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Sugar Shack Closed



The Sugar Shack closed this week. The business opened in March of this year retailing chocolates, sweets and collectibles. The owner Esther Ammon made the decision to cease business and is moving back to Colorado.

New Restaurant in Kenyon

By Cheri Roshon

The wait is over! Barney Nesseth and Angie Anderson have partnered up to bring a new restaurant to Kenyon, and it will open Thursday, June 8. Located beside Tatge's Jewelers at 635 2nd Street in Kenyon, Angie will be featuring home cooked meals to tantalize your taste buds, and baked goods to top it all off.

As many of you will know, Barney and Angie have been very successful in Wanamingo at JB's Tavern. Awhile back, they conspired to bring the flavors of JB's west to Kenyon, and expand the menu choices. The menu will include breakfast, lunch and dinner, with hamburgers, hot dishes, pizza, ice cream, craft coffees,

espresso and smoothies. When I chatted with Angie after the decision was made for the new venue, she confided that her favorite meal to cook up is breakfast, so be looking for some innovation to start your day off right! Yes, Bozie the Clown, the menu includes pancakes!

Some of the foods you will find on the menu are appetizers like everyone's favorite.... cheese curds, as well as chicken fingers, batter fried mushrooms, and fries. There will be a variety of sandwiches, and a children's menu, too. Daily Specials will be posted each day, so come on in and check them out.

Hours will be Tuesday through Saturday from 7 am to 8 pm, and Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm.

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By Cheri Roshon

These are the words Joe and Jamie Coffey chose as their lead line in advertising. Although JMC Property Services is so much more than weed eradication, it's a promise from them to you that they take very seriously. A couple other phrases they use are "Leave the outside stuff to us!" or "The grass should always be greener on your side of the fence!"

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Song of Solomon: "Treasuring Biblical Marriage & Intimacy"



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

Song of Solomon: The title from the first verse of the book, which mentions who the song comes from: "The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's." The original Hebrew version of the book took its title from the book's first two words, shiy hashiyrim, translated as "the song of songs." The writer considered this poem, "the best of all the songs."

The book was likely written by King Solomon. Despite some critics of the authorship, the internal evidence seems to support it, not only because of the appearances of Solomon's name but because of evidence of his royal advantage (3:6-11) and his numerous wives and concubines (6:8). Thus, this text was written between 971-931 B.C., early in the reign of Solomon.

OVERVIEW:

The Song of Solomon is a lyric poem written to praise the virtues of love between a husband and his wife. The poem clearly presents marriage as God's design. A man and woman are to live together within the context of marriage, loving each other spiritually, emotionally, and physically. This book combats two

extremes: asceticism (the denial of all pleasure) and hedonism (the pursuit of only pleasure). The marriage described in Song of Solomon is a model of care, commitment, and delight. This text is vital as the character of a single poem and in its subject matter, particularly the open discussion of love between a married couple. The Song of Solomon's willingness to present the topic of physical love within marriage is a testament to the beauty of the marriage relationship in its fullness. Song of Solomon stands out with its uniquely detailed vision of this beautiful reality of God's design for a man and woman in marriage.

The poetry takes the form of a dialogue between a husband (the king) and his wife (the Shulamite). We can divide the book into three sections: the courtship (1:1 - 3:5); the wedding (3:6 - 5:1); and the maturing marriage (5:2 - 8:14). The song begins before the wedding, as the bride-to-be longs to be with her betrothed, and she looks forward to his intimate caresses. However, she advises letting love develop naturally, in its own time. On the wedding night, the husband again praises the beauty of his wife, and in highly symbolic language, the wife invites her spouse to partake of all she has to offer. They make love, and God blesses their union. As the marriage matures, the husband and wife go through a difficult time, symbolized in another dream. In this second dream, the Shulamite rebuffs her husband, and he leaves. Overcome with guilt, she searches the city for him; but this time, instead of helping her, the guards beat her—symbolic of her pained conscience.

Things end happily as the lovers reunite and are reconciled. As the song ends, both the husband and wife are confident and secure in their love, they sing of the lasting nature of true love, and they long to be in each other's presence.

SO WHAT?

This text highlights the view of marriage and intimacy rightly pursued within that relationship only. Our world is confused about marriage. The prevalence of divorce and modern attempts to redefine marriage stand in glaring contrast to Solomon's Song. Marriage, says the biblical poet, is to be celebrated, enjoyed, and revered. From courtship to marriage to the assurance of love, Song of Solomon poetically presents a broad range of events and feelings in the days leading up to and during marriage. It offers encouragement toward an enduring love amid the petty suspicions and fears sure to threaten even the strongest of relationships. We should pay attention to Solomon's beautiful words by continuing to value marriage as one of the bedrocks of society, appreciating the goodness and the beauty born out of the union of one man and one woman in holy matrimony. This text shows us that while marriage is difficult at times, the trials should draw us closer to one another as we reflect the good news of the gospel – new hearts and minds to the glory of God. While this topic of marriage and intimacy within that God-honoring relationship may be controversial to some in our nation, God's design is always for the good of people, culture, and a flourishing society in peace and joy. May we submit with

joy to our Creator and His design for this is good, true, and beautiful.

