people.

It is that day of the year when all the producers, agriculture organizations, universities, corporations, and government departments take out some time to recognize the greatness of agriculture.

National Ag Day was founded by the Agriculture Council of America in 1973. The first National Ag Day was celebrated by the ACA in 1979. Since then the ACA has put efforts into creating awareness about the role of agriculture in modern society. So even if we are not involved in agriculture, we should learn about how our food and fiber are produced, as well as how agriculture provides us with safe, abundant, and useful products. Another important thing that agriculture provides us with is employment opportunities. Therefore, we should also acknowledge the career opportunities in the field of agriculture.

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