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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.

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## Announcements

• **Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard** invite you to become a member. Join us and help us make the Wanamingo Veterans Honor Guard an even bigger success. WVHG meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wanamingo Community Center. The VFW will meet from 7-7:30p.m. The Honor Guard will meet from 7:30-8:30p.m. For more information contact Eric Dierks 507-321-1967, Gary Floan at 507-732-7740, or Larry Van De Walker at 507-421-4674.

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## We'll Help You Make Your Weeds Disappear!

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!"

Joe grew up in Sogn, Mn. He attended Kenyon schools until the Kenyon/Wanamingo merger, and then finished his education in Cannon Falls. There he met Jamie and they began their life together in 2004. They now have 2 sons, Joe Jr. and Jacob, who are an integral part of this family business.

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## New Restaurant in Kenyon

By Cheri Roshon

The wait is over! Barney Nesselth 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.

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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, shiyr 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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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 is 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?  
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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 gradu-



ating 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 traveling 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; grand-

daughter, 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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## 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; Kyrstee 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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The family moved to Wanamingo in 2008, and purchased their Property Service business in 2014. Joe was working a full time job and doing lawn care on the side. He loves the outdoor work, so when a business opportunity arrived, he jumped on it, and JMC was born! It is a family run business that employs many locals, and they are currently seeking more staff for full time positions as their business grows.

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**KW Noble Knights of the Week for May 12, 2023**

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## 2023 Goodhue County American Dairy Association Breakfast on the Farm

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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 begin-

ning 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!

## United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, & Pierce Counties Announces New Executive Director

RED WING, MN - The United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, & Pierce (UWGWP) Counties is pleased to announce that Nicolle Mechelke has been selected as Executive Director. Her first day will be June 5th, 2023.

Most recently, Nicolle was with Hennepin County as a Program Manager, leading a new program aimed at increasing homeownership. She holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from St. Catherine University and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Nicolle also serves as an At-large Board Member for Leaders of Today and Tomorrow in Saint Paul and as an Advisory Committee Member for the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee in Ramsey County. In her spare time, Nicolle likes to be active in the outdoors and spend time with family and friends.

We are excited to welcome Nicolle as the Executive Director. She will be leading our small but mighty team into the future of United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, Pierce Counties (UWGWP). The search committee

found Nicolle to be "articulate, engaged and thorough." We are confident that she will bring both enthusiasm and experience to her new role. Nicolle says, "I am thrilled to join the United Way of Good-



Nicolle Mechelke

hue, Wabasha, & Pierce Counties. Staff, the board and multiple stakeholders have done a wonderful job expanding our reach. We have made great deposits in financial stability, health, and education, but now our communities are contending with housing disparities and hunger as well. We have a bright future ahead of us and we will continue to be an agent of change."

Please help us to welcome Nicolle.



**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-11 a.m.**  
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- Petting Zoo
- Name a Calf Contest
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Goodhue High School: Starting at 6:45 am  
and running continuously until 11 am.

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.

Questions? Or group reservations of more than 10:  
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## New Restaurant in Kenyon

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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. If you have a larger group or are looking for a place to host a small event, please call ahead for reservations at (507) 789-1100.

You can also follow Angie on Facebook at Angie's Restaurant.

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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**June 20, 2023**  
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**See Vintage Tractors**  
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**June 10, 2023**

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**Tim Penny**  
So. MN Initiative Foundation

As president of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) I travel across our region nearly every day visiting people and places in the 20 counties that we serve. Over the 16 years that I have worked at SMIF, I have watched farming practices change and adapt. As someone who comes from a farming family, I know what it is like to feel rooted to the land, and how heartbreaking it is to see productive land used for anything but farming.

Fortunately, for those who do not have an heir to transfer the land to when the time

comes, SMIF has a program to help safeguard the family legacy and keep their farmland in production. SMIF's Acres for Good program allows farm families to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF will retain the land and keep it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed.

What does it mean to give farmland as a gift? There are three options. You can give a gift during your lifetime and you would get a charitable deduction on income tax. You can wait and give it in your will and it would be released to SMIF upon your passing. Or you can opt for a retained life estate where you keep the right to farm the land until you pass and then it automatically becomes a charitable gift at that point. For those who only want to donate a section of their property, SMIF can accommodate that preference, as well.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The net income stream from the land can be used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. Farmers can choose how they want to allocate their gift of land through this program. There are several options.

For example, the benefit can go toward one of SMIF's 31 Community Foundations (Pine Island and Lonsdale are our newest foundations) which invest in their communities through grants and programs.