Next month, we will walk through the Book of Isaiah, one of the major prophets in the Old Testament. The book of Isaiah provides us with the most comprehensive prophetic picture of Jesus Christ in the entire Old Testament. It is a text that presents the LORD who comes to His creation and saves His people from themselves, their sin, and along with His coming judgment. May God bless you and keep you until then!

If you have questions, need prayer, or encouragement, please contact me. Reach out to me via email: Colin@nlcwanamingo.org or by phone: 507-824-3019.

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The Almighty, Gentle God

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. — Isaiah 40:11

Isaiah 40 speaks of the power and might of God with amazing clarity. Estimates hold that the observable universe is 45 billion light years across, and yet, according to Isaiah, that is only like the breadth of God's hand. Ultimately, though, comparing the infinite God to the finiteness of this universe—as expansive as it is—would be futile.

Even so, when we consider that the almighty God scoops up his people in his arms and carries them like lambs, close to his heart, we are moved to marvel at his gentle love. Knowing that God has written our names on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16) and that he sings over us (Zephaniah 3:17) as he carries us along in comforting beyond words.

Today some of us need to experience the comfort of our gentle God. Reading of his gentle loving care is a good start. However, God's gentleness is experienced in an incarnational way (in the flesh) when we treat others with the gentleness that God has shown us.

In what ways can you show gentleness to everyone around you today?

Father, you are infinite and almighty. We are small and weak. You pick us up in your arms, and you love us and bless us. May we find shelter in your love today, and may we be shelter for people who are hurting. In Jesus, Amen.

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Gaylen Edward Ordalen

Gaylen Edward Ordalen, 74, of Kenyon, went to his eternal home, where he joined his other loved ones, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. He was born in Red Wing on January 5, 1949, to Edward and Avis (Friese) Ordalen. He was confirmed at Grace

Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. As a child his family moved to various different towns and Gaylen attended many different country schools before graduating from Albert Lea High School in 1967. In high school he loved

to play the game of football and his real passion was playing the lead guitar for a band through high school and college. He attended Mankato State University and was called back to the farm before graduating. On June 17, 1973, Gaylen was united in marriage to Vicki Wettlaufer, and they would be celebrating 50 years together this June. He and Vicki made their home on the farm where they raised their two children, Andrea and Gabriel. He was a salesman for Ralston Purina after college, before making his sales career with Big Gain for 30 years. During his sales career, he also farmed and raised cattle, sheep, elk, and 5,000 nursery pigs. He was a longtime member of Dale Lutheran Church. Gaylen was incredibly proud of his two children, and he adored his granddaughter, Ariel.

He loved to create conversation with people, whether he knew them or not. After retirement, he enjoyed driving around the farm on the golf cart and keeping everyone in line. Some of his great joys in life were watching westerns and Dr. David Jeremiah, fishing, playing guitar, sitting on the front porch or in his green gypsy wagon, his dog, Brutus, and raising miniature ponies. His favorite places were his farm and travelling to Puerto Vallarta. The individuals that had the greatest impact on his life were God and Dr. David Jeremiah.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Vicki; son, Gabriel Ordalen; granddaughter, Ariel Ordalen; siblings, Karen

(Lyle) Felsch, Nancy (Terry) Ordalen, Eddie (Beth) Ordalen, Shirley (Steven) Kermes, Julie (Brian) Lokken, Kevin (Pat) Ordalen, Lana (David) Lopes; and uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Andrea in 2001; and other special loved ones.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Dale Lutheran Church. Visitation was from 4 until 7 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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It has taken a lot of planning, hard work and creative solutions to get this up and running, so please come on down and congratulate Angie on what promises to be a successful venture into culinary delights!

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Lori L. Hildebrandt

Lori L. Hildebrandt, age 64, of Faribault, died on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Mayo Clinic Health System, Albert Lea.



A Celebration of Life was held at Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault on Monday, May 22, 2023, from 3 to 6 p.m. Private interment was at Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, Faribault.

Lori Lynn, the daughter of Wallace and Doris (Ganske) Hildebrandt, was born November 27, 1958, in Faribault. She graduated from Kenyon High School in 1978. Lori was previously employed at Kenyon Sunset Home, and later at various restaurants in Mankato. She was an avid dog walker and had a love for the elderly. Lori enjoyed travel, reading books, movies, the Food Network and had a love of animals, especially cats.

She is survived by her mother, Doris of Kenyon; five siblings, Kim Hildebrandt of Faribault, Kevin (and Renee) Hildebrandt of Kenyon, Lisa (and Tim) Smith of Glidden, IA, Jill (and Ed) Becker of Dundas, Beth Manges of Albert Lea; sister in law, Laurie Hildebrandt of Red Wing; 12 nieces and nephews, Ashley Becker, Paul Hildebrandt, Tyler Smith, Mathew Becker, Sarah Hildebrandt, Melanie Becker, Jordan Hildebrandt, Lindsey Smith, Kendra Manges, Natalie Hildebrandt, Kristopher Manges, Kasey Manges; aunt, Ruth Nielsen of New Ulm; extended family, Julie Matthews and Eastyn Rivet; cousin, Kathryn Reed and special friend, Gary Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wallace; brother, Eric and a brother in law, Ray Manges; grandparents, Walter and Esther Hildebrandt and Herman and Frieda Ganske; and aunt, Marilyn Meese.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a local pet shelter of your choice.

Eunice Ruth (Ree) Guttromson

Eunice Ruth (Ree) Guttromson, 93, most currently of the Walla Walla Veterans Home in Walla Walla, WA, peacefully passed away on May 9, 2023.



Our beloved mother Eunice was born on May 25, 1929, to Selmer and Selma (Froyum) Ree in Wanamingo, MN

and grew up on the family farm. She attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, MN, and Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, WA. She worked under primitive conditions for the Frontier Nursing Service in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky and continued her career in Washington state as a Registered Nurse at Tacoma General Hospital, the Washington Solders Home in Orting, and the Western State Hospital in Lakewood. She met Lester Guttromson at Tacoma First Covenant Church, and they were married in 1954. They

eventually settled in Graham, WA, where she went on to have six children. She retired in 1994 and lived in the Spanaway/Tacoma WA area for most of her remaining life.

Our mother was a woman of faith, thoroughly committed to God and family. Proud of her Norwegian heritage, she enjoyed many ethnic treats and food. She had a great sense of humor and wit, enjoyed puzzles and games and treasured her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her love and sacrifice, along with the memories she has created will live on in our hearts.

Eunice was predeceased by her husband Lester Guttromson and brother Sigurd Ree. She will be forever remembered and greatly missed by her sister Audrey Bordson of Wanamingo, MN; daughter Heidi (Andrew) Hutchison of Tacoma; sons Dennis (Kathy) Guttromson of Tonasket, Rodney (Ann Marie) Guttromson of Seattle, Curtis (Marla) Guttromson of Spanaway, Douglas (Jodi) Guttromson of Walla Walla and Ross (Cindy) Guttromson of Albuquerque, NM.

Eunice was laid to rest beside her late husband at Fir Lane Memorial Park in Spanaway, WA. A celebration of her life for immediate family members will be arranged.

Gary Allen "Windy" Windhorst

Gary Allen "Windy" Windhorst, 75, of Wanamingo, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Marys Campus in Rochester. He was born in Red Wing on July 29,



1947, to Melroy and Verona (Post) Windhorst. He graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1965 and served honorably in the National Guard. On August 16, 1969 he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Susan Broin, at Holden Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Wanamingo and were blessed with two daughters, Jodie and Jamie. Windy worked for Maple Island and then for the Wanamingo Elevator/Ag Partners for many years until his retirement. He also enjoyed farming corn and beans on his 40 acres of land and raising calves. He was a longtime member of Wanamingo Lutheran Church and board member of the Wanamingo Lutheran Cemetery Association. Windy enjoyed playing various card games and basketball. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic and his great skill and luck at playing six-handed 500.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Sue Windhorst of Wanamingo; two daughters, Jodie (Chad) Blakstad of Zumbrota and Jamie (Bradley) Quam of Zumbrota; seven grandchildren, Dana and Danielle Blakstad, Brandi (Kelby) O'Reilly, Tyler (Shelby) Quam, Alyssa (Marshall) Friese, and Lyndsey and Natalye Quam; five great-grandchildren, Serenity, Noah, Gabriella, Liam, and Kinsley; one sister, Joan (Jon) Swanson; one sister-in-law, Kathy (Rod) Nardinger; and many first cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Melroy and Verona and his in-laws, Garvin and Helen Broin.

Memorial service was at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Wanamingo Lutheran Church. Reverend Kris Ferkin officiated. Visitation was from 5 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial was at the Wanamingo Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Colleen Ruth Joan (Johnson) Fredrickson

Colleen Ruth Joan (Johnson) Fredrickson, 91, passed away December 28, 2022. Colleen was born in Cannon Falls on June 12, 1931, to John Albert and Anna (Lind) Johnson of Rodon, Sweden. After losing both parents at a young age, Colleen was placed in the



Vasa Children's Home, which were some of her happiest years. During her high school years, she went to live at the home of Stanley and Verbena Swanson in Vasa before moving to Red Wing and working at Red Wing Motor Co., and then to Rochester where she worked at Massey's. She met Joyce at the Trianon Ballroom south of Pine Island and married him in September 1953 after he returned from the service. They raised seven children in a

remodeled schoolhouse in rural Wanamingo.

Colleen enjoyed reading, baking, listening to music, gardening, and spending time with her family.

She leaves behind her husband, Joyce; children, Cindy (Tom) Shannon; Julie (Fran) Blahnik; Rhonda (Dave) Canale; all of Rochester; Dale of Wanamingo; Jill (Randy) Vicker of Hillsboro, OR; and Kay (Eddie) Fredrickson of Ridge Manor, FL; grandchildren, Brandon, Justin, and Jesse Blahnik; Tavis and Tyson Canale; Torey Odell; Kyrsteen Webster; twins, Demi and Erica Maldonado; great-grandchildren, Declan, Jack, Ben, Miles, Esmerelda, and Caleb; brother, Ken Johnson of Houston, MN.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and a son, Fred.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 12, 2023 with an hour of visitation prior at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel.