Or, for a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their gift toward SMIF's general en-



dowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth and entrepreneurs in the region.

Another option could be setting up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to the donor's specific interests such as a place of worship, an alma mater or a local charity. Whichever avenue, these are all ways to leave a legacy that will make a huge difference in the future of southern Minnesota – and doing it all without having your family farm sold.

Acres for Good is an incredibly unique way

to donate and preserve farmland while also creating an ongoing stream of charitable funds to help out your local community or a cause that is dear to your heart. SMIF is here to help you create your ongoing legacy.

To learn more about the Acres for Good program visit [smifoundation.org/acresforgood](http://smifoundation.org/acresforgood) or contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Philanthropy Officer, at 507-214-7023 or [alissao@smifoundation.org](mailto:alissao@smifoundation.org).

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at [timp@smifoundation.org](mailto:timp@smifoundation.org) or 507-455-3215.

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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 pleasure. 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](http://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](mailto: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 Kunes, 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 legislative 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.

Dr. James Russell Lehman  
Kenyon, Minnesota

## CITY OF WANAMINGO City Council Regular Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023 7:00 P.M. Wanamingo City Council Chambers – 401 Main Street, Wanamingo, MN

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Holmes.

**PRESENT:** Council: Ryan Holmes, Stuart Ohr, Eric Dierks, and Rebecca Haugen  
City Administrator: Michael Boulton

Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

**ABSENT:** Jeremiah Flotterud

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Kennedy, Julie Steberg-Mettile, Donna Strommen, Goodhue County Deputy - Sergeant Jim Lawler, Goodhue County Deputy Blue, Melissa Meyers – Zumbrota News-Record, and Josh McGovern – Kenyon Leader.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Ohr motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Haugen. Passed 4-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Hagen motioned, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

**PRESENTERS:**

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

- 1) Installed eight (8) new raised bed garden plots at the Community Garden
- 2) Most of town was swept until Street Sweeper tire needed to be replaced. Found that the rim had a crack and are looking for a used replacement.
- 3) Replaced twelve (12) water meters around town in the past month. Have only the thirty-seven (37) trailer court meters left to replace.
- 4) Both the Mingo View Drive water tower and Downtown water tower demolition have been completed.
- 5) All of the sanitary sewer line jetting has been completed. The entire community sanitary sewer main system was jetted in 2023. There is a plugged storm sewer subdrain perforated tile line plugged on 5th Street East. The line may need to be excavated and a section of line replaced due to tree roots. There was a lot of sand and grit that came down the sanitary sewer lines during jetting. The maintenance staff worked with Jason's Sewer Sucking and Excavation to suck out the grit tank that filled solid after jetting
- 6) Shaun Laue completed removal of the chimney and repairs to the Livery barn roof. Laue also completed trim, siding, and thresh repairs to the Community Center and City Hall new rear doors.
- 7) All of the water hydrants were flushed, clearing sediment and turning over water in lines.

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8) Started preparation work at the swimming pool. The kiddie pool's new bleach disinfectant system including controls, pump, shelf, and fittings have been ordered. It is estimated at \$3,600. A new cartridge filter was installed for the Main to help take out sediment and rust. The cost was roughly \$400.

9) Hung the Main Street Banners up for the season

10) Floorcoat Midwest is coming later this week to start work on re-setting manholes

11) Schumacher Excavating plans to set the new Mingo View hydrant next week. Zumbro Valley Landscaping hydroseeded the new Cenex water tower lot.

12) The silt fence has been removed out of the farm fields along the water main looping project. The subcontractor plans to remove the remain silt fence from the project later this week. A punch list has been provided to R.A.W. Construction LLC.

13) The new well house generator was delivered last week. WHKS is working on a revised time line for the well house with The Joseph Company, Inc.

14) Received additional cold mix from Goodhue County public works and filled pot holes around town.

15) Emerald Valley Estates II Addition barricades have been up to stop traffic from driving in the undeveloped area for the past month. In past years vehicles have gotten stuck and made ruts. Large traffic barriers and chains with caution tape with linked to reflector sign posts on the North end of Nelson Drive and the East and West entrances off 3rd Street E. Kennedy asked for direction for when or if the barricades should be removed. Boulton stated that the barricades will need to be taken down for access to the community garden plots in the coming weeks.

Mayor Holmes presented the 2022 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency certificate of commendation to Kennedy for the wastewater treatment facility operational award in recognition of exceptional compliance with MPCA NPDES/SDS wastewater permit.