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2023 Goodhue County American Dairy Association Breakfast on the Farm

The Goodhue County dairy farmers, the Goodhue County American Dairy Association, and 1250 KCUE Radio will be showcasing dairy farming and wholesome products at their annual Breakfast on the Farm Dairy being held on Friday, June 16. The purpose of the Breakfast on the Farm event is to share with the public how the dairy industry works and contributes to the local economy and way of life. Events like these provide visitors the opportunity to get a first-hand look at where their wholesome and nutritious dairy products come from, and how dairy farmers care for their cows and land.

This year's breakfast will be hosted by the McNamara Dairy of Goodhue.

McNamara Dairy is owned and operated by Rich McNamara and is located at 20200 390th Street, Goodhue, MN 55027. Raised on a farm in Belle Creek, Rich purchased his 260 acre farm and began his dairy with 50

cows. Besides raising his family on the farm, Rich has been active as a 4-H dad and helped with successful efforts to get a bulk milk machine in the Goodhue Public Schools. He currently has two grandchildren (with one on the way) and is continuing this outreach as an active grandfather. Over the years his farm has expanded. He has a dedicated group of employees, including a nephew helping him keep the farm moving forward. Rich is excited to host local visitors and demonstrate how Goodhue County dairy farmers care for their animals, the land, and provide nutritious food for consumers.

Guests at McNamara Dairy will be able to get a close-up visit of the operation, seeing first-hand the facilities and how the family farm works to produce milk used in wholesome dairy products. There will also be opportunities to interact with local FFA members, various volunteers from agricultural agencies, the Goodhue County Dairy Princesses, and agricultural related business professionals. The 69th Princess Kay of the Milky Way, will be on hand as the good-will ambassador for Minnesota's dairy industry, as well as the Goodhue County Dairy Royalty. Visitors will have the opportunity to get a look at the farm's milking parlor in action, various calf and cow housing facilities, and some of the farming equipment used. Each

area will be staffed by volunteers who will explain milking practices, farm safety, cow care, and answer other questions in regards to modern farming practices.

Visitors will still have the opportunity to name a calf, receive dairy goody bags, play farm bingo, see other farm animals at the petting zoo, and take pictures with the Goodhue County Dairy Princesses. A highlight of the event is always the nutritious and delicious dairy treats.

The Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm runs from 7:00-11:00 am. With limited parking on site, the public is encouraged to use the provided free shuttle buses. A shuttle from Red Wing High School will pick

up guests at 7:30 and 8:30am in the school parking lot, with return services at 10:00 and 11:00am. From Goodhue High School, there will be shuttles running continually beginning at 6:45 am until 11:00 am.

The Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm committee is led by local dairy producers and sponsored by KCUE Radio of Red Wing and other local businesses. KCUE will be producing their morning broadcast live on the farm sharing information and talking with the many contributors to the dairy industry. Goodhue County's dairy farmers look forward to celebrating June Dairy Month with you on the farm!



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The June Dairy Breakfast on the Farm is a "fun" yet "educational" event to explain how milk is produced and to educate consumers and community on the positive impact the dairy industry has in Goodhue County and MN. They want to say "Thank you" for being our neighbor and supporting our family farm.

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Mrs. Short's Class: Front Row: Tyler Greseth, Alexander Varanelli, Marissa Samlaska, Johnny Gomez Hernandez, Fatima Estevez Lima, Shia Evenson, Adeline Baalson. Back Row: Peyton Luedtke, Conner Foss, Drew Anfinson, Mae Bakken, Cecelia Jandro, Julia Potvin, Martin Tangen



KW Noble Knights of the Week for May 19, 2023

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Public Input Wanted as County Updates Hazard Mitigation Plan

By Earl Merchlewitz
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Goodhue County residents, community leaders, business owners, area agencies and organizations now have an opportunity to share how severe weather events impact their property and lives. There is also an opportunity to share their ideas on how to reduce local impacts in the future.

The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office – Division of Emergency Management is working with USpatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth to update the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

The plan assesses the natural hazards that pose risk to the county, such as tornadoes, straight line winds, ice storms, blizzards, wildfire, flooding, and extreme temperatures and identifies ways to minimize the damage of future events. As the county works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The Goodhue County HMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that incorporates the concerns and needs of cities, townships, school districts, and area agencies or organizations par-

ticipating in the plan.

Representatives from county departments, local municipalities, school districts and other key stakeholders will aid in planning. When completed, the plan will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.

Public input is an essential part of the plan update. As part of the planning process, Goodhue County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses from across the county to incorporate into the plan:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- What concerns do you have, and what sorts of actions do you feel would help to reduce damages of future hazard events in your community or the county as a whole?

Comments, concerns, or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update should be submitted to the Emergency Management Division by phone, email, or by posting a comment via a social media posting of this article.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the planning process. A draft of the plan will be made available for public review prior to submission of the plan to the State of Minnesota. Future news releases will be shared with the media to notify the public of these opportunities.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every 5 years to maintain eligibility for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs.

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Finding Your Soul Purpose



By Susan Hinrichsen, CHC, CLC

As we now know, our thoughts can convert into our physical body. The physical body is mass, and the mass has energy, and the energy has vibration and waves. If you have a disturbance and this disturbance was created by a conflict or crisis, this creates destructive wave interference (one wave against another). This weakens the vital energy of the cell in that organ, then the vitality will be lessened. When the vitality drops under a certain level it creates disease. The disease is a combination of two things: 1. Stress that consumes energy. 2. The vitality of the cell of the organ.

Health as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO). states that health is the state of complete physical, psychological, and social well-being and not merely a lack of disease. According to Dr. Nader Butto, we need to account for spiritual well-being in addition to the original definition of health by the WHO.

This statement has been furthered by Dr. Butto who states, "Well-being is the state of

mind in which the person feels that he/she is able to realize his/her aspiration in life with a sense of love, happiness, and freedom. This is real health that modern medicine does not account for according to Dr Butto. He has created his own healing model in Europe, Unified Integrative Medicine, in which he incorporates modern medicine and other healing modalities (such as chakras and meridian lines in our body) and includes additional therapies addressing the soul and spirit.

He breaks up the soul into three different portions:

- The animal soul which is the magnetic field of the body.
- The physical body.
- The guiding spirit.

For every psychological crisis there is a very specific address in our physical body mathematically. Nothing functions randomly or by choice.

Behind every psychological conflict we have a potential of learning and growing. When we have an experience that keeps happening repeatedly, and we say, "gosh this keeps happening to me." The question we should ask ourselves is "What am I supposed to learn from this experience?" Things don't happen to you; they happen for you. Once we learn the lesson that is being given to us, we will not have that experience again.

To heal from conflict or trauma, our emotions must be released and let go. These traumas can range from birth to a person's current age. When these kinds of treatments are used, integrating the energy with the information in the soul, the physical body will respond with healing without giving any chemical substance.

Our imagination is our reality of our soul:
4% of our reality is in our physical body.
96% is not in the physical body.

23% is in our psyche.
73% is in our soul.

Our psyche encompasses our emotions, mind, and intuition. Our soul holds energy and information. The animal soul (magnetic field) which is always related to the physical body. The human soul which is joined to us at birth is a quantum state. A state of information, not energy, which came from the positive pole of the quantum potential. The quantum potential has two poles, the positive and the negative. The positive pole is the angelic ward in the spiritual world. The negative pole in the quantum potential is the help, the guiding spirit. We have representatives from each part. We have the human soul from the angelic world, and we have guiding spirit from the spiritual or "genie" world. The genie world is not accepted in western cultures in Christianity or Jewish cultures. There is a full chapter on this in the Koran. The Chinese, Hindu and Indian (India) cultures all are speaking very widely about this world that is completely neglected in the western world and in Christianity.

In religion there are two aspects: Morality and spirituality. Most people take morality as a purpose in their life. They forget what religion was intended to be. It was intended to aid us in growing closer to our creator, evolve our soul, and to teach us to love one another unconditionally as we are loved unconditionally by our creator.

The more we are giving and loving the more we are growing and evolving. We then are freer to be the catalyst of something or for somebody. You start to be the source of love and light for others. Once you do this, you won't need anything from others to fill the void you once had in your life. This lets you serve others and you become the one that is happy. Happiness is related to love although, many people confuse happiness with pleas-

ure. Pleasure is not happiness. Pleasure is something you take for yourself. Happiness is what you are giving for others. When you do something with love you are happy. You don't need anything in return. When you are happy you are free. Each one of us wants to be happy and free – nothing else. For more information on Dr. Nader Butto and "Unified Integrative Medicine," you can order his book on Amazon.

From my own experience, as I got older, I found I had an inner burning desire that I had to do more for me and help others in the process. I wanted to know why I was here and what was my purpose in life. These questions led me on quite a journey in my life and is also the reason why I started coaching others. I have been on what I call a "Hero's Journey". It is a journey of self at a soul level. I have learned that we all have a purpose to fulfill in life and this purpose was given to you through your soul at birth. The problems and obstacles in life are stimuli or triggers that you experience, and these are here to help you make changes in your life and evolve you and your soul. As humans we tend to get comfortable and into routines. We only make changes through difficulty. If you have difficulty accept it, and work on resolving it, so you can learn the lesson from the difficulty. If you reject it, you will stop the learning process and the universe will give you the same problem again, maybe bigger, or heavier, in the hopes you will learn from it.

When you start on your journey to find your life purpose you need to look at what makes you happy. The things that make you happy are part of your life purpose. All the things that make you suffer are also a part of your life purpose, but this is where things get interesting. The suffering is there for you to learn, to expand your awareness of self, and to help you level up. These things are most likely there to prepare you for executing your life purpose even if you may not know what it is yet. If things are not going as expected be curious, ask yourself what it is that you are feeling, disappointment? What expectations did you have for yourself?

As we expand our awareness of why we are here, what we are meant to do or create in our time here on earth, we begin to evolve our realization that we are all one, a collective consciousness. Our main purpose is to evolve our soul and get to the point where we can find our soul life purpose and live it. We are the universe, and we are co-creators as well.

I would love the opportunity to help you find your soul purpose, what makes you tick, what you love in life, and create more of what you want so you can have improved health, wellness, and live your best life. Please feel free to visit my website susanhinrichsen.com and download my 7-Day Workbook at no cost to you. I also offer a 60-minute complimentary "Seeking Your Next Chapter Discovery Session" where we can get some clarity on where to start, or you can also email me at susiecoaches@gmail.com. I am offering a Memorial Day discount through the month of June if you decide to continue to work together and "Explore Your Next Chapter" after your complimentary "Seeking Your Next Chapter Discovery Session."