The City is working with Lew Groth on the water shut off valve, water meter, and interior water lines to 333 Main Street. The City can not install a new water meter because the water shut off valve is not functioning. Mr. Groth has a leak within his building that he pinched shut the water line due to the water shut off valve not working. The City plans to make repairs to the water shut off valve with various hydrants repairs around town. Mr. Groth will need to make repairs to his internal water lines. The City can then install the new water meter. The City will invoice Mr. Groth or certify to taxes the costs for the water shut off valve repairs. Mr. Groth will need to repair the concrete sidewalk that will be removed to repair the water shut off valve.

B) Julie Steberg Mettillie, Assistant Swimming Pool Manager, reported on:

1) Dylan & Julie Steberg Mettillie are excited to be back as manager and assistant manager for the pool in 2023

2) Council will be considering approval of 2023 swimming pool fees, schedule, and staff hire. Once approved the information will be printed in the Community Education summer book and placed the City/Pool Facebook pages

3) Both sessions of swimming pool lessons will take place in June. Lack of WSI certified guards available in July and August

4) There are no recommended fee changes from 2022 to 2023

5) There are ten (10) returning guards and five (5) new guards for 2023

6) The swimming pool is scheduled to open

June 5th

7) There is excitement for water aerobics – members of the 'Water Lilly's' have been asking when the pool is going to open since the three warm April days

8) Recommend looking at some sort of reimbursement in the future for the Red Cross lifeguard certifications. The current costs are \$200. There could be a ½ reimbursement if lifeguards work at least two years

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION 23-026 - Accepting 2023 Yearly Driver's License Checks for City Employees:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-027 - Setting Swimming Pool Fees and Schedule for the 2023 Season:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-028 - Authorizing a Temporary Liquor License for the Wanamingo Fire Relief Association July 3rd Dance:** Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Passed 4-0-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-029 - Approving Lot Split Request for Goodhue County Parcel I.D. 70.141.0030:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-030- Approving Reimbursements for Crop Damage When Completing the Watermain Looping Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that the City would be paying \$630.00 for the 0.45 acres of crop damage. Passed 4-0-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-031 - Accepting Low Quote for Manhole Casting Adjustment Involving Removal and Replacement Work:** Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Passed 4-0-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton provided a North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District group update.

The North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District group continues to meet monthly. The group has continued to gather information and work with our lobbyist on strategy for obtaining State funding in order to feasibly move forward with a joint sanitary sewer plant and collections system.

Minnesota State House Capital Investments Chair Fu Lee reached out to Representative Jacob and asked if the project could be scaled down in order to keep the project on the House funding list. The North Zumbro Legislative Committee worked with Tom Hanson of Winthrop and Weinstine to put together language for a \$10 million scaled back capital request. The North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District would use the money for setting up the legal sewer district, land acquisition, along with predesign/design costs at 100% State.

The North Zumbro Legislative Committee has advocated they do not want any cost sharing. The Cities cannot afford to put money towards the project without knowing the project will come to fruition. The North Zumbro Legislative Committee also pointed out that the cities are being pressured, especially Goodhue, by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to build a new plant as part of their permitting process. So, moving forward on this project is critical.

Pine Island City Administrator Elizabeth Howard and Wanamingo City Administrator Michael Boulton (North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District Legislative Committee Members) continue to meet with House and Senate Capital Finance committee members. The focus of the recent meetings has been to explain the scale back of the request to \$10 million for setting up the legal sewer district, land acquisition, and design costs. Since our April

update we have met with House Capital Investments Committee Chair Fu Lee, Representative Leon Lille, Representative Brian Daniels, Representative Steve Jacob, Representative Pam Altendorf, and House Republican Research Coordinator Chelsea Axelson. The North Zumbro Legislative Committee members were told that the meeting with Chelsea Axelson was important because the project is on the House Republican staff radar to assist being included in a bonding bill. Additionally, the North Zumbro Legislative Committee members met with Senator Susan Pa, Senator Steve Drazkowski, and Senator John Jasinski. We need to continue to put pressure on the members of the State Senate Capital Investments Committee. Tom Hanson of Withrop & Weinstine spoke with Senate Capital Investments Chair Sandy Pappas. Chair Pappas is supportive of the initial scaled down funding of the project at \$10 million for land acquisition, district setup, and design work. The legislative committee filled out a project status form for the Senate Capital Investments Committee. This form focused on the details of the project and phasing the project. We hope to be included in both the Senate and House versions of a bonding bill toward the end of session. The end of the legislative session is drawing near, May 22nd. Members of the North Zumbro Legislative Committee are planning on taking additional trips to the State Capitol to advocate for the project up to the end of session.