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Salvation In The Balance The Pseudo-Christian

He is an ELCA pastor who removed the American Flag from the church altar because he said, "It causes controversy."

He is a church member who sits at a Democrat sponsored county fair booth and hands out the party's godless ideology.

She is a member of the church who becomes offended when the issue of abortion is condemned at a Bible Study.

They are Christians who sit in their church pews on Sunday morning and shake their heads at the godless doctrine that is coming from the pulpit and, yet, they do nothing about it.

They are members of the church who will tell you that being a Christian and supporting both abortion and the latest abomination: transgenderism, is not incompatible with the Word of God.

And so the list of distortions and outright lies continue to the detriment of a nation.

Permit me to begin the substance of this letter by stating that it is not being written for evangelical Christians who place their trust in the infallible Word of God. You see, they already believe that life begins at conception (Psalm 139, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:31) and, in spite of the LGBTQ community's efforts to discredit and dispute how it all began, they believe the Bible when it says, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them" (Genesis 1:27).

Secondly, this letter is not being written for members of the Democrat Party who have

long since rejected the teachings of the Holy Bible. You see, these are people who have already traded in their souls for an ideology that comes right out of Hell. In many cases, they have been "cut off" from God (it's biblical). Sadly, very few of them will ever see the light of God's Word again.

No, this letter is being written for people who sit in their church pews on Sunday morning and claim to be evangelical Christians and, yet, for one reason or another, they have gone off the rails. Why? "Because thou hast left thy first love" (Revelations 2: 4).

When this loss of love first happened, these pseudo-Christians violated God's greatest commandment which is to "Love the Lord thy God with all thine heart" (Deuteronomy 6: 5, Matthew 22: 36-38). But here is the hope of it all: most of these people still believe that repentance comes before forgiveness; forgiveness comes before salvation, and salvation is the ultimate gift of God. Unfortunately, unless they acknowledge the fact that repentance means to change their hearts and minds, we may never see another Christian Governor in Minnesota again.

As we look at what has just taken place at the Minnesota State Capitol under the leadership of Governor Tim Walz, we should not be surprised at the damage that has been done to the family unit. After all, here is a man who was a champion for killing the innocent while serving as a member of Congress. But here is where it gets even worse for him. When he returned to Minnesota, he not only upped the ante when it came to abortion, but he became a champion for the kind of legislation that the Bible calls "an abomination onto God." But there is more....

According to SouthernMinn.com, 'Democ-

rats celebrated enacting an ambitious agenda whose top priority was abortion. Not only did they move to "enshrine" the right to abortion, but they followed suit with legislation to protect patients from restrictive states who come to Minnesota for abortions.' Once done, they described the legislation they passed as 'transformational, historical, generational, and game-changing.' Democrat Senator Mary Kunesh, of New Brighton, said, "We're just a little overwhelmed – absolutely giddy – with the work that has been done here." She would go on to say, "We will continue to do this work not just this year, but next year." And if that was not enough, the Governor followed suit by calling it, "Clearly the most successful legislative session in many Minnesotans' lifetimes." But there is even more.

One of the most destructive behaviors I have seen in my 50+ years in public education is the transgender issue. According to Dr. Michelle Cretella, Executive Director of the American College of Pediatricians, it is "An ideology that is not only infecting our laws, but is intruding into the lives of the most innocent among us: our children" And yet, here you have a Governor at the forefront promoting a "mecca" for this godless assault on our children. And to make matters even worse, he has gone after people who oppose it by publicly making the pronouncement that they are "Being led by bullies, and I say this as a teacher, we cannot stand bullies." What a sad commentary for someone who once claimed to be a teacher of children. It reminds me of another teacher. His name was Pol Pot...and who can forget the slaughter he created in Cambodia?

And so ended the most destructive legisla-

tive session in the history of our state. With disciples of Satan on one side of the isle and members of the Christian faith on the other side trying to stop this juggernaut of contempt for God's Word, the Democrat Party actually thinks they won. But there is much, much more to the story.

As we move forward in the coming days, I am reminded of something an "old" classmate once asked me when it came to the state of affairs in Minnesota politics. Her question: "How come the Democrat Party is winning all the elections?" My comment: "It is not because of the Democrat Party that we are losing. We know what they stand for. It is because of all the pseudo-Christians (i.e., Pseudo means Sham) who sit next to you in church on Sunday morning and continue to vote for the Killing Fields." And to think that these people actually believe that they are still going to Heaven. Then Jesus said, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:23).

And finally, let me end my letter by appealing to the countless number of acquaintances, neighbors, and people I have never met, to take another look at what the Word of God says about the sanctity of life (the Bible says the incarnate Son of God's life began at conception) and where people like me came to believe that there are only two sexes according to His plan for eternal life. If you do...if you get serious about the word of God...your vote will help to put an end to the likes of Tim Walz and his Democrat colleagues...forever. Ladies and gentlemen, salvation is in the balance.

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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 April 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

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

Absent: Lee Sjolander, Mary Bailey

Also, present: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Attorney Scott Riggs, Police Officer Brian Homeier, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Cora Boelman, Briana and Joe Jensen and Family, Jeff Traxler, Todd Greseth, Don Kirchmann, and Kyle Flom

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Briana Jensen presented some research information she had been asked to gather on allowing chickens in city limits.

Goodhue County Commissioner, Todd Greseth, gave an update on what's happening in the County. They are working on the 2024 budget.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Helgeson second by Ryan to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ryan second by Henke to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 74673 through 74759; 4478E through 4501E.

Motion carried 3-0-0.

**PRESENTATIONS/
PUBLIC HEARINGS/RECOGNITIONS/
PROLAMATIONS**
Cora Boelman -CEDA -

Update on Economic Development Activities

Cora Boelman updated the EDA members on the projects she has been working on including: park prospect, Regional Development Tour scheduled for late summer, façade improvement plan applications, and various grants that are being applied for.

ENGINEERING

April 2, 2023 Sewer Main Break

Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich stated that Public Works had discovered a broken force main pipe in the ditch along Hwy 60 on Sunday, April 2. The proper authorities were notified and a contractor was able to repair the broken pipe on Monday morning. Further correspondence will likely be received from the MPCA within 60 days.

Pearl Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Administrator Vahlsing stated that plans are being finalized for the Pearl Creek Sewer project. The final plans will be ready for council approval in May. The City Attorney has been working on drafting easement agreements.

2023 Street Improvement Summary

Administrator Vahlsing reported that the 2023 street improvement plans are being finalized and will be ready for approval in May.

LEGAL

Jeff and Ann Traxler – Request for City to vacate alley/ROW

Attorney Riggs stated a request was received from Jeff and Ann Traxler asking for the city to vacate a right-of-way area that runs between two separate parcels that they own. They are requesting the area to be vacated to help with a planned expansion of their business. Riggs recommended realign-

ing the location of the alley further to the north since it seems the alley is still needed.

Motion by Ryan second by Helgeson to authorize staff to move ahead on the realignment of the alley right-of-way to the north on the Traxler property at 502 Huseth St. Motion carried 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Finance Director Hiring

Administrator Vahlsing stated that five candidates were interviewed with three candidates being interviewed a second time. The committee recommended hiring Kelly Perry. The KMU Commission met today to approve her appointment. Kelly Perry will start as the Finance Director on May 15.

Review Quotes for Payroll Services

Administrator Vahlsing presented updated quotes and revised proposals for contracting payroll processing for the city. This item was tabled until the new Finance Director starts so she can be involved in the decision.

NEW BUSINESS

On-Sale Liquor License Renewal- VFW

Motion by Henke second by Helgeson to renew the VFW's liquor license.

Motion carried 3-0-0.

Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting – Thursday, April 20, 2023

Mayor Henke stated that the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held by the Goodhue County Assessor's Office on April 20 in the Council Chambers at 5:00 pm. The purpose of the Board of Appeal is for property owners to appeal their tax valuation. The Assessors office will serve as the Board for at least the next three years.

Request for Chickens within City Limits

Mayor Henke acknowledged the request to allow chickens in residentially zoned areas of the city. Fees, limitations, etc. of housing chickens were discussed. This item was tabled until next month to allow for more research to be done.

Solid Waste Hauler Agreement

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the current agreement for Solid Waste hauling with Flom Disposal expires on June 30, 2023. A letter was received from Flom Disposal ask-

ing for a rate increase that would be effective the end of June with the new agreement. The council was in agreement with the increase and a draft agreement will be brought to the May council meeting.

Resolution 2023-06 City Support for SF3087 Amendment for Appropriation, Transportation Management Organization Development

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Southeast League of Municipalities (SEMLM) has been working with area transportation providers including Hiawathaland transit to request State funding to assist with the development of a plan for a regional transit system in SE MN. SEMLM is asking area city councils to pass a resolution of support for state funding for this study.

Motion by Ryan second by Helgeson to adopt Resolution 2023-06. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Resolution 2023-07 Support of HF1285 to Remove the Income Restrictions for TIF in Non-Metropolitan Counties of Minnesota

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the SE League of Municipalities is requesting that City Councils pass a resolution in support of a Minnesota House Bill that would remove income restrictions for housing TIF districts for areas in greater Minnesota.

Motion by Helgeson second by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2023-07. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Fire Relief Gambling Application – Kenyon Country Club

Resolution 2023-08: Approving the Application for Lawful Gambling of Kenyon Firemen's Relief Association

Motion by Ryan second by Helgeson to adopt Resolution 2023-08. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Schedule Solid Waste Spring Clean-up Day

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the Park Board requested that the Council look into holding a Spring Clean-up Day in May. Discussion and ideas for the clean-up day were presented. Kyle Flom described his restrictions and would make a list of what they would be able to take.

Motion by Ryan second by Helgeson to approve a spring clean-up day for Saturday, May 20 from 9 am to noon at the pool parking lot for city residents for a fee. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

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

Board of Appeal & Equalization: Thursday, April 20th @ 5:00 p.m.

EDA Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 9th @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilors Helgeson and Ryan thanked Wayne for keeping the council informed about the sewer main break.

Administrator Vahlsing and Mayor Henke appreciated all the work Wayne, Randy, and their crews did to assist with the sewer main break.