Administrator Boulton provided an update on Midwest Machinery's additional water request. At the March City Council meet a memo was provide about Midwest Machinery's (John Deere) need for larger volume of water. Midwest Machinery approached the City seeking written approval to install a new, deeper well. Midwest Machinery has obtained estimates for the new well of \$25,672 from Peterson Well Drilling Inc. Midwest Machinery currently has a shallow (less than thirty feet) private well. Midwest Machinery is connected to City sewer by a force main that pumps sewage to West Avenue through Bill Herman's pasture.

Goodhue County permits and inspects new and existing wells. Since Midwest Machinery is within the City of Wanamingo, Goodhue County requires written approval from the City for new wells before formal approval by Goodhue County. Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 53.04 (A) makes it unlawful to construct new private wells within the City (existing private wells are exempt). 53.04 (C) allow the City to determine expansion of City water system. Certain conditions, such as high costs or soil conditions, can make connecting to City water not feasible.

City Staff have recommended requiring those that wish to install a new well for water to pay for rough feasibility numbers to install City water to their parcel. This would allow the City Council to review the cost of well installation and weigh it against the cost and any conditions of connecting to city water. The Council should only approve private wells when costs or conditions are significantly higher than private well costs. The Council should determine what costs and conditions make City water unfeasible. Examples of City water being unfeasible may include when costs exceed three to four times or when soil conditions such as river crossing or rock add to the difficulty or cost. The Council should place a premium on requiring connecting to City water in order to limit wells that could contaminate the DWSMA (Drinking Water Supply Management Area). Also, it is in the City's interest to have additional system usage in outlying areas for water clarity and billing for water to locations within the City.

Brandon Theobald of WHKS has put together a rough feasibility costs to install a water line alongside the existing sewer force main. Theobald estimates that there is roughly 950 feet of 1" private water line that would need to be bored from West Avenue to the Northeast corner of Midwest Machinery's shop. There would be additional line-item costs such as mobilization, curb stop, rock excavation, bituminous parking lost repair, and erosion control/turf establishment. The total engineer's estimate is \$32,500 for these line items. The costs do not include Midwest Machinery obtaining easements from Bill Hermann to install the lines over his property.

Midwest Machinery obtained an estimate from Schumacher Excavating for directionally drilling a 2" poly water line for 1,200' (different placement within building than engineer's estimate – 950 feet). The total Schumacher Excavating estimate is \$55,350. This estimate does not include fine grading or seeds, black-top or concrete work, rock excavation, work within the building, or obtaining easements from Bill Hermann to install the lines over his property.

In March, the Wanamingo City Council agreed that Midwest Machinery should hook up to City water rather than drill a private well based on engineer's estimates. The Council agreed that each well request should be compared against hooking up to City water with costs and other extenuating circumstances. The Council agreed that large business users should differ from residential requests. The Council wishes to be presented with the well and City water hook up estimates for each request in the future. The Council reviewed Midwest's contractor's estimates and compared the estimates for drilling a new well. Mayor Holmes did not believe that the well estimate included new lines from the new well to the building. Mayor Holmes stated that he still believes that Midwest Machinery should hook up to City water and not drill a new well. Haugen asked who would be responsible for the 1,200 feet of new water line. Boulton stated that this line would be considered a private service line and Midwest would be responsible. Holmes asked if the City decided to bring a water line along MN TH 60 to service this area in the future, would the City assess Midwest. Boulton stated that the watermain would be considered an improvement and should be considered for assessment to all those that benefit. Ohr stated that he was happy that Schumacher estimate had a 2" water service line (too small) rather than a 1" on the engineer's estimate or the original Schumacher estimate of 4" (too big). City staff invited Midwest to send a representative to the May Council meeting to discuss their request. There were no representatives present. Boulton stated that he would recommend that the Council enforce the ordinance by requiring hook up to City water, but that the Council would should welcome representatives from Midwest Machinery to a future City Council meeting to discuss. Dierks moved to enforce Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 53.04 for Midwest Machinery to hook up to City water rather than drilling a new well and that representative of Midwest Machinery are welcome to a future City Council meeting to discuss concerns, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

\*Next City Council meeting on 6/12/2023 at 7:00pm.

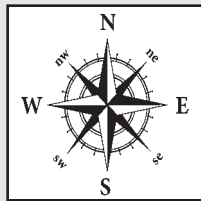
Adjourn: At 7:45 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ohr and seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Boulton, City Administrator

## 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 than 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 win-

ter. 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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