Motion by Helgeson second by Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant
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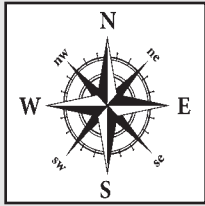



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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Spring is in the Air



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.

The other night I walked outside and smelled spring in the air. It was actually the odor of a cow manure lagoon being pumped out, but on the farm that can be synonymous. It brought back memories of pumping the pit each spring. I was so happy to get liquid manure storage on the farm in the 1980's. It was so much better that hauling manure in the cold every day. Frozen manure spreaders, fighting snow drifts in the fields with chains on tractors and trying to get the barn cleaner to work on a sub-zero morning in January. But there were some unforgettable experiences with pumping pits as well.

One just got used to the smell on the farm. It was part of livestock farmer's life. Our hog barn had a pit underneath it. Convenient but stinky. One day I was getting ready to pump the pit and that required removing the exhaust fan in the pump out port. A little while later I realized I was missing my cell phone. After retracing my steps all over the farm I thought I would look down the opening where the agitator was going to go. There on a thin crust of hog poop sat my Nokia. I found a piece of flashing and bent the end to retrieve my phone. It was dry and perfectly functional.

Another time I became aware that the water line coming up from the floor of the pit was leaking. When the pit was pumped as empty as I could get it I inspected and found the plastic nipple on the top side of the valve was spraying water. Wearing a pair of cutoff shorts and disposable tennis shoes I climbed down and installed a new brass fitting. When I climbed out, I discarded the shoes and shorts in the garbage and commenced a deodorizing regimen. Hog manure is just about as bad as a skunk.

We had hauled liquid manure with a 3,300 gallon tank for years before purchasing a pump and traveling gun. This was cutting edge. Except for the labor of laying out 4,000 feet of 6" aluminum pipe to reach the field. There was a 660 foot hose attached to a unit that would spray a perfect arc over 100 feet, as it slowly rotated 360 degrees. You would sit out there and watch it operate and then move the assembly ahead with a cable hooked to a tractor. Nothing but the sound of shh, shh, shh as the liquid fertilizer sprayed in endless circles.

Take down would mean rolling the hose up on a hose reel behind the tractor before moving across the field. One day when I was pumping the neighbors pit, I was rolling up the hose while an open station tractor powered the pto driven hose reel and pulled itself along squeezing the liquid out of the hose and through the nozzle on the traveling gun. I didn't pay attention that the nozzle was pointed directly at me and that the hose became twisted. The reel squeezed the contents of the hose into a state of high pressure and suddenly the force untwisted the hose. I could only watch the manure make it's escape out the nozzle and arc towards me. I turned my back to it and was blasted with the full force of the flying poop.

My last memorable experience with the manure lagoon happened while I was agitating my neighbor's pit. There was a large propeller at the end of a 20' boom mounted on the three-point hitch of the tractor. I was backed down over the edge of the pit with the prop running at full rpm to break up the crust on top of the lagoon. When I determined it was completed, I climbed on the tractor and throttled the engine down. What I hadn't factored into the equation was that even though the rear ties were on a slippery slope, the force of the propeller, just like a ship, was holding the tractor on the bank. According to my science teacher the force of the propeller was equal to the weight of the tractor and it stayed put until I cut the power. I suddenly found myself sliding down into a full manure lagoon on what was soon to become a John Deere submarine. I cut the power and climbed on the hood of the tractor hoping the lagoon was not deeper than the tractor hood. To my relief the tractor came to a rest before it was submerged and after assessing the situation I climbed back into the seat, started the diesel back to life and brought the propeller up to full speed. Then drove the tractor right up the bank and onto level ground.

My neighbor Phil was a witness to the last two incidents and we laughed quite hard afterwards about the whole thing. It is much funnier in retrospect.

A Minnesotan: Construction Season



By RosaLin Alcoser

First off, a special thanks to Bill and Marla Adams from Dodge Center, who sent me some lovely stories about geese in response to my last column. It is always nice to hear about braver souls than I, who were able to stand up to the gaggle of geese that reside in Silver Lake Park in Rochester—a place I ran from many times as a child.

Secondly, it has come around to that time of year again, now that we've soldiered through winter, first winter, second winter, and wondered why it is still winter. When the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, that's right—it is once again construction season in Minnesota.

As we all know, construction season means they start doing the serious road

work again, not just patching up the potholes created by nearly six months of winter. Even though up in the Twin Cities where I currently reside, the filling of some of said potholes probably could count as major road work.

Quite recently, I was driving through the construction they are doing on Highway 52 between the cities and Rochester. If you have recently driven that route, you know it means going through two different construction sites that merge down to two lanes. However, these two lanes are placed extremely differently than they were last year or the year before when they worked on a different part of the highway.

Which brings me to the question: Am I the only one who feels like the Highway 52 project has been going on for over a decade now? I know that there were two different projects, with about a six-year gap between the current 52 project and the one that finished in 2015 (not to be confused with the one they did in the mid-2000s), bringing us to a grand total of three Highway 52 projects in this century.

While the many Highway 52 projects, like many highway projects in existence, seem like an ongoing never-ending story, they are not. At least we will always have something reliable to look forward to every construction season, as once this project is over, they will probably start another one in just a few years.



